Fiber Optic Cable Flexible Suspension Process Requirements

Overview

Fiber optic cable sequential numbers are required at each pole location and vault wall. Sequential numbers will identify conduit length, and slack left in vaults and at poles.

Key Takeaways

Flexible suspension of fiber optic cables is governed by mechanical, environmental, and installation standards to minimize stress and ensure reliable performance for OPGW and ADSS cables.

Suspension Hardware and Design

Flexible suspension systems, such as FIBERLIGN Suspension, use a combination of structural reinforcing rods (SRR), outer rods, boltless housings, and resilient inserts to reduce compression, clamping, and bending stresses on optical fibers within OPGW cables. These components are designed to accommodate negative weather-related cable motion, including aeolian vibration and galloping, while maintaining cable integrity. Hardware components can often be reused if in good condition, but rod components are typically single-use.

For ADS

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S cables, flexible suspension units are designed to support all-dielectric, self-supporting cables without metallic messengers. Products like Flex-Span ADSS feature a lightweight, single-jacket design that reduces pole loading and allows pole-to-pole spans up to 1100 feet. Suspension units include trunnion assemblies, deadends, and vibration dampers to maintain proper tension and alignment.

Standards and Clearances

Suspension systems must comply with ANSI C29. 7-1986, Class 57 for trunnion and bracket dimensions for OPGW. Installation standards also reference National Electric Safety Code (NESC) Section 235 for ADSS cables, which allows installation without separation from conductors.

Minimum clearances are typically specified in construction standards, such as 18 feet above traveled roads and 40 inches from energized conductors. These clearances ensure safety and prevent mechanical interference.

Environmental and Mechanical Considerations

Flexible fiber optic cables are engineered to withstand temperature ranges from -55°C to +125°C for OPGW and -40°C to +70°C for ADSS during operation. Mechanical design focuses on torque-balanced aramid strength members, gel-filled or gel-free buffer tubes, and polyethylene jackets to protect fibers from bending, compression, and environmental stress. Suspension units often include vibration dampers to mitigate wind-induced oscillations.

Summary

In practice, flexible suspension standards for fiber optic cables integrate: Mechanical stress reduction via rods, housings, and insertsEnvironmental tolerance for temperature extremes and weather conditionsCompliance with ANSI and NESC standards for mounting and clearancesSpecialized hardware for OPGW and ADSS cables, including trunnions, deadends, and vibration dampers These standards ensure long-term reliability, minimal fiber attenuation, and safe installation in aerial and utility environments.

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Fiber optic cables installed without connectors may be terminated by field termination by installing connectors onto the fibers using different types of termination processes or by splicing preterminated

Installation of Corning Optical Communications Self-Supporting

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