Method of binding optical cables to poles

Overview

It details the phases of installation, including planning, pole preparation, cable placement, splicing, testing, and documentation, while addressing potential challenges and mitigation strategies.

Key Takeaways

Optical cables can be attached to poles using lashed cables, figure-8 cables, or All-Dielectric Self-Supporting (ADSS) cables, depending on the application and environmental conditions.

Types of Aerial Optical Cables

Lashed Cables: These cables are attached to an existing messenger wire using lashing wires. The messenger strand is tensioned to support the cable weight and withstand environmental loads such as wind, ice, and snow. This method is common for urban and suburban areas where existing infrastructure can be leveraged.

Figure-8 Cables: These cables integrate a steel messenger wire within the cable design. The cable is supported from the messenger portion with a thin plastic web, providing strength and stability without requiring a separate support strand.

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Dielectric Self-

Supporting (ADSS) Cables: ADSS cables carry their own weight and do not require a messenger strand. They are reinforced with aramid yarn and are suitable for long spans or installation near power lines, making them ideal for distribution networks and utility towers.

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Installation Methods

Moving Reel Method: The cable is pulled from a moving reel along the pole line, allowing continuous installation over long distances. Stationary Reel Method: The cable is fed from a stationary reel, typically used for shorter spans or when precise tension control is required. Cable Lashing: For lashed cables, a small gauge wire is used to lash the optical cable to the messenger strand.

Proper tensioning is critical to maintain safe sag and minimize stress on the cable.

Key Considerations

Pole Spacing: Typical spacing ranges from 25–40 meters in urban areas and 40–50 meters in suburban or rural areas, with adjustments for extreme environments. Tension and Sag: The messenger strand or integrated support must be tensioned to handle the cable weight plus environmental loads while keeping sag within safe limits. Safety: Installation involves working at heights and near power lines.

Personnel must use proper training, personal protective equipment, and follow safety protocols. Environmental Protection: Cable jackets, usually made of polyethylene with carbon black, protect against UV degradation and weather exposure. By selecting the appropriate cable type and installation method, optical cables can be securely and efficiently attached to poles, ensuring reliable performance and longevity in aerial deployments.

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Overhead Fiber Optic Cable Installation: Requirements

Overhead fiber optic cable are designed to be suspended from utility poles or dedicated structures, leveraging existing aerial infrastructure to minimize

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Lashed Aerial Installation of Fiber Optic Cable

This method of aerial cable installation, “overlashing,” is attractive because the expense of providing a separate suspension strand for the fiber optic cable is avoided.

Installation of Corning Optical Communications Self-Supporting

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The combination of strand and optical fiber into a single cable allows rapid one-step installation and results in a more durable aerial plant. This procedure provides general guidance for the installation of

Aerial Cable Placement

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Aerial optical cable is suspended in the air from poles and/or support structures. Most often it is supported between poles by being lashed to a wire rope messenger strand with a small gauge wire.

Aerial Fiber Optic Cable Installation Standards

This document provides technical specifications for the aerial installation of fiber optic cable (FOC) networks. It outlines PLDT standards for pole line hardware, including concrete poles, pole clamps,

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1. Requirements for aerial laying modeWhen there are telegraph poles between buildings, steel wire rope can be set up between buildings and poles, and optical

Aerial Cable Placing Procedure

Abstract An aerial cable is an insulated cable usually containing all fibres required for a telecommunication line, which is suspended between utility poles or electricity pylons. Aerial optical

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All Fiber Optic Cable reels should be stored upright Laying the reel on its side may cause damage to the reel flange and/or cause the cable layers to shift – This may cause cable to snag during de-reeling.

The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics-Installing Fiber Optic Cable

General Guidelines For Installing Fiber Optic Cable Fiber optic cable may be installed indoors or outdoors using several different installation processes. Outdoor cable may be direct buried, pulled or

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES INSTALLATION GUIDE

Due to the low weight of the optical fibre cables and when the conditions of the line drawing advise it, we can use the method described below: On the first pole, the hemp rope is passed through the guide

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Pole line construction and strand installation are not covered in this document. A working familiarity with aerial cable requirements, practices, and work operations is necessary as this guide does not cover

Aerial Fiber Optic Cable Overview and Installation Guide

Aerial fiber optic cable refers to a kind of fiber optic cable that is designed and used for outside plant (OSP) installation between poles by being lashed to a wire rope messenger strand with

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Types of Aerial Optical Cables Aerial fiber optic cables can be classified into the catenary wire style and the self-supporting style according to different installing ways.

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