

Grounding of the fiber optic cable reinforcing core entering the equipment room



Overview

In installations where an optical fiber cable is exposed to contact with electric light or power conductors and the cable enters the building, the non-current-carrying metallic members shall be either grounded as specified in 770. 100, or interrupted by an insulating joint or. Although the signals in fiber cables are optical signals, most of the outdoor optical cables using reinforced cores or armored optical cables are easy to get damaged under lightning because of the metal protective layer inside the cable. When designing with fiber, you can. This Article is about installing, not manufacturing, optical fiber cables and raceways [770. There's some confusion over what is meant by "abandoned cable. " In Article 100, that confusion is resolved by defining such cables as not being terminated at equipment (the common understanding, or. ANSI/TIA-569-E "Telecommunications Pathways and Spaces" was developed by the TIA TR-42. 3 Telecommunications Administration, Pathways, Spaces, Bonding and Grounding Subcommittee and published in May, 2019.



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Architectural (e.g., room size and firestopping) and environmental (e.g., HVAC, grounding and bonding, and electromagnetic noise reduction) design guidance is also provided.

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National Electrical Code Tips: Article 770, Optical Fiber Cables and ...

Grounding on the load side doesn't serve any electrical purpose, but it does waste money and cause confusion. So in Article 770, and elsewhere in the Code, we are seeing this supplanted by "bonding ...

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Part IV provides extensive detail on how these cables should be grounded. Always ensure the fiber optic cable system grounding electrode is bonded to the power grounding electrode system [770.100 (D)].

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When optical fiber cables enter a building and are in proximity to electric light or power conductors, it is essential to ensure safety by grounding or bonding the non-current-carrying metallic components. ...

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While the AC-powered equipment typically has a power cord that contains a ground wire, the integrity of this path to ground cannot be easily verified. Rather than relying on the AC power cord ground wire, ...

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The cable armor must first be connected/bonded to a bonding or grounding electrode conductor. This can be done immediately after the cable has been accessible and the armor has ...

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