

High fiber optic cable splicing losses in winter



Overview

Outages, slow repairs and halting installs are common issues regarding the extreme weather impact on fiber services. “If water gets into a closer or NID (Network Information Device), it can freeze up and break a fiber or splice,” said Senior Manager of Outside Plant & . Summary : Winter weather generally has minimal impact on fiber optic cables since they transmit data through light rather than electricity, making them resistant to temperature-related signal loss. Fiber splice loss measures how much signal drops when you join two fiber ends. Many factors, like core mismatch and contamination, can increase splice loss. Modern fiber optic networks usually keep splice loss. The performance of a fiber optic splice is determined by a number of factors, including the quality of the fiber, the cleanliness of the splice, and the techniques used to make the splice. This article delves into the various ways freezing weather can affect fiber optic cables and explores the measures that can be taken to mitigate these.



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“When it's super cold, fibers become more brittle, and it's harder to splice,” Torres said. Splicing fiber-optic cables together is often the last step in bringing service to an area.

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