

High-speed railway optical cable laying



AI Overview

Optical cables along high-speed railways are laid in dedicated weak current channels, bridges, and tunnels to ensure high-bandwidth, low-latency, and reliable communication for train control and digital services.

Cable Laying Methods

Duct Installation: Optical cables are typically installed in weak current channels alongside the railway tracks. These channels are designed to carry communication cables separately from power lines, and cables are often laid in an S-shape to allow for expansion and maintenance. Gaps are left at joints and every 500 meters to accommodate thermal expansion and mechanical stress .

Bridge and Elevated Sections: For elevated tracks, cables must pass through bridge piers or other structural elements. Specialized flame-retardant cables, such as GYTA58, are used to meet safety standards while maintaining mechanical protection .

Underwater and Trench Laying: When crossing rivers, ditches, or ponds, optical cables may be laid underwater using trenching, water pump flushing, or directional drilling. Temporary dams and drainage are often required to create a dry trench for cable installation .

Indoor and Underground Installations: Optical cables can also be routed through tunnels, manholes, handholes, or indoor conduits, providing flexibility for station connections and control centers .

Cable Types and Technical Considerations

Cable Selection: High-speed railway optical cables must withstand mechanical stress, temperature variations, vibration, and electromagnetic interference. Flame-retarda...

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