

How to cover tunnels with fiber optic cables



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables in tunnels should be installed using armored or protected cables, mounted on trays or conduits, and comply with fire and mechanical protection standards to ensure long-term reliability and safety.

Cable Selection and Protection

For tunnel installations, armored fiber optic cables are recommended, often with aramid fiber or steel thread reinforcement. These cables are halogen-free and flame-retardant, capable of maintaining integrity at high temperatures (up to 750°C for 2 hours and 1,000°C for several minutes) according to IEC60331-25 standards . Selecting the right cable ensures resistance to mechanical stress, fire, and environmental hazards within the tunnel.

Installation Methods

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Cable Trays or Conduits: Fiber cables are typically mounted on trays, brackets, or conduits along the tunnel walls or ceilings. This prevents direct contact with the tunnel floor, reducing the risk of mechanical damage and facilitating maintenance .

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Pulling and Bend Control: During installation, it is critical to control pulling tension and bend radius to prevent fiber breakage. Most damage occurs during installation rather than operation, so following manufacturer specifications for maximum tensio...

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