

How to use an underground optical cable detector



AI Overview

Underground optical cable detectors locate, monitor, and protect buried fiber optic cables using advanced sensing technologies like Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) and K-DAS, ensuring precise detection, real-time damage monitoring, and enhanced infrastructure safety.

How Underground Optical Cable Detectors Work

Modern underground optical cable detectors primarily use fiber optic sensing technologies. Systems like Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) send laser pulses through the fiber and detect vibrations, pressure, or mechanical impacts along the cable route. These disturbances alter the reflected signals, allowing the system to:

- Accurately determine the cable's location with meter-level precision
- Detect mechanical defects such as breaks, twists, or sheath corrosion
- Monitor soil subsidence or external impacts that threaten cable integrity
- Record unauthorized excavation or third-party interference near the cable route

The K-DAS system specifically applies acoustic vibrations to the ground and analyzes reflected signals to locate underground fiber optic cables, even when the installation path differs from original plans. It can distinguish the target cable from neighboring infrastructure, reducing the risk of accidental damage .

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Passive detection relies on the utility line to generate an EM signal for detection. In contrast, active detection calls for the system

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