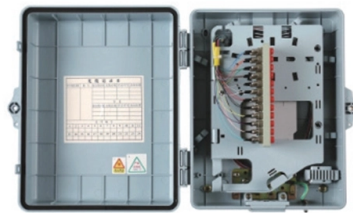


What is the function of the steel wire in optical fiber cable



AI Overview

Steel wire in optical fiber cables provides mechanical protection, structural support, and durability for both underground and aerial installations.

Armored Fiber Optic Cables

Steel wire is commonly used in Steel Wire Armored (SWA) fiber optic cables, where it is placed between the inner sheath and outer jacket of the cable. This armoring protects the delicate optical fibers from crushing, impact, rodent attacks, and environmental hazards, making SWA cables ideal for direct burial, outdoor networks, and industrial environments. The steel layer absorbs mechanical stress, preventing bending or microbending that could degrade signal quality, while maintaining high-speed data transmission over long distances .

Aerial Fiber Deployment

In aerial installations, steel wire is used as messenger strands and lashing wires. A steel messenger strand supports the weight of the fiber cable, ensuring proper tension and sag control between poles or towers. Lashing wires, often made of stainless steel, secure the fiber bundle to the messenger strand. These steel components provide high tensile strength, corrosion resistance, and long-term durability, especially in harsh environments such as coastal or industrial areas .

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