

Defects of Composite Optical Cables



AI Overview

Composite optical cables commonly face issues such as physical damage, bending stress, connector contamination, water ingress, and intermittent signal loss. Physical and Mechanical Damage Composite optical cables are highly sensitive to mechanical stress due to their delicate glass or plastic cores. Exceeding the minimum bend radius can cause microbends or macrobends, leading to light leakage, signal attenuation, or complete failure. Pulling or stretching cables beyond their tensile limits can elongate or break the core, damaging the protective strength members and reducing transmission quality. Rodent bites, accidental impacts, or improper installation practices are also frequent causes of mechanical damage. Connector and Splice Issues Connectors and splices are critical transition points. Contamination on connector ferrules, such as dust, oils, or lint, is the leading cause of field failures. Dirty or improperly cleaned connectors increase insertion loss and reflectance, resulting in intermittent errors or degraded signal quality. Poorly executed splices can also introduce signal loss or reflections, especially if fusion splicing equipment is miscalibrated. Environmental Factors Water ingress and moisture penetration can severely affect composite optical cables, particularly in loose-tube or slotted-core designs. Freezing water can expand and damage fibers, while hydrostatic pressure in underground or marine installations can drive moisture along the cable core. Temperature fluctuations, UV exposure, and chemical contact can further degrade cable performance over time. Signal and Performance Problems Common symptoms of cable issues include no signal, intermittent connectivity, poor audio/video quality, or wavelength-dependent loss. These problems often arise from physical damage, bending beyond rated limits, or contamination at connectors. Even minor scratches on the fiber core can significantly reduce transmission distance and bandwidth. Preventive Measures Adhere to bend-radius guidelines and use bend-insensitive fib...

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