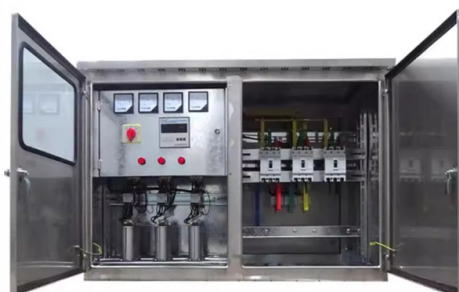


High mechanical strength optical cable



Overview

- This document provides guidelines on the mechanical reliability of optical fiber cable manufactured by Prysmian Group.

Key Takeaways

High mechanical strength optical cables are engineered with reinforced cores, protective armoring, and advanced materials to withstand extreme mechanical and environmental stresses while maintaining optimal optical performance. Construction and Materials High-strength optical cables are designed to protect the delicate fiber core from mechanical stress, environmental hazards, and long-term degradation. The fiber core itself, made of glass or plastic, is surrounded by cladding and a primary polymer coating that absorbs micro-bending and surface damage, ensuring minimal signal loss and high-speed data transmission.

To achieve mechanical robustness, these cables incorporate reinforcing elements:

- Central traction elements: Rigid rods made of steel or fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) placed inside the cable core to handle axial stress during installation and operation.
- Peripheral traction elements: Dielectric yarns, often aramid fibers or glass, applied helically or longitudinally around the optical cord to enhance tensile strength and flexibility.
- Armoring layers: Options include galvanized steel wire braid, corrugated steel tape, or aramid yarn armor, providing protection against crushing, rodent damage, and environmental hazards.

Outer sheaths: Materials like Aluminum/HDPE/PA (nylon) or PVC offer chemical resistance, UV protection, and flame retardancy, ensuring durability in harsh outdoor or industrial environments.

Mechanical and Environmental Performance

These cables are tested for tensile strength, crush resistance, and long-term reliability. They can withstand extreme temperatures, high-pressure water exposure, and mechanical impacts without compromising the optical signal. The design ensures that stress is absorbed by the reinforcing elements rather than the fiber itself, preserving the fiber's integrity over decades of service.

Applications

High mechanical strength optical cables are widely used in: Military and aerospace: Ruggedized cables for battlefield communications and aircraft systems. Oil, gas, and maritime industries: Transmission of seismic or sensor data in harsh offshore environments. Industrial automation and outdoor telecom: Long-distance, high-speed data transmission in environments with mechanical stress, temperature extremes, or chemical exposure.

Key Advantages

Enhanced durability: Resistant to tensile, crush, and bending stresses. Environmental protection: Resistant to moisture, UV, chemicals, and rodents. Long-term reliability: Fiber strength is maintained through protective coatings and armoring, ensuring decades of service.

High optical performance: Maintains low attenuation and high bandwidth despite mechanical reinforcement. High mechanical strength optical cables represent a balance between fragile optical fibers and robust protective materials, making them essential for critical applications where both signal integrity and physical durability are required.

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Optical and mechanical testing was conducted on both fiber and cable to verify performance after field aging. All testing indicates no degradation in fiber/cable performance.

Recommendation ITU-T L.103 (08/2024)

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