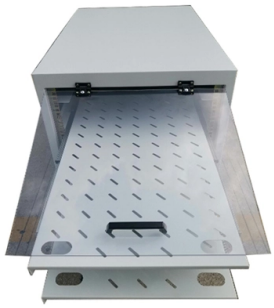
Minimum bending radius of OM3 optical fiber



Overview

During installation under tension, maintain a minimum bend radius of 20 times the cable's outer diameter, while post-installation requires a minimum long-term bend radius of 10 times the cable diameter. The fibre optic bending radius fundamentally determines the functionality and lifespan of optical fibre installations – for modern fibre optic cables, a minimum bending radius of 60 mm applies to permanent installations in conduits, while temporary bends during installation allow up to 30 mm. Bending of a fiber optic cable can damage the cable if the curvature of the bend is too small. Damage may not always be obvious, like a kink in the cable, but may include broken fibers, fibers with higher loss due to stress and cable structural damage that may lead to reliability problems. This was the world's first laser-optimized multimode. Bend radius is how sharply a cable can safely bend without causing damage by creating micro cracks on the glass fibers. Bending a fiber cable excessively can also cause the optical signal to refract and escape through the cladding.



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