

Connecting fiber optic cables in the ground



Article Overview

To quickly connect fiber optic cables to the ground, use direct-bury installation with proper trenching and secure grounding of metallic components.

Underground Installation

For fast and safe underground installation, direct-bury fiber optic cables are commonly used. Begin by digging a trench to the required depth, ensuring the bottom is flat and free of stones. If the soil is stony, add a 10 cm layer of fine soil or sand to protect the cable. Lay each cable separately to avoid overlapping, and use ground pulleys or mechanical traction to prevent excessive tension on the fibers. Avoid bending the cable below its minimum radius and ensure it lies flat at the trench bottom. After placement, inspect the cable for damage before backfilling the trench .

Grounding Fiber Optic Cables

If the fiber optic cable contains metallic armor or strength members, grounding is essential to prevent voltage buildup and protect connected equipment. Carefully expose the metallic components by removing the outer jacket without damaging the fibers. Use a metal clamp or bonding clamp sized for the cable diameter, securing it tightly around the armor to ensure a reliable electrical connection. Then, attach a grounding conductor from the clamp to the grounding system .

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Cable Precautions / Specifications CAUTION: Take care to avoid cable damage during handling and installation. Fiber optic cable is

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Optical ground wire An optical ground wire (also known as an OPGW or, in the IEEE standard, an optical fiber composite overhead

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