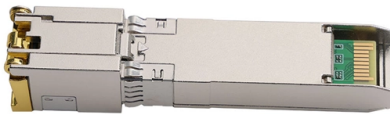


How about using optical fiber cables as ground wires



Article Overview

Optical fiber cables, when used as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW), serve both as grounding conductors and high-speed communication channels in overhead power lines.

Dual Functionality of OPGW

Grounding and Lightning Protection: OPGW cables are installed at the top of high-voltage transmission lines, where the conductive outer layers of the cable bond towers to earth ground. This provides a path for lightning strikes and fault currents, protecting the power system and shielding the main conductors from electrical surges . **Telecommunications:** Inside the OPGW cable, optical fibers are embedded within a metal tube and insulated from electrical currents. These fibers allow high-speed data transmission for utility monitoring, control, and communication, or can be leased for commercial data services. The fibers are immune to electrical noise, crosstalk, and induction from the power lines .

Structural Design

OPGW cables consist of several layers:

- Optical fibers in a central tube for data transmission.
- Fiber filling compound to cushion fibers and prevent water ingress.
- Stranded metal wires (aluminum-clad steel or galvanized steel) surrounding the c...

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If the cable armor is in a very-high-frequency field, it might be wise to use a fine-stranded wire, since the conduction to ground is

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It is found in outdoor cables and offers extra mechanical and rodent protection. Installing armored fiber-optic cable has

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Such cable combines the functions of grounding and telecommunications. An OPGW cable contains a tubular structure with one or

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However, when optical fiber cable contains metallic components such as steel armor or strength members, it is necessary to ground

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