

How long should the fiber optic cable be pulled out of the cold connector



Article Overview

When pulling fiber optic cable from a cold connector, only a short length sufficient to attach a pulling sleeve or grip should be exposed, avoiding stress on the connector itself.

Best Practices for Pulling from Cold Connectors

- **Expose Minimal Cable Length Only** pull out enough fiber from the cold connector to attach a pulling sleeve (pull-sock or pull-mesh) securely. The sleeve should cover the connector and part of the cable jacket to distribute pulling forces evenly, preventing the connector from disconnecting or the fiber from being stressed during the pull .
- **Never Pull on the Connector** The connector/cable interface is not designed to bear pulling forces. Always attach the pulling sleeve to the cable itself, not the connector, to avoid damage or disconnection .
- **Use Strength Members** For unterminated cables, expose the internal strength members (typically aramid yarn) by stripping a small portion of the outer jacket. Loop the strength member into a pull-eye, double-back, and secure with tape or a knot. This ensures the pulling force is carried by the strength member, not the optical fibers .
- **Maintain Proper Bend Radius** While pulling, ensure the cable does not exceed its minimum bend radius, which is typically 20 times the cable diameter under tension. This prevents microbends or macrobends that can degrade signal performance .
- **Use Lubricants and Proper Pulling Techniques** For longer runs, compatible cable lubricants can reduce friction and pulling tension. Automated pullers with tension control or breakaway pulling eyes are recommended for long or complex installatio...

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This can occur on long cable runs through tight conduit or duct, and also if the cable becomes caught or

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Fiber optic cables installed without connectors may be terminated by field termination by installing connectors onto the fibers using

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Never exceed the maximum pulling load rating. On long runs, use proper lubricants and make sure they are compatible with the

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Each fiber optic cable has a minimum bending radius specified by the manufacturer for installation and long term tensile load. The

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During the process, installers should avoid fiber cable damage, despoiling it properly, and take pulling force into

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2) In many runs, if the pulling distance is short enough and the pathway straight enough, fiber-optic cable can be pulled by hand,

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2090-QR001D-EN-P, Fiber Optic Cable Installation Quick Guide

Never pull on the connector. The connector/cable interface is not designed for pulling. Use a pulling grip designed for pre-connected

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GENERAL FIBRE OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

While pulling the cable through the duct, always watch the cable entry & exit point and ensure that the cable should not bend below

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Underground Cable Installation

Individual company practices for placing fiber optic cable should supersede any conflicting instructions in this document when they

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When used, cable ties should be hand tightened to be snug but loose enough to be moved along the cable by hand. Then the excess

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Frequently Asked Questions

A: The fiber is glass and the cable is plastic, neither of which are affected by electromagnetic interference. There is a cable used in

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If connectors are to be used, trays or shelves should be used to support the fiber behind the connector. Proper strain relief sleeves

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Care should be given during the cable pulling process not to exceed 25 pounds of pull strength. Violating the pull

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Check the cable length to make sure the cable being pulled is long enough for the run to prevent having to splice fiber and provide

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Pulling Fiber Optic Cable in Conduit

AEN 136, Revision 2 This Applications Engineering Note (AE Note) addresses key points for planning cable pulls in

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How to "PULL" Fiber Optic Cable Correctly

Cable installers always talk about "pulling" fiber optic cable because that is how they install underground cable in

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How Far Can You Pull Fiber Optic Cable?

Understanding how far you can pull fiber optic cables is critical for ensuring a successful installation and maintaining the

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