

How to determine the bending coefficient of optical cables



Article Overview

The bending coefficient of optical cables is measured by evaluating the additional optical losses induced when the fiber is bent, using standardized test methods and specialized equipment.

Understanding Bend Losses

Bend losses occur when light in the fiber core couples into cladding modes due to bending, causing additional propagation loss. These losses increase sharply once the fiber is bent below a critical radius, which varies depending on fiber type and mode area. Single-mode fibers are particularly sensitive, while bend-insensitive fibers can tolerate smaller radii with minimal loss. Bending also induces birefringence and can reduce the effective mode area, affecting performance at longer wavelengths .

Measurement Methods

- Macro-bend Testing:
 - The fiber is bent around mandrels or loops of known radii, typically ranging from 5 mm to 20 mm for access networks.
 - The optical power loss is measured before and after bending using an optical power meter or OTDR (Optical Time Domain Reflectometer).
 - The bending coefficient is calculated as the loss per unit bend radius or as a function of bend radius .
- Micro-bend Testing:...

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