

Methods for hanging optical cable lines in trenches



Article Overview

Optical fiber cables in trenches are typically installed using direct burial, conduit pulling, or microduct air-blown systems, with careful attention to protection, spacing, and burial depth.

Direct Burial

Direct burial involves placing fiber optic cables directly into the trench without additional conduit. The trench bottom is first cleared of sharp objects and leveled, then a bedding layer of sand or fine soil is laid to cushion the cable. The cable is placed on this bedding, and if multiple ducts are used, sand is placed between them to prevent damage. Finally, a warning tape is installed 10-20 cm above the cable to alert future excavators, and the trench is backfilled with soil .

Conduit Installation

In areas where extra protection is needed, fiber cables are installed inside HDPE or PVC conduits. Conduits help protect against moisture, mechanical stress, and future excavation. The conduit should be straight, continuous, and free of sharp bends to maintain the fiber's minimum bend radius. Cables are then pulled through the conduit using cable pulling machines or blowing equipment. This method is preferred in urban or high-traffic areas because it allows easier future upgrades and maintenance

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