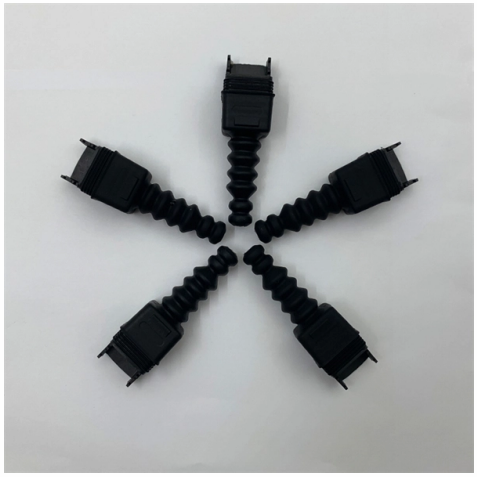
Fiber optic cable reinforced grounding



Overview

Indoor Fiber Optic Bonding & Grounding Conductive fiber optic cable containing metallic components or strength members capable of transmitting stray curren.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables with metallic components require grounding using conductive materials such as copper or tinned copper bonding wires, grounding lugs, and grounding kits to comply with NEC and industry standards.

Key Considerations for Grounding

Fiber optic cables themselves do not carry electrical current, so fully dielectric cables with no metal content do not require grounding. However, many fiber optic cables include metallic elements such as steel armoring, copper strength members, aluminum moisture barriers, or metallic messenger wires, which must be grounded to prevent electric shock, equipment damage, and fire hazards (Hawell Cable).

Common Grounding Materials

Copper or Tinned Copper Wires: Used to bond metallic members of the cable to the building's grounding system. These wires provide excellent conductivity and corrosion resistance (Corning AE Note 140). Grounding Lugs and Clamps: Mechanical connectors that attach metallic cable components to grounding conductors or busbars, ensuring a secure electrical connection (Hawell Cable).

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Grounding Kits: Pre-packaged kits often include bonding wires, lugs, and hardware for connecting fiber optic hardware or metallic cable members to the grounding system. For example, Corning's HDWR-GRND-KIT includes two wires and necessary connectors for hardware grounding (Corning). Metallic Conduits or Trays: If fiber optic cables are installed in metallic conduits or trays, these must also be grounded according to standard electrical codes, independent of the cable's metal content (Hawell Cable).

Installation Guidelines

Identify Metallic Components: Before grounding, confirm which parts of the cable are metallic by checking the datasheet or jacket markings (Hawell Cable). Bonding and Grounding Points: Metallic members should be bonded and grounded at each cable entry point and termination location, as close as practicable to the building entrance or termination (NEC 770. 93).

Compliance with Codes: Follow NEC Article 770, NFPA 70, and relevant IEEE/TIA standards for grounding and bonding practices (Hawell Cable, Corning AE Note 140).

Summary

For fiber optic cables containing metallic elements, copper or tinned copper bonding wires, grounding lugs, and grounding kits are the primary materials used to establish a safe and code-compliant ground. Fully dielectric cables require no grounding, but any metallic conduit or tray carrying fiber optic cables must also be grounded. Always follow NEC and industry standards to ensure safety and proper electrical continuity.

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