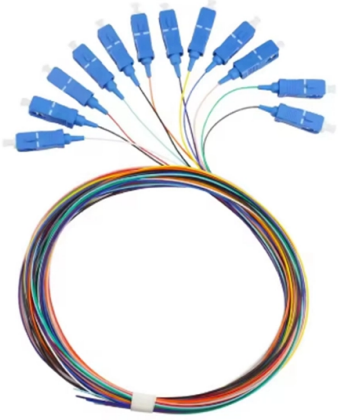
Installing fiber optic cables on cable trays



Overview

Fiber Cable Tray System GENERAL PROCEDURE Following is a general guideline for installing a fiber tray system: How To: Install Fiber Optic Cable for Succes.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables should be carefully routed into cable trays while respecting bend radius, minimizing mechanical stress, and securing cables properly to maintain signal integrity. 1.

Choose the Right Cable Tray

Select a tray type suitable for your environment and cable load. Wire basket trays are ideal for data centers with many small cables, allowing smooth turns and minimal stress, while ladder trays are better for heavy backbone cables in industrial settings, providing strong support over long distances. Ensure the tray is free of sharp edges and debris that could damage the cable jacket.

2.

Prepare the Cable

Keep protective material on the cable reel until installation. Avoid exposing the cable to extreme temperatures or mechanical stress. For outdoor or prolonged installations, use additional protective covering if the cable will remain outside for more than 24 hours.

Always check the cable's minimum bend radius and maximum pulling tension from the manufacturer's datasheet. 3.

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Route the Cable

Respect the bend radius: Maintain at least 20 times the cable diameter when pulling dynamically and 10 times when static in the tray. Avoid sharp 90-degree turns. Use figure-8 loops for long pulls to prevent twisting and kinking.

Do not pull on the fiber itself; use the cable's strength members (e.g., aramid yarn) to absorb pulling forces. Avoid crossing edges or sharp surfaces that could damage the jacket. 4.

Secure the Cable

Use cable ties or straps at designated fixture points in the tray to hold the cable in place without over-tightening, which could crush the fiber. Ensure the cable is evenly supported along the tray to prevent sagging, especially in ladder trays with widely spaced rungs. 5.

Compliance and Safety

Follow NE

C Article 770 for optical fiber cables in trays, ensuring the cable type is listed (e.g., OFNP, OFNR, OFNG) and meets any plenum or riser requirements if applicable. Maintain separation from power cables if the fiber has metallic components. Document the installation, including cable routes, support points, and any special handling instructions.

6.

Final Checks

After installation, inspect the cable for bends, twists, or mechanical stress. Ensure all protective covers are in place, and connectors are capped until final termination. Test the fiber for signal integrity before completing the project.

By following these steps, fiber optic cables can be safely and efficiently installed in cable trays, minimizing the risk of damage and ensuring long-term performance.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Cable trays or raceways often provide a convenient, safe and efficient method of fiber optic cable installation. Trays can be installed in ceilings, below floors and in riser shafts. When installing fiber

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