

Current Status of Railway Optical Cable Construction



Article Overview

Railway optical cable construction is actively progressing worldwide, with major projects in Europe, China, and India enhancing digital connectivity and signaling infrastructure.

Europe: Deutsche Bahn Expansion

Deutsche Bahn is expanding its fibre optic network along railway routes, currently covering 18,500 km with a target of 33,400 km by 2027. The ongoing deployment focuses on digital signaling, ETCS, and station networks, with the remaining 8,200 km being installed in-house. Modern railway fiber infrastructure requires vibration-resistant splice connections, compact 1RU modules supporting up to 96 fibers, and modular designs for rapid installation during overnight service closures. This expansion also allows DB to market spare capacity to telecom providers, improving connectivity in rural regions across Germany, Austria, and Switzerland .

China: High-Speed Railway Backbone

China is leveraging its high-speed railway network to lay new-generation backbone optical cables, forming the "Eight North-South and Eight East-West" computing power transmission corridors. These lines provide secure, enclosed routes for fiber deployment, supporting both railway operations and broader digital infrastructure. The project emphasizes shorter distances, reliability, and protection against environmental stresses along high-speed rail corridors

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