

Fiber optic cable side leakage



Article Overview

Fiber optic cable side leakage occurs when light escapes the fiber core due to bends, cracks, or defects, and it can be both a sign of damage and a tool for sensing applications.

Causes of Side Leakage

Side leakage happens when the light traveling through the fiber core is no longer fully confined by the cladding. Common causes include:

- Microbends and macrobends: Small distortions (microbends) or sharp curves (macrobends) in the fiber can cause light to leak out, reducing signal strength and increasing attenuation .
- Cracks or scratches in the cladding: Physical damage from crushing, rodent bites, or environmental stress can create pathways for light to escape .
- Connector contamination or misalignment: Dust, oil, or improper splicing can lead to localized leakage at connection points .
- Environmental factors: Moisture ingress, temperature extremes, and UV exposure can degrade the fiber jacket and cladding, indirectly causing side leakage .

Detection Methods

Side leakage can be detected using specialized tools and monitoring techniques:

- Visual Fault Locator (VFL): Injects a visible red laser into the fiber; escaping light highlights bends, cracks, or breaks

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