Which optical cables can be laid using air blowing

Article Overview

Air-blown optical cable installation requires proper cable selection, duct sizing, mechanical pushing, and controlled compressed air to ensure safe and efficient deployment.

Cable and Duct Requirements

• Cable Types: Standard optical fiber cables (uni-tube, multi-tube, armored, unarmored) and microduct cables can be installed using this method . Cables should have low friction outer jackets to reduce resistance inside the duct .
• Cable Stiffness: Stiffer cables are preferred for straight ducts and longer distances, while more flexible cables are suitable for routes with multiple bends .
• Duct Size: The duct should be slightly larger than the cable to allow smooth airflow and reduce friction. The Duct Fill Ratio (DFR) should ideally be between 30–80% depending on calculation method .
• Microducts: For microduct installations, cables with polyethylene (PE) sheaths and optimal stiffness are recommended to prevent buckling and facilitate navigation through bends .

Equipment and Installation Procedure

• Blowing Device: A tractor mechanism with traction rollers is used to push the cable a few hundred meters into the duct before introducing compressed air .
• Compressed Air: Air is injected to “float” the cable, minimizing sidewall pressure a...

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