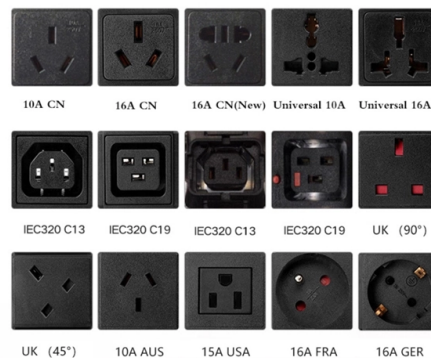


Correct installation of fiber optic cables in ducts



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables can be installed in ducts using either pulling or blowing methods, following careful planning, proper handling, and adherence to cable specifications.

- Planning and Site Survey** Before installation, conduct a thorough site survey to identify physical hazards, duct layout, bends, offsets, and environmental conditions. Develop a cable pulling plan detailing equipment, personnel responsibilities, splice locations, and safety measures. Ensure compliance with local building codes and regulations, and plan for cable protection against moisture and mechanical damage during installation.
- Preparation of Cable and Duct** Keep protective material on the cable until installation. Inspect ducts for debris, sharp edges, or obstructions. Use innerducts to subdivide ducts and reduce pulling tension; ensure proper fill ratios to avoid excessive stress on the cable. For long runs, lubricants compatible with the cable jacket may be applied to reduce friction.
- Installation Methods**
 - Pulling Method** Suitable for short distances (typically 200–300 meters). Use a pre-installed rope or pull tape inside the duct. Pull the cable manually or with a puller machine, ensuring tension does not exceed the cable's maximum rating. Use figure-8 loops when uncoiling to prevent twisting and kinking. Avoid sharp bends and maintain the minimum bend radius specified for the cable.
 - Blowing (Air Jetting) Method** Preferred for longer ducts with multiple bends. Push the cable a few hundred meters into the duct using a tractor or rollers, then inject compressed air to float the cable through the duct. Perform a crash test to determine the maximum pushing force to prevent sheath damage or buckling at the entry point. Cable stiffness affects blowing distance; stiffer cables handle undulations better, while flexible cables navigate complex routes more easily.
- Handling and Safety** Pull only on the cable's strength members (Kevl...

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