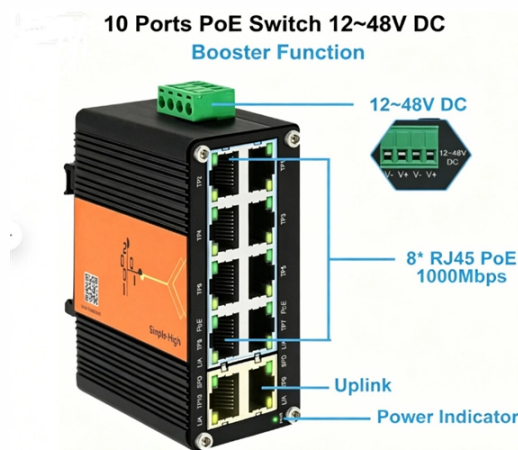


Parameters of power optical cables



AI Overview

Power optical cables, such as OPGW, require precise optical, mechanical, and environmental parameters to ensure reliable data transmission alongside electrical power delivery.

Optical Fiber Parameters

- Power optical cables typically use single-mode fibers designed for long-distance transmission.
- Key optical parameters include:
 - Wavelength compatibility:** Standard fibers operate at 1310 nm and 1550 nm for minimal attenuation and dispersion (ITU-T G.652).
 - Attenuation coefficient:** Low loss is critical, typically ≤ 0.35 dB/km at 1310 nm and ≤ 0.22 dB/km at 1550 nm.
 - Chromatic dispersion:** Must be controlled to prevent pulse broadening; G.652 fibers have defined dispersion limits across 1270–1625 nm.
 - Mode field diameter:** Ensures proper coupling and minimal splice loss, usually around 8–10 μm .
 - Cut-off wavelength:** Defines single-mode operation, typically ≤ 1260 nm.
 - Polarization mode dispersion (PMD):** Low PMD is required for high-speed transmission, often ≤ 0.1 ps/ $\sqrt{\text{km}}$.
 - Macrobending loss:** Fibers must resist bending-induced attenuation, especially in aerial installations.

Mechanical and Environmental Parameters

- Power optical cables must withstand harsh outdoor conditions and mechanical stresses:
 - Tensile strength:** Cables must endure installation tension and wind load without fiber breakage.
 - Temperature range:** Stable operation across -40°C to $+70^{\circ}\text{C}$ is typical for outdoor environments.
 - UV and moisture resistance:** Protective coatings and armoring prevent degradation from sunlight and water ingress.
 - Impact and crush resistance:** Ensures fibers remain intact under mechanical stress during installation and maintenance.
 - Cable armoring:** Steel or aluminum layers protect fibers from physical damage and lightning strikes in OPGW applications.

Testing and Compliance

- To guarantee performance, power optical cables undergo rigorous testing:
 - Optical power measurement:** Ensures source and receiver compatibility and verifies attenuation.
 - OTDR testing:** Detects splices, bends, and faults along the cable length.
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