Grounding method in fiber optic cable junction box



Overview

Bonding and grounding is required for the safe and effective dissipation of unwanted electrical current that may arise in a telecommunications system.

Key Takeaways

Ground fiber optic cables by bonding metallic components to a grounding system using a UL-listed clamp and a properly sized conductor, ensuring continuity at each junction box and termination point.

Step-by-

Step Grounding Procedure1. Identify Metallic Components Determine if the fiber optic cable contains metallic elements such as armor, foil shielding, or strength members. Only cables with these components require grounding.

Also, any metallic conduit or tray carrying the cable must be grounded independently of the cable itself. 2. Prepare the Cable Carefully strip back 6–8 inches of the outer jacket using a cable slitter or ringing tool to expose the metallic elements.

Avoid damaging the optical fibers inside. 3. Clean the Bonding Surface Remove oxidation or coatings from the exposed metallic surface using a wire brush or fine sandpaper.

A clean, oxide-free contact point is essential for low-resistance bonding. 4. Attach a Bonding Clamp Use a UL-listed cable bonding clamp or manufacturer-supplied grounding kit.

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Position the clamp securely around the exposed metallic armor or strength member and tighten according to the manufacturer's specifications to ensure a reliable electrical connection. 5. Connect the Grounding Conductor Run a copper grounding wire, typically minimum 14 AWG or as specified by local code, from the bonding clamp to the nearest grounding electrode, grounding bus, or equipment grounding system.

Keep the conductor as short and direct as possible, avoiding sharp bends that increase impedance. 6. Bond at Both Ends For cable runs spanning multiple buildings or long distances, ground the metallic components at each building entry point and at each end of the cable run.

This prevents voltage buildup from lightning or power-line faults. 7. Verify Continuity After installation, check the grounding path for continuity to ensure a low-resistance connection.

This step confirms that the metallic components are properly bonded and the system is safe.

Additional Considerations

Junction Box Installation: When grounding at a junction box, ensure the cable is inserted correctly, connections are tight, and the grounding clamp is securely attached to the metallic component inside the box. Maintenance: Periodically inspect the grounding connections for corrosion, loose clamps, or damaged conductors to maintain safety and performance. Compliance: Follow the National Electrical Code (NEC) and any local regulations for bonding and grounding of telecommunications systems within commercial buildings.

By following these steps, fiber optic cables at junction boxes will be safely grounded, protecting both the cable and connected equipment from electrical surges and ensuring compliance with industry standards.

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