Neutral Loose Tube Optical Cable



Overview

Discover our loose tube cables for indoor and outdoor use with high fiber density. Robust and reliable solutions for your needs.

Key Takeaways

Neutral loose tube optical cables are designed for outdoor and harsh environments, featuring multiple optical fibers in protective buffer tubes with an all-dielectric design that eliminates grounding requirements.

Construction and Features

Neutral loose tube cables, also known as all-dielectric loose tube cables, consist of multiple optical fibers encased in buffer tubes that are not tightly bound to the fibers, allowing flexibility and protection against environmental stress such as moisture, temperature changes, and physical strain. The fibers are typically 250 µm in diameter and can be single-mode or multimode, with each buffer tube accommodating up to 12 fibers or more depending on the design. The cable includes strength members such as aramid yarns or fiberglass-reinforced rods to enhance tensile strength and prevent elongation during installation.

Some designs feature a central strength member for additional support. Neutral loose tube cables are often gel-filled or dry, providing moisture resistance and improved thermal expansion characteristics.

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Applications

These cables are suitable for indoor/outdoor use, including conduit, direct burial, aerial, and trunking installations. They are ideal for telecommunications, data networks, and high-speed internet where long-distance signal transmission is required. The all-dielectric design eliminates the need for grounding, simplifying installation and reducing costs.

Environmental and Mechanical Advantages

Neutral loose tube cables are engineered to withstand harsh environmental conditions, including UV exposure, temperature fluctuations, and mechanical stress. They can be armored with aluminum interlocking, steel wire, or corrugated steel tape for additional crush resistance and protection in demanding outdoor environments. The loose tube design also allows for mass fusion splicing, enabling multiple fibers to be spliced simultaneously, which is efficient for large-scale deployments.

Summary

In essence, neutral loose tube optical cables provide a robust, flexible, and environmentally resistant solution for long-distance fiber optic transmission. Their all-dielectric construction, protective buffer tubes, and optional armoring make them suitable for a wide range of indoor and outdoor applications, from telecommunications to industrial networks.

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Corning® ALTOS® Loose Tube Fiber Optic Cables

Corning ALTOS® cables provide stable performance over a wide temperature range and are compatible with any telecommunications-grade optical fiber.

Loose Tube Cable vs. Tight Buffered Cable in Outdoor Applications

optical fiber to buffer tube length ratio is controlled such that no optical fiber is compressed against the tube wall when the tubes expands or contracts with changes in temperature.

Loose Tube vs Tight Buffered Fiber Cables | Key

Compare loose tube and tight buffered fiber optic cables. Learn their structures, advantages, and best use cases for indoor and outdoor fiber networks.

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Dielectric armoured cables with double sheath are very suitable for direct buried or duct installation and for areas with high risk of rodent presence.

Loose Tube Fiber Optic Cable

These cables feature small, thin plastic tubes with as many as a dozen 250-micron coated fibers moving freely within each tube. This design protects the fiber from stresses applied to the cable in installation

Loose-Tube VS. Tight-Buffered Fiber Optic Cable

Tight-buffered cable and loose-tube cable are both excellent rugged fiber optic cables, the former of which is usually used for moderate length indoor and indoor/outdoor applications, while the

Loose Tube vs. Tight Buffered Fiber: Choosing the

One of the most important design distinctions is between loose tube and tight buffered (tight tube) fiber optic cables. Understanding the differences

FIBER OPTIC LOOSE TUBE

Datacom loose tube (Single Mode and Multl-Mode) design offers durable and reliable optical transmission performance over a broad temperature range.

Loose Tube and Riser Rated IndoorOutdoor Loose

High-fiber count, loose tube and riser-rated indoor/outdoor loose tube cable assemblies provide a safe and proven method of utilizing preterminated

Loose Tube VS Tight Buffered Optical Cable: What Is The Difference?

The optical cable structure can be divided into two types according to whether the optical fiber is tightly wrapped: loose tube and tight buffered structure. These two structures are designed for

Loose Tube

Fibre, 8 Core Loose Tube, SM Outdoor, G.652D, PE/NY, Blue External Loose Tube cable consisting of 6 loose tubes or filler (as applicable) stranded around a central strength member with a dry Super

Cabling System Design: Technical report 01

This document provides specific information related to Loose Tube fibre cables. The General “Installation Guide For Optical Fibre Cable” document provides information related to key topics that

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Cable Preparation Best Practices for Fiber Optic Indoor/Outdoor ...

This best practices document is a step-by-step guide for end and midspan access of loose tube optical cable, including sheath removal, core preparation, and fiber preparation.

Loose Tube Fiber Optic Cable VS Tight Buffer Fiber Optic Cable

When it comes to fiber optic cables, keep in mind that choosing for incorrect types of cables may result in the underperformance of a network. For instance, you might want to use a cable

GEL-FREE LOOSE TUBE OPTICAL FIBER CABLES FOR INTER

When tested in accordance with FOTP-25, "Repeated Impact Testing of Fiber Optic Cables and Cable Assemblies," the cable shall withstand a minimum of 2 impact cycles at 3 locations separated by at

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The loose tube cable construction, by isolating the fibers from installations and environmental rigors, provides stable and highly reliable transmission parameters.

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1.3 Finished cables shall conform to the applicable performance requirements of the Insulated Cable Engineers Association, Inc. (ICEA) Standard for Indoor-Outdoor Optical Fiber Cable (ICEA S-104-696).

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