What are the components of outdoor optical fiber cables

Article Overview

Outdoor optical fiber cables include loose tube, armored, ADSS, micro, and ribbon cables, each designed for specific environmental and installation requirements.

Loose Tube Cables

Loose tube cables are one of the most common outdoor fiber types. They encase optical fibers in gel-filled buffer tubes, which protect against moisture and temperature fluctuations, typically ranging from -40°C to +70°C. These cables are flexible yet robust, making them suitable for exposed conduit runs, long-haul networks, and transitions between outdoor and indoor systems. They can hold multiple fibers, often from 6 up to 288, and are ideal for high-fiber-count backbone installations and harsh outdoor environments .

Armored Cables

Armored cables provide enhanced mechanical protection with a layer of metal or non-metallic armor, such as steel or aluminum. This design protects against rodent attacks, crushing, and physical stress, making them suitable for direct-buried or aerial installations in areas prone to damage. Armored cables are often used where durability and security are critical, such as in urban or industrial outdoor deployments .

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