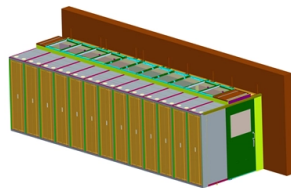


Can fiber optic cables and electrical cables be laid together



Article Overview

Fiber optic cables can technically be installed with electrical cables, but it is generally not recommended due to safety, heat, and maintenance concerns.

Technical Considerations

Fiber optic cables transmit data using light, making them immune to electromagnetic interference (EMI) from electrical cables, unlike copper cables. However, the components at either end of the fiber, such as transceivers or connectors, may still be sensitive to EMI, and electrical cables can generate heat that may degrade fiber performance over time. Physical damage is another concern, as fiber cables are more fragile and can be crushed or bent if run alongside heavier electrical cables.

Regulatory and Safety Considerations

Many building codes, including the National Electrical Code (NEC) in the U.S., have provisions regarding the separation of electrical and communication cables to ensure safety and prevent interference. Co-locating cables may be allowed if the fiber is directly associated with the electrical system, such as for tele-protection or SCADA applications, but for general communications, separate conduits are preferred.

Best Practices

- **Separate Conduits:** The safest approach is to run fiber optic and electrical cables in separate conduits to avoid heat, physical damage, and maintenance conflicts

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Fiber optics association states dig once. For this project that would mean conduit and handles a considerable amount

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