

Fiber optic cables and electrical cables are laid in the same rack



Article Overview

Fiber optic and electrical cables can coexist in the same rack if properly separated and managed, using dedicated pathways, cable managers, and adherence to safety standards.

Separation and Safety Considerations

It is generally not recommended to run fiber optic cables in the same conduit as electrical cables due to potential risks such as electromagnetic interference (EMI), heat generation, and physical damage to the fiber cables. While fiber itself is resistant to EMI, the transceivers and connectors at either end may be affected. Electrical cables can also generate heat, which may degrade fiber performance over time. To mitigate these risks:

- Use separate conduits or trays for fiber and electrical cables.
- If space is limited, consider conduit dividers or hybrid cables designed to safely carry both fiber and electrical conductors.
- Maintain compliance with local and international standards, such as the National Electrical Code (NEC), which often requires separation of power and communication cables.

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