

How to rewind fiber optic cable



Article Overview

Rewinding fiber optic cable requires careful handling to prevent damage, using proper techniques and respecting minimum bend radii.

Key Principles

Fiber optic cables are sensitive to excessive bending, pulling, or crushing, which can cause microbends or signal loss. Always follow the minimum bend radius specified by the manufacturer and avoid applying excessive tension during rewinding. Inspect the cable for damage before starting, and ensure the work area is clean and free of obstacles.

Manual Rewinding Technique

- **Determine Roll Diameter:** The minimum roll diameter should be at least 10 times the cable diameter (e.g., a 5mm cable → roll diameter $\geq$ 50mm) to prevent fiber stress.
- **Use a Figure-8 or Circular Pattern:** For long cables, a Figure-8 pattern helps prevent tangling and uneven tension. Loose circular turns are also acceptable for shorter lengths.
- **Gradual Rolling:** Roll the cable slowly and evenly, avoiding sharp bends. Secure the cable with soft cable ties that are not too tight.
- **Avoid Twisting:** Keep the cable untwisted and aligned with the natural lay of the fibers to prevent internal stress.

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