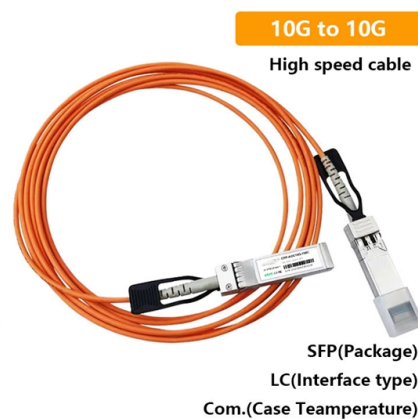


How to run fiber optic cable through a duct



Article Overview

Fiber optic cable can be safely installed in ducts using proper pulling techniques, tension control, lubrication, and equipment selection to prevent damage and ensure long-term performance.

Preparation Before Pulling

Before starting, inspect and clean the duct to remove debris, sharp edges, or obstructions that could damage the cable during installation. Check the duct layout for bends, offsets, or tight turns, as these can significantly increase pulling tension. Plan the cable path carefully and ensure that the duct is properly sized, with a fill ratio below 65% for microducts to reduce friction and prevent buckling.

Pulling Methods

Manual Pulling

Manual pulling is suitable for short distances, typically under 200-300 meters. Use a pulling rope, pulling eyes, and grips attached to the cable's strength members (not the jacket) to avoid fiber damage. Monitor tension continuously and maintain the cable's minimum bend radius to prevent signal degradation.

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Fiber optic cable can be installed in conduits either by pulling the cable by hand or by using a capstan. When using a capstan to pull

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