

Safety Measures for Laying Optical Cables on 35kV Towers



Article Overview

Installing optical cables on 35kV towers requires strict adherence to live-line safety distances, use of insulated tools and PPE, and careful handling of ADSS or OPGW cables to prevent electrical hazards and mechanical damage.

Key Safety Precautions

Personnel Requirements: All workers must be trained in high-voltage safety, familiar with OSHA regulations, and certified for work aloft. Physical fitness and technical training are mandatory before participating in tower installation tasks .

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Workers must use insulated safety belts, gloves, and shoes, along with insulated tools and tool bags. For live-line work, insulation rods or rubber gloves are required to maintain safe distances from energized conductors .

Weather Considerations: Installation should be suspended during strong winds above Force Five, rainstorms, thunderstorms, or thick fog to prevent accidents .

Safe Distances and Tower Work

Minimum Safe Distances: For 35kV lines, the optical cable should be installed under the cross arm, maintaining a safe distance from live conductors. Operators must ensure that their activity zone and tools remain outside the minimum safe distance from energized wires, typically following local electrical safety codes .

Cable Hanging Points: Select points with low electric field strength to reduce electrical stress on the cable. Avoid contact with the tower, conductors, or ground wires to prevent whiplas...

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