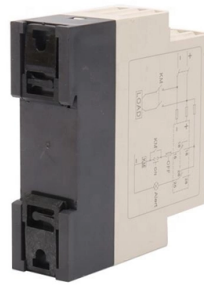


Resistance of buried optical cable



Overview

Direct buried cable is placed underground without conduit. Here the cable must be designed to withstand the rigors of being buried in dirt, so it is generally a more rugged cable, armored to prevent harm from rodent chewing or the pressures of dirt and rocks in which it is. Armored optical fiber cable is often exposed to the most rugged of installation environments. It is expected to stand up to direct burial in rocky terrain, the tenacious jaws of aggressive rodents, and to be able to withstand lightning strikes as well. It is imperative that this armor protects its. Standards, including National Electrical Code (NEC) in the US, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and International Telecommunication Union (ITU), set recommendations or requirements for how deep to bury fiber optic cables. However, simply hitting this depth isn't enough to guarantee your network survives. It forms a critical backbone for modern communication networks across both urban and rural environments.



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