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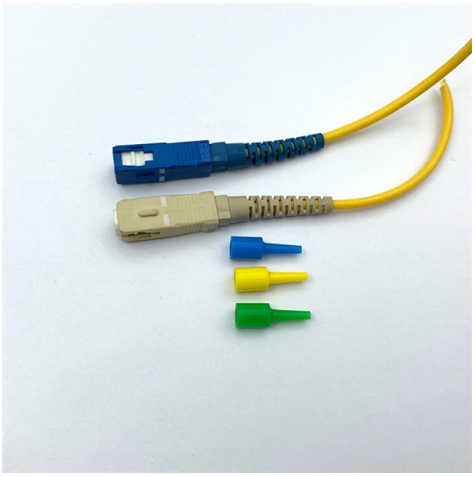

Overview

ADSS Fiber Optic Cable | All-Dielectric Self-Supporting Aerial Cable. AFL-ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) fiber optic cable is a non-metallic cable.

Key Takeaways

ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) cables are non-metallic, self-supporting fiber optic cables designed for aerial deployment alongside high-voltage power lines. OverviewADSS cables are a type of fiber optic cable that contains no metallic components, making them electrically insulated and safe for installation near high-voltage lines (110 kV to 500 kV) without risk of short circuits or interference. The term "self-supporting" refers to the cable's ability to bear its own weight and withstand environmental loads such as wind, ice, and UV radiation without requiring additional support wires or messenger strands.

This design allows for long spans between towers, typically up to 700 meters, and in some cases up to 1,500 meters. Structure and MaterialsADSS cables are engineered to protect delicate optical fibers while providing mechanical strength: Central Strength Member: Usually a high-modulus fiber-reinforced plastic (FRP) rod or aramid yarn (e.g., Kevlar®), which provides tensile strength and allows the cable to support itself over long spans. Optical Fiber Units: Fibers are housed in loose buffer tubes or ribbon configurations, often filled with water-blocking compounds to prevent moisture ingress.

Protective Jacket: The outer layer shields fibers and strength elements from UV radiation, moisture, and mechanical damage. Excess Fiber Slack: Fibers are provided with extra length relative to the supporting member to minimize strain and maintain low optical loss over the cable's lifetime.

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S cables can carry up to 864 fibers in a single cable, using single-mode fibers with wavelengths of 1310 or 1550 nm, enabling circuits up to 100 km without repeaters. AdvantagesNon-metallic construction ensures electrical insulation and safety near high-voltage lines. Self-supporting design eliminates the need for messenger wires, reducing installation complexity and cost.

Lightweight and compact construction minimizes load on towers and reduces wind and ice impact. Durable and long-lasting, capable of withstanding environmental stresses for decades. Flexible deployment in challenging terrains and long spans without additional structural support.

ApplicationsADSS cables are widely used in: Electrical utility communications, installed along existing transmission lines. Telecommunications networks, especially in aerial fiber deployments where traditional metallic support is impractical. High-voltage corridors, where safety and electrical insulation are critical.

Long-span aerial installations, including urban and rural power distribution networks. SummaryADSS optical cables combine mechanical strength, electrical insulation, and high fiber capacity in a single, self-supporting design. Their non-metallic construction and ability to span long distances without additional support make them ideal for aerial fiber optic networks, particularly alongside high-voltage power lines, offering a cost-effective and reliable solution for modern telecommunications and utility infrastructure.

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AFL-ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) fiber optic cable is a non-metallic cable which supports its own weight without the use of lashing wires or messenger cables, typically installed in overhead

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ADSS fiber optic cable structure is currently divided into two categories: layer stranding and central bundle tube.

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AFL''s ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) fiber optic cable is designed for aerial installation without the need for messenger wire. Lightweight, non-metallic, and

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cient and craft-friendly cable preparation. While the concentric, self-supporting cable design allows easy, one-step installation using standard hardware and installation methods, the SZ

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Single sheath ADSS optical cable 100m span layer

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Unlike traditional cables, ADSS eliminates electromagnetic interference (EMI) and lightning risks, providing superior reliability for long-distance data transmission. The supplied 12-core

Hardware for ADSS Cable

ADSS Dead-end Fittings ADSS dead-end fitting use: The dead-end fitting is mainly used for fixing and anchoring overhead self-supporting ADSS optical cable lines. It is generally installed in terminal

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