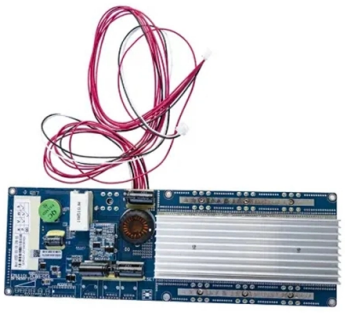
Fiber Optic Cable Splicing for Iron Tower Lines



Overview

Master fiber splicing with Phoenix Communications in Shrewsbury, MA. Discover expert techniques and tips for boosting network performance and reliability.

Key Takeaways

Splicing fiber optic cables on iron towers involves careful preparation, metal layer removal, fiber cleaning, and precise fusion splicing to ensure low-loss, durable connections. 1.

Safety and Preparation

Before starting, ensure personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn, including gloves, face shields, and insulated tools when working near high-voltage lines. Clear the work area of wind and debris, and secure the cable to prevent movement during splicing. Use a heat-shrink tube over the cable to protect fibers during handling.

2.

Cable Preparation

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W cables on iron towers: Measure and mark 2–2. 5 meters of cable to strip for splicing. Wrap tape at the marking points to stabilize the strands.

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Using a metal saw or mini grinder, carefully cut and remove the outer aluminum or steel strands circumferentially. Remove inner stranded wires similarly, leaving the PVC or metal tube containing fibers exposed. If fibers are in metal loose tubes, ensure inner strands are slightly longer than outer strands.

3.

Fiber Handling

Strip the buffer tube and individual fibers using the correct stripping tools; avoid utility knives. Clean each fiber with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) to remove contamination. Maintain a minimum bending radius of 30 mm to prevent fiber breakage.

Keep cleavers and splicer V-grooves clean for accurate fusion. 4.

Fusion Splicing

Align fibers in a fusion splicer and perform the electric arc fusion to join fibers permanently. Ensure the splice loss is minimal (typically 0. 02–0.

1 dB for single-mode fibers). Use an OTDR trace from both directions to verify splice quality. 5.

Protection and Closure

Place the fused fibers into a splice sleeve or protective closure. Secure the closure to the tower or cable tray to prevent mechanical stress.

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W, ensure the metallic and grounding functions of the cable are maintained after splicing. 6.

Best Practices

Fusion splicing is preferred for outdoor, high-voltage environments due to its low loss and long-term reliability. Mechanical splices may be used for emergency restoration but have higher loss and degrade over time. Regularly inspect and maintain splicing tools and cleavers to ensure consistent quality.

By following these steps, fiber optic splicing on iron towers can be performed safely and effectively, ensuring reliable communication and minimal signal loss.

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