

Fiber Optic Cable Distribution Network



Summary of Content

A Fiber Optic Cable Distribution Network is a structured system that delivers optical signals from a central office to end users using passive and active components, ensuring high-speed, reliable connectivity.

Overview

A Fiber Optic Cable Distribution Network consists of interconnected components that transmit data via light signals over optical fibers. It typically includes a central office or data center, an Optical Distribution Network (ODN), and end-user devices such as Optical Network Units (ONUs) or Optical Network Terminals (ONTs). The network is designed to support high-speed broadband, voice, and video services while maintaining signal integrity and scalability.

Optical Distribution Network (ODN)

The ODN is the passive portion of the network that connects the Optical Line Terminal (OLT) at the central office to ONUs/ONTs at customer premises. It requires no external power and guides optical signals through fibers, splitters, connectors, and closures. The ODN is typically structured in three hierarchical segments:

- **Feeder Section:** Runs from the OLT to the first optical splitter, covering long distances.
- **Distribution Section:** Extends from primary splitters to secondary splitters or distribution points, branching toward user clusters.
- **Drop Section:** Connects the last splitter to individual ONUs/ONTs at customer premises. This tree-like topology, common in GPON and EPON deployments, ensures efficient signal distribution with minimal loss.

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