

Requirements for the burial depth of telecommunications optical cables



Summary of Content

Telecommunication optical cables are typically buried between 0.6 meters and 1.5 meters, depending on location, soil type, cable type, and environmental conditions.

General Guidelines

- Urban Areas: Minimum burial depth is generally 0.6–0.9 meters to protect against pedestrian traffic, construction equipment, and shallow utilities, often using conduits for added protection (ITU, NEC, ETSI) .
- Rural or Agricultural Zones: Depths increase to 1.0–1.5 meters to prevent damage from plows, livestock, and frost heave .
- Road Crossings and High-Traffic Areas: Cables should be buried 1.2–1.5 meters and may require concrete encasement to withstand vehicle loads up to 2000 N/cm .

Cable Type Considerations

- Armored Cables: Typically buried 1.0–1.5 meters due to steel tape protection, which resists higher soil pressure and mechanical stress .
- Unarmored Cables: Usually 0.6–0.9 meters, relying on ducts or conduits for protection .
- Aerial-to-Buried Transitions: Depths increase to 1.2 meters near transition points to prevent crush damage .

Soil and Environmental Factors

- Rocky Terrain: Requires 1.2–1.5 meters to avoid crush damage .

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