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Laying flame-retardant optical cables



Overview

Cable Installation Considerations for Fire Detection This guide provides best practices for selecting and installing fiber optic cables to maximize the perf.

Key Takeaways

Flame-retardant optical cables can be laid using careful routing, secure mounting, and adherence to fire safety standards to ensure performance and safety. **Cable Selection and Preparation**

Flame-retardant optical cables, such as FRNC (Flame-Retardant Non-Corrosive) or LSZH (Low-Smoke Zero-Halogen), are designed to prevent fire spread and reduce toxic emissions in case of fire . Armored variants include protective layers like stainless steel, corrugated steel tape, or Kevlar to resist mechanical stress, crushing, and rodent damage . High-temperature-resistant armored cables may include multiple layers—anti-interference, inner high-temperature, armor, outer high-temperature, flame-retardant, and wear-resistant layers—to enhance flexibility and ease of laying . Before installation, inspect cables for visible damage, confirm type (single-mode or multimode), and plan the routing path to avoid sharp edges, excessive heat, or moving machinery .

Laying Techniques

- Indoor Mounting:
- Maintain a small distance from the ceiling, typically 5-50 cm, to optimize fire detection and prevent obstruction .



- Use mounting clips every 1–1.5 meters to prevent sagging, ensuring the cable is secure but not over-tightened to avoid strain .
- Avoid contact with electrical wiring to reduce interference and comply with safety standards .
- Routing in Conduits or Trays:
 - Ensure conduits or cable trays meet the required diameter and bend radius specifications, especially for armored cables which are stiffer and heavier .
 - Plan for smooth bends to prevent kinking and mechanical stress, which can affect optical performance .
- Armored Cable Installation:
 - Spiral winding of armor layers improves flexibility, allowing easier bending and laying in confined spaces .
 - Use proper tools for stripping, cleaning, and testing to maintain cable integrity and performance .
- Fire Safety Compliance:
 - Use cables certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) to meet NEC and NFPA standards .
 - Ensure flame-retardant cables are compatible with the monitoring or detection system, particularly in fire detection applications like Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) or Fiber-Optic Linear Heat Detection (FO-LHD) systems .

Best Practices

- Select cable diameter carefully; larger diameters may slow thermal response in fire detection applications .
- Mark cables with meter markings for precise alarm zone configuration and regulatory compliance .
- Avoid over-tightening or excessive bending to maintain optical performance and mechanical integrity .
- In high-risk or industrial environments, armored cables provide additional protection against mechanical damage and environmental hazards . By following these laying methods and best practices, flame-retardant optical cables can be installed safely and efficiently, ensuring both fire safety compliance and reliable optical performance.

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