

Techniques for blowing optical fibers



AI Overview

Optical fibers are installed by blowing them through pre-installed microducts using compressed air, which reduces friction and allows long, flexible cable runs efficiently. Overview of the Blowing Process Blown fiber, also called fiber jetting, involves installing optical fiber cables into pre-installed microducts using compressed air. The process begins with a microduct or tube bundle being laid along the desired route. Once the ducts are in place, the fiber optic cable is fed into the duct inlet, and a blowing head is attached to create an airtight seal. Compressed air is then forced into the duct, generating a viscous drag that propels the cable forward while keeping it "floating" inside the duct, which minimizes friction and prevents damage to the cable ().

Equipment and Components Key components of a fiber blowing system include:

- Microducts or tube bundles:** Flexible conduits that house the fiber cables and allow for future expansion ().
- Blowing apparatus:** Includes a cable drive system to feed the cable, an air control system to regulate airflow, and duct clamps to maintain airtight conditions ().
- Compressed air source:** Provides the high-speed airflow that moves the cable through the duct.
- Pushing device or tractor mechanism:** Initially pushes the cable a few hundred meters before air is applied to reduce friction ().

Installation Steps

- Duct Preparation:** Inspect ducts for debris, moisture, and integrity to ensure smooth cable movement ().
- Cable Feeding:** Push the cable a short distance into the duct using traction rollers or a pushing device ().
- Air Blowing:** Introduce compressed air through the duct. The airflow reduces contact between the cable and duct walls, allowing the cable to travel long distances, sometimes over 1,000 meters, depending on duct layout and cable flexibility ().
- Termination and Splicing:** Once the cable reaches the endpoint, it can be fusion spliced or connected to network equipment as needed ().

Advantages of Blown Fiber Reduced friction and cable stress, allowing longer continuous runs without damage (). Faster and more cost-effective i...

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Cable jetting

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Installation of Optical Fiber Cable by Blowing/Jetting

ABSTRACT This application note discusses fiber optic cable installation by blowing technique, the factors effecting blowing performance and best practices.

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