

The role of splicing communication optical cables in booster substations



Article Overview

Splicing optical cables at booster substations requires adherence to technical standards, proper cable preparation, and strict safety and grounding protocols to ensure performance and personnel safety.

Technical Requirements

Splice Quality and Stability: Splices must maintain low optical loss and high tensile strength, comparable to the fiber's proof-test level, and remain stable over the system's design life under expected environmental conditions. Both fusion and mechanical splicing are acceptable, with fusion splicing generally preferred for permanent, high-performance connections (ITU-T L.12) . **Cable Types:** Common optical cables in substations include OPGW (Optical Power Ground Wire), ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting), and SkyWrap. OPGW cables combine grounding and communication functions, often installed above high-voltage conductors, and require careful preparation for splicing due to their metallic and fiber components .

Cable Preparation

- **Marking and Stripping:** Measure and mark 2–2.5 meters of cable to be stripped. Secure the cable with tape to prevent wire displacement during cutting .
- **Metal Layer Removal:** Use a metal saw or mini grinder to carefully cut and remove outer and inner aluminum or steel strands. For OPGW with metal loose tubes, inner strands should extend ~10 mm beyond outer strands to expose the fiber tubes .
- **Fiber Tube Handling:** If fibers are in plastic tubes, standard optical cable preparati...

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