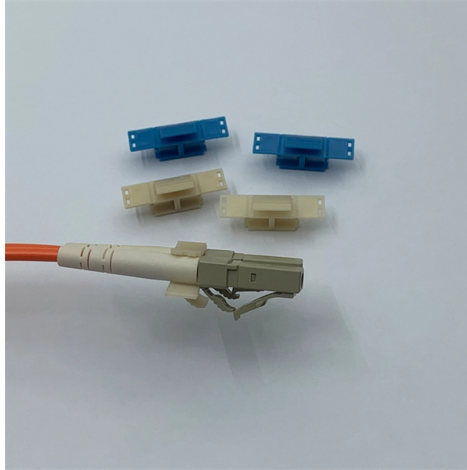


OPWG Optical Cable Construction Process



Overview

OPGW Cable Manufacturing Processes Explained OPGW cable, or Optical Ground Wire Cable, uniquely combines electrical grounding with fiber optic communication.

Key Takeaways

The fabrication of OPGW cables involves fiber preparation, stranding with metal layers, and rigorous quality control to produce a dual-purpose cable for power line grounding and communication. Overview of OPGW Cable Structure

An OPGW cable combines the functions of a conventional overhead ground wire and an optical communication cable. It typically consists of one or more optical fibers housed in a tubular structure, surrounded by layers of aluminum and steel wires for mechanical strength and electrical grounding. The optical fibers are made of high-purity silica with germanium doping, coated with UV-curable acrylate for protection. The fibers are often placed in loose tubes filled with jelly to prevent strain during installation.

Fabrication Steps

1. Fiber Preparation

- Optical fibers are drawn from preforms using processes such as MCVD, OVD, VAD, or PCVD to achieve high purity and low attenuation.
- Fibers are coated with a primary protective layer and wound onto spools for cabling.

- The fibers are inserted into a metallic tube, which is then surrounded by layers of steel and aluminum wires.
 - Stranding requires precise control of tension, pre-forming, mold, stranding speed, and pitch to ensure uniformity and mechanical strength .
 - High-speed stranding machines with automatic tension control are used for multi-layer, high-strength OPGW cables.
- ### 3. Cable Assembly
- The tubular fiber unit is combined with the metal layers to form the final cable.
 - Loose tube construction allows fibers to move freely, reducing strain during bending or thermal expansion .
 - The cable is wound onto drums with secure fastening and protective caps for transport .
- ### 4. Quality Assurance and Testing
- OPGW cables undergo type tests, factory acceptance tests, and periodic quality checks according to standards like IEC 60794-4-10 .
 - Tests include optical attenuation measurement, mechanical strength, and environmental durability.
 - ISO 9001 quality management systems are often implemented to ensure consistent performance.
- ### 5. Preparation for Installation
- For splicing, the cable's metal layers are carefully stripped, and fibers are inserted into transportation tubes if necessary .
 - Fusion splicing is performed in closures mounted on towers, ensuring both mechanical and optical integrity.

Key Advantages

- Combines grounding and communication in a single cable.
 - High reliability and mechanical performance under various weather conditions.
 - Reduces the need for separate construction of power and communication lines .
- This process ensures that OPGW cables are durable, reliable, and capable of supporting high-voltage transmission lines while providing optical communication capabilities.

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What is OPGW ? OPGW fiber optic cable, or Optical Ground Wire, is a type of cable designed to serve dual functions: it acts as a

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For these reasons, optical fibres are widely installed with high-voltage power lines. There are several types of cable and installation

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Optical ground wire

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