How to power a fiber optic AP panel

Overview

Cisco Aironet 1570 Series Outdoor Access Point By removing the shunt or fuse, field technicians can immediately remove power to the AP for service and repa.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic panels and remote OLTs are typically powered using low-voltage DC power supplies with optional battery backup and site-appropriate enclosures for reliability and remote management.

Power Supply Options

Fiber optic panels, including patch panels and remote optical line terminals (OLTs), require a reliable low-voltage DC power source. Common solutions include: Alpha® XM3. 1-HP Broadband UPS: Designed for low-power applications like PON OLTs, available in 3A or 5A models, often paired with batteries for backup power.

Powered Fiber Cabling Systems: Combine fiber-optic data connectivity with a copper low-voltage DC line, allowing multiple powered devices to be connected over a single cable run without additional conduit.

Backup Power and Enclosures

To ensure continuous operation during outages: Battery Backup: Systems like the AlphaCell™ batteries can provide several hours of standby power. For example, a single battery in an Alpha LPE enclosure can provide over 7 hours, while three batteries in a PWE-3 enclosure can provide over 24 hours. Enclosures: Outdoor or aerial enclosures protect the power supply and batteries from environmental conditions.

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NEMA-rated enclosures (NEMA 4 or higher) are recommended for outdoor installations.

Installation Considerations

Determine Panel Type and Location: Rack-mounted, wall-mounted, outdoor, or DIN-mounted panels require different mounting and power configurations. Remote Management: Some power supplies include SFP ports or network interfaces for remote monitoring, firmware updates, and alarm notifications. Voltage and Current Requirements: Verify the panel's power specifications (e.g., 12VDC, 48VDC) and ensure the power supply can handle the total load of connected devices.

Summary

To power a fiber optic panel effectively: Select a low-voltage DC power supply compatible with your panel. Include battery backup for reliability during outages. Use a site-appropriate enclosure to protect equipment.

Consider remote management features for monitoring and maintenance. Ensure the power supply meets the voltage and current requirements of all connected devices. This approach ensures continuous, reliable operation of fiber optic panels in both indoor and outdoor environments.

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