ODF Fiber Reel Coiling Method

Overview

Optical fiber coil and stress relieved coiling processThe invention relates to a reel for optical fiber and a reel for optical fiber and its winding method.

Key Takeaways

ODF fiber reels use stress-relieved coiling techniques to wind optical fibers in a way that minimizes microbends, preserves polarization, and ensures reliable deployment.

Stress-

Relieved Coiling

Optical fibers are sensitive to mechanical stress, which can cause microbends, increased attenuation, or polarization errors. To prevent this, specialized coiling methods are used: Grooved Drum with Removable Rods: During winding, rods are placed in grooves on the reel drum to increase the effective winding circumference. After the fiber is wound, the rods are removed, allowing the fiber to relax and relieving tension-induced stress.

Reverse Helix Winding: For multilayer coils, the first layer may be wound with contiguous turns, while the second layer is wound with a reverse helix pitch. This prevents overlapping stress and reduces microbends. Flanges and Cylindrical Supports: Reels often include flanges to maintain fiber alignment during and after winding, ensuring the fiber remains properly seated without excessive tension.

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Standards and Testing

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C 60794-1-133: 2025 standard defines procedures to test optical fiber cables for multiple coiling and uncoiling cycles on a specified reel diameter. This ensures that fibers can withstand repeated deployment without degradation, which is critical for mobile or rapid-deployment applications.

Specialized Reels

Modern fiber reels, such as the Modular Advanced Reel System (MARS®), are designed for lightweight, modular deployment. These reels allow quick winding and unwinding, include optional frames or cradles, and support accessories like fiber cleaning kits and connector holders. Such systems are particularly useful in harsh environments or for field installations.

ApplicationsStress-relieved fiber coils are essential in: Fiber-optic gyroscopes: Accurate winding reduces Shupe error and maintains polarization. Fiber-optic sensors: Coils are used in current sensors or delay lines where precise fiber geometry affects measurement accuracy. High-performance optical systems: Any application requiring minimal signal loss and stable polarization benefits from controlled coiling methods.

Key Takeaways

Use grooved drums with removable rods to relieve winding stress. Apply reverse helix winding for multilayer coils to prevent microbends.

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C 60794-1-133 for testing coiling durability. Consider modular, lightweight reels for rapid deployment and field use. Proper coiling ensures signal integrity, polarization maintenance, and long-term reliability in optical fiber systems.

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The rule is to coil the fiber once after each splicing and heat shrinking of one or several optical fibers in fiber optic sleeve or optical fibers in a branch direction optical cable.

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