Standards for Technical Requirements of Optical Cable Stripping in Communication

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Overview

ITU-T has been active in the standardization of optical communications technology and the techniques for its optimal application within networks from the infancy of this industry.

Key Takeaways

Optical cable stripping in communication systems must comply with IEC 60794 series, ANSI/TIA-568. 3-E, and recognized workmanship standards to ensure fiber integrity, performance, and safety. International StandardsIEC 60794 series provides comprehensive guidelines for optical fiber cables, including geometrical, material, mechanical, and environmental properties.

Part 1-23 (IEC 60794-1-23: 2019) specifies test procedures and uniform requirements for optical cable elements, covering indoor, outdoor, aerial, duct, and direct-buried applications. These standards define acceptable tolerances for fiber diameter, coating, and buffer removal, which are critical during stripping to prevent microbends, cracks, or signal loss. ANSI/TIA-568.

3-E focuses on optical fiber cabling and components for premises installations. It specifies performance, transmission, and test requirements for cables, connectors, and patch cords, including polarity maintenance and proper fiber handling. While it does not prescribe stripping tools explicitly, it emphasizes maintaining fiber integrity and correct alignment, which directly impacts stripping procedures.

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Workmanship and Handling StandardsNASA-STD-87395A provides detailed workmanship standards for fiber optic terminations and cable assemblies, including stripping, cleaning, and preparation of optical fibers. Key requirements include: Controlled stripping length to avoid damaging the fiber core or cladding. Use of proper stripping tools designed for specific fiber diameters.

Minimizing mechanical stress during buffer and jacket removal. Inspection of stripped fibers for nicks, scratches, or residual coating. Cleanliness and contamination control, ensuring no dust or debris remains on the fiber surface.

Best Practices

Select the correct stripping tool for the fiber type (single-mode or multi-mode) and jacket material. Follow manufacturer-recommended stripping lengths for buffer and coating removal. Inspect stripped fibers under magnification to detect defects before splicing or connectorization.

Avoid excessive force to prevent micro-cracks or fiber breakage. Maintain a clean workspace to prevent contamination that can degrade optical performance.

Summary

Compliance with IEC 60794 series, ANSI/TIA-568. 3-E, and recognized workmanship standards ensures that optical cable stripping is performed safely and effectively, preserving fiber performance and reliability. These standards collectively address mechanical, geometrical, and environmental requirements, as well as practical handling and inspection procedures, making them essential references for telecom operators, system integrators, and fiber optic technicians.

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