The function of temperature-sensing optical cable splice tube



Overview

Fiber Optic Sensor Cables for Advanced MonitoringFiber optic sensor cables are the key component for real-time monitoring of temperature, strain, and DTS-1.

Key Takeaways

A temperature-sensing optical cable splice tube protects and stabilizes spliced fiber connections, ensuring accurate and reliable temperature measurements along the fiber.Core Function

A temperature-sensing optical cable splice tube is used to cover and protect the points where multiple fiber optic sensor cables are joined by fusion splicing. These splice points are critical because the optical fibers are fragile and can be easily damaged by mechanical stress, shocks, or environmental factors. The splice tube provides a mechanical barrier that prevents fiber breakage and maintains the integrity of the optical signal, which is essential for precise temperature monitoring .

Role in Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS)

In DTS systems, a single optical fiber can measure temperature continuously along its length. The splice tube ensures that the backscattered light used for temperature measurement is not disrupted at the splice points. By stabilizing the fiber and protecting it from bending, vibration, or environmental exposure, the splice tube helps maintain high measurement accuracy and spatial resolution .

Material and Design Considerations

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Splice tubes are typically made from heat-shrinkable plastics, metal, or composite materials depending on the operating environment. For high-temperature or cryogenic applications, specialized coatings or metal tubes may be used to withstand extreme conditions while maintaining fiber protection . The tube also often contains a gel or buffer material to absorb mechanical stress and prevent microbending of the fiber.

Applications

Temperature-sensing optical cable splice tubes are widely used in:

• Industrial monitoring: Ovens, reactors, and furnaces where precise temperature profiles are critical .

• Oil and gas pipelines: Detecting leaks or abnormal temperature changes along long pipelines .

• Power systems: Monitoring transformer hot spots or cable temperature to prevent failures .

• Cryogenic storage: LNG tanks or other low-temperature environments where fiber protection is essential .
Summary

The splice tube is a protective and stabilizing component in fiber-optic temperature sensing systems. It ensures that spliced fibers remain intact, prevents signal loss, and allows DTS systems to provide continuous, accurate temperature measurements over long distances and in harsh environments .

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Strip jacket, removing an adequate amount of jacket, usually 2-3 m, for splicing and dressing the buffer tubes and fibers in the splice

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LongXing optical fiber heat shrink tubes consist of a rod of reinforcing the splice, hot fusion tubing and cross-linked polyolefin. To

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The splice needs to be placed in an appropriate splice enclosure (Figure 7). Important : At every splice location, the sensor cable

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