Classification of Railway Communication Optical Cables



Overview

Cables from 1 to 25 quads of 0.9 or 1.4 mm, polyethylene insulated. Quads are stranded in layers to form the core which is then protected by an anti inductive sheath with reduction factor 0,3.

Key Takeaways

Railway communication optical cables are classified based on structure, environment, and application, including duct, direct-buried, armored, semi-dry, and underwater types. Classification by Structure and ProtectionSingle-Armor Semi-Dry CablesDesigned for duct and direct-buried environments. Semi-dry structure allows easy installation and provides crush resistance.

Steel tape armor offers rodent protection. Outer jacket thickness: nominal 2. 0 mm, minimum 1.

7 mm.

Double-

Armor Semi-

Dry CablesSuitable for duct, direct-buried, and underwater environments with high crush requirements. Double steel tape armor enhances mechanical strength and rodent protection. Outer jacket thickness: nominal 2.

0 mm, minimum 1. 7 mm. Armored Optical Cables with Double SheathsProvide maximum protection against mechanical stress and environmental hazards.

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Used in high-risk areas such as tunnels, bridges, and mountainous regions. Classification by ApplicationSignaling and Control CablesUsed for track switches, axle counters, and interlocking systems. Can include copper conductors combined with optical fibers for hybrid functionality.

Often installed in ducts or directly buried with fire-resistant and rodent-protected sheaths.

Telecommunication and Data Transmission Cables

Support voice, data, and high-speed communication along railway tracks. Typically 24-fiber or higher for high bit-rate traffic. Some fibers are reserved for working and standby, while others may be handed over to telecom operators for broader network use.

Tunnel Communication Cables

Include leaky coaxial cables for seamless radio communication inside tunnels. Ensure continuous connectivity for distributed power wireless control systems. Classification by Installation EnvironmentDuct Cables: Laid in protective conduits; suitable for urban and controlled environments.

Direct-

Buried Cables: Installed along tracks; designed to withstand vibration, temperature changes, and mechanical stress. Underwater Cables: Used for river or lake crossings, with enhanced crush resistance and waterproofing. Overhead Lines: Gradually being replaced by underground optical fiber cables for reliability and safety.

Summary

Railway communication optical cables are engineered for durability, safety, and high-performance data transmission. Their classification depends on structural design (single/double armor, semi-dry, armored), application (signaling, control, telecom), and installation environment (duct, direct-buried, underwater, tunnel). Proper selection ensures reliable operation of signaling systems, train control, and telecommunication networks across diverse and challenging railway terrains.

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