Fire retardant rating standard for optical cables



Overview

Armoured and Flame retardant optical fibre cable, AICI - code F104 NEK TS 606:2016 (available also in MUD protected version).

Key Takeaways

Optical cables are rated for fire resistance using standards like UL 1651, UL 1666, NFPA 262 in North America, and CPR/EN 50575 with Euroclass ratings such as B2ca in Europe.

North American Standards

In the United States, fire retardant optical cables are regulated under the National Electric Code (NEC 2023) and certified by Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) such as Intertek (ETL) or UL. Key standards include: UL 1651: Specifies requirements for optical fiber cables, including flame performance, marking durability, and cable types such as OFNP (plenum), OFNR (riser), OFN, and OFC.

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L 1666: Tests flame propagation height of cables installed vertically in shafts, primarily for riser applications.

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NFP

A 262: Measures flame travel and smoke generation in air-handling spaces, used for plenum-rated cables. Common cable types and applications: OFNP (Optical Fiber Non-conductive Plenum): High flame resistance for air-handling spaces.

OFN

R (Optical Fiber Non-conductive Riser): Flame retardant for vertical shafts between floors.

LSZ

H (Low Smoke Zero Halogen): Reduces toxic smoke and halogen emissions during fire.

European Standards

In Europe, fire performance is governed by the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and EN 50575, which classify cables according to Euroclass ratings: B2ca: Very high fire performance, low smoke, and limited flame spread. Cca: Moderate fire performance with controlled smoke emission. Dca: Basic fire resistance for general applications.

Additional European standards include: IEC 60331 and BS EN 50200: Ensure cables maintain functionality under fire conditions. FE180: Certification indicating continuous operation for 180 minutes under fire exposure, often used in tunnels, hospitals, and data centers. European fire-resistant cables are often halogen-free and designed to minimize smoke and toxic emissions, ensuring safety for occupants and first responders.

Summary

Fire retardant optical cables are classified and tested according to regional standards: North America: UL 1651, UL 1666, NFPA 262; cable types include OFNP, OFNR, LSZH. Europe: CPR/EN 50575 with Euroclass ratings (B2ca, Cca, Dca), FE180 certification, and halogen-free designs. Selecting the appropriate cable depends on the installation environment (plenum, riser, tunnels, or critical infrastructure) and the required fire performance to ensure safety and uninterrupted communication during emergencies.

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