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Standard Requirements for Optical Cables Used in Power Systems



Overview

For these reasons and others, fiber-optic cable installations are becoming increasingly common. Art.

Key Takeaways

IEC 60794-4:2018 and IEC TR 62263:2024 are the primary standards for optical cables attached to power lines, covering design, installation, and safety requirements.IEC 60794-4:2018 – Aerial Optical Cables Along Power Lines

IEC 60794-4:2018 specifies the construction, testing, and performance requirements for optical fibre cables intended for use along electrical power lines. It applies to:

• Optical Ground Wire (OPGW)

• Optical Phase Conductor (OPPC)

• Optical Attached Cables (OPAC)

• All-Dielectric Self-Supporting (ADSS) cables The standard addresses optical, mechanical, environmental, and electrical performance, ensuring cables can withstand conditions such as wind, ice, temperature variations, and electrical hazards. It also provides test methods for creep, tensile strength, and other mechanical properties, with specific references for ADSS cables to IEC 60794-4-20 . IEC TR 62263:2024 – Live Working and Installation Guidelines

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IEC TR 62263:2024 provides guidelines for the safe installation and maintenance of optical fibre cables on overhead power lines. It covers:

• Single and multi-circuit overhead lines

• OPGW, OPPC, OPAC, and ADSS cables

• Electrical hazards and protection against electric shock This technical report focuses on live working procedures, ensuring that personnel can safely install or maintain cables without de-energizing the power line, while considering the electrical and mechanical risks associated with high-voltage environments .
Key Considerations
• Cable Type Selection: Choose the appropriate cable type (OPGW, OPPC, OPAC, ADSS) based on mechanical support, electrical insulation, and communication requirements.

• Mechanical and Environmental Performance: Ensure compliance with tensile, bending, and creep tests, as well as resistance to UV, temperature, and ice loading.

• Electrical Safety: Follow live working guidelines and maintain safe distances from energized conductors.

• Installation Practices: Adhere to recommended procedures for attachment, tensioning, and sag control to prevent mechanical failure or electrical hazards. These standards collectively ensure that optical cables attached to power lines are safe, reliable, and capable of long-term operation in high-voltage environments.

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