

The working principle of air pressure laying optical cable



AI Overview

Air-assisted optical cable installation uses compressed air to “float” the cable through ducts, reducing friction and enabling long-distance, efficient cable placement.

Core Principle Air-assisted installation, also called cable blowing or jetting, combines mechanical pushing and compressed air propulsion to move optical fiber cables through pre-installed ducts. Compressed air is injected into the duct, creating a high-speed airflow that surrounds the cable. This airflow suspends the cable, reducing contact with the duct walls and minimizing friction, which allows the cable to travel longer distances without damage or excessive pulling force.

Key Components and Forces

- Compressed Air:** Generated by an air compressor, it is delivered to the duct or cable blowing machine. The air pressure creates a drag force along the cable, pushing it forward and keeping it suspended inside the duct.
- Tug or Tractor Mechanism:** A small device attached to the cable head (sometimes called a “bullet” or reaction head) is pulled by the airflow. In jetting, the differential pressure across the tug generates a pulling force; in blowing, the airflow itself propels the cable while a mechanical pusher assists near the duct entrance.
- Conveyor Belts or Pushers:** Some machines use upper and lower conveyor belts to apply a controlled pushing force at the duct entry, ensuring the cable moves steadily without buckling or damage.
- Friction Reduction:** The combination of air suspension and minimal mechanical pushing reduces sidewall pressure, preventing abrasion or deformation of the cable sheath.

Installation Process A few meters of cable are initially inserted into the duct using a mechanical pusher. Compressed air is introduced, creating a high-speed airflow along the duct. The tug or cable head is propelled forward by the air pressure, while the conveyor or tractor provides additional pushing force. The cable remains s...

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Air-Assisted Installation Considerations

Corning Optical Communications field trials have confirmed that a single air-assisted device can install 1500 to 2100 meters (5000 to 7000 feet) of optical fiber cable under good conditions. Longer lengths

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The present invention relates to an optical cable laying apparatus using air pressure, the inner tube through which the optical cable passes; And an outer tube formed to surround the...

Installation of Optical Fiber Cable by Blowing/Jetting

Cable blowing is the process of installation of optical fiber cable into a pre-installed duct. Compressed air is injected in the duct inlet after few hundred meters of cable is pushed into the duct.

Duct Installation of Fiber Optic Cable

The basic principle is injecting the compressed air into the duct and then they flow at high speed through the duct and along the cable. Standard

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The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics

The tradeoff is to install conventional fiber cables with more fibers, even hybrid SM/MM cables, initially when extra fibers are relatively inexpensive. Air-blown

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Learn the fiber optic cable blowing procedure with our detailed guide, covering essential steps, equipment, and best practices for efficient installation.

Principles of Optical Fiber Communications

The basic components are light signal transmitter, the optical fiber, and the photo detecting receiver. The additional elements such as fiber and cable splicers and

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES INSTALLATION GUIDE

The cable laying method called “blowing” can be defined as a pneumatic laying used for ducting installations of telecommunication cables, which consists of inserting cables directly under pressure

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Compressed air flows at high speed through the duct and along the cable. The pushing force is applied mainly near the cable inlet by a pushing device. Standard optical fiber cables (like uni-tube, multi

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Abstract This application note discusses fiber optic cable installation by blowing technique, the factors effecting blowing performance and best practices.

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Fiber-optic sensing (FOS) technology has emerged as a cutting-edge research focus in the sensor field due to its miniaturized structure, high

ITU-T Rec. L.156 (03/2018) Air-assisted installation of optical fibre ...

This Recommendation describes air-assisted methods for installation of optical fibre cables in ducts. These methods can be used to install microcables into microducts, or larger cables into ducts or

Technical Points Of Cable Jetting Project

The two key equipment for laying air blown fiber optic cable by cable jetting are cable blowing machine and air compressor. The air compressor generates compressed air and sends it to

Air-Assisted Installation Considerations

Placing optical fiber cables in duct systems using air-assisted installation techniques presents different installation requirements than traditional pulling. In return, these techniques enable installation of

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