Optical Cable Bundling Process



Overview

WO2024091488A1 A method includes breaking out a plurality of optical fiber legs from a cable jacket of a fiber optic cable such that the optical fiber legs.

Key Takeaways

Optical cable bundling involves grouping multiple optical fibers into a single, organized bundle using protective coatings, binding materials, and precise routing to ensure signal integrity and mechanical stability.

Overview of Fiber Bundles

Fiber optic bundles consist of multiple optical fibers grouped together to transmit light signals simultaneously. Each fiber typically includes a core for light propagation, cladding to maintain total internal reflection, a buffer coating for protection, and an outer jacket for mechanical strength and environmental resistance. Bundles can be coherent (maintaining spatial arrangement for imaging) or incoherent (for general illumination or light transmission) and may include branched or custom configurations.

Manual Bundling Process

Manual bundling often uses fiber binding tapes. The process includes: Preparation: Cut corrugated pipes or protective tubing to the desired length and wrap adhesive tape around sharp ends to prevent fiber damage. Routing: Lay out fibers neatly along cable trays or cabinet posts, avoiding excessive bending or crossover with other cables.

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Bundling: Arrange fibers into a tight bundle and wrap with optical fiber binding tape, ensuring the mat side contacts the fibers and the hook side faces outward. Securing: Apply appropriate tension to the tape to hold fibers firmly without causing mechanical stress. This method ensures neat, organized bundles suitable for installation in equipment racks or storage devices.

Automated Bundling Process

Industrial systems, such as those by Kurre Systems, use fiber bundling machines to handle ultra-fine fibers gently and efficiently. Key steps include: Pre-bundling: Multiple fibers are fed simultaneously from a multi-payoff unit. Binder Yarn Wrapping: A high-speed binder yarn spinner wraps a thread around the fibers to hold them together, often color-coded for identification.

Tension Control: Fibers are processed under controlled tensile forces (0. 2–4 N) to prevent breakage. Accumulation and Winding: Bundled fibers are coiled using a traversing winder, minimizing scrap and ensuring continuous production.

Automated systems allow high-speed, consistent bundling for large-scale manufacturing.

Active Optical Cable Bundling

For active optical cables (AOCs), the process includes additional steps: Breaking out fiber legs from the main cable jacket. Terminating fibers with active connectors. Connecting converter components to the connectors.

Simultaneous testing of transceiver optical engines to ensure performance. This ensures that active components are integrated while maintaining signal quality.

Considerations for Quality and Performance

Minimize mechanical stress: Avoid sharp bends and excessive pulling to prevent signal loss. Reduce cross-talk: Use proper cladding, spacing, or absorber materials to prevent light leakage between fibers. Customization: Fiber diameters, arrangements, and coatings can be tailored for specific applications, including high-power lasers, imaging, or spectroscopy.

By following these processes, optical cable bundles maintain signal integrity, mechanical durability, and ease of installation, whether for manual, automated, or active cable applications.

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They are often not made directly by bundling a large number of such fibers. An alternative fabrication method starts with a process similar to the fabrication of a fiber-optic plate, where one bundles fibers,

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Methods for assembling an active optical cable are provided. A method includes breaking out a plurality of optical fiber legs from a cable jacket of a fiber optic cable such that the optical fiber legs extend

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