

Fiber optic cable maintenance units at all levels

Article Overview

Effective fiber optic cable maintenance requires a multi-level approach encompassing preventative care, post-fault repair, lifecycle management, and structured operational procedures.

Preventative Maintenance

Preventative maintenance is designed to avoid failures before they occur and includes surveillance, testing, and control activities. Operators should plan inspections and monitoring under in-service conditions carefully to avoid service disruption, except during planned construction requiring fiber cuts (ITU-T L.25) . Key activities include:

- Routine inspections of critical links every 6–12 months, monitoring insertion loss, reflectance, and connector end-face conditions .
- Cleaning and environmental control, such as using anti-static vacuums, wiping patch panels, sealing spare cables, and maintaining rodent-proof barriers .
- Cable management to prevent micro-bends, crush points, and excessive tension, using trays, raceways, and proper slack storage .

Post-Fault Maintenance

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