Lifespan of underground optical cables

Overview

On average, the lifespan of underground fiber optic cables spans 20 to 30 years, though many can last 40 years or more when installed and maintained properly. Known for their exceptional durability, these cables deliver fast, reliable data transmission with minimal signal loss. But ask any veteran network engineer, and they will tell you a different story. From FTTH optics to industrial applications, backbone transmission, and cloud data centers, fiber cables can last for decades under appropriate installation and handling. So, how often. The longevity of fiber optic cabling infrastructure has already exceeded 35 years since the first deployments and we expect the average lifetime will be much longer than 35 years based on the materials, technologies, and manufacturing processes used to produce modern, high quality optical fiber and. An outdoor steel-armored fiber optic cable with a PE sheath can last for more than 25 years under field conditions. While fiber optics boast a lifespan far surpassing that of traditional copper wiring.

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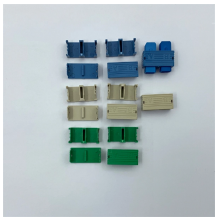

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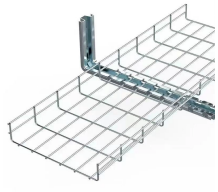
In this guide, we explore the real fiber optic cable lifespan, the science behind why they fail (Hydrogen Darkening), and how to ensure your network actually survives until 2050.



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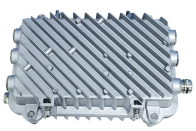
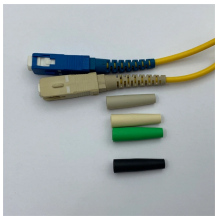


With proper installation, fibre optic cables have a service life of around 25 years, but in practice, can perform for far longer. A process called ''stress corrosion'' is the biggest threat to the ...

	On average, the lifespan of underground fiber optic cables spans 20 to 30 years, though many can last 40 years or more when installed and maintained properly. Their ability to endure harsh underground ...
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