

Dimensional parameters of fiber optic winding tubes for metropolitan area networks



Overview

(PDF) Metropolitan area optical networks We outlined our considerations about the evolution of metro area networks from SONET rings to transparent WDM Prec.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic winding tubes for metropolitan networks are designed to maximize fiber density while maintaining a small outer diameter, typically accommodating up to 400 fibers in compact microducts. Fiber Capacity and Tube Design

Metropolitan area networks (MANs) require high-density fiber cables due to limited duct space and the need to connect multiple points of presence (POPs) within a city or urban area . Fiber optic winding tubes are typically designed to:

- Accommodate 12 to 48 fibers per tube in standard microducts, with some high-density designs supporting up to 400 fibers in a single cable .
- Maintain a small outer diameter, often reduced by up to 50% in miniaturized cables like Corning MiniXtend®, to fit into existing ducts and facilitate air-assisted installation .
- Use flexible, bend-insensitive fibers to allow tight winding and routing through urban infrastructure without signal degradation .

Typical Dimensional Parameters

While exact dimensions vary by manufacturer and fiber count, typical parameters for MAN winding tubes include:

- Outer diameter of the tube: 5–10 mm for microduct-compatible tubes; miniaturized designs may be smaller .
- Inner tube diameter: Sized to hold the fiber bundle with minimal stress, often 2–5 mm depending on fiber count.
- Bend radius: Minimum bend radius is usually 10–20 times the tube diameter to prevent microbending losses .
- Wall thickness: 0.5–1 mm for mechanical protection while maintaining flexibility.

Installation Considerations

- Microduct compatibility: Winding tubes are optimized for installation in pre-existing ducts, often using air-assisted methods to reduce installation time and cost .
- Fiber management: Tubes are designed for easy access in closures and splicing trays, with flexible routing and tool-free handling .
- Environmental protection: Tubes may include water-blocking materials and UV-resistant jackets for outdoor deployment in urban environments .

Summary

For metropolitan networks, fiber optic winding tubes prioritize high fiber density, small outer diameter, and flexibility to fit within constrained urban ducts. Typical designs support 12–48 fibers per tube, with miniaturized cables accommodating up to 400 fibers, and outer diameters ranging from 5–10 mm, ensuring efficient installation and future scalability . These parameters are critical for reducing civil works costs, enabling rapid deployment, and maintaining network performance in dense urban areas.

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