Fire Resistant Multi Loose Tube Fiber Optic Cables

APPLICATION

The multi loose tube non metallic cables are designed for outside plant, which is prone to electrical interference. They are mainly installed inside buildings, tunnels, subways or closed areas in general, specially designed to guarantee the signal transmission even in case of fire. The cable can also be used for direct burial for armoured version.

STANDARDS

Basic design to Telcordia GR-20 / RUS 7 CFR 1755.900 (REA PE-90) / ICEA S 87-640

FIRE PERFORMANCE

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<th>Circuit Integrity</th>
<th>IEC 60331-25; BS 6387 CWZ; DIN VDE 0472-814(FE180); CEI 20-36/2-1; SS229-1; NBN C 30-004 (cat. F3); NF C32-070-2.3(CR1)</th>
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<td>System circuit integrity</td>
<td>DIN 4102-12, E30 depending on lay system</td>
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<td>Flame Retardance (Single Vertical Wire Test)</td>
<td>BS EN 60332-1-2; BS EN 60332-1-2; VDE 0482-332-1 ; NBN C 30-004 (cat. F1); NF C32-070-2.1(C2); CEI 20-35/1-2; EN 502652-2-1</td>
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<td>Reduced Fire Propagation (Vertically-mounted bundled wires &amp; cable test)</td>
<td>EN 60332-3-24 (cat. C); IEC 60332-3-24; BS EN 60332-3-24; VDE 0482-332-3; NBN C 30-004 (cat. F2); NF C32-070-2.2(C1); CEI 20-22/3-4; EN 50266-2-4*; DIN VDE 0482-266-2-4</td>
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<td>Halogen Free</td>
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<td>No Corrosive Gas Emission</td>
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<td>Minimum Smoke Emission</td>
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Note: Asterisk * denotes superseded standard.

CABLE CONSTRUCTION

Fibers: Singlemode and multimode fibers, with loose tube technology.

Structure: The cable consists of 5 to 36 fibers containing tubes or fillers stranded in up to 3 layers around a central strength member and bound under a LSZH sheath. Each tube contains 4 -12 fibers, which is filled with water blocking gel.

Central Strength Member: Solid or stranded steel wire coated with polyethylene is usually used as central strength member. Fiber glass reinforced plastics (FRP) will be used as central strength member if non metallic construction is required.

Fire Barrier: The jelly filled tubes containing the fibers are individually wound with fire blocking mica glass tape and are cabled around a central strength member

Water Blocking: The jelly filled tube is waterblocked by using swellable tape and thread.

Reinforcement: Either aramid yarn or fiber glass is wound around the tube to provide physical protection and tensile strength, with added fire protection.
Inner Sheath (optional): The cable can be jacketed with either PE or Thermoplastic LSZH inner sheath. PE is the preferred option in outdoor environment for water protection purpose.

Armouring (optional): For direct burial, either galvanized steel wire braid, corrugated steel tape armour or galvanized steel wire armour is applied over an inner polyethylene or LSZH sheath. For steel tape armour, the 0.15mm thick steel tape is coated with a copolymer and applied with an overlap. For steel wire braid or armour, single layer of galvanized steel wire braid or armour is applied.

Moisture Barrier Tape (optional): An aluminum moisture tape can be incorporated under the sheath for water blocking and shielding purpose.

Ripcord (optional): An optional ripcord can be located under the jacket to facilitate jacket removal.

Outer Sheath: Thermoplastic LSZH compound type LTS3 as per BS 7655-6.1 (Thermosetting LSZH compound type SW2-SW4 as per BS 7655-2.6 can be offered.)

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CONSTRUCTION

UNARMOURED TYPE

[Diagram of fiber optic cable construction]
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### STEEL WIRE Braid

**Diagram:**
- Fiber
- Jelly Filled Loose Tube
- Water-blocking Tape (optional)
- Mica Glass Tape
- Dielectric/Steel Wire Central Strength Member
- Aramid Yarn /Fiber Glass Yarn
- Aluminum Moisture Barrier Tape (optional)
- PE/LSZH Inner Sheath (optional)
- Ripcord (optional)
- Filler
- Steel Wire Braid
- LSZH Outer Sheath

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### CORRUGATED STEEL TAPE ARMOUR

**Diagram:**
- Fiber
- Jelly Filled Loose Tube
- Water-blocking Tape (optional)
- Aluminum Moisture Barrier Tape (optional)
- PE/LSZH Inner Sheath (optional)
- Mica Glass Tape
- Dielectric/Steel Wire Central Strength Member
- Ripcord (optional)
- Corrugated Steel Tape Armour
- LSZH Outer Sheath
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### Steel Wire Armour

- Fiber
- Jelly Filled Loose Tube
- Water-blocking Tape (optional)
- Aluminum Moisture Barrier Tape (optional)
- Dielectric/Steel Wire Central Strength Member
- Filler
- Mica Glass Tape
- PE/LSZH Inner Sheath
- Galvanized Steel Wire Armour
- Ripcord (optional)
- LSZH Outer Sheath

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## Physical and Thermal Properties

- **Temperature range during operation (fixed state):** -20°C - 60°C
- **Temperature range during installation (mobile state):** 0°C - 50°C
- **Minimum Installation Bending Radius:** 20 times the outer diameter
- **Minimum Operation Bending Radius:** 10 times the outer diameter for unarmoured cables
  
  20 times the outer diameter for armoured cables
### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

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<td>Crush Resistance:</td>
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TYPE CODES

MLA-B-CxD-E-F-G-H-J-FR

- FR: Fire Resisting
- Water blocking gel in tubes
  - X: No water-blocking
  - J: Water blocking gel between jackets;
  - D: Dry water-blocking between cable jackets

- Outer Sheath
  - 2Y: PE
  - Y: PVC
  - H: LSZH

- Armour
  - Blank: No armour
  - STA: Corrugated steel tape
  - SWA: Steel wire
  - SWB: Armour steel wire braided

- Inner Sheath
  - 2Y: PE
  - Y: PVC
  - H: LSZH

- Central strength member
  - S: Solid steel
  - SR: Stranded steel
  - F: Fiber reinforced plastic (FRP)

- Fiber per Tubes
  - 2-12
  - C: No of tubes: 1-36

- Fiber Type
  - 4: 50/125 um (OM3)
  - 5: 50/125 um (OM2)
  - 6: 62.5/125 um (OM1)
  - 7: NZDS SM fiber per ITU-T G.656
  - 8: NZDS SM fiber per ITU-T G.655
  - 9: Standard SM fiber per ITU-T G.652.D

- Loose Tube Diameter
  - A: 2.0mm
  - B: 2.5mm
  - C: 2.8mm
  - D: 3.0mm

- Standard
  - ICEA S 87-640
  - N

- Low Toxicity
  - NES 02-713/NF C 20-454

- Low Corrosivity
  - NF C 32-074

- Low Smoke Emission
  - IEC 61034-1 & 2
  - EN 50268-1 & 2/NF C 32-073

- Halogen Free
  - IEC 60754-1
  - EN 50267-2-1

- Functional Integrity
  - DIN 4102-12

- Circuit Integrity
  - IEC 60331-1/BS 6387
  - NF C 32-070-2.3(CR1)

- Reduced Fire Propagation
  - NF C32-070-2.2(C1)
  - IEC60332-3-24/EN50266-2-4

- Flame Retardancy
  - NF C32-070-2.1(C2)
  - IEC60332-1-2/EN50265-2-1

- Low Smoke Emission
  - IEC 61034-1 & 2

- Halogen Free
  - IEC 60754-1

- Zero