



Optical Fiber Aerial Cable-  
Central Tube  
Single Mode Cable  
(OFAC-CT-SM)

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## 1. General

### 1.1. Scope

This specification covers the design and performance standards of the Central tube Optical Fiber Aerial Cable (OFAC-CT) with single-mode fiber (G652 D). In the following, the optical, constructional, and mechanical properties of the cable are discussed. All properties are completely compatible with the last edition of TCI technical specifications.

### 1.2. Cable description

PBN OFAC-CT-SM is an optical fiber aerial cable, constructed with single-mode fiber according to ITU/TIA G652D. This cable contains 2 to 12 fiber cores in a single loose tube, located in the center of the cable. The whole cable is coated with a UV-resistant high-density polyethylene (HDPE) jacket. This cable is well suited to use in severe aerial applications, due to using reinforced wires and having low weight.

### 1.3. Features

- Low weight
- Armored
- Water-proof
- UV-resistant
- Aerial cable
- Reinforced wire
- Single Jacket
- Single-mode fiber
- Central tube



### 2. Optical Fiber:

The fibers are single-mode fibers according to ITU-T G652D and contain the following parameters:

| Optical characteristics           |           |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Fiber attenuation:                | @ 1310 nm | $\leq 0.34$ dB/Km                 |
|                                   | @ 1550 nm | $\leq 0.22$ dB/km                 |
|                                   | @ 1625 nm | $\leq 0.24$ dB/km                 |
| Effective area:                   |           | $\geq 72$ $\mu\text{m}^2$         |
| Mode field diameter (MFD):        | @ 1310 nm | $9.2 \pm 0.4$ $\mu\text{m}$       |
|                                   | @ 1550 nm | $10.4 \pm 0.8$ $\mu\text{m}$      |
| Cable cut-off ( $\lambda_{cc}$ ): |           | $\leq 1260$ nm                    |
| PMD @ 1550 nm:                    |           | $\leq 0.2$ ps/ $\sqrt{\text{km}}$ |

| Physical characteristics |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Core diameter            | Typ 9 $\mu\text{m}$         |
| Core non-circularity     | $\leq 6\%$                  |
| Core-clad offset         | $\leq 0.5$ $\mu\text{m}$    |
| Clad diameter            | $125 \pm 0.7$ $\mu\text{m}$ |
| Clad non-circularity     | $\leq 7\%$                  |
| Coating diameter         | $245 \pm 5$ $\mu\text{m}$   |

### 3. Construction:

- Optical Fiber
- Central loose tube
- Swellable yarn and Tape for waterproofness
- Corrugated steel tape
- Reinforced wire
- Outer Jacket



### 3.1. Central Loose tube

The loose tube is made of Polybutene terephthalate (PBT) with minimum thickness of 0.4 mm. Fibers are helically placed in the loose tube to be capable of expansion and contraction of the fibers. In order to prevent water penetration, the loose tubes are filled with Thixotropic Jelly known as cold jell.

### 3.2. Swellable Tape and Yarn

For the waterproofness of the cable, the core is wrapped by swellable tape and yarn. The swellable tape also consists of corrosion inhibitors.

### 3.3. Corrugated Steel

To protect cable against mechanical damages, a layer of corrugated copolymer coated steel tape is used as cable armor. Thickness of steel is 0.155 mm and each coating of copolymer has 0.05 mm thickness on the tape. The tape is corrugated with 0.8 mm amplitude.

### 3.4. Reinforced wire

A steel wire

### 3.5. Ripcord:

Under both the inner jacket and outer jacket, two Ripcords are placed to help the operator in stripping the jacket.

### 3.6. Outer Jacket

Black HDPE (High-density polyethylene) according to ASTM-1248 standard covers the whole cable as an outer jacket with a thickness of 2mm.

#### 4. PHYSICAL AND DIMENSIONAL PARAMETERS:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Number of cores                | 2 to 12  |
| Configuration                  | (12 x 1) |
| Number of Loose tubes          | 1        |
| Installation Tensile (N)       | ¥000     |
| Operation Tensile (N)          | 1·00     |
| Outer diameter (mm)            | 8.1      |
| Cable weight per meter (Kg/Km) | 55       |

\*. The diameters, weight, and tensions are intended to be typical values.

#### 5. TEST REPORTS:

| ITEM                         | REFERENCE       | CONDITION  |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| TWIST / Torsion              | EIA/TIA 455-85  | 2m, 2 cycles, $\pm 2\pi$   |
| COMPRESSION / Crush          | EIA/TIA 455-41  | 220 N/cm   |
| FLEXING                      | EIA/TIA 455-104 | 25 cycles  |
| IMPACT                       | EIA/TIA 455-25  | 2 Impact at 3 locations, 4.5 kg  |
| LOW OR HIGH-TEMPERATURE BEND | EIA/TIA 455-37  | -30°C, +60°C, 4 turns  |
| TEMPERATURE CYCLING          | IEC 794-I-F1    | 10 cycles, -40°C to +85°C  |
| Water penetration            | FOTP-82         | 1m height, 1m length, 1 hour<br>Retest: 1m height, 3m length, 24 hours |