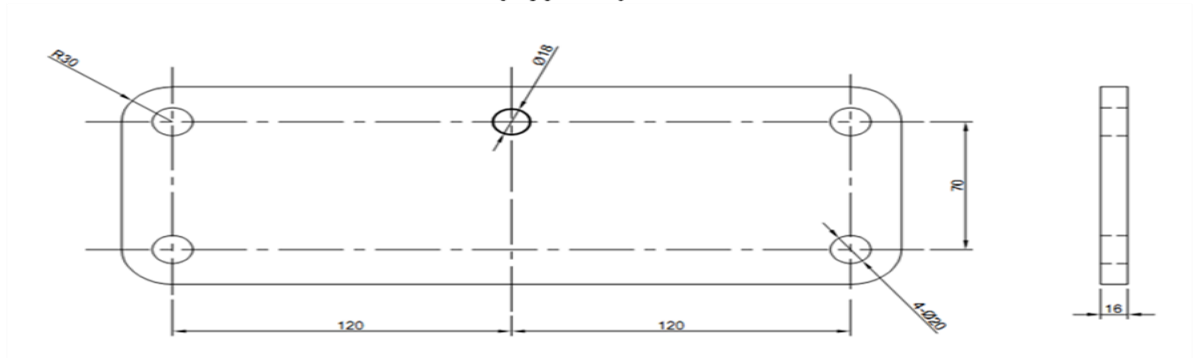


APPENDIX – A

General Information

Fig. A-4

**Yoke Plate design for OPGW jointing on Suspension Tower
(Typical)**



APPROACH CABLE INSTALLATION AND HANDLING DOCUMENT

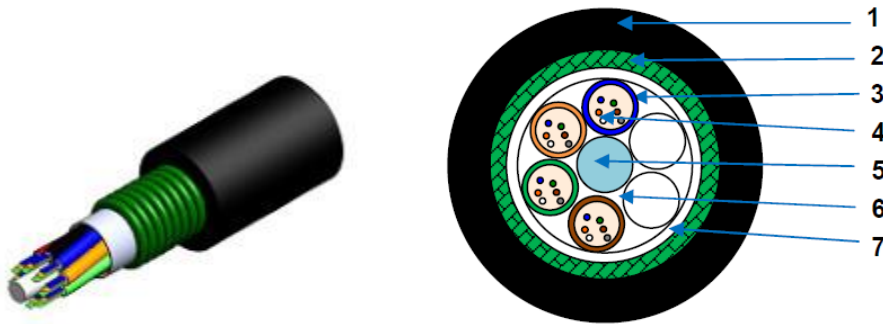
Introduction: -

A fiber optic approach cable is defined as the Armored Underground fiber optic cable required to connect Overhead Fiber Optic Cable (OPGW) between the final in line splice enclosure on the gantry/ tower forming the termination of the fiber cable on the power lines and the fiber Optic Distribution Panel (FODP) installed within the building. The Supply and installation of optical fiber approach cable as required based on detailed site survey. The existing cable trenches/ cable raceways proposed to be used shall be identified in the survey report. Where suitable existing cable trenches are not available, suitable alternatives shall be provided after Employer approval. The approach cable shall be laid in the PLB HDPE duct in all conditions.

Overview: -

Optical fibers require special care during installation to ensure reliable operation. Installation guidelines regarding minimum bend radius, tensile loads, twisting, squeezing, or pinching of cable must be followed. Cable ends should be protected from contamination and scratching at all times. Violation of any of these parameters causes increased attenuation or permanent damage to the cable. Make sure you check the installation instructions of the module for the appropriate cable lengths to ensure proper operation.

Approach Cable Structure



Construction :

1. Outer sheath (PE, Anti-rodent)
2. Armor tape
3. Loose tube
4. Fiber and jelly
5. Center strength member (FRP)
6. Cable jelly
7. Water blocking tape

Technical Characteristics

The unique extruding technology provides the fibers in the tube with good flexibility and bending endurance. The unique fiber excess length control method provides the cable with excellent mechanical and environmental properties multiple water blocking material filling provides dual water blocking function provides good crush resistance.

Dimensions and Properties

Physical	Fibre Count	24 G652D	48 G652D
	No. of Fibre Per Tube	4	8
	Cable OD	11.5 mm	
	Cross Sectional Area	100 mm	
	Cable Weight	Approx. 130 kg/Km	
	Operation Temperature Range	-30° C to + 70° C	
	Installation Temperature Range	-30° C to + 70° C	
	Transport and Storage Temperature Range	-30° C to + 70° C	
Mechanical	Max. Tensile Load	4.5 KN	
	Crush Resistance	3000 N/10 Cm	
	Minimal Installation Bending Radius	20 X OD	
	Minimal Operation Bending Radius	10 X OD	

HANDLING AND LAYING OF PLB HDPE DUCT:

1. The coil of PLB HDPE duct shall be unloaded from either a crane or by any other suitable means very carefully so as not to cause any damage to the duct. The coils at site shall be protected until they are laid. The duct shall be given the same care in handling as that given to the cable. The coils shall be kept as per the guidelines issued by the manufacturer. The coil shall not be set by jerks but shall be handled slowly and care. The walls of the ducts shall not be damaged while moving the coils, if required for unloading.
2. The coil shall normally be unrolled at the same place and the PLB HDPE duct carried by workmen near the trench. The coils shall not be dragged in any case. But where the drums/coils of duct have to be moved should always be rolled in the direction of the arrow, otherwise the coils tend to unwind and the same may get battered. In case no such direction of arrow is given see the direction of winding of the coil and the coil should be rolled pointing in the opposite direction in which the upper end is coiled.
3. All care should be taken in handling the coils with a view to ensure safety of the coils but also of the working party handling them. The coil should not be broken by standing in front of the coil but only from side.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE OF PLB HDPE DUCT LAYING :

It is advisable to employ the people before commencement of the laying, inspection of the trench and inspection of protection works should be carried out so as to ensure their conformity with the specification. The trench bottom should be clean, smooth and free of small stone. When the soil contains stone or pieces or rock and therefore cannot be raddled, sieved earth about 10 cm. thick should be used both for the bedding on which the duct is being laid. The duct coil should be brought as close to the trench as possible. It should be lifted carefully with the aid of jacks

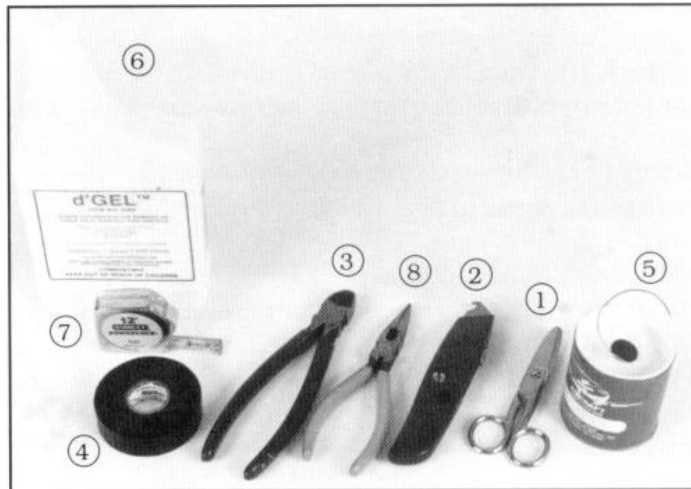
1. Supervisor in charge should stand in a commanding position where he can view the entire trenches and shout evenly and call his men to pull. If there is proper synchronization between the mates call in the pulling by the men the duct will leave the coil without difficulty. It is important that the duct shall be pulled with steady and even pulls and there should not be unnecessary twists. Care should be taken to avoid twist as this is likely to damage the PLB HDPE duct. When pulling around bends one or two men should be stationed to give the duct the correct bent when it passes.
2. While laying the duct employ adequate number of men so that the duct can be conveniently carried by them in both hands without stretched arms. The distance between any two persons carrying the duct shall be two to ten meters depending upon the weight such that the maximum sag of the PLB HDPE duct between any two persons is not more than 0.5 meters.
3. While laying work is in progress one man has to continuously observe the PLB HDPE duct along its line in order to determine indentations poles or other damaged parts are apparent. Such damaged parts have to be protected immediately.
4. The conditions of the PLB HDPE duct shall be visually inspected throughout its line and in case damage or defect is noticed, the trench shall be filled up only after ensuring that the damage is not likely to affect the cable.
5. The end of the duct should be sealed with flex to prevent entry of soil before filling back. Adjoining ducts shall be joined by couplers. Duct integrity testing shall be carried out when laying is completed in a block section (1 kms). In case the continuity is not achieved the fault shall be localized and rectified by providing PLB HDPE DUCT couplers/Compression couplers.
6. Tools necessary for laying PLB HDPE Duct is to be checked as physically available before starting the Duct laying. For efficient and safe laying, communication may be provided between following points using portable VHF Walkie talkie sets.
7. The Supervisor In charge of the duct laying. During PLB HDPE duct laying care must be taken not to twist duct in any direction. For this purpose, the survival (rotating hook) shall be attached between pulling line and pulling eye at the end of duct so as to avoid any possible twist during pulling and laying of the cable.
8. During duct laying care must be taken not to twist duct in any direction. For this purpose, the rotating hook shall be attached between pulling line and pulling eye at the end of duct so as to avoid any possible twist during pulling and laying of the cable. In case it is planned to lay the cable in duct by pulling the cable by using a winch; the duct should be provided with a nylon rope for pulling

PREPARATION FOR CABLE PULLING GRIP

1. Methods used for placing fiber optic cables in ducts are essentially. However, fiber optic cable is a high capacity data transmission medium which can have its communication characteristics degraded when subjected to excessive pulling force, sharp bends, and crushing forces. These losses may not be

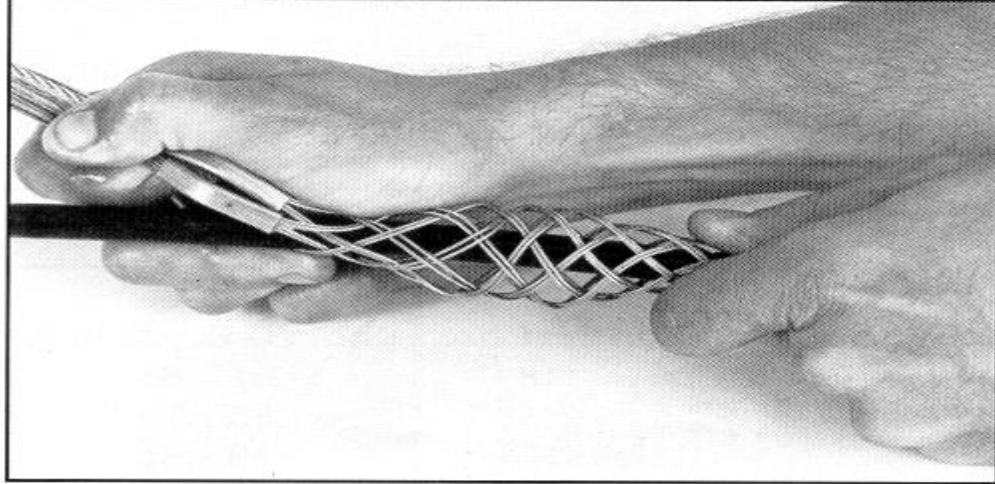
revealed until long after installation is complete. For these reasons extra care must be taken during the entire installation procedure.

2. Cable manufacturers install special strength members, usually aramid yarn, to absorb the stress of pulling the cable. Fiber optic approach cable should only be pulled by these strength members unless the cable design allows pulling by a grip on the jacket. Any other method may put stress on the fibers and harm them. Swivel pulling eyes should be used to attach the pulling rope or tape to the cable to prevent cable twisting during the pull.
3. A Cable pulling grip is installed on fiber optic cable to provide optimum load distribution during cable pulling. When correctly installed, the cable-pulling grip distributes the pulling force equally along the cable strength members. To prevent dangerous cable twisting during the pulling operation.
4. Tools and Materials Required
 - Scissors
 - Utility Knife/Hook Blade
 - Diagonal Pliers/Wire Cutters
 - Vinyl Tape
 - Stainless Steel Wire
 - Cable Cleaner or Approved Solvent
 - Tape Measure
 - Needle Nose Pliers



5. Prior to installation, the proper size grip must be chosen for the cable to be pulled. Grip selection is based on cable inner-outer jacket diameter. Generally, use the smallest grip that will fit over the inner jacket without excessive difficulty. Measure the cable inner jacket diameter and determine the proper grip.

- Remove 1.25 meters (48 inches) or outer sheath exposing the polyethylene jacketed cable core. The length removed depends on pulling grip and should be roughly the length of the grip plus 12-16 inches.
- Mark the outer sheath 48 inches from the cable end with a piece of PVC tape or marking pen.
- Ring cut the outer jacket and armor at the tape mark with utility knife or hook blade.
- Flex the cable to completely sever the jacket and armor sheath. Remove the cable sheath carefully.



- Slide the grip over the end of the cable core and push the cable out through the tape of the mesh leaving about 12 inches of core exposed. (Figure 4)

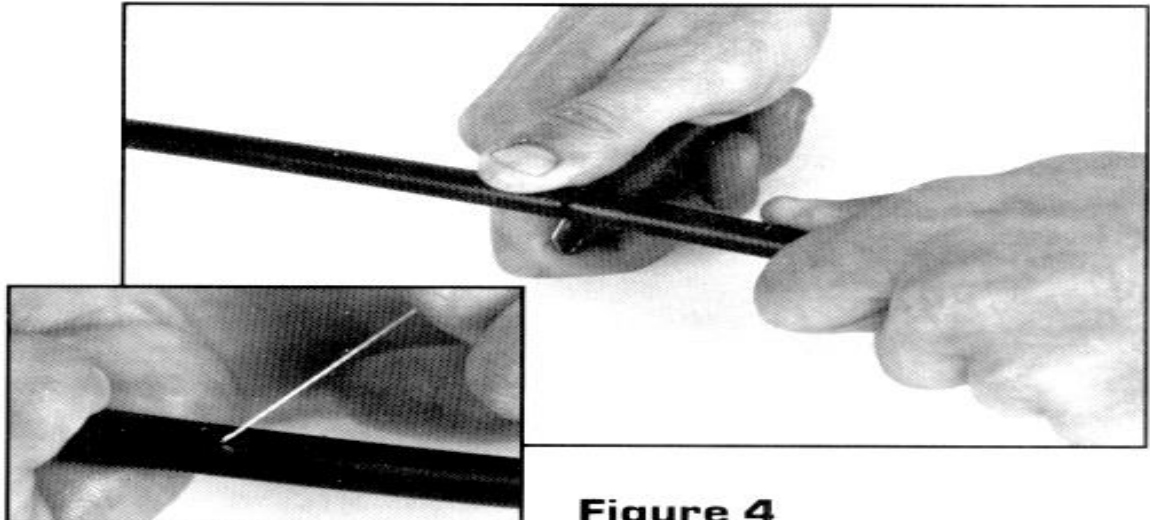


Figure 4

- Remove approximately 12 inches of cable inner sheath from the cable end Cut away all cable Components except the yellow aramid yarn. (Figure 5)

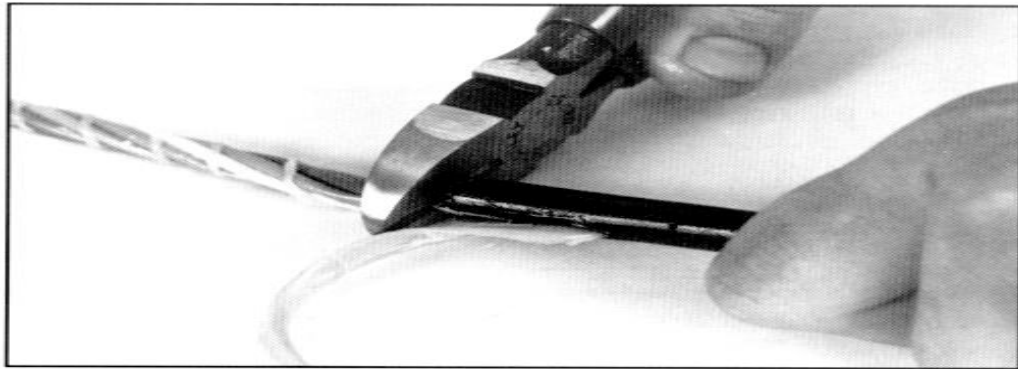


Figure 5

- Secure the yarns to the inner loop of the pulling grip using a square or bowknot. The yarn should be the same length as the pulling grip to insure that pulling forces are equally distributed. (Figure 6)

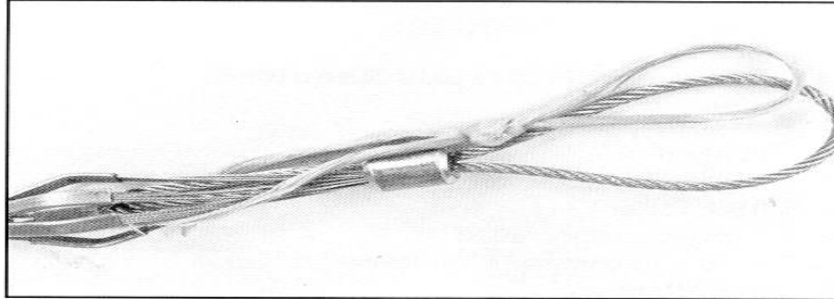


Figure 6

- Adjust the grip position on the inner sheath such that the wire mess section is completely over the cable. Anchor the grip into position by binding with stainless steel wire. (figure 7)

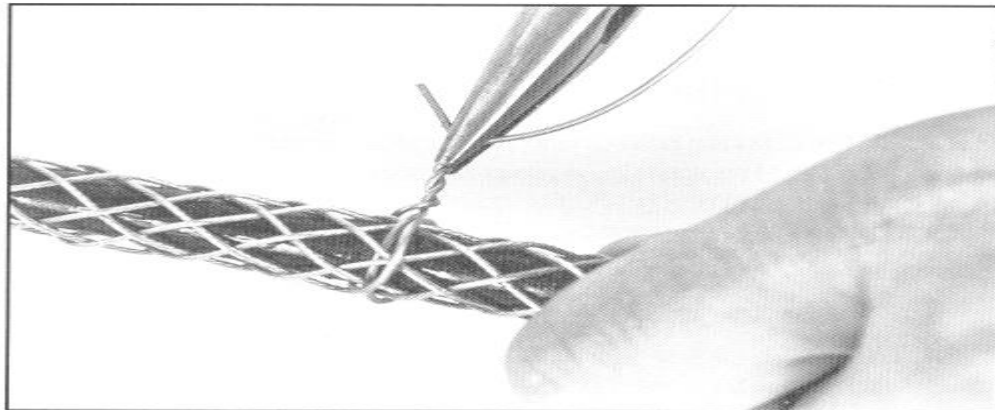
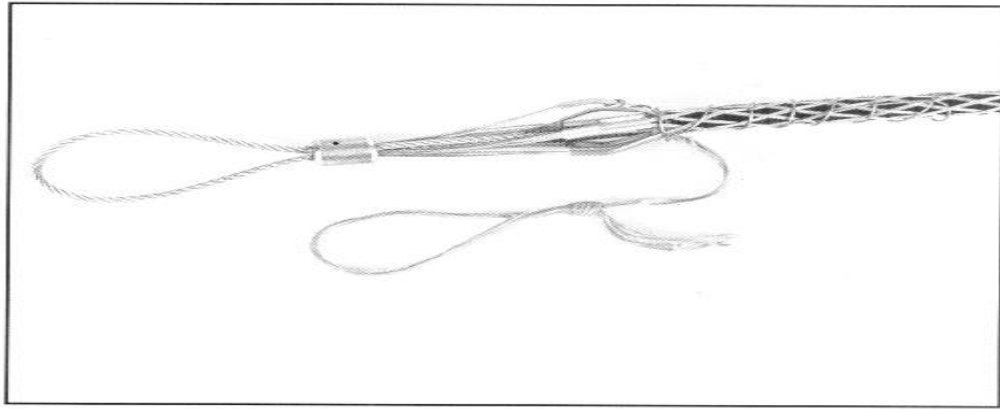
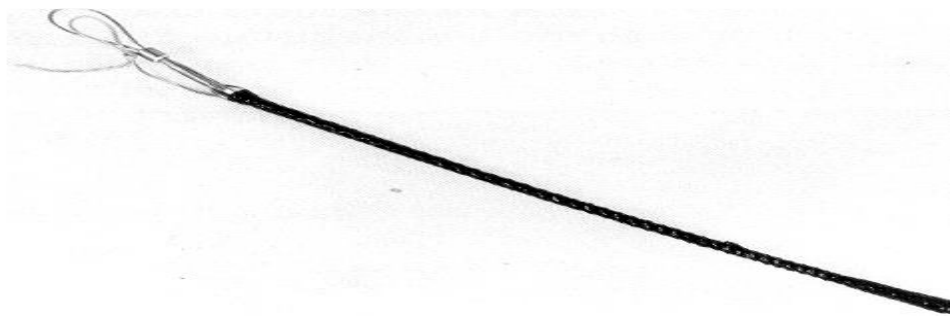


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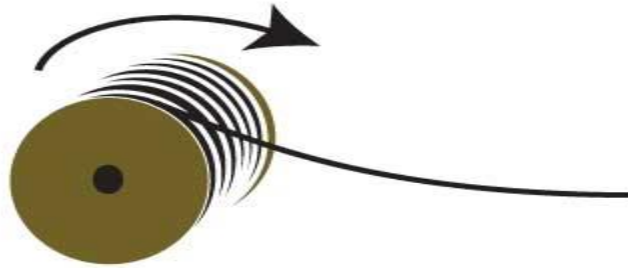
- Place PVC tape over the entire grip and over the junction of the outer sheath to inner sheath. The transition from inner to outer sheath should be smooth. Additionally, the grip ribbing and wire should not be exposed below the tape. The spiral wrap tape should lay from the pulling grip toward the cable to insure smooth pulling. (figure 8)



- Place PVC tape over the entire grip and over the junction of the outer sheath to inner sheath. The tape should lay from the top of the pulling grip toward the cable to insure smooth pulling without snags.
- If applicable, secure the aramid yarns to the inner loop of the pulling grip using a square or bowknot. The yarn should be the same length as the pulling grip to insure that pulling forces are equally distributed.



6. Cables should not be pulled by the jacket unless it is specifically approved by the cable manufacturers. These grips are usually tied to the strength members also. Tight buffer cable can be pulled by the jacket in premises applications if a large (~40 cm, 8 in.) spool is used as a pulling mandrel. Wrap the cable around the spool 5 times and hold gently when pulling. Do not exceed the maximum pulling tension rating. Consult the cable manufacturer and suppliers of conduit, innerduct, and cable lubricants for guidelines on tension ratings and lubricant use. If possible, use an automated puller with tension control and/or a breakaway pulling eye. When laying loops of fiber on a surface during a pull, use “figure-8” loops to prevent twisting the cable.
7. Twisting Cable :- Do not twist the cable. Twisting the cable can stress the fibers. Tension on the cable and pulling ropes can cause twisting. Use a swivel pulling eye to connect the pull rope to the cable to prevent pulling tension causing twisting forces on the cable.

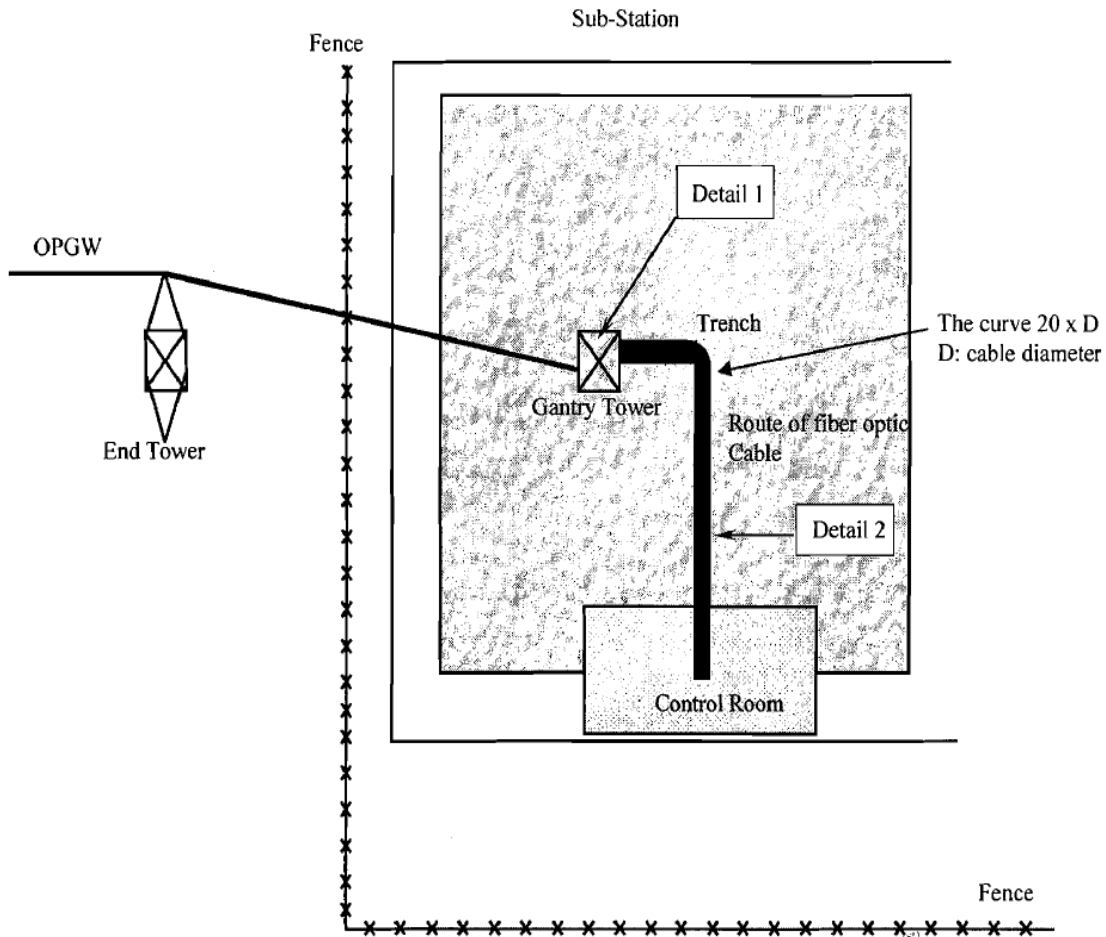


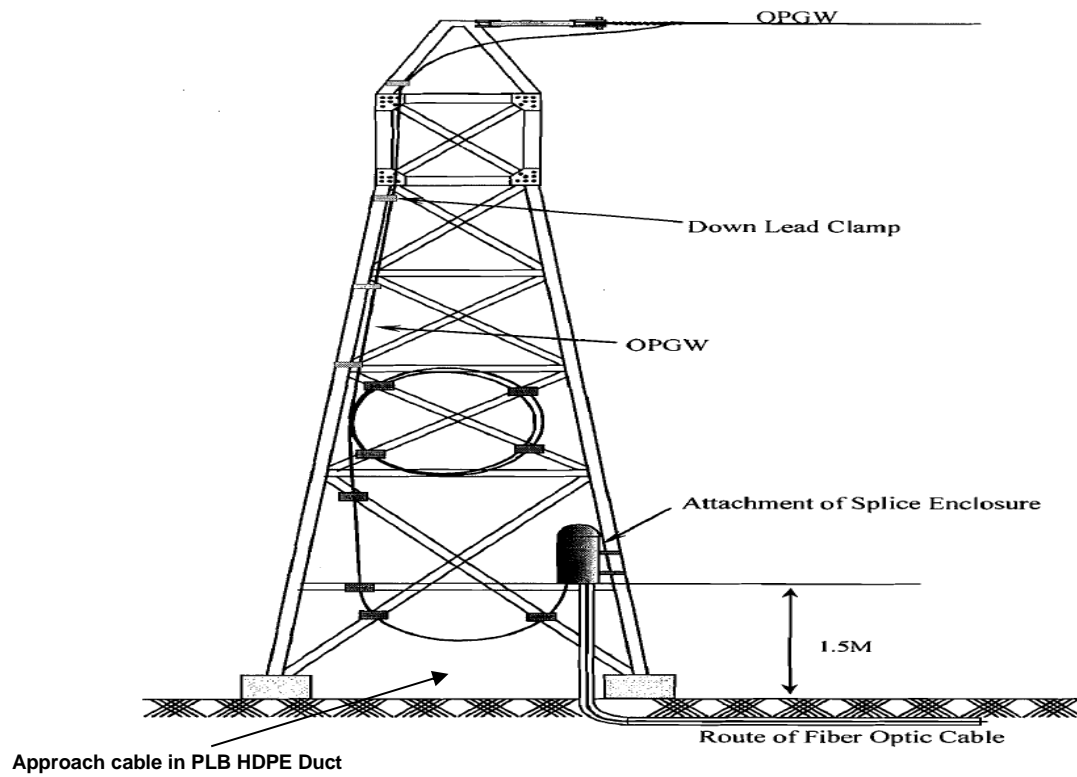
Roll the cable off the spool instead of spinning it off the spool end to prevent putting a twist in the cable for every turn on the spool. When laying cable out for a long pull, use a "figure-8" on the ground to prevent twisting. The figure 8 puts a half twist in on one side of the 8 and takes it out on the other, preventing twists.

PROCEDURE FOR PULLING OF OPTICAL FIBER CABLE:

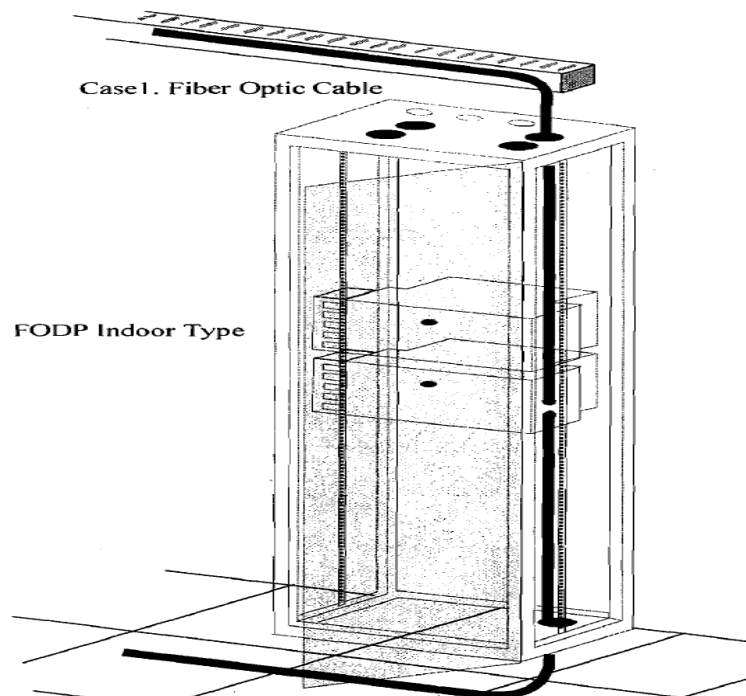
1. Use pulling grip designed for pre-connected fiber optic cables. Grips with a fixed pull ring should use a swivel to attach the pulling rope.
2. Monitor pulling tension. Do not exceed the maximum pulling load rating. On long runs, use proper lubricants and make sure they are compatible with the cable jacket. On really long runs pull from the middle out to both ends. If possible, use an automated puller with tension control or at least a breakaway-pulling eye.
3. Always use a straight pull. Use cable guides to maintain the recommended bend radius. Do not exceed the cable bending radius otherwise it will harm the optical fibers. It may not be immediate but it may even take a few years but eventually by exceeding the recommended bending radius of the cable you reduce life of the cable.
4. Do not twist the cable; putting a twist in the cable can stress the fibers.
5. Roll the cable off the spool. Use the device to aid in uncoiling long cables. Do not spin it off the spool end. This puts a twist in the cable for every turn on the spool. Figure 8 for a long pull. If you are laying cable for a long pull, use a figure 8 on the ground to prevent twisting.
6. Bend Radius: - Do not exceed the cable bend radius. Fiber optic cable can be broken when kinked or bent too tightly, especially during pulling. If no specific recommendations are available from the cable manufacturer, the cable should not be pulled over a bend radius smaller than twenty (20) times the cable diameter. After completion of the pull, the cable should not have any bend radius smaller than ten (10) times the cable diameter.
7. Vertical Cable Runs: - Drop vertical cables down rather than pulling them up whenever possible. Support cables at frequent intervals to prevent excess stress on the jacket. Support can be provided by cable ties (tightened snugly, not tightly enough to deform the cable jacket) grips. Use service loops can to assist in gripping the cable for support and provide cable for future repairs or rerouting.

The route for the fiber optic cable and FODP Lay out in control room. Planned route for approach cable at switchyard of sub-station





Gantry Tower in Sub-station



FODP (Fiber Optic Distribution Panel in Control Room)

Protect cables from excessive or frequent bending. Routing on a cabinet door should be used as a resort and special care must be taken to protect the cable and avoid exceeding the bending radius of the cable.

When routing the cable proper pulling techniques should be used earlier in this manual. When attaching cables with clamps use plastic clamps with large surface areas and avoid pinching or squeezing cable. Cable should be installed manually with gentle pressure.

Cleaning Fiber Optic Connections

We recommend always keep dust caps on connectors, bulkhead splices, patch panels or anything else that is going to have a connection made with it. Not only will it prevent additional dust buildup, but it will prevent contamination from being touched or damaged from dropping.

When testing, we recommend that connectors on both the reference and tested cables be cleaned before every test, as every time the connector is exposed to air, it can accumulate dust.

Appendix-B

Data Requirement Sheets

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The following sets of Data Requirement Sheets are required to be filled up by the bidders to aid in the evaluation process. The response shall be brief and to the point and shall be supported by the printed product description and other literature. The DRS duly filled and the relevant drawings shall also be submitted during the detailed engineering along with the relevant technical brochures.

DRS Form 1(a)

**DATA REQUIREMENTS SHEETS for
OVERHEAD FIBRE OPTIC CABLE**

OPTICAL GROUND WIRE (OPGW) – 24/48 Fibre:

Manufacturer: _____

Part #: _____

Configuration: _____

CABLE CONSTRUCTION			
Seq	Parameter:	As per Technical Specification	As per Bidder Offering
1.	No. of Fibres Dual Window Single-Mode:	24/48	
2.	Buffer Type:	As applicable	
3.	Buffer Tube material	As applicable	
4.	No. of Buffer Tubes:	As applicable	
5.	No. of Fibers per bufferTube:	As applicable	
6.	Expected Cable Life:	25 Year	
7.	Parameters of OPGW		
(i)	UTS	In Kgf	
(ii)	Effective area	In mm ²	
(iii)	Weight	In kg/m	
(iv)	Diameter	In mm	
(v)	Modulus of elasticity	In kg/ mm ²	
(vi)	Coeff. Of linear expansion	In /°C	
(vii)	Central tube design	Al or Steel	

DRS Form 2
DATA REQUIREMENTS SHEETS for OPTICAL FIBRE
DUAL-WINDOW SINGLE MODE (DW-SM)

OPTICAL PARAMETERS			
Seq	Parameter:	As per Technical Specification	As per Bidder offering
1.	Fiber manufacturer(s)/Type:		
2.	Attenuation Coefficient @ 1310 nm: @ 1550 nm:	≤ 0.35 dB/km ≤ 0.21 dB/km	
3.	Point discontinuity @ 1310nm: @ 1550nm:	≤ 0.05 dB ≤ 0.05 dB	
4.	Nominal Mode Field Diameter @ 1310 nm:	8.6 to 9.5 μm ($\pm 0.6 \mu\text{m}$)	
5.	Chromatic Dispersion Coefficient @ 1310 (1288-1339) nm: @ 1310 (1271-1360) nm: @ 1550 nm:	3.5 ps/(nmxkm) 5.3 ps/(nmxkm) 18 ps/(nmxkm)	
6.	Zero dispersion wavelength:	1300 to 1324 nm	
7.	Cutoff wavelength:	≤ 1260 nm	
Physical and Mechanical Properties			
8.	Bend Performance: (37.5 mm radius, 100 turns) @ 1310 nm (30 mm radius, 100 turn) @ 1550 nm (16mm radius, 1 turn) @ 1550nm	≤ 0.05 dB ≤ 0.05 dB ≤ 0.50 dB	
9.	Cladding Diameter (nominal \pm deviation):	125.0 $\mu\text{m} \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$	
10.	Polarisation mode dispersion coefficient	≤ 0.2 ps/km ^{1/2}	
11.	Proof test level	≥ 0.69 Gpa	

DRS Form-3

DATA REQUIREMENTS SHEETS for
OPTICAL LINE TERMINATION EQUIPMENT (OLTE)

Manufacturer: _____

Model #: _____

Seq	Parameter:	As per Technical Specification	As per Technical Specification	As per Bidder Offering	As per Bidder Offering
		STM-4 Equipment	STM-16 Equipment	STM-4 Equipment	STM-16 Equipment
1.	SDH hierarchy level:	STM-4	STM-16		
	Capacity Aggregate Bit-rate:	620 Mbps	2480 Mbps		
	CEPT E-1 Ports:	252 x E1	1008 x E1		
2.	Minimum No. of protected (MSP) directions	Three	Three		
3.	No. of E1 Interfaces per card	minimum 16	minimum 16		
4.	No. of 10/100Mbps Ethernet Interfaces per card with layer 2 switching	minimum 8	minimum 8		
5.	Service Channel provision a) Voice Channel b) Data Channel	Yes Minimum 1 Minimum 1	Yes Minimum 1 Minimum 1		
6.	Cross Connection Capacity (Non-Blocking & bi-directional) High Order: Low Order	64 STM-1 64 STM-1	256 STM-1 128 STM-1		
7.	Power Supply cards of SDH equipment Common Control* Card of SDH equipment	1:1 APS or distributed power supply 1:1 APS	1:1 APS or distributed power supply 1:1 APS		

* – Common Control Cards which are essentially required for the operation of the equipment

DRS Form-4

DATA REQUIREMENTS SHEETS for
Primary Multiplexer/Drop & Insert Multiplexer

Manufacturer:

Model #:

Configuration:

Seq.	Parameter	As per Technical Specification	As per Bidder Offering
1.	Output Aggregate Rate	2.048 Mbps +/- 50 ppm	
2.	Interface Code	HDB3	
3.	Impedance	75 ohm unbalanced	
4.	Maximum Insertion Loss	6 dB	
5.	Power Supply card of multiplexer	1:1 APS or distributed power supply	

The detailed DRS for all equipments/items are required to be submitted along with brochures during detailed engineering.

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Appendix - C

GUIDELINES FOR OPGW CABLE LIVE-LINE INSTALLATION

1. General

Installation procedure for OPGW is basically similar to that for conventional overhead ground wires in overhead transmission line construction, however particular care required to be taken for protection of optical fibers in OPGW cable from damage by handling the same properly during transportation, unloading and installation at site. Live line installation to be carried out using traction machines and support rollers (hanging pully blocks) using experienced installation team comprising of minimum 30-35 persons. The installation team shall have one team leader/crew in-charge along with 15 skilled and 14 unskilled persons minimum in one installation crew.

List of Tools and Plants to be used are as per enclosed Annexure.

Following aspects are to be kept in mind before taking up live-line installation:

a) Condition of existing ground wire for its suitability for live-line OPGW installation

b) Tools and Plant suitability

c) Weather Forecast for upto next 03 days to be considered before deployment/start of work in any section in consultation with POWERGRID Project Manager.

d) Working conditions, specially following:

- Strong winds more than 7 m/sec
- Rain or snow
- Foggy
- Lightening

e) These guidelines for live line installation along with checklist enclosed at Annexure-II to be provided in local language to the erection team.

f) Pep talk snapshots & photos of erection team is to be shared with POWERGRID site as a regular practice.

g) Team deployed for live line installation should have relevant experience of same or higher voltage level. Contractor to ensure the same.

2. Safety measures

All site workers must follow the Electricity Rules and Employer specified safety procedures. They must use safety belts, safety shoe, safety helmet and other safety items required.

Assign foremen/Crew In-charge for each erection crew for enforcing installation guidelines. It may be ensured that only authorized person is climbing the tower during live-line installation of OPGW. Fix the warning red flag on the tower, in order to keep the workers from encroaching into unsafe zones.

Frequent verification of healthiness of T&P and ropes shall be carried out before start of work.

2.1 Permission to Work (PTW) :

Permit to work to be obtained by the representative of installation agency from concerned sub-station staff in coordination with employer project manager prior to

commencement of installation and the same is to be returned after completion of the work in all respect within the specified time duly following the PTW conditions.

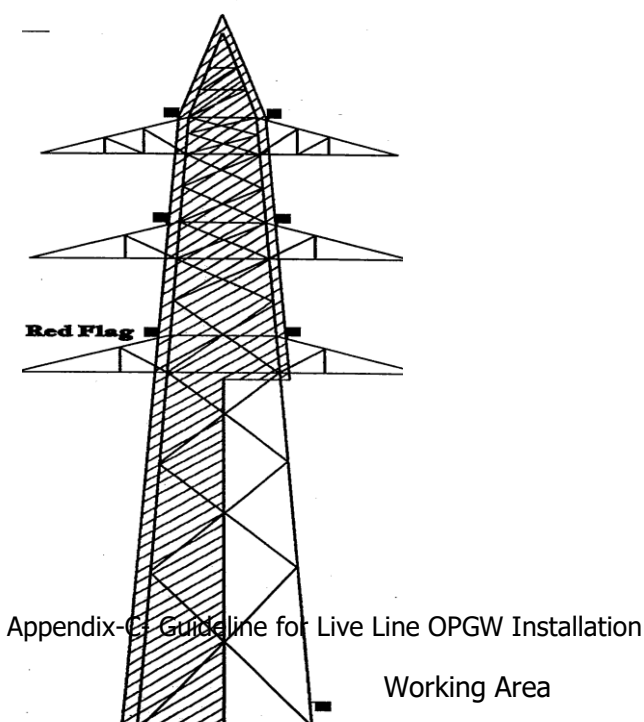
2.2 Preparedness to tackle untoward incidents:

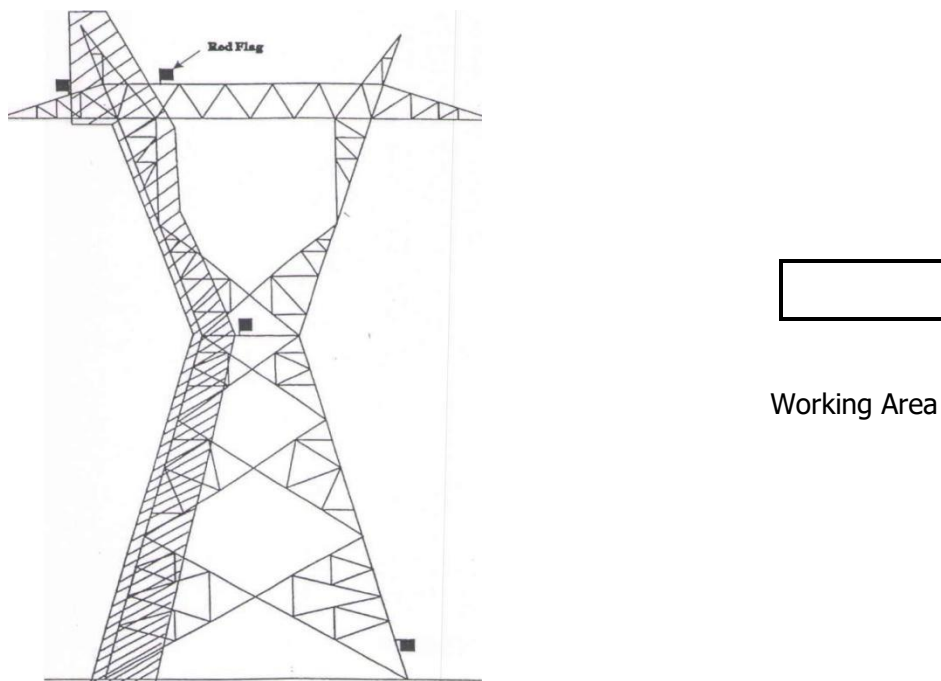
- a) Safety Engineer has to make sure the availability of First Aid Box with each team.
- b) Maintain a record of the details of list of all nearby hospitals/clinics in each area, with contact details and Emergency contact nos. of Ambulances.
- c) In case of any untoward situation, Safety engineer/crew incharge must act fast and provide the necessary first aid to the affected person(s). Ambulance to be arranged immediately from the nearby area and coordinate with hospital for immediate medical assistance as required.

2.3 Marking of Zones during OPGW Stringing:

It is very essential for the installation agency to be aware of safe zones of the Tower while carrying out live-line installation. Generally crew members identified for preparation work on the ground, will not work on the tower and will remain within hazard-free zone.

The pictorial view of the working zone and limitation of the restricted zone are shown below for your convenience.





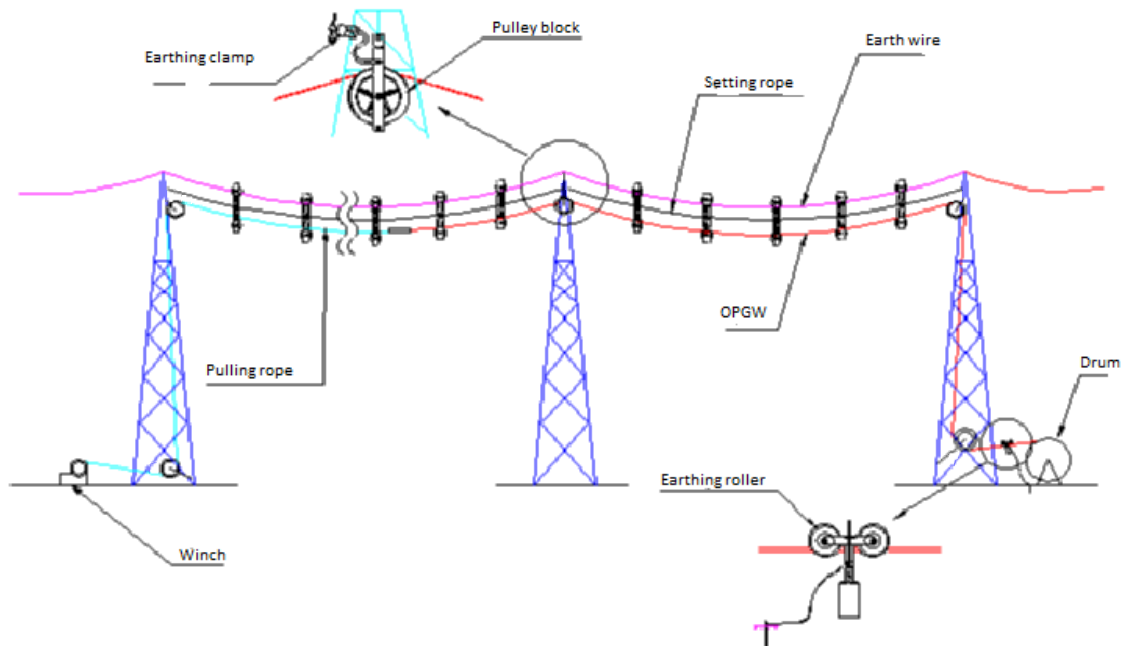
3. Grounding

Grounding of the following before starting work at site is required to be ensured. Grounding devices include the following:

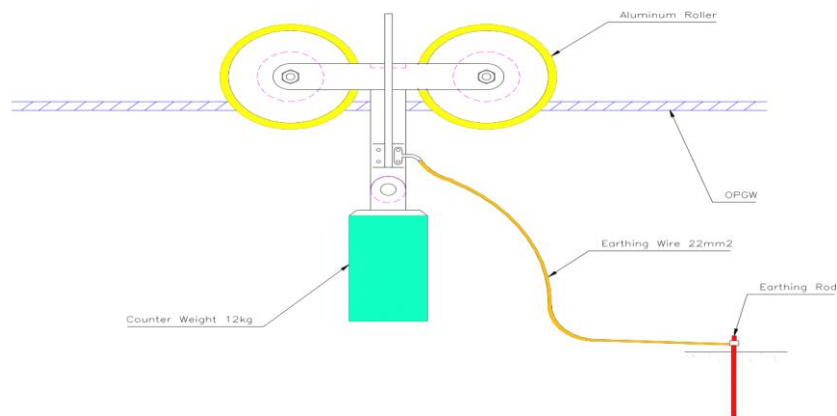
3.1 Equipment Grounding:

Equipment like OPGW and Existing Ground wire (GW), aerial rollers(pulley blocks) are connected with individual copper cable attached to the tower (with copper rod installed on the ground) or to the main grid if grounding system exists. Grounding clamp shall be cleaned well and ensure proper contact.

3.2 Running Ground:

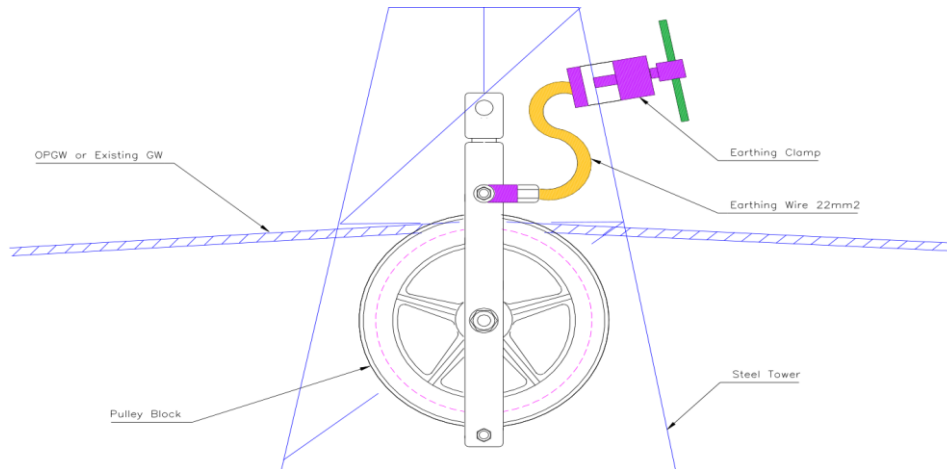


Running ground shall be installed on the OPGW at drum side during OPGW stringing time and at the Winch side on the existing GW during dismantling time for the whole stringing operation to avoid any electrical charges of induction from the line.



3.3 Pulley Block Grounding:

For each tower grounding type pulley block must be used.



Grounding cable must be connected to the ground source first then to the object that needed to be grounded.

When removing grounds, the ground must be removed from the grounded objects first and then remove the grounding clamp from the ground source.

In case of any problems during the installation work, the person in charge of the section will immediately contact sub-station in charge of the line and employer Project Manager immediately for required support.

Further , in order to have proper earthing, one aluminum roller (hanging pulley block) shall be used for additional safety after every ten rollers (neoprene) used in the span/section.

4. Live-line Installation Process

4.1 Installation plan:

Following measures are to be taken in advance for smooth completion of the installation.

PTW availability and coordination with employer project manager

- Erection crew mobilization along with T&Ps
- Safety aspects
- Field quality aspects
- Transportation arrangement

4.2 Materials handling:

Check the material with respect to the approved documentation. All materials shall be visually examined for any physical damage. Any material, which is not as per documentation or is damaged, shall not be used.

OPGW Drums checks:

- Packing condition
- Packing list (Object, Type, Length, OPGW Weight, Drum No. etc)
- Attenuation results of OPGW

Hardware Fittings Checks:

- Bolts, Nuts Pitch
- Type & Quantity

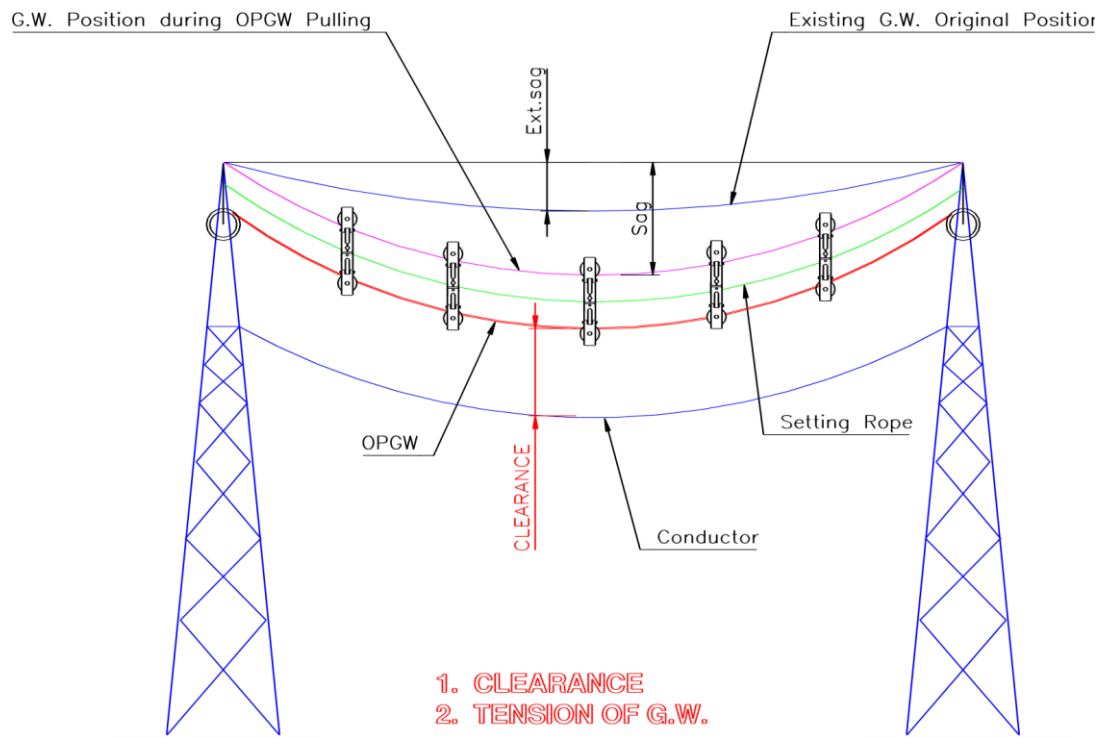
Handling of OPGW:

OPGW contains optical fibers which are very delicate and to be handled with due care. For the safety of optical fibers, it is very important to avoid the bending at sharp angle. Manufacturer guidelines are to be followed strictly while handling the same.

In order to avoid undue tension on OPGW, it is not recommended to pay off OPGW together with phase conductors or other wires tied in parallel. The tension during stringing works should be well managed within permissible limits. Adequate length of OPGW shall be ensured as loop at each joint location after stringing so that it is possible to bring OPGW up to the ground level for carrying out jointing work.

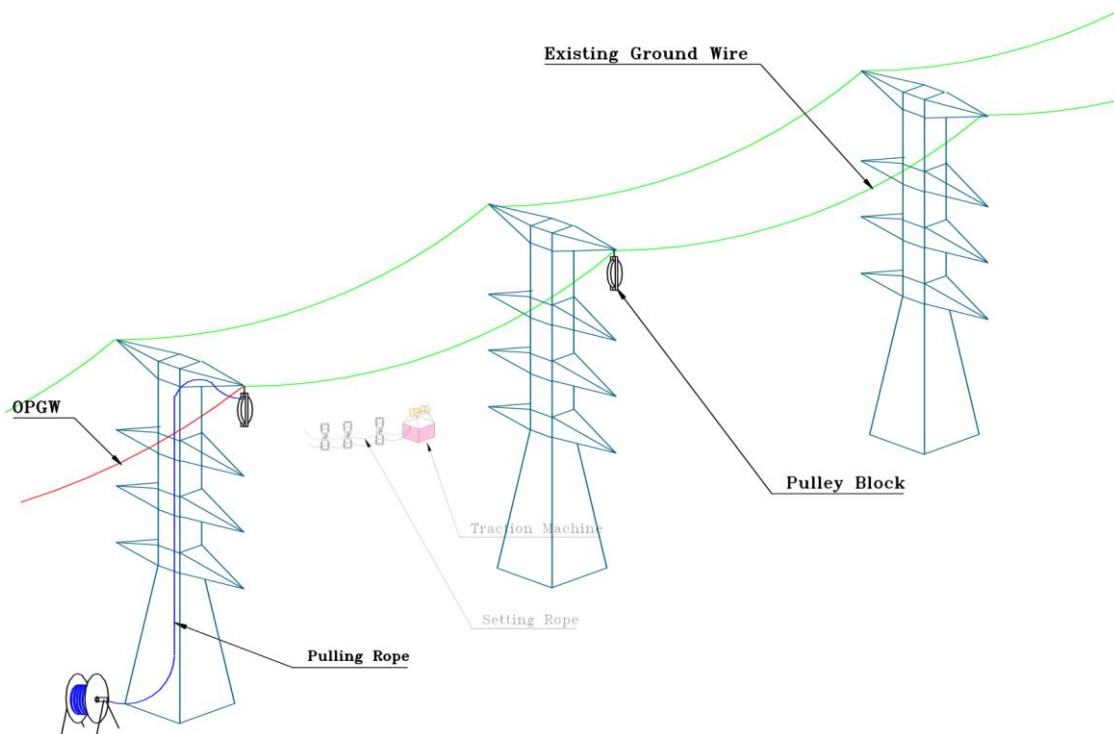
5. Clearance Checking

- 5.1 Check the clearance between existing ground-wire and live conductor before Stringing. Check the clearance between OPGW and live conductor.



6. OPGW Stringing

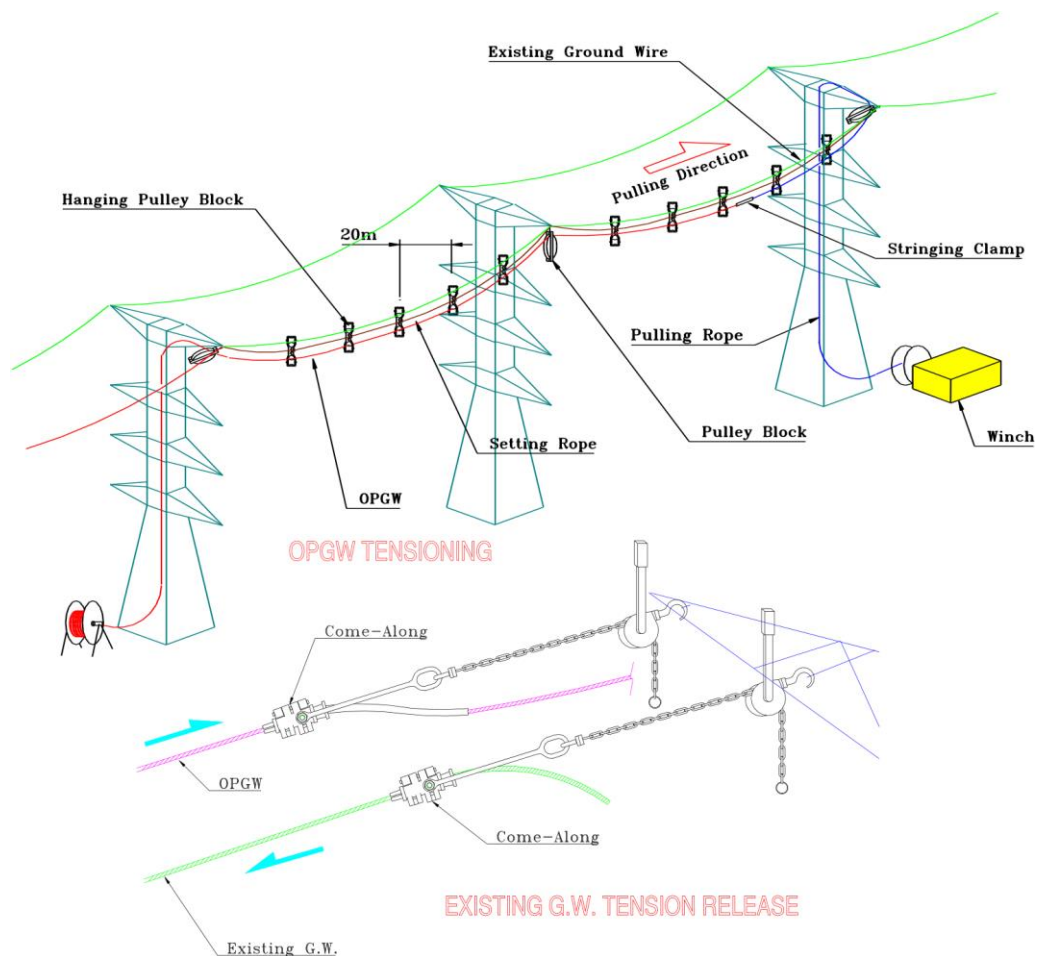
- Removal of Aviation globules in the spans (wherever applicable) by taking proper shutdown.
- Hang the pulley blocks on one of the earth wire peaks for the whole section (Section is a consecutive group of towers needed to support the installation of scheduled length of OPGW Drum)



- Set the Traction machine on the existing ground wire.
- Set the support rollers (hanging pulley blocks) on the existing ground wire where the OPGW is to be installed.
- Connect the Setting Rope and Pulling Rope to the Traction Machine.
- Pull the support rollers (hanging pulley blocks), Setting Rope and Pulling Rope with the use of Traction Machine. Support rollers (Hanging Pulley blocks) should be hanged at an interval depending on voltage level, which is mentioned below. (A mark with these specified interval shall be marked on setting rope)

Sl.no	Voltage level	Spacing
1	220kV	18-22m
2	400kV	15-18m
3	765kV	10-12m

- For every ten support rollers (hanging pulley blocks) of neoprene used in the span/section, one aluminum roller (hanging pulley block) shall be used.
- Securing the pulling & setting rope at end towers of the stringing section.
- Connect the OPGW to the Pulling Rope with Stringing Clamp.
- Pull the Pulling Rope with the use of winch machine to pay out the OPGW.
- Set the Come-along and Lever Block to the existing ground wire.
- Release the tension of existing ground wire. At the same time, with a fixed come-along and Lever Block, give more tension to the OPGW.



- Position of OPGW and existing ground wire will interchange with above action. The OPGW will be in upper position and existing ground wire in lower position in support rollers (hanging pulley blocks).
- With this OPGW paying for a section gets completed.
- Finally after successful stringing of OPGW and dismantling of Earthwire alongwith all ropes, support rollers etc., proper shutdown may be taken to install aviation globules back in the respective spans. The installing agency to ensure healthiness of all ropes and T&Ps used for the stringing work.

Additional suggestive measures:

(a) Loosening of earth wire to be avoided.

(b) Cradle blocks of Aluminum type to be preferably used in 765kV lines as per placement recommended in the guidelines.

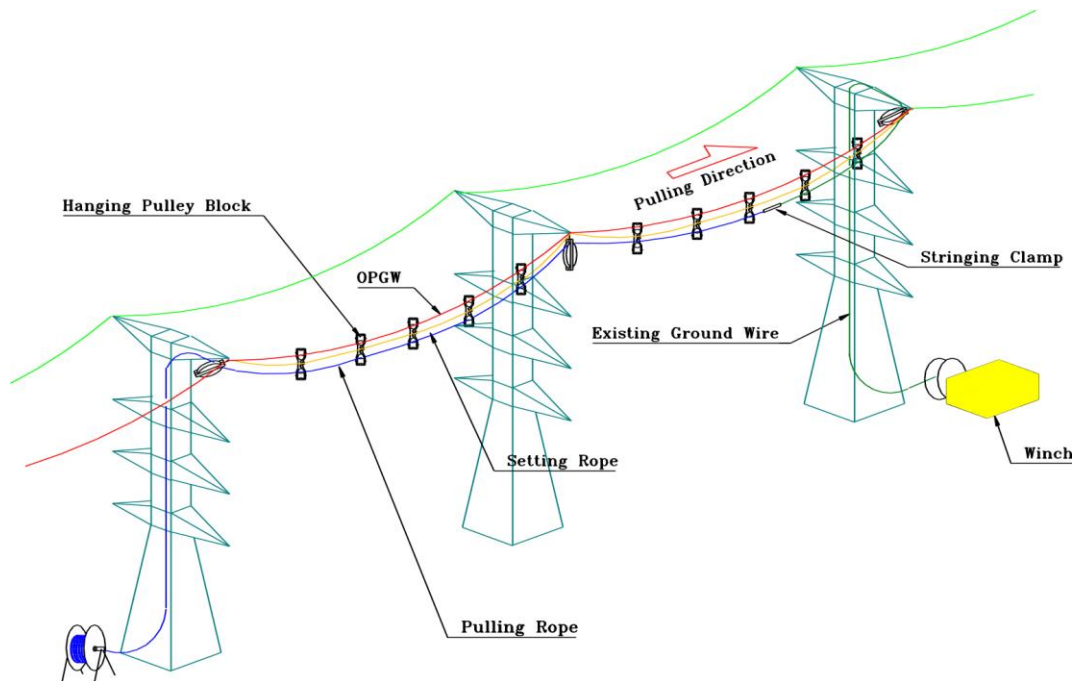
Special Provisions in case of inclement weather:

In case of sudden change in weather/possibility of rain, fog, storm etc coming to notice during stringing, the contractor may explore feasibility of pulling OPGW in possible sections and removal of pulleys/ropes etc from balance sections of drum. Use of approved Tension fitting (pass through) for Suspension tower (Yoke plate) for tension clamping of OPGW as an interim arrangement may be explored. This aspect may be used to facilitate removal of pulleys and ropes from all sections to avoid tripping of lines occurring in bad weather. This provision may be explored to limit the exposure of T&Ps/ropes/pulleys used in Live Line OPGW stringing during such bad weather to live line. This is to be done in consultation with Project Manager. This does not limits the contracting agencies from taking measures to avoid trippings of line and ensuring safety of their personnel.

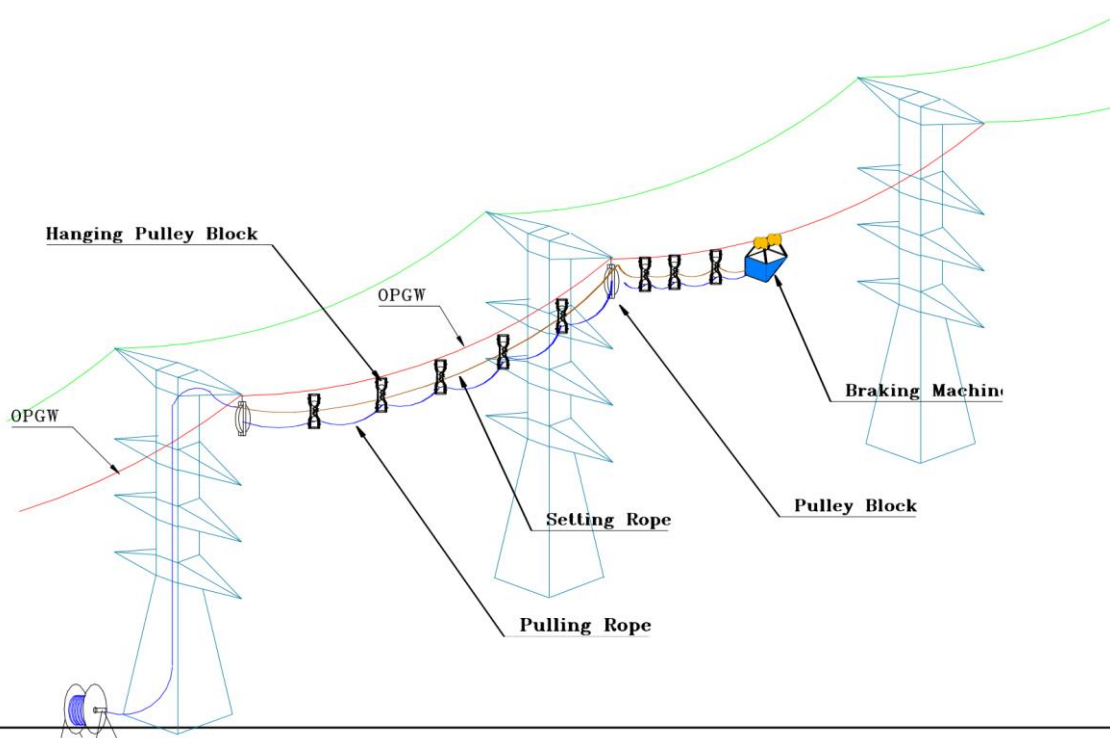
7. Dismantling process

7.1 Existing ground wire:

- Connect the existing ground wire with the Pulling Rope.
- Pull the Pulling Rope with winch to dismantle the ground wire.



7.2 Hanging Pulley Block, Setting Rope and Pulling Rope:



- Set the Breaking Machine on the OPGW of the span required for dismantling.
- Connect the Pulling Rope and Setting Rope to the Braking Machine.
- Pull the Setting Rope and Pulling Rope to dismantle.

Collect and dismantle the support rollers (hanging pulley blocks) upon reaching the succeeding tower.

8. OPGW sagging

- Use the pre-calculated Sag & Tension Table as sag reference.
- Avoid fixing the sag if the wind is strong.

8.1 Sagging:

1) Methods and procedures for sagging of OPGW are the same as those of normal overhead ground wire.

2) After stringing the OPGW shall be sagged using information furnished on the sag and tension chart. The sag of the OPGW should not exceed the existing ground-wire sag.

3) Sagging thermometers shall be used to determine accurate temperature and OPGW sag of each sag section. Sagging thermometer shall be used sufficiently prior to the actual sagging operation to represent the temperature of the OPGW.

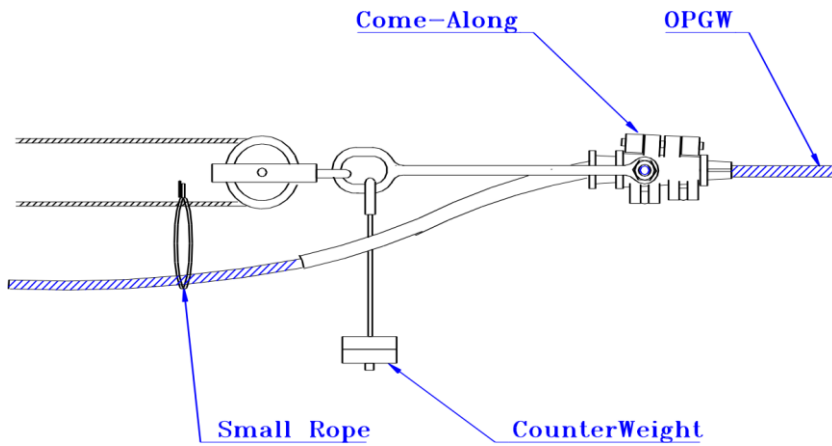
5) At the time of sagging OPGW, the sag should be within 6 inches of the theoretical value for existing temperature condition.

7) OPGW tension between each sag section shall be equalized and this shall be determined by the vertical position of the suspension clamps on the last clipped structure of the preceding sag section.

8) For pulling the OPGW with tension, the device of come-along is to be recommended.

9) Personnel should be specifically deployed for keeping watch on sag at a different section of the line during live line stringing.

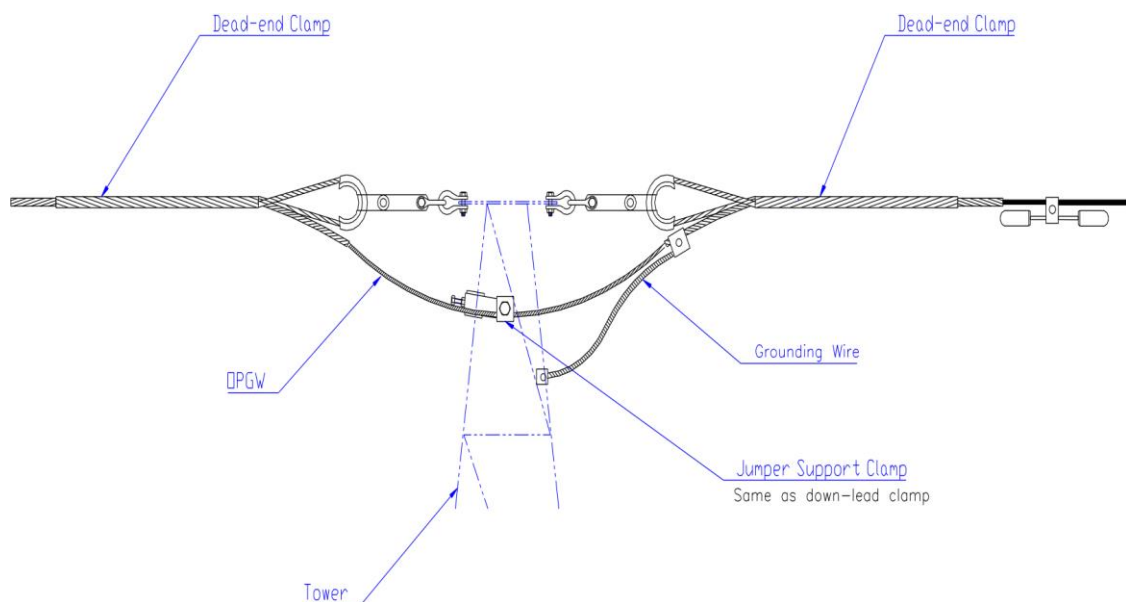
10) Waterproof caps shall be fixed at both ends of the OPGW cable after installation.



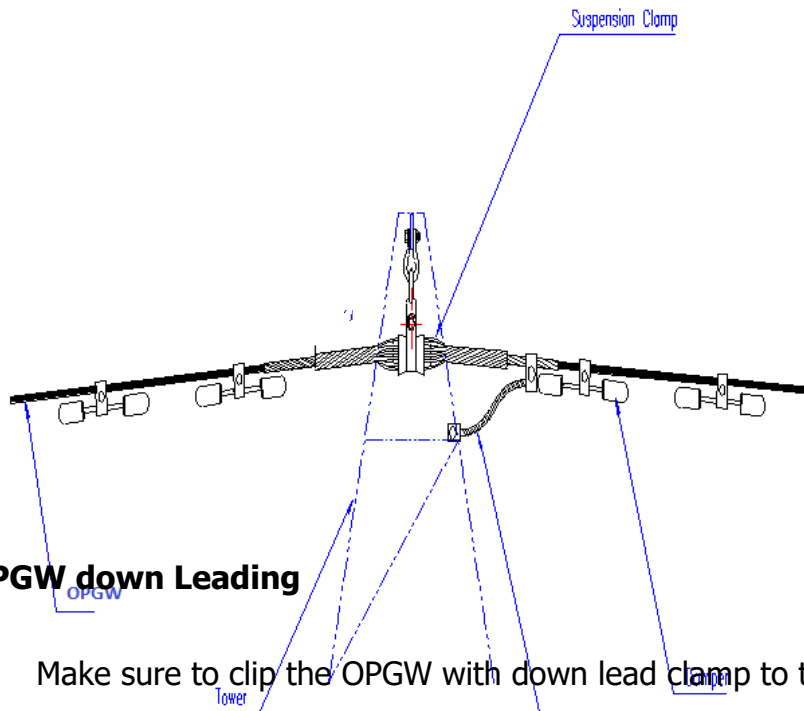
9. OPGW Clamping

- 9.1 Make sure to install and tighten the bolt of clamp properly.
- 9.2 Tightening must be made sequentially from the support point.

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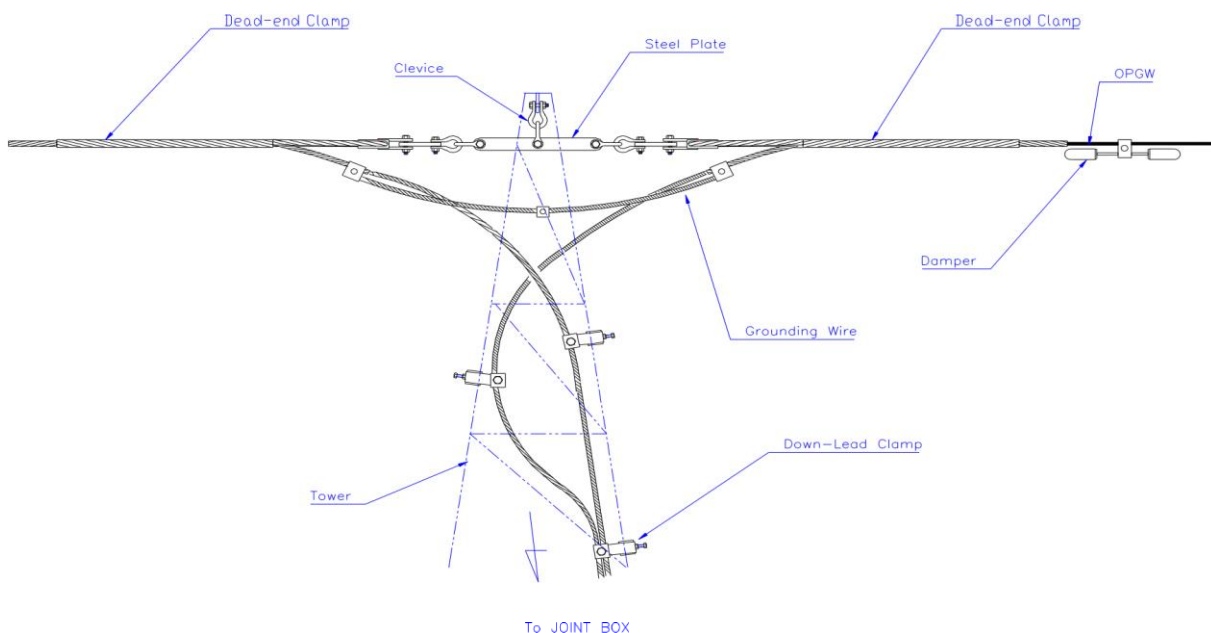
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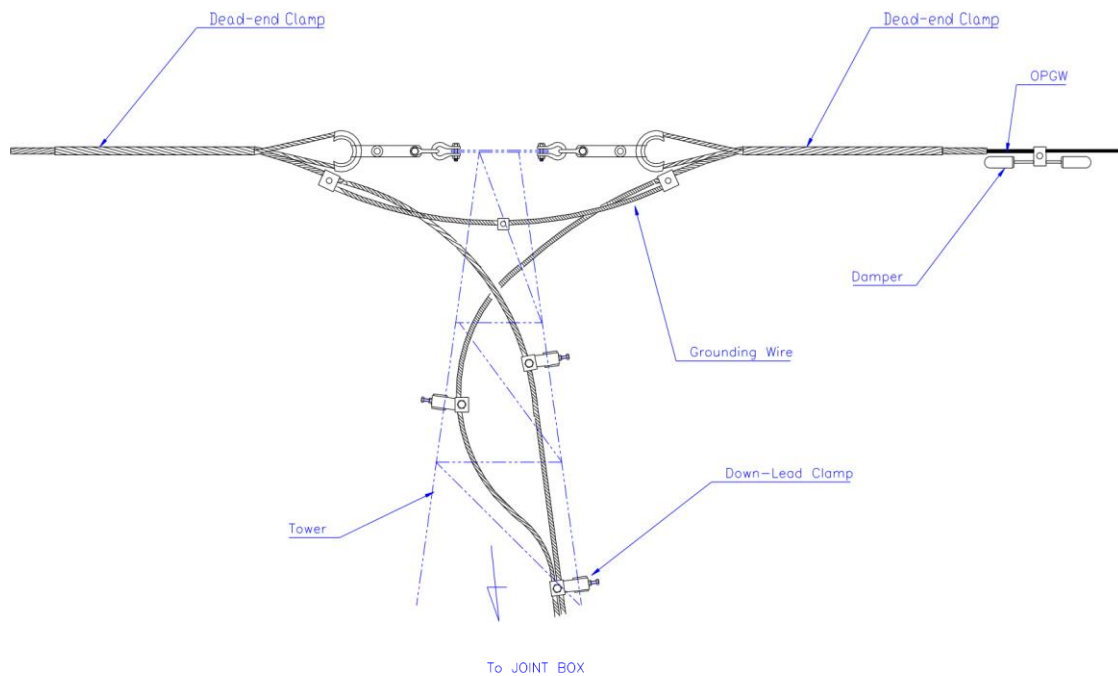
10. OPGW down Leading

- 10.1 Make sure to clip the OPGW with down lead clamp to the tower in a careful manner.
- 10.2 Make sure to tighten the bolt of down-lead clamp properly.
- 10.3 Install the down-lead clamp at appropriate interval .

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Annexure-1

List of Tools:

S. No	Description	Specifications
01	Aerial Roller/Pulley Block (Aluminum)	300 mm
02	Aerial Roller/Pulley Block (Aluminum)	450 mm
03	Aerial Roller/Pulley Block (Aluminum)	600 mm
04	Setting rope	12 mm PP rope Rope
05	Pulling Rope	(i)For Preparation: a) 12mm PP Rope Rope (for 400kv and above); b) 12mm Nylon rope(for 220kv & below) (ii)For OPGW Pulling: 14mm Nylon rope
06	Lifting/Supporting Rope	12mm PP rope
07	Earthing roller	3-way roller
08	Traction machine	35 kgf
09	Winch machine	3 tons
10	Drum stand	
11	Wheel winder	
12	Come along clamp	
13	Kitto clamp	
14	D-shackle	
15	Sag-scope	
16	Support Rollers (Hanging Pulley block)	
17	Aluminium Roller (Aluminium Hanging Pulley Block)	
18	Earthing Lead	
19	Braking Machine	

Annexure-II Check List for OPGW stringing work (Frequency-Daily)

SL No	Check Point	Remarks
Before Start of Work		
1.	PTW is available	Yes/No
2.	Awareness among working gang on live-line installation procedure	Yes/No
3.	All Tool and plants are duly tested and certificates are available including healthiness of ropes.	Yes/No
4.	Weather condition is good i.e. No heavy wind/Lightning/Fog/rain/snow etc.	Yes/No
5.	First aid box is available	Yes/No
6.	Contact details of nearby Hospital is available	Yes/No
7.	Pep talk about OPGW stringing and safety requirement given	Yes/No
8.	Tower climbing persons certified for height work	Yes/No
9.	There is no aviation globule in the EW (Note: aviation globule exist shutdown to be taken for its removal before hotline stringing. Similarly, after installation OPGW shutdown need to be taken for installation of aviation globule)	Yes/No
10.	OPGW drum schedule is available	Yes/No
11.	There shouldn't be any uneven joint/twist/broken strands in the earth wire between stringing span.	Ensured/Not ensured
12.	Tower Footing Resistance(TFR) check as per Asset Management norms of POWERGRID. (In case of poor TFR, to be intimated to POWERGRID)	Ensure/Not Ensured
During Work		
1.	Clearance of EW to Top conductor is adequate i.e. 9 meters (for 400kV and 765 kV system),8.5 meter for 220kV system	Ok/Not OK
2.	Running ground is installed on the OPGW at drum side during stringing (To neutralize the induction effect during stringing)	Yes/No
3.	Tension during stringing is within limit to avoid breakage of OPGW/PP rope	Ensured/Not ensured
4.	Support rollers (hanging pulley blocks) should be hanged at an interval of 18-22 meter for 220kV level,15-18 meter in 400kV level and 10-12 meter for 765kV Level	Ensured/Not ensured
5.	For every ten support rollers of neoprene one aluminum roller shall be used	Yes/No
6.	Pulling and setting rope is secured at the end of Tower of stringing section.	Ensured/Not ensured
7.	Sag of OPGW is equal to existing EW sag (it shouldn't be more than that)	Ensured/Not ensured
8.	Proper clamping of down lead clamp at appropriate interval is done at the jointing Tower (either Suspension/tension)	Ensured/Not ensured
9.	Healthiness of ropes	Ensured/Not ensured
After completion of stringing work/each day target		
1.	There should not be any loose PP rope in the stringing span after completion of each day work. It should be tightened properly.	Ensured/Not ensured

2.	After final stringing Mid span clearance is adequate i.e. 9 meters (for 400kV and 765 kV system),8.5 meter for 220kV system (Actual value needs to be recorded for future purpose)	Ensured/Not ensured
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Appendix-D

GUIDELINES FOR OPGW CABLE OFF-LINE INSTALLATION

1. General

Installation procedure for OPGW is basically similar to that for conventional overhead ground wires in overhead transmission line construction, however particular care required to be taken for protection of optical fibers in OPGW cable from damage by handling the same properly during transportation , unloading and installation at site. Off line installation to be carried out using power operated winch machines and pulley blocks on each tower using experienced installation team comprising of minimum 25 persons. The installation team shall have one team leader/crew in-charge along with 15 skilled and 10 unskilled persons minimum in one installation crew.

List of Tools and Plants to be used are as per enclosed Annexure.

Following aspects are to be kept in mind before taking up live-line installation:

- a) Tools and Plant suitability
- b) Working conditions, specially following:
 - Strong winds more than 7 m/sec
 - Rain or snow
 - Foggy
 - Lightening

2. Safety measures

All site workers must follow the Electricity Rules and Employer specified safety procedures. They must use safety belts, safety shoe, safety helmet and other safety items required.

Assign foremen/Crew In-charge for each erection crew for enforcing installation guidelines. It may be ensured that only authorized person is climbing the tower during live-line installation of OPGW. Fix the warning red flag on the tower, in order to keep the workers from encroaching into unsafe zones.

2.1 Permission to Work (PTW) :

Permit to work to be obtained by the representative of installation agency from concerned sub-station staff in coordination with employer project manager prior to commencement of installation in case of power line crossings and the same is to be returned after completion of the work in all respect within the specified time duly following the PTW conditions.

2.2 Preparedness to tackle untoward incidents:

- a) Safety Engineer has to make sure the availability of First Aid Box with each team.
- b) Maintain a record of the details of list of all nearby hospitals/clinics in each area, with contact details and Emergency contact nos. of Ambulances.
- c) In case of any untoward situation, Safety engineer/crew incharge must act fast and provide the necessary first aid to the affected person(s). Ambulance to be arranged immediately from the nearby area and coordinate with hospital for immediate medical assistance as required.

3. Off-line Installation Process

3.1 Installation plan:

Following measures are to be taken in advance for smooth completion of the installation.

- Coordination with employer project manager
- Erection crew mobilization along with T&Ps
- Safety aspects
- Field quality aspects
- Transportation arrangement

3.2 Materials handling:

Check the material with respect to the approved documentation. All materials shall be visually examined for any physical damage. Any material, which is not as per documentation or is damaged, shall not be used.

OPGW Drums checks:

- Packing condition
- Packing list (Object, Type, Length, OPGW Weight, Drum No. etc)
- Attenuation results of OPGW

Hardware Fittings Checks:

- Bolts, Nuts Pitch
- Type & Quantity

Handling of OPGW:

OPGW contains optical fibers which are very delicate and to be handled with due care. For the safety of optical fibers, it is very important to avoid the bending at sharp angle. Manufacturer guidelines are to be followed strictly while handling the same.

In order to avoid undue tension on OPGW, it is not recommended to pay off OPGW together with phase conductors or other wires tied in parallel. The tension during stringing works should be well managed within permissible limits.

Adequate length of OPGW shall be ensured as loop at each joint location after stringing so that it is possible to bring OPGW up to the ground level for carrying out jointing work.

4. OPGW Stringing

- Hang the pulley blocks on one of the earth wire peaks for the whole section (Section is a consecutive group of towers needed to support the installation of scheduled length of OPGW Drum)
- Carry out paying of pilot wire for entire section and connect the same with OPGW on drum side and winch machine on other side suitably.
 - Pull the Pilot Wire with the use of winch machine to pay out the OPGW.
 - Maintain proper tension while pulling OPGW so as to avoid damage to fibers inside the OPGW. In no case pulling tension should exceed 15 % of UTS of OPGW.
- **Set the Come-along and Lever Block to the OPGW.** With this OPGW paying for a section gets completed.

5. OPGW sagging

- Use the pre-calculated Sag & Tension Table as sag reference.
- Avoid fixing the sag if the wind is strong.

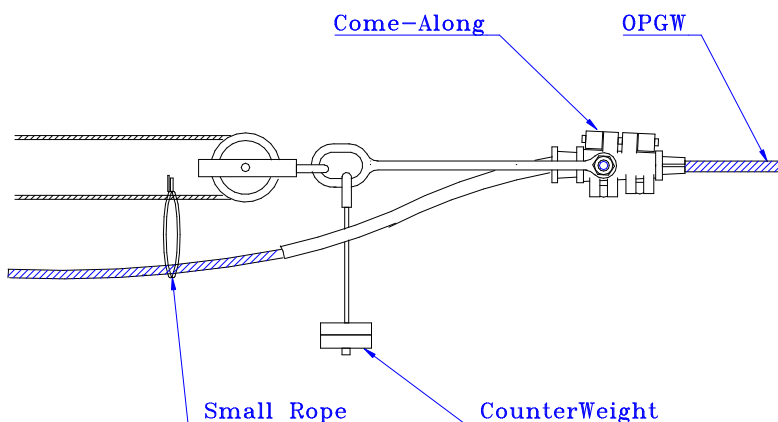
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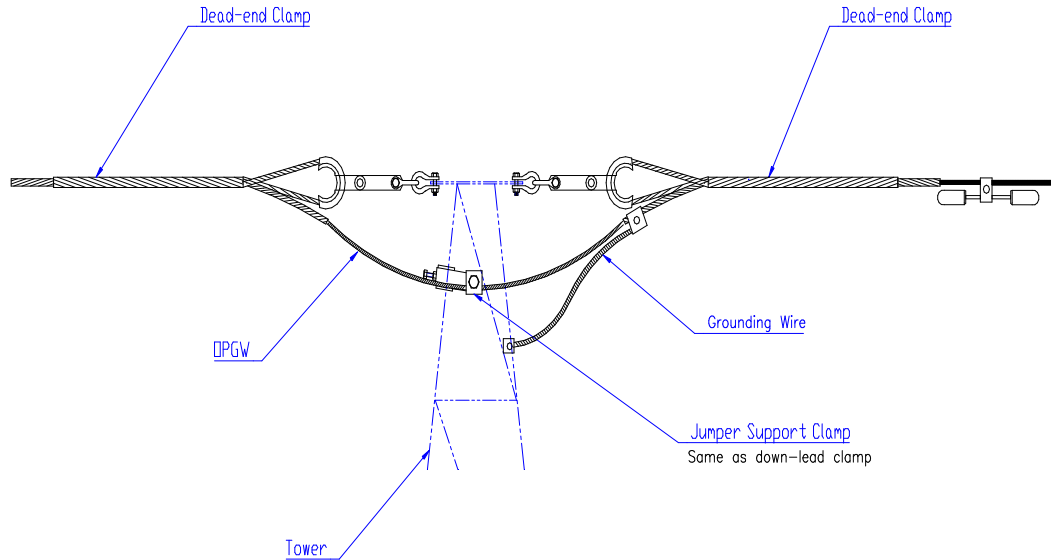
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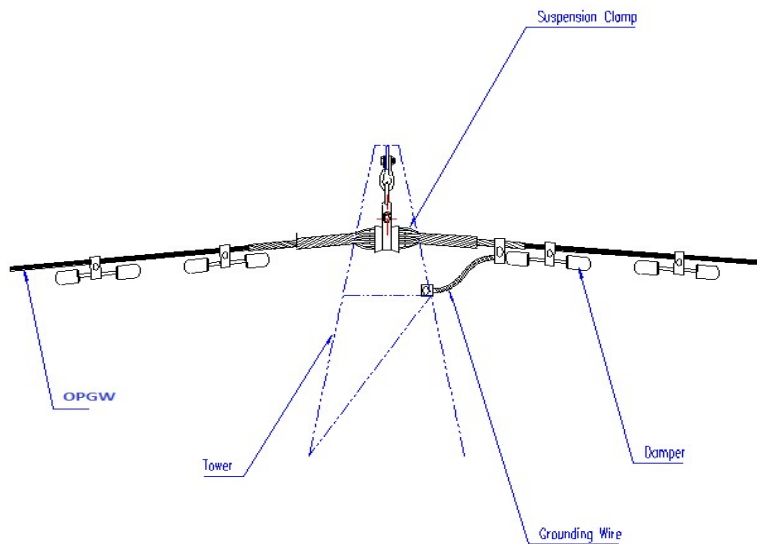
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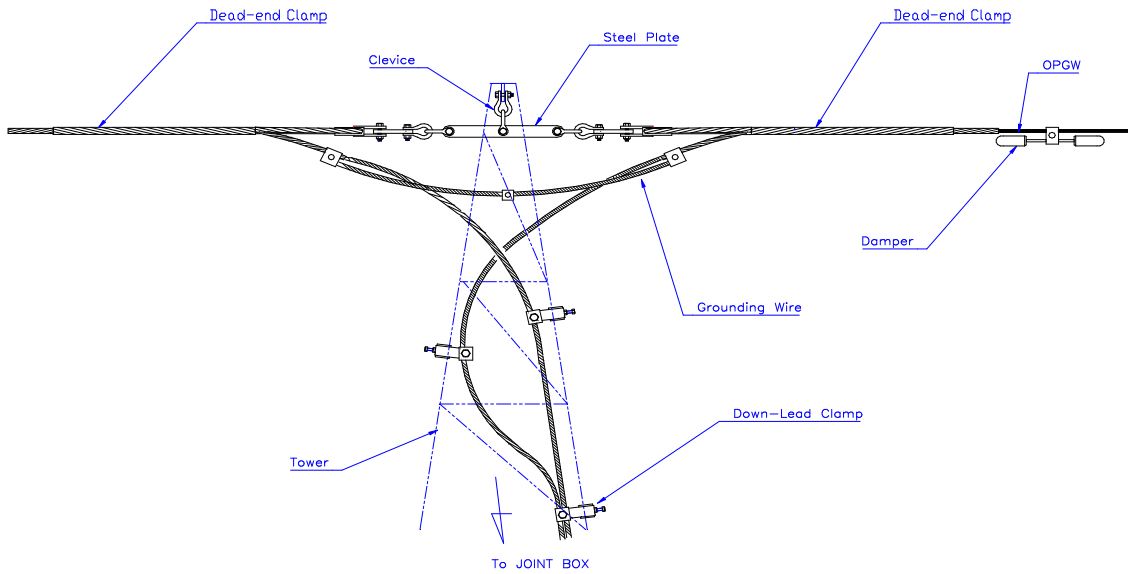


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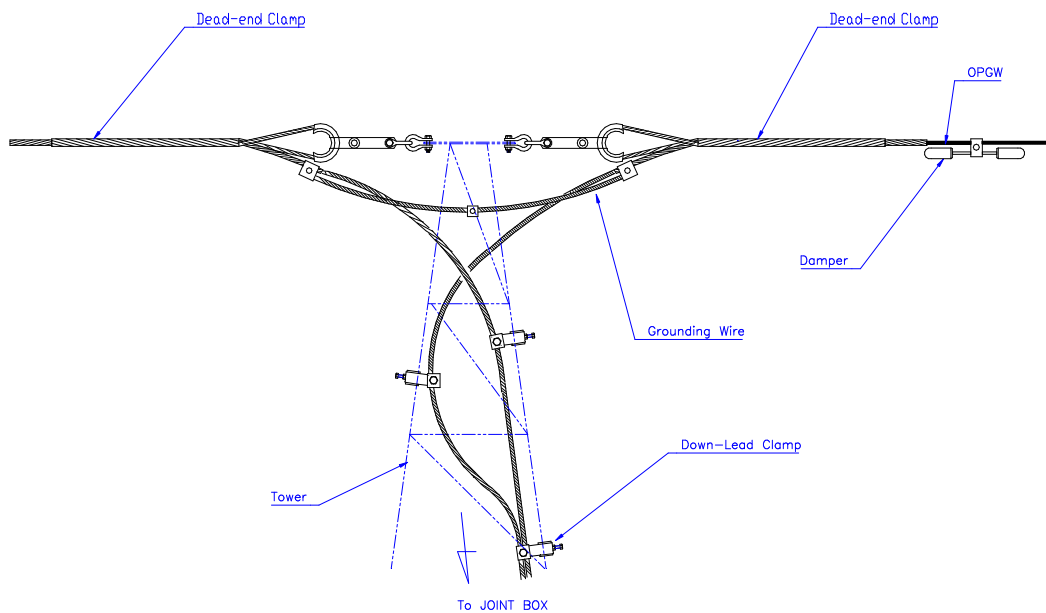
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List of Tools:

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01	Pulley block(Aluminum roller) 300 mm	20 Nos
02	Pulley block(Aluminum roller) 450 mm	20 Nos
03	Pulley block(Aluminum roller) 600 mm	6 Nos
04	Pilot Wire (14 mm)	1000 M
05	Pilot Wire (16 mm)	7000 M
06	Pilot Rope 12 mm Nylon Rope	600 M
07	Earthing roller	3-way roller
08	Winch machine (3 Tons)	2 Nos
09	Drum stand	2 sets
10	Reel winder	6 Nos
11	Come along clamp	8 Nos
12	Torque Wrench (1 Ton)	2 Nos
13	Running Board (20 Kg)	4 Nos
14	D-shackle	30 Nos
15	Snatch Block (1 way 2 ton)	8 Nos
16	Snatch Block (2 way 2 ton)	4 Nos
17	Chain Block (3 Ton)	4 Nos
18	Wire Connector	20 Nos
19	Braid Clamp	6 Nos
20	Wire Clamp	20 Nos
21	Swivel (3 ton)	10 Nos