

network-powered broadband communications circuits operate at 1000 volts or less.

- (3) The nonconductive optical fiber cables and the electrical terminations of electric light, power, Class 1, non-power-limited fire alarm, or medium-power network-powered broadband communications circuit are installed in factory- or field-assembled control centers.
- (4) The nonconductive optical fiber cables are installed in an industrial establishment where conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons service the installation.

When optical fibers are within the same hybrid cable for electric light, power, Class 1, non-power-limited fire alarm, or medium-power network-powered broadband communications circuits operating at 1000 volts or less, they shall be permitted to be installed only where the functions of the optical fibers and the electrical conductors are associated.

Optical fibers in hybrid optical fiber cables containing only current-carrying conductors for electric light, power, or Class 1 circuits rated 1000 volts or less shall be permitted to occupy the same cabinet, cable tray, outlet box, panel, raceway, or other termination enclosure with conductors for electric light, power, or Class 1 circuits operating at 1000 volts or less.

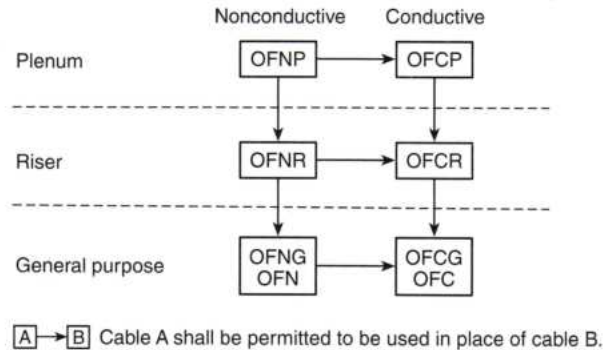
Optical fibers in hybrid optical fiber cables containing current-carrying conductors for electric light, power, or Class 1 circuits rated over 1000 volts shall be permitted to occupy the same cabinet, cable tray, outlet box, panel, raceway, or other termination enclosure with conductors for electric light, power, or Class 1 circuits in industrial establishments, where conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons service the installation.

**Δ (C) With Other Circuits.** Conductive and nonconductive optical fiber cables shall be permitted in the same raceway, cable tray, box, enclosure, or cable routing assembly, with conductors of any of the following:

- (1) Class 2 and Class 3 remote-control, signaling, and power-limited circuits in compliance with 645.5(E)(2) or Parts I and II of Article 725
- (2) Power-limited fire alarm systems in compliance with Parts I and III of Article 760
- (3) Communications circuits in compliance with Parts I and V of Article 805
- (4) Community antenna television and radio distribution systems in compliance with Parts I and V of Article 820
- (5) Low-power network-powered broadband communications circuits in compliance with Parts I and V of Article 830

**(D) Support of Optical Fiber Cables.** Raceways shall be used for their intended purpose. Optical fiber cables shall not be strapped, taped, or attached by any means to the exterior of any conduit or raceway as a means of support.

*Exception: Overhead (aerial) spans of optical fiber cables shall be permitted to be attached to the exterior of a raceway-type mast intended for the attachment and support of such cables.*



**FIGURE 770.154** Cable Substitution Hierarchy.

#### 770.154 Applications of Listed Optical Fiber Cables.

Permitted and nonpermitted applications of listed optical fiber cables shall be as indicated in Table 770.154(a). The permitted applications shall be subject to the installation requirements of 770.110 and 770.113. The substitutions for optical fiber cables in Table 770.154(b) and illustrated in Figure 770.154 shall be permitted.

### Part VI. Listing Requirements

**770.179 Optical Fiber Cables.** Optical fiber cables shall be listed and identified in accordance with 770.179(A) through (G) and shall be marked in accordance with Table 770.179. Optical fiber cables shall have a temperature rating of not less than 60°C (140°F). The temperature rating shall be marked on the jacket of optical fiber cables that have a temperature rating exceeding 60°C (140°F).

**Informational Note:** See UL 1651-2015, *Standard for Optical Fiber Cable*, for information on optical fiber cables.

Optical fiber cables must have a temperature rating of not less than 60°C (140°F) to correlate with requirements for wires and cables that are addressed in 800.179.

**Δ (A) Types OFNP and OFCP.** Types OFNP and OFCP nonconductive and conductive optical fiber plenum cables shall be suitable for use in ducts, plenums, and other space used for environmental air and shall also have adequate fire-resistant and low-smoke-producing characteristics.

**Informational Note:** See NFPA 262-2019, *Standard Method of Test for Flame Travel and Smoke of Wires and Cables for Use in Air-Handling Spaces*, for one method of defining that a cable has adequate fire-resistant and low-smoke-producing characteristics where the cable exhibits a maximum peak optical density of 0.50 or less, an average optical density of 0.15 or less, and a maximum flame spread distance of 1.52 m (5 ft) or less.

**(B) Types OFNR and OFCR.** Types OFNR and OFCR nonconductive and conductive optical fiber riser cables shall be suitable for use in a vertical run in a shaft or from floor to floor and shall also have the fire-resistant characteristics capable of preventing the carrying of fire from floor to floor.