

Fiber optic cable cannot be stripped



Article Overview

If a fiber optic cable cannot be stripped, it is usually due to improper tools, incorrect technique, or the cable's multi-layer construction requiring careful, progressive stripping.

Common Reasons Fiber Optic Cable Cannot Be Stripped

- Incorrect or dull stripping tools: Fiber optic cables require specialized strippers designed for the specific buffer or jacket diameter. Using a standard wire stripper or a dull blade can prevent proper removal and risk damaging the fiber underneath .
- Multi-layer cable construction: Many fiber optic cables have multiple layers, including the outer jacket, aramid yarn (Kevlar), and buffer coatings. Each layer must be stripped individually and progressively. Attempting to remove all layers at once can make stripping impossible or damage the fiber .
- Improper technique: Not fully closing the fiber stripper or applying uneven pressure can leave the coating intact. Some strippers require a precise blade depth adjustment for the specific cable diameter .
- Cable condition: Kinks, bends, or damage to the cable can make stripping difficult. Inspect the cable for defects before attempting to strip .

Best Practices for Stripping Fiber Optic Cables

- Use the correct stripper: Match the stripper to the fiber type (tight buffer 900 μm , buffered 250 μm , or jacketed cable) and adjust the blade depth according to manufacturer guidelines .
- Progressive stripping: Remove the outer jacket first, then the aramid yarn, and finally the buffer coating. Avoid cutting or nicking the fibers

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