

Fiber optic cable fusion thermoplastic



Article Overview

Fusion splicing of fiber optic cables involves precisely aligning and thermally fusing fibers, including those with thermoplastic coatings, to create low-loss, permanent connections.

Overview of Fusion Splicing

Fusion splicing is a process where two optical fibers are permanently joined using heat, typically generated by an electric arc. This creates a continuous optical path with minimal reflection and attenuation, which is essential for high-speed communication networks (). The process is applicable to single fibers, tight-buffered fibers, and ribbon fibers, with mass fusion splicing allowing multiple fibers to be joined simultaneously ().

Role of Thermoplastic Coatings

Most optical fibers are coated with thermoplastic materials, such as acrylate or polyimide, which protect the glass core from mechanical stress and environmental damage. During fusion splicing:

- The coating is stripped carefully to expose the bare glass fiber without damaging it.
- The fiber ends are cleaned, often with 99%+ isopropyl alcohol, to remove dust, oil, or residue from the thermoplastic coating ().
- Proper handling ensures that the thermoplastic coating does not interfere with the fusion arc, which melts the glass core rather than the coating itself. After splicing, a protective sleeve is applied over the splice. This sleeve often contains a thermoplas...

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