

Fiber optic cable thermal fusion splicing



Article Overview

Thermal fusion splicing permanently joins two optical fibers using controlled heat, creating a low-loss, high-strength, and reliable connection.

Overview of Fusion Splicing

Thermal fusion splicing is a process that fuses two fiber ends together using an electric arc or controlled heat, forming a continuous glass path that minimizes signal loss and back reflection . Unlike mechanical splicing, which relies on alignment sleeves and gels, fusion splicing produces a permanent bond that closely matches the optical properties of the original fibers, making it ideal for long-haul telecommunications, data centers, and high-performance networks .

Key Steps in the Process

- **Fiber Preparation:** The protective coating is stripped from each fiber to expose the bare glass cladding. Proper stripping prevents damage to the fiber core and ensures a clean splice .
- **Cleaning:** Fiber ends are cleaned with lint-free wipes and high-purity isopropyl alcohol to remove dust, oils, or debris, which can degrade splice quality .
- **Cleaving:** A precision cleaver cuts the fiber at a sharp, clean angle, typically less than one degree. A poor cleave can cause air gaps or misalignment, increasing signal loss .
- **Alignment:** Fibers are placed in the splicer's V-grooves or holders. Modern splicers use active core alignment, adjusting fiber positions based on real-time imaging of the cores for maximum accuracy .
- **Fusion:** An electric arc melts the fiber ends, fusing them into a single continuous s...

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Fusion-splice basics

Fusion splicing is used for joining cables during network installation projects, repairing cables, mounting pre-polished

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