

Opening a window for fusion splicing optical cables



Article Overview

Opening a splicer window is a critical step in fusion splicing, allowing precise placement of fibers in the V-grooves for alignment and low-loss splicing.

Preparing the Fiber

Before opening the splicer window, you must strip the outer jacket of the fiber cable using a cable stripper, exposing the buffer tube. For tight-buffered fibers, carefully strip the 250 μ m coating without bending the fiber, maintaining a bending radius greater than 30 mm to prevent damage (). Clean the exposed fiber with an isopropyl alcohol (IPA) swab to remove oils and dust, as contamination can weaken the splice ().

Cleaving the Fiber

Use a precision cleaver to create a flat, mirror-like end face. A poor cleave, such as a chipped or angled end, can cause high splice loss or failure. Inspect the cleaved fiber under a microscope to ensure the surface is smooth and properly aligned ().

Opening the Splicer Window

- Open the splicer's windshields or covers gently to access the V-grooves ().
- Place each fiber in the V-groove, ensuring clamps face upward. Do not force the fiber; let it rest naturally to avoid damaging the cleave ().
- Close the covers gently to secure the fibers in place. This step ensures the fibers are correctly aligned for the fusion arc....

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Since much fusion splicing is done in the outside plant, the splicing tech should have tools to handle all types of loose tube cable,

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