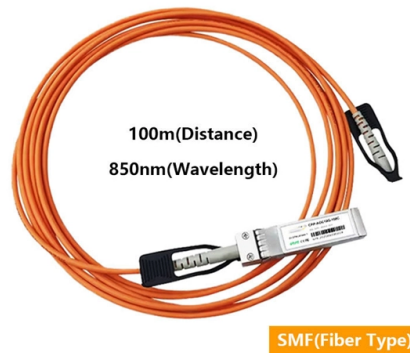


How to connect a two-core fiber optic cold connector



AI Overview

Two-core fiber optic cold connectors are connected using mechanical splicing, aligning the fiber ends in a precision V-groove and securing them with a snap or clamp, without requiring heat or fusion equipment.

Overview of Cold Connection Cold connection, also known as mechanical splicing, is a method of joining optical fibers using mechanical alignment and index-matching gel rather than heat. It is cost-effective, quick to install, and does not require power, making it suitable for field operations and remote locations. Typical insertion loss ranges from 0.2 to 0.5 dB per connection, slightly higher than fusion splicing but acceptable for many applications.

Step-by-Step Connection Method for Two-Core Fibers

Prepare the Fiber Ends: Strip the protective coating from each fiber about 3 cm, clean with alcohol, and cleave the fiber to a precise length (approximately 1.4 cm) using a fiber cleaver.

Install the Cold Connector: Open the cold connector by snapping the side rings and exposing the central slot for fiber insertion.

Insert the First Fiber: Place the first fiber into the V-groove or central slot of the connector, ensuring the bare fiber end is properly aligned with the index-matching gel inside the connector.

Insert the Second Fiber: Repeat the process for the second fiber, aligning it precisely with the first fiber inside the connector.

Secure the Fibers: Push the snap rings or clamps on both sides to lock the fibers in place, ensuring firm contact and minimal air gaps.

Inspect and Test: Check the alignment visually and test the connection using an optical power meter or OTDR to measure insertion loss and verify signal continuity.

Advantages

Quick Installation: Can be completed in seconds to minutes per fiber.

No Power Required: Ideal for field or remote installations.

Cost-Effective: Requires minimal equipment compared to fusion splicing.

Flexible: Can be used for two-core or multi-core fibers...

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