

How to connect the main and secondary fiber optic patch cords in mobile networks



AI Overview

To connect main and secondary fiber optic patch cords, ensure proper TX-to-RX alignment, maintain polarity, use compatible fiber types, and follow structured cable management and testing procedures.

Key Steps for Connection

- 1. Identify Fiber Types and Connectors** Ensure that both main and secondary patch cords are of the same fiber type (single-mode or multi-mode) and compatible with the network equipment connectors (SC, LC, FC, etc.). Using mismatched fibers can cause signal loss or network failure.
- 2. Maintain Polarity and TX/RX Alignment** Fiber optic links are full duplex, requiring one fiber for transmitting (TX) and one for receiving (RX). Connect the odd-numbered fiber to the transmitter and the even-numbered fiber to the receiver, or follow the pair-based labeling system consistently. If the permanent cable plant is crossed, straight duplex patch cords can be used; otherwise, a crossed patch cord or manual simplex connections may be required.
- 3. Proper Routing and Management** Route patch cords neatly within ODF frames, optical cross-connects, or integrated boxes. Maintain a minimum bending radius (typically 400mm) and avoid excess slack beyond 50cm to prevent signal degradation. Use color-coded jackets and machine-printed labels at both ends to identify optical paths clearly. Avoid wrapping cords around multiple spools or letting them hang loosely.
- 4. Testing and Verification** After connecting, test each segment using an optical power meter at the appropriate wavelength (e.g., 1490nm for mobile networks). Ensure power levels meet specifications (e.g., less than -22dB at the splitter exit and less than -23dB at the user end). If no light is detected, use a visible light source to check for misconn...

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