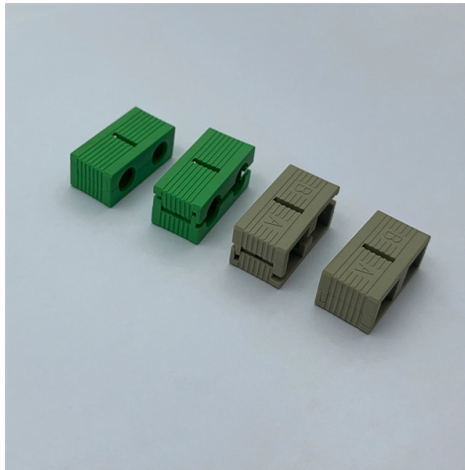


The fiber optic cable is spliced using a fusion splicing method



AI Overview

Fusion splicing permanently joins two optical fibers using heat, creating a low-loss, highly reliable connection. What is Fusion Splicing? Fusion splicing is the process of melting two optical fibers together, usually with an electric arc, to form a continuous optical path with minimal signal loss and reflection (). It is the most widely used method for singlemode fibers and is preferred for high-performance networks, including telecom, data centers, and smart city infrastructure ().

Tools and Equipment To perform fusion splicing, you need:

- Fiber optic stripper to remove the outer jacket and buffer coating ()
- Kevlar cutter for cutting strength members
- High-precision fiber cleaver to create a clean, perpendicular fiber end
- Fusion splicer (portable or bench-top) to align and fuse fibers ()
- Cleaning supplies: lint-free wipes, 99%+ isopropyl alcohol, fiber cleaning pens
- Splice protection: heat shrink sleeves or re-coating materials
- Testing instruments: OTDR or visual fault locator (VFL) to verify splice quality ()
- Safety gear: safety glasses and anti-static wrist straps to prevent fiber shards and static damage ()

Step-by-Step Fusion Splicing Process

Fiber Preparation: Strip 10–20 mm of the fiber coating carefully, avoiding microfractures. Clean the exposed fiber with alcohol wipes from the coating edge to the cleave tip in a single stroke (). Maintain a bending radius >30 mm to prevent stress.

Cleaving: Use a precision cleaver to create a flat, perpendicular fiber end. The quality of the cleave directly affects splice loss ().

Fusion: Place the fibers in the splicer, align them automatically or manually, and initiate the fusion process. The splicer melts the fiber ends together, forming a seamless joint ().

Protection: Apply a heat shrink sleeve or re-coating to protect the splice from mechanical stress and environmental factors ().

Testing: Verify the splice using an OTDR or VFL to ensure low loss and proper align...

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The second method involves the uses of fiber optic connectors. A connector terminates the optical fiber inside a ceramic ferrule, using epoxy to hold the fiber in place.

History and Vision of Optical Fiber Fusion Splicing Technology

Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. released the TYPE-3 fixed V-groove optical fiber fusion splicer for multi-mode fibers in 1980. Over the years, optical fiber fusion splicing technology has been making

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Fusion splicing

The goal is to fuse the two fibers together in such a way that light passing through the fibers is not scattered or reflected back by the splice, and so that the splice

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