Pigtail splicing sequence



Overview

Confused about fiber optic pigtails—which connector type, which polish, fusion or mechanical splice?

Key Takeaways

The correct splicing sequence for fiber optic pigtails involves preparing the fiber, cleaving, aligning, fusing, and protecting the splice to ensure low-loss, reliable connections.

Step-by-

Step Splicing Sequence

Slide on the Protection Sleeve Before any fiber preparation, place a heat-shrink protection sleeve onto one of the fibers. This cannot be added after the splice, as it protects the joint during and after fusion. Strip the Fiber Use a specialized fiber stripper to remove the outer coating and buffer, exposing about 30–40 mm of bare glass.

Avoid nicking or scratching the fiber, as this can cause signal loss or breakage. Clean the Fiber Wipe the bare fiber with a lint-free wipe soaked in 99% isopropyl alcohol. Repeat twice to remove all dust and contaminants, which are a major cause of high-loss splices.

Cleave the Fiber Use a high-precision cleaver to cut the fiber at a perfect 90° angle. A clean, flat cleave is critical for a seamless fusion splice. Load the Fibers into the Splicer Place both the pigtail and trunk fibers into the V-grooves of the fusion splicer.

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The splicer aligns the cores automatically using built-in cameras to ensure precise alignment. Fuse the Fibers Start the fusion process. The splicer generates an electric arc that melts the fiber ends together, forming a continuous glass strand.

The splicer will display the estimated splice loss, typically 0. 01–0. 05 dB for a proper fusion.

Protect the Splice Slide the heat-shrink sleeve over the fused joint and place it in the splicer's oven to seal it. This provides mechanical protection and ensures long-term durability.

Follow Color-

Coding for Multi-Strand Pigtails When splicing multi-strand pigtails (e.g., 12- or 24-strand), match fiber colors exactly: blue to blue, orange to orange, etc. This ensures correct port mapping and prevents cross-connections.

Tools Required

Fusion splicerFiber stripperHigh-precision cleaverLint-free wipes and 99% isopropyl alcoholHeat-shrink protection sleevesBest PracticesAlways clean and inspect fibers before splicing. Use pre-sorted pigtail kits for multi-strand splicing to reduce errors. Avoid touching the bare fiber with fingers or unclean tools.

Ensure the splice tray or closure is organized to prevent fiber stress or bending. Following this sequence ensures low insertion loss, minimal back reflection, and a durable fiber connection, which is essential for FTTH, data center, and telecom networks.

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