12-core multimode optical cable splicing method



Overview

Fusion splice techniques for multicore fibers Using these techniques, we achieved a low-loss splicing of not greater than 0.3 dB at all cores for a 32-core.

Key Takeaways

Fusion splicing is the preferred method for 12-core multimode optical cables, providing low loss, high reliability, and long-term stability.

Overview

Splicing a 12-core multimode optical cable involves joining each fiber individually or as a ribbon to ensure continuous light transmission with minimal loss. Two main methods exist: fusion splicing and mechanical splicing, with fusion splicing being the most widely used due to its low attenuation (typically 30 mm to prevent microbends. Cleaning: Wipe the exposed fibers with an IPA-soaked swab to remove oils and debris.

Avoid touching the glass surface to prevent contamination. Cleaving: Use a precision fiber cleaver to create a flat, mirror-like end face. A poor cleave can cause high splice loss or failure.

Fusion Splicing Procedure

Machine Setup: Use a fusion splicer with parameters preset for multimode fibers. Ensure the V-groove clamps are clean and aligned. Fiber Alignment: Place each fiber in the splicer's V-groove.

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Multimode fibers require careful alignment due to their larger core and graded-index profile. Some splicers allow active core alignment to optimize coupling. Splicing: Initiate the fusion process.

The splicer uses an electric arc to weld the fiber ends together, forming a continuous optical path. Protection: Slide a splice sleeve over the joint and heat-shrink it to protect the splice from mechanical stress and environmental factors. Mechanical Splicing (Alternative)Mechanical splicing is faster but less permanent, with typical losses around 0.

2–0. 3 dB. It uses an alignment device and index-matching gel to hold fibers in place.

This method is suitable for temporary connections or field repairs.

Ribbon or Multi-

Fiber Considerations

For a 12-core cable, fibers may be spliced individually or as a ribbon. Ribbon splicing allows simultaneous fusion of multiple fibers, improving efficiency and consistency. Ensure that the ribbon orientation is correct to maintain fiber mapping.

Quality and Testing

Inspect each splice under a microscope to confirm a clean, flat end face and proper alignment. Measure splice loss using an optical power meter or OTDR. Multimode fusion splices typically achieve

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