Fiber Optic Cable Splicing Method Feeder Section



Overview

The Complete Step-by-Step Guide to Fiber Optic SplicingIn this guide, we cover the basics of fiber optic splicing, how to perform splicing using two differ.

Key Takeaways

Fusion splicing is the preferred method for feeder section fiber optic cables due to its low loss, high reliability, and suitability for long-distance, high-fiber-count networks.

Overview of Feeder Section Splicing

The feeder section of a fiber optic network refers to the main backbone cable that carries high-capacity data over long distances. Splicing in this section is critical because any signal loss or reflection can affect the entire network. Feeder cables often contain multiple fibers (e.g., 48-fiber or more), and splicing must ensure minimal attenuation and high mechanical strength to maintain network integrity.

Splicing Methods1.

Fusion Splicing

Fusion splicing is the most widely used method for feeder sections. It involves permanently joining two fiber ends using an electric arc, which melts and fuses the fibers into a continuous optical path. Key advantages include: Low signal loss and back reflection, essential for long-haul networks.

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High mechanical strength, making it suitable for buried or aerial feeder cables. Compatibility with singlemode fibers, which are common in feeder sections. Long-term reliability, with minimal maintenance required.

Steps for Fusion Splicing: Strip the outer jacket and buffer coating to expose the fiber. Clean the fiber with isopropyl alcohol to remove contaminants. Cleave the fiber ends precisely using a fiber cleaver.

Align the fibers in a fusion splicer and initiate the arc to fuse them. Protect the splice with a heat-shrink sleeve or splice protector. 2.

Mechanical Splicing

Mechanical splicing aligns fibers in a precision sleeve without fusing them. While faster and useful for temporary repairs or multimode fibers, it is generally less reliable for feeder sections due to slightly higher insertion loss and lower long-term stability. Mechanical splicing is often used in emergency restoration or field repairs when fusion splicing equipment is unavailable.

Best Practices for Feeder Section Splicing

Use high-quality fusion splicers and consumables to reduce failure rates. Maintain a clean working environment to prevent contamination of fiber ends. Follow proper cleaving and alignment procedures to minimize splice loss.

Document and test each splice for optical loss using an OTDR (Optical Time-Domain Reflectometer) to ensure network performance. Bundle and protect splices in splice trays or closures to prevent mechanical damage.

Conclusion

For feeder section fiber optic cables, fusion splicing is the standard method due to its superior performance, low attenuation, and long-term reliability. Mechanical splicing can be used for temporary or emergency repairs but is not recommended for permanent feeder backbones. Proper preparation, alignment, and protection of splices are essential to maintain the integrity and performance of the network.

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