Fiber optic cable splicing stripping and fixing

Overview

Master fiber splicing with Phoenix Communications in Shrewsbury, MA. Discover expert techniques and tips for boosting network performance and reliability.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cable splicing joins two fibers end-to-end, while fiber stripping prepares the fiber by removing protective coatings to ensure a clean, low-loss connection.

Fiber Stripping

Fiber stripping is the preparation step before splicing or termination. It involves removing the outer jacket, strength members, and buffer coatings to expose the bare fiber core without causing damage. Each type of fiber optic cable requires specific techniques and tools, such as cable strippers and fiber optic strippers, to carefully peel away layers while maintaining fiber integrity.

Key steps include: Peeling the outer jacket: Use a cable stripper to remove the outer plastic layer and any inner coatings, typically exposing 50–100 cm of fiber. Buffer coating removal: Strip the protective coating from the fiber core using a fiber optic stripper, ensuring the fiber is perpendicular to the tool and avoiding micro-cracks. Cleaning: After stripping, clean the fiber with alcohol and a dust-free cloth to remove debris and contaminants.

Safety is critical during stripping. Always wear eye protection and work in a clean area to prevent injury from sharp fiber fragments.

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Fiber Splicing

Fiber splicing is the process of joining two fiber ends to create a continuous optical path. There are two main methods: 1.

Mechanical Splicing

Fibers are aligned in a mechanical holder with an index-matching gel to minimize light loss. Provides a temporary or semi-permanent connection with typical loss around 0. 3 dB.

Useful for quick installations or emergency repairs. 2.

Fusion Splicing

Fibers are permanently fused using heat or an electric arc in a fusion splicer. Produces very low attenuation (~0. 1 dB) and minimal back reflection.

Steps include aligning fibers, fusing them in the splicer, and protecting the joint with a heat-shrink sleeve. Quality control involves checking the splice loss with an insertion loss meter or OTDR to ensure proper alignment and minimal signal degradation.

Tools and Accessories

Common tools for stripping and splicing include: Cable stripper and fiber optic stripper for removing jackets and coatings. Fiber cleaver for precise 90° cuts. Fusion splicer for permanent splices.

Fiber protection sleeves to shield the splice point. Alcohol and dust-free cloths for cleaning.

Best Practices

Always clean tools and fibers before splicing. Ensure fibers are properly aligned in the splicer. Use appropriate splice programs and parameters for the fiber type.

Protect the splice with a sleeve and heat it to secure the joint. Dispose of fiber scraps safely to prevent injury. Fiber stripping and splicing are essential for building and maintaining high-performance fiber optic networks, ensuring signal integrity, low loss, and reliable long-term connections.

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