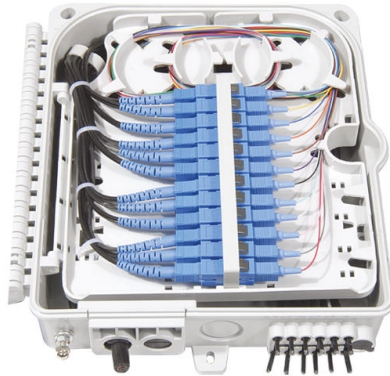


Two-core optical cable splicing method



AI Overview

Splicing two-core optical cables can be done via fusion or mechanical splicing, with precise fiber preparation, alignment, and protection being critical for low-loss, reliable connections.

Tools and Materials Needed

- Fiber optic stripper and splitter
- Precision cleaver
- Fusion splicer or mechanical splice unit
- Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) and lint-free wipes
- Splice protection sleeves or trays
- Microscope for inspection
- Index matching gel (for mechanical splicing)

Step 1: Cable Preparation

Strip the outer jacket of each cable using a cable splitter, exposing 3–5 cm of the fiber buffer tube. Remove the protective coating from the fiber cores carefully, leaving only the bare glass fibers exposed. Clean the fibers with IPA-soaked lint-free wipes to remove oils and debris, which can cause weak splices or high signal loss. Handle fibers gently, maintaining a bending radius greater than 30 mm to prevent microbends or breakage.

Step 2: Fiber Cleaving

Use a precision cleaver to cut the fiber ends perpendicular to the fiber axis. Inspect the cleaved ends under a microscope; they should be flat and mirror-like for optimal light transmission.

Step 3: Splicing Method Selection

Fusion Splicing (Permanent)

Open the fusion splicer and place each fiber in the V-groove clamps, ensuring proper orientation. Align the fibers automatically or manually using the splicer's core or cladding alignment system. Activate the electric arc to fuse the fibers, creating a continuous optical path with minimal loss (typically 0.1 dB). Inspect the splice for quality and place it in a splice protection sleeve to prevent mechanical damage.

Mechanical Splicing (Semi-Permanent or Temporary)

Insert the cleaved fibers into the mechanical splice unit, ensuring precise alignment. Apply index matching gel or epoxy to reduce back reflection and enhance light transmission. Secure the fibers in the splice unit and place the assembly in a splice tray or closure for protection. Seal the closure carefully to prevent moisture ingress.

Step 4: Testing and Verification

Use an optical power meter or OTDR to measure insertion loss and v...

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