

How to connect steel fiber optic cable and pigtail fiber optic cable



AI Overview

The most reliable way to connect a steel fiber optic cable to a pigtail is through fusion splicing, which creates a continuous, low-loss optical path.

Step 1: Prepare the Steel Fiber Optic Cable Steel-reinforced fiber optic cables have an outer jacket and a steel strength member. Begin by carefully stripping the outer jacket and removing the steel elements to expose the bare optical fibers. Use a fiber stripper to remove the protective coating from the fiber without nicking the glass. Clean the exposed fiber with isopropyl alcohol to remove any debris or oils, as dust or contamination can significantly increase signal loss.

Step 2: Prepare the Pigtail Fiber A fiber optic pigtail has a factory-terminated connector on one end and a bare fiber on the other. Strip and clean the bare end of the pigtail in the same manner as the steel fiber. Ensure the fiber is cleaved with a precision fiber cleaver to produce a flat, smooth end face, which is critical for a low-loss splice.

Step 3: Choose the Splicing Method There are two main splicing methods:

- Fusion Splicing:** Uses a fusion splicer to align the fibers and weld them together with an electric arc. This method provides the lowest insertion loss and is preferred for permanent, high-performance connections.
- Mechanical Splicing:** Aligns the fibers in a precision sleeve with index-matching gel. This method is faster and does not require a splicer but typically has slightly higher loss (around 0.3 dB).

Step 4: Perform the Splice

- For fusion splicing:** Place both fibers into the fusion splicer. The splicer automatically aligns the fibers and fuses them using an electric arc. Protect the splice with a heat-shrink sleeve or splice protector to prevent mechanical damage.
- For mechanical splicing:** Insert the fibers into the mechanical splice holder. Ensure precise alignment and secure the fibers. Close the holder and verify the connection visually or with a light source.

Step 5: Test the Con...

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Remove the outer coating carefully to expose the fiber. Use alcohol wipes to remove dust and debris. Make a precise cut for optimal splicing. Align and fuse the pigtail fiber with the main

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If it is a multi-fiber cable, each of the component fibers can be connected to a separate pigtail, and hence to a separate connector. An alternative method is to use a "fanout kit", also known

Fiber cable termination

Fiber Optic cable termination is the addition of connectors to each optical fiber in a cable. The fibers need to have connectors fitted before they can attach to other equipment.

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Once you've selected your pigtail, the bare fiber end needs to be permanently joined to the incoming cable fiber. You have two methods: fusion

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