

How to splice a 24-core ribbon optical cable



AI Overview

Splicing a 24-core ribbon optical cable involves carefully splitting the ribbon into manageable subunits, preparing the fibers, and performing fusion splicing for a low-loss, permanent connection.

Tools and Materials Needed

- Fusion splicer compatible with ribbon fibers
- Fiber cleaver
- Ribbon splitter (optional, e.g., Fitel S233)
- Core tube entry tool for accessing the fiber ribbons
- Cleaning supplies (isopropyl alcohol, lint-free wipes)
- Splice tray and protective sleeves
- Cable ties and tape for organizing ribbons

Step-by-Step Procedure

- Access the Fiber Ribbons** Use a core tube entry tool to open the cable's core tube and expose the 24-fiber ribbon. Ensure the ribbons are clean and free of debris before proceeding (OFS IP-045, IP-057).
- Split the Ribbon** (if necessary) For mass fusion splicing, it is often easier to split the 24-fiber ribbon into two 12-fiber subunits. This allows standard 12-fiber fusion splicers to be used. A ribbon splitter or careful manual separation can achieve this, ensuring fibers remain aligned and untangled.
- Prepare the Fibers** Strip the coating from each fiber carefully. Clean the bare fibers with isopropyl alcohol. Use a precision cleaver to cut the fiber ends squarely, which is critical for low-loss splicing.
- Organize the Ribbons** Arrange the ribbons in the correct order, alternating top and bottom layers if needed, and secure them with tape or cable ties to maintain alignment during splicing.
- Fusion Splicing** Place the prepared fibers into the fusion splicer. Align the fibers using the splicer's automated system. Perform the fusion splice, which melts the fiber ends together to create a permanent, low-loss joint. Repeat for all fibers in the ribbon or subunit.
- Protect the Splices** Place each fused fiber into a protective sleeve. Organize the spliced ribbons neatly in a splice tray to prevent bending or stress. Secure the tray inside the enclosure or closure.
- Testing and Verification** Af...

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