How to strip multiple optical cables

Overview

Good fiber optic stripping techniques in your cable assembly process are crucial. See best practices for how to strip fiber optic cable buffers & jackets.

Key Takeaways

Stripping optical cables involves carefully removing the outer jacket, strength members, and buffer coatings to expose the fiber without causing damage.

Preparation and Safety

Work area: Ensure a clean, well-lit workspace free of dust and debris ( ). Safety gear: Always wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from sharp fiber shards ( ). Tools: Use a fiber optic cable stripper, cleaver, hook blade knife, alcohol wipes, and inspection microscope ( ).

Step-by-

Step Stripping Process

Measure and mark the cable: Determine the length of jacket to remove based on your termination or splicing needs. Mark the jacket accordingly ( ). Score the outer jacket: Use a circular scoring tool or hook blade to make a shallow cut around the outer jacket, typically 7–10 inches from the cable end.

Avoid cutting too deep to prevent damaging the inner fibers ( ). Remove the outer jacket: Bend the scored section to break the plastic and peel it away. Expose the ripcord if present, which can help remove the remaining jacket ( ).

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Strip strength members: Carefully remove aramid yarn or other strength fibers without cutting the fiber itself. These fibers provide tensile strength and must remain intact for proper connector performance ( ). Remove buffer coatings: Use a fiber optic stripper to remove the protective coating from each individual fiber.

Adjust the stripper blade depth according to the fiber diameter to avoid nicking the glass ( ). Clean the fiber: Wipe the stripped fiber with alcohol or a cleaning solution to remove debris and ensure a clean surface for termination ( ). Cleave the fiber: Use a fiber optic cleaver to create a smooth, perpendicular end face.

Inspect the cleave with a microscope or visual fault locator to ensure it is free of defects ( ). Repeat for multiple fibers: If working with multi-fiber cables, repeat the stripping, cleaning, and cleaving process for each fiber individually, maintaining consistency and precision ( ).

Best Practices

Strip layers progressively: jacket first, then strength members, then buffers ( ). Maintain tools: Keep cutting edges sharp to prevent fiber damage ( ). Handle fibers carefully: Avoid bending fibers sharply or applying excessive force.

Dispose of fiber scraps safely to prevent injury ( ). Following these steps ensures clean, undamaged fibers ready for splicing or connectorization, which is critical for optimal signal transmission and network performance ( ).

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