

How to properly insert a fiber optic pigtail



Article Overview

Proper insertion of a fiber optic pigtail involves careful preparation, precise splicing, and thorough testing to ensure low signal loss and reliable network performance.

Step 1: Prepare the Fiber Cable

Begin by carefully removing the outer jacket of the fiber cable to expose the bare fiber. Use a fiber stripper to remove the coating without damaging the glass core. Clean the exposed fiber with isopropyl alcohol wipes to remove dust, oils, and debris, which can cause signal loss or poor splicing performance .

Step 2: Cleave the Fiber

Use a precision fiber cleaver to make a clean, perpendicular cut on the fiber end. A precise cleave is critical for a successful fusion splice, as uneven or angled cuts can increase insertion loss and back reflection .

Step 3: Align and Splice the Pigtail

Choose between fusion splicing or mechanical splicing. Fusion splicing is preferred for permanent, low-loss connections. Insert the bare end of the pigtail and the prepared fiber into the fusion splicer. The splicer will align the fibers and fuse them using an electric arc, creating a seamless optical connection

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