

There are some marks on the fusion spliced optical cable



Article Overview

Connection marks on a fusion-spliced optical cable are typically normal and indicate the location of the splice, but their appearance should be inspected to ensure splice quality.

Understanding Fusion Splice Marks

Fusion splicing permanently joins two optical fibers using an electric arc, creating a continuous path for light with minimal reflection and attenuation. The "marks" you see are usually the result of the fusion process itself, where the fiber ends are melted and fused together. These marks are often visible through the protective splice sleeve or on the fiber under magnification.

When Marks Are Normal

- Visual indication of the splice: The mark shows where the fibers were joined and is expected in all fusion splices.
- Protected by a heat-shrink sleeve: After splicing, a heat-shrink sleeve is applied to protect the joint from moisture and mechanical stress, which may make the mark more noticeable.
- No impact on signal: If the splice was performed correctly, the mark does not affect optical transmission, and insertion loss is typically below 0.1 dB.

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