

Fiber Optic Cable Connection Solution



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables can be connected using active connectors, cold splicing, fusion splicing, or physical connection methods, each suited for different applications and performance requirements.

- 1. Active Connection (Connector-Based)** Active connections use fiber optic connectors to join cables via plugs and sockets, allowing easy connection and disconnection. This method is flexible, convenient, and reliable, commonly used in building network cabling. Typical attenuation is around 1 dB per connection, and while connectors can lose 10–20% of light, they simplify system reconfiguration and maintenance. Common connector types include SC, LC, and ST, chosen based on density, environment, and performance needs.
- 2. Emergency Connection (Cold Splicing)** Cold splicing, or mechanical splicing, bonds two fiber ends using mechanical and chemical methods. It is quick and suitable for temporary connections, with typical attenuation of 0.1–0.3 dB per point. The process involves aligning fiber ends in a sleeve and clamping them, which can be done in minutes by trained personnel. However, connections may become unstable over time, making this method ideal for short-term or emergency use.
- 3. Permanent Fiber Connection (Fusion Splicing)** Fusion splicing is a permanent method where fiber ends are melted and fused using an electric arc, producing the lowest attenuation (0.01–0.03 dB per point) and a connection nearly as strong as a single fiber. This method is ideal for long-distance or semi-permanent installations. Fusion splicing requires specialized equipment (fusion splicer) and professional operation, with protective enclosures for the splice points.
- 4. Non-Splicing Physical Connection** The physical connection method uses a V-groove design and matching liquid to achieve nearly 100% fusion success without splicing. It is suitable for Fiber to the Room (FTTR) solutions and provides a permanent, high-quality connection. This method combines the convenience of connectors with the low loss of splicing.

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