

How to splice long-distance trunk optical cables



Summary of Content

Fusion splicing is the preferred method for long-distance trunk optical cables due to its low signal loss, high reliability, and durability, while mechanical splicing is suitable for temporary or emergency connections.

Key Splicing Methods

Fusion Splicing: This is the most common and reliable technique for long-haul optical networks. It involves aligning the fiber cores precisely and using an electric arc to melt and fuse them into a continuous strand, resulting in minimal signal loss (typically around 0.02 dB) and low back reflection. Fusion splicing is ideal for high-speed, long-distance telecom and data center applications due to its durability and resistance to environmental changes and vibrations . **Mechanical Splicing:** This method uses a mechanical alignment sleeve and index-matching gel to hold fiber ends in place without melting them. While faster and simpler than fusion splicing, it generally has higher insertion loss and is less durable, making it suitable for field repairs or temporary connections .

Preparation and Tools

Proper preparation is critical for high-quality splices:

- **Stripping and Cleaning:** Remove the outer jacket, buffer, and coating carefully using fiber strippers. Clean the bare fibers with 99%+ isopropyl alcohol and lint-free wipes to avoid contamination .

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This guide explores everything about fiber optic cable splice —from fiber fusion splice basics to how to splice fiber

How to Splice Fiber?

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