

How to make a connector for fiber optic cable



Article Overview

Making a fiber optic connector involves carefully preparing the fiber, attaching the connector, and ensuring precise alignment to minimize signal loss.

Tools and Materials Needed

- Fiber optic cable (single-mode or multi-mode)
- Fiber cleaver for precise cutting
- Cable stripper and buffer removal tools
- Connector kit (LC, SC, ST, or other types)
- Adhesives or epoxy (if required by connector type)
- Polishing films or diamond lapping paper
- Fusion splicer (for fusion splicing) or mechanical splice kit
- Safety equipment: gloves and safety glasses to protect against glass shards

Step-by-Step Process

1. Prepare the Fiber

- Remove the outer jacket of the fiber cable using a stripping tool.
- Separate and trim the Kevlar strength members to avoid interference.
- Strip the buffer coating to expose the bare fiber, typically 19 mm (0.75 inch) for SC connectors .
- Clean the bare fiber with isopropyl alcohol to remove any debris or coating residu...

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