

How to tell if the fiber optic cable is properly connected



Article Overview

You can verify a fiber optic cable connection by inspecting the cable, using a flashlight or visual fault locator, and measuring signal with an optical power meter or OTDR.

Step 1: Visual Inspection

Start by checking the physical condition of the fiber cable and connectors. Look for cuts, kinks, frays, or scratches on the cable, and ensure connectors are clean and free of dust or contamination, as these can block light transmission and degrade performance .

Step 2: Basic Light Test

For a quick check, use a flashlight or LED light source:

- Shine the light into one end of the fiber strand.
- Have someone observe the opposite end for light emerging.
- If light is visible, the fiber is likely intact; if not, there may be a break or fault .

Step 3: Using a Visual Fault Locator (VFL)

A VFL emits a visible red laser through the fiber:...

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