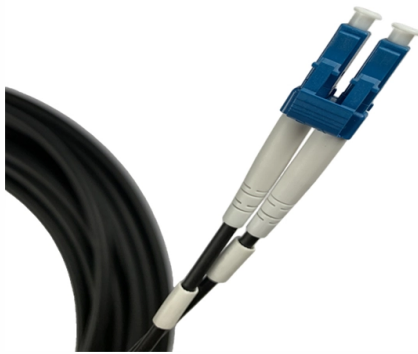


Loss of power fiber optic cable fusion splices



Article Overview

Typical power loss in a fiber optic fusion splice is 0.02–0.05 dB, with 0.1 dB considered the maximum acceptable per splice.

Typical Loss Values

For single-mode fibers, modern fusion splicers usually achieve a splice loss between 0.02 and 0.05 dB, while multimode fibers may experience slightly higher losses due to larger core diameters and alignment tolerances. Industry standards, such as Telcordia GR-1093, specify a maximum of 0.1 dB per splice and an average of 0.05 dB across a link. Losses above 0.1 dB typically require the splice to be redone before sealing the closure.

Factors Affecting Splice Loss

Several factors influence the final splice loss:

- Fiber cleanliness: Dust or debris on fiber ends can significantly increase loss.
- Core alignment: Precise alignment is critical for single-mode fibers; core misalignment is the main contributor to loss.
- Cleave quality: Poorly cleaved fiber ends increase scattering and attenuation.
- Splicer calibration and maintenance: Dirty electrodes or outdated software can lead to higher losses.
- Environmental conditions: Humidity, wind, or temperature fluctuations can affect...

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