Methods for splicing and coiling optical cables

Overview

Before fiber coiling, the optical cable and pigtail should be pre-processed, and the optical cable and pigtail should be opened first.

Key Takeaways

Proper splicing and coiling of optical fibers ensure low signal loss, network reliability, and long-term durability.

Fiber Optic Splicing

Fiber optic splicing is the process of joining two optical fibers to create a continuous optical path for data transmission. There are two main methods: 1. Fusion Splicing: This method uses an electric arc to melt and fuse the fiber ends, producing a permanent, low-loss connection with minimal back reflection.

Fusion splicing is preferred for long-haul single-mode networks due to its high reliability and low attenuation, typically around 0. 1 dB. 2.

Mechanical Splicing: This method aligns fibers within a mechanical fixture using an index-matching gel. It is faster and suitable for temporary connections or field repairs, with slightly higher loss (around 0. 3 dB) compared to fusion splicing.

Best Practices for Splicing: Clean and prepare fibers carefully to avoid contamination. Use a precision cleaver to ensure smooth fiber ends. Set fusion splicer parameters systematically for consistent results.

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Verify splice quality to minimize signal loss and back reflection. Splicing is essential for extending cable lengths, repairing damaged fibers, and connecting different fiber types in networks.

Coiling Optical Fibers

After splicing, fibers must be coiled properly to prevent excessive bending, which can cause signal loss or damage. Coiling also ensures a tidy layout for future maintenance. Key Coiling Guidelines: Pre-process the optical cable and pigtail before coiling.

Calculate the reserved fiber length accurately to avoid uneven loops. Avoid "bird's-nest" coiling; each fiber should be neatly coiled individually. Coil fibers once after splicing and heat-shrinking in protective sleeves.

Maintain gentle curves and avoid sharp bends to preserve fiber integrity. Common Coiling Methods: Middle-first method: Place heat-shrunk sleeves in the center of the tray first, then coil fibers on both sides. This is useful when tray space is limited.

End-first method: Start coiling from one end, fix the heat-shrink tube, and then coil the remaining fiber. This method is flexible and faster. Special handling: For fibers that are unusually long or short, coil them separately or handle them according to specific device requirements.

Advantages of Proper Coiling: Prevents fiber confusion between sleeves or branch cables. Ensures a neat, maintainable layout. Reduces additional signal loss and protects fibers from environmental stress.

Summary

Splicing and coiling optical fibers are critical steps in network installation and maintenance. Fusion splicing provides permanent, low-loss connections, while mechanical splicing offers quick, temporary solutions. Proper coiling after splicing ensures fiber protection, minimal signal loss, and ease of future maintenance.

Following these best practices guarantees reliable, high-performance optical networks.

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