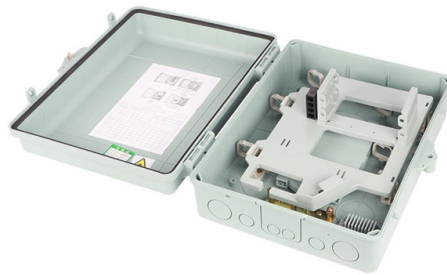


Multimode Drop Fiber Fusion Splicing



Article Overview

Fusion splicing of multimode drop fibers creates a low-loss, permanent optical connection by precisely aligning and fusing fiber cores, though splice loss is mode-dependent and influenced by core alignment and fiber geometry.

Overview of Fusion Splicing

Fusion splicing is the process of welding two optical fibers together using an electric arc, producing a permanent joint with minimal insertion loss and high mechanical strength . It is the preferred method for both singlemode and multimode fibers, especially in drop networks where reliability and low loss are critical . Unlike mechanical splices, fusion splices typically achieve losses below 0.1 dB, whereas mechanical splices may have losses around 0.2–0.5 dB .

Challenges with Multimode Fibers

Multimode fibers have larger cores and graded-index profiles, which can make precise core alignment more difficult than singlemode fibers . The splice loss in multimode fibers is mode-dependent, meaning that the loss varies depending on which modes carry the light. For example, if light is launched primarily into low-order modes, splice loss may be low, but bending or mode redistribution can increase loss . Differences in core diameter, numerical aperture, or fiber manufacturer can further complicate splicing and increase loss .

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