

What causes high optical fiber decay in pigtails



Article Overview

High optical fiber decay in pigtails is primarily caused by connector and splice issues, bending losses, contamination, and intrinsic fiber material imperfections.

Intrinsic Causes

Intrinsic losses originate from the fiber material itself and include absorption, scattering, and dispersion. Absorption occurs when light energy is converted to heat or interacts with impurities such as hydroxyl ions (OH^-), which increase loss at certain wavelengths. Scattering, including Rayleigh and Mie scattering, redistributes light and reduces forward transmission. Dispersion spreads optical pulses over time, affecting signal quality, particularly in multimode fibers .

Extrinsic Causes

Extrinsic losses are related to operating conditions, installation, and interfaces:

- **Connector and Splice Loss:** Poorly manufactured connectors, misalignment, scratches, air gaps, or improper polishing can significantly increase insertion loss. Contamination from dust, fingerprints, or oils is a leading cause of high decay in pigtails .
- **Bending Loss:** Both macrobending (visible kinks) and microbending (tiny bends from packaging or environmental stress) can cause light to leak from the fiber. Even bend-insensitive fibers can experience measurable loss if coiled too tightly

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Therefore, attenuation in this spectral region varies with the quality of the fiber. The attenuation coefficient is also mode dependent.

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