

How to make patch cords for fiber optic cables



AI Overview

Fiber optic patch cords are made by precisely preparing the fiber, attaching connectors with epoxy, cleaving and polishing the fiber ends, and testing for signal quality.

Materials and Tools Needed

To make a fiber optic patch cord, you will need:

- Fiber optic cable of the desired type and length
- Connectors compatible with the cable (e.g., SC, LC, ST)
- Epoxy or adhesive for ferrule bonding
- Fiber cleaver and stripper
- Polishing films and puck
- Lint-free wipes and isopropyl alcohol for cleaning
- Curing oven (UV or thermal) for epoxy
- Microscope for inspecting the connector end-face

Step 1: Preparing the Fiber Cable

Measure and Cut: Cut the fiber cable to the required length using a precise cable cutter.

Strip the Cable: Remove the outer jacket and buffer using a fiber optic stripper, exposing the core and aramid yarn (Kevlar).

Clean the Fiber: Wipe the exposed fiber with isopropyl alcohol and lint-free cloths to remove dust and residue.

Step 2: Connector Assembly

Prepare the Connector: Slide the boot and crimp sleeve onto the cable.

Apply Epoxy: Inject epoxy into the connector ferrule using a syringe.

Insert the Fiber: Carefully insert the stripped fiber into the ferrule until it slightly protrudes from the tip.

Cure the Epoxy: Place the connector in a curing oven to harden the epoxy; curing time depends on the adhesive used.

Step 3: Cleaving and Polishing

Cleaving: Use a fiber cleaver to trim the protruding fiber as close as possible to the ferrule tip.

Polishing: Polish the connector end-face using polishing films and a puck to ensure smoothness and minimize insertion and return loss.

Step 4: Testing and Quality Assurance

Inspect the connector end-face under a microscope to ensure alignment and cleanliness.

Test the patch cord for insertion loss and return loss to verify performance.

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