

How to remove fiber optic cable surface coating



AI Overview

Fiber optic cable coatings can be removed using mechanical, thermal, or chemical methods, depending on the type of coating and the precision required. Mechanical Stripping Mechanical stripping is the most common and preferred method for removing fiber coatings. Specialized fiber optic strippers, such as the Clauss CFS-1, Fitel S-210, or adjustable strippers, are designed to remove coatings without damaging the glass core. For non-standard fiber diameters, adjustable strippers are recommended. Mechanical strippers may also include thermal-assisted versions that slightly heat the coating to reduce adhesion, minimizing the risk of introducing surface flaws. Thermal Stripping Thermal strippers, like those attached to the Vytran FFS-2000 or Schleuniger FiberStrip 7030, use controlled heat to soften the coating for easy removal. This method is particularly useful for hard coatings such as polyimide, carbon, or gold. Thermal stripping is non-contact and chemical-free, reducing the risk of contamination or fiber weakening. Chemical Stripping Chemical stripping involves using solvents or acids to dissolve the coating. Common approaches include: Paint strippers or gel-based solvents applied near the fiber tip, softening the coating in about a minute for removal with lens tissue. Sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) at 120°C for one minute, with precautions such as sealing the fiber tip to prevent damage. High-purity alcohols (99% isopropyl alcohol) for cleaning residual coating after chemical stripping. Chemical methods require careful handling to avoid fiber damage, poorly defined coating termination, or residual solvent effects that can compromise mechanical reliability. Local regulations may restrict the use of certain chemicals like dichloromethane. Best Practices Always use lint-free wipes or pads when cleaning fibers after stripping to prevent contamination. Minimize the number of passes with...

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How to Strip And Clean Fiber-Optic Cable

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Fiber Strippers – tools, mechanical, thermal, chemical,

A fiber stripper is a precision tool used to remove the protective polymer fiber coatings from an optical fiber. This process exposes the bare glass without

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We provide fiber optic stripping tools for fiber coating removal, including end-stripping and mid-span tools, ideal for stripping hard to remove coatings.

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Cleaning of Fiber Ends

After stripping the coating, wipe the bare glass once with a slightly moistened lint-free wipe, then immediately wipe it dry with a clean section of the wipe. This removes buffer residue and ensures a

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How to Strip and Clean Fiber-Optic Cable? To strip and clean outdoor FO cable, you have to start with the outer jacket. Step 1: Mark the armor (if the cable has

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Splicing and termination procedures require the removal of a section of the optical fiber's protective coating. It is crucial that the coating removal be accomplished carefully to minimize the impact on the

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Fiber and Cable Stripper – Types, Uses & Guide

First, strip the outer sheath of the optical fiber with optical fiber strippers; remove the stripped outer sheath of the optical fiber; and finally, cut the

Handling Procedures for Polyimide Fibers

Stripping Polyimide fiber typically can't be stripped using mechanical means. It is most frequently burned off (which can weaken the fiber) or be chemically removed. However, for polyimide-only fibers (NO

Stripping Optical Fibers utilizing the Fujikura

ABSTRACT The recently released Fujikura PCS-100 is a novel stripping tool for removing polyimide coating from optical fibers. Extensive testing on the stripping ability of this equipment has

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First, the protective coating is removed from the fiber using a coating stripper; then, the glass core is cleaned with a cleaning block tool; and finally, it is set into the fusion splicing...

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To remove the coating of the optical fiber we have used a CO2 laser coupled to a galvanometer scanner. We performed many tests at different scanning speed of the laser over the optical fiber.

The Ultimate Optical Fiber Stripper Guide

Explore Optical Fiber Stripper types and uses. Learn pro techniques for precise stripping to ensure reliable network performance with top tools.

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