

How to make a pigtail for a black fiber optic cable

Article Overview

To make a fiber optic pigtail, you prepare the cable, strip and clean the fiber, cleave it precisely, and then fusion splice it to a pre-terminated pigtail for a low-loss, reliable connection.

Tools and Materials Needed

- Fiber optic pigtail (pre-terminated connector on one end)
- Fiber stripper and cleaver
- Fusion splicer
- Isopropyl alcohol wipes and lint-free cloths
- Heat-shrink sleeve or protective tubing
- OTDR or power meter for testing

Step-by-Step Process

1. Prepare the Fiber Cable Carefully remove the outer jacket of the black fiber optic cable to expose the individual fibers. Strip the protective coating from the fiber using a fiber stripper, exposing the bare glass. Clean the fiber thoroughly with alcohol wipes to remove dust and debris, as even tiny particles can cause signal loss . 2. Cleave the Fiber Use a precision fiber cleaver to make a clean, perpendicular cut on the exposed fiber. A perfect cleave is critical for a low-loss splice and ensures proper alignment with the pigtail . 3. Prepare the Pigtail Select a high-quality, pre-tested pigtail with a factory-polished connector. The pigtail has one bare end ready for spli...

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