

The role of single-mode fiber fusion splicing

Article Overview

Single-mode fibers are typically spliced using fusion splicing with core alignment techniques, often in a dedicated single-mode splice mode.

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Single-mode (SM) fibers have a very small core diameter, usually 8-10 microns, which makes precise alignment critical to minimize insertion loss and back reflection during splicing. Fusion splicing is the preferred method for single-mode fibers because it permanently welds the fiber ends together using an electric arc, producing very low loss (often below 0.05 dB) and a strong, reliable joint.

Alignment Techniques

For single-mode fibers, core alignment (three-axis alignment) is the most widely used method. This technique aligns the fiber cores precisely rather than just the cladding, which is essential due to the small mode-field diameter of SM fibers. Other alignment methods include:

- Active V-groove splicers: Movable V-grooves provide precise fiber alignment suitable for SM fibers and FTTx applications.
- Profile alignment systems: Use collimated light to image the fiber cores and automatically align them before fusing.
- Local Injection and Detection (LID) systems: Inject light at the splice point and det...

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