

Uses of a hacksaw in a fiber optic cable installation toolbox

Article Overview

A hacksaw in a fiber optic installation toolbox is primarily used for cutting rigid materials like conduit, cable trays, or protective sheathing, not the fiber itself.

Primary Applications

Cutting Conduit and Ducts: Fiber optic cables are often routed through PVC, metal, or flexible conduits. A hacksaw allows technicians to cut these conduits to the required lengths for proper cable routing and installation. **Trimming Cable Trays and Supports:** In data centers or telecom installations, cable trays and brackets may need resizing or modification. A hacksaw provides a precise way to cut metal or plastic trays to fit the installation layout. **Removing Protective Sheathing:** Some fiber optic cables come with thick outer jackets or armored layers that cannot be stripped with standard fiber optic strippers. A hacksaw can be used carefully to cut through these outer layers before using specialized stripping tools for the inner fibers. **Emergency or Field Adjustments:** In situations where pre-cut conduits or cable supports are unavailable, a hacksaw serves as a versatile tool for on-the-spot adjustments, ensuring the installation can proceed without delays.

Safety and Best Practices

- Do not use a hacksaw on the fiber itself, as it will damage the delicate glass strands. Use fiber cleavers or Kevlar scissors for precise fiber cutting.
- Secure the material being cut in a vise or clamp to prevent slipping and ensure a...

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