Steps for connecting the active connector to the optical fiber



Overview

In this guide, we''ll walk you through the entire process of preparing fiber optic cable for splicing and termination to fiber connectors.

Key Takeaways

Connecting an active optical fiber connector requires careful cleaning, precise alignment, and secure attachment to ensure optimal light transmission and minimal signal loss.

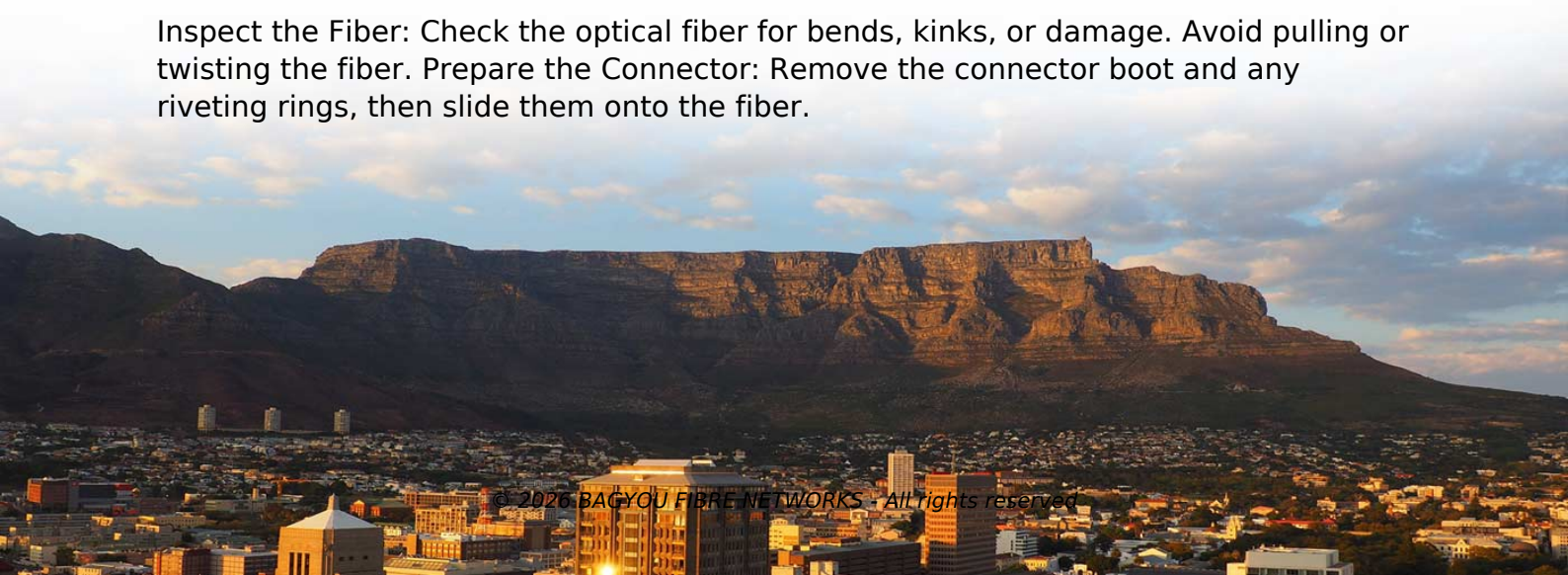
Tools and Preparations

Before starting, gather the necessary tools: fiber strippers, fiber cleaver, crimping pliers, UV or epoxy glue, UV lamp, fiber holders, and anhydrous alcohol for cleaning. Ensure a clean, static-free workspace and wear ESD gloves to protect the fiber from contamination or damage.

Step-by-

Step Connection Process

Inspect the Fiber: Check the optical fiber for bends, kinks, or damage. Avoid pulling or twisting the fiber. Prepare the Connector: Remove the connector boot and any riveting rings, then slide them onto the fiber.



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Clean the Fiber End: Use a specialized cleaning solution and fiber cleaning rods to remove dust or debris from the fiber tip. Apply Adhesive: For connectors requiring glue (e.g., LC, SC, FC), inject UV or epoxy glue into the connector ferrule and insert the fiber until glue slightly overflows. Secure the Fiber: Depending on the connector type: LC: Use the latch mechanism to lock the fiber in place.

S

C: Push-pull with latch mechanism; rotate the boot to secure the fiber.

F

C: Threaded screw mechanism; crimp the ferrule and tighten the outer housing. Cure and Polish: If using UV glue, cure with a UV lamp. Polish the fiber end face if required to ensure smooth light transmission.

Assemble the Connector: Slide the outer housing over the ferrule, align any bump marks with the coupler, and attach the dust cover.

Testing the Connection

After assembly, use an optical power meter or optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR) to verify the connection quality and ensure minimal insertion loss.

Safety Tips

Always handle fibers carefully to avoid breakage or injury. Avoid touching the fiber end face to prevent contamination. Follow proper ESD precautions to protect sensitive optical components.

By following these steps, you can achieve a reliable and high-performance connection for active optical fiber systems, suitable for data centers, telecom networks, or FTTH deployments.

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