

Detailed Explanation of Indoor Optical Cable Stripping Methods



AI Overview

Indoor optical cable stripping involves carefully removing each protective layer of the cable using specialized tools to avoid fiber damage and ensure optimal signal performance.

Understanding Cable Structure Indoor fiber optic cables typically consist of multiple layers:

- Outer Jacket:** The protective sheath, usually soft plastic, which shields the cable from physical damage.
- Strength Members:** Aramid yarns or similar materials that provide tensile strength.
- Buffer Coating:** A plastic layer surrounding each fiber for protection.
- Cladding and Core:** The glass or plastic layers that carry light signals; these are extremely delicate and must not be nicked or scratched.

Each layer must be stripped individually and progressively, starting from the outer jacket and moving inward, to prevent damage to the underlying fibers.

Tools for Stripping Indoor Optical Cables

- Fiber Optic Cable Strippers:** Precision tools designed to remove buffer coatings without nicking the fiber. They come in blade, rotary, and hand-held designs, adjustable for different cable diameters.
- Coaxial or Buffer Tube Strippers:** Used for loose tube or bundled indoor cables, capable of transverse (ring) or longitudinal cuts with adjustable blade depth to avoid fiber damage.
- Hook Blade Knives:** Useful for scoring and removing outer jackets, often in combination with ripcords for controlled jacket removal.
- Fiber Cleavers and Microscopes:** While not for stripping, these tools are essential for preparing clean fiber ends after stripping.

Step-by-Step Stripping Process

- Preparation:** Ensure a clean, well-lit workspace. Inspect the cable for kinks or defects and mark the stripping points.
- Outer Jacket Removal:** Score the jacket at the desired length (typically 7–10 inches from the cable end) using a hook blade or circular scoring tool. Use the ripcord to remove the jacket carefully, avoiding damage to strength members.
- Strength Member Handling:** Cut or pull bac...

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The method can further include opening the protective cover at the groove to form a split protective cover portion (114 S), and removing the split protective cover portion from the fiber optic cable.

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Learning the Different Coating Stripping Methods The cladding power stripper also referred to as the multimode optical power stripper is designed for amplifier applications and high

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NKT Photonics App notes

FIBER HANDLING, STRIPPING, CLEAVING AND COUPLING This application note addresses general handling of fibers from NKT Photonics, including how to strip the protective coating, how to cleave

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The pigtail is a high-quality optical assembly manufactured using custom connectors to accommodate another fiber cable in a tray, rack or splice closer. These factory preterminated flat drop pigtails are

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Adjustable and Specialized Optical Fiber Stripper Models While most applications use standard fiber sizes, some projects may involve non-standard or

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The main types include mechanical handheld tools with precise blades, thermo-mechanical strippers that use heat to soften the coating, non-contact methods like hot air or laser ablation, and chemical

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