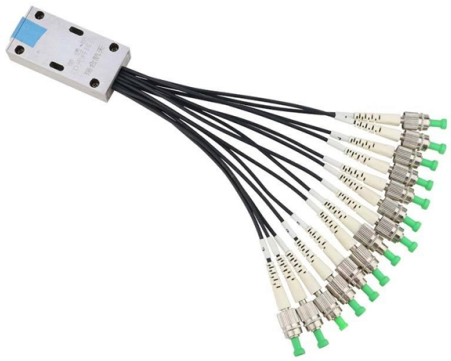
Where is the starting end of the optical cable



Overview

An optical fiber, or optical fibre, is a flexible glass or plastic fiber that can transmit light from one end to the other. Such fibers are widely used in fiber-optic communication, where they permit transmission over longer distances and at higher bandwidths (data transfer rates) than electrical cables. Fibers are used instead of metal wires because signals travel along them with less loss and are immune to electromagnetic interference.

Key Takeaways

The start and end points of an optical cable are the locations where the fiber is terminated, either with connectors for temporary connections or splices for permanent joints.

Overview of Termination Points

The start and end points of a fiber optic cable are defined by where the optical signal enters and exits the fiber. These points are typically terminated in one of two ways: Connectors – These are used to create a temporary joint between two fibers or to connect the fiber to network equipment such as transceivers, switches, or patch panels. Common connector types include LC, SC, ST, FC, and MPO/MTP, with variations like UPC or APC polish depending on the application.

Connectors allow easy disconnection and reconnection without affecting the fiber permanently. Splices – These create a permanent joint between two fibers, often used in long-distance or backbone installations. Splices can be fusion splices, which fuse the fibers together, or mechanical splices, which align fibers in a sleeve.

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Splices are typically used when a permanent, low-loss connection is required.

Typical Locations

Start Point: The fiber begins at a transmitter or network device, such as a fiber optic transceiver, media converter, or central office equipment. Here, the fiber is terminated with a connector or spliced to a pigtail that interfaces with the device. End Point: The fiber terminates at a receiver or another network device, such as a switch, router, or optical network terminal (ONT) in FTTH deployments.

The end point may also be a patch panel or distribution frame where the fiber is connected to other fibers or equipment. Additional ConsiderationsSingle-mode vs. Multimode: Single-mode fibers often require factory-made pigtails and splices for precise termination, while multimode fibers can be terminated in the field with connectors.

Protection: Both start and end points must be protected from dirt, damage, and environmental factors to maintain low insertion loss and high signal quality. Pre-terminated Assemblies: Many installations use pre-terminated fiber optic cables with defined connectors on both ends, simplifying deployment and ensuring consistent performance. In summary, the start and end points of an optical cable are the locations where the fiber is terminated, either temporarily with connectors or permanently with splices, connecting the fiber to network devices or other fibers while ensuring optimal optical performance and mechanical protection.

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Fiber Optic Cable Installation and Handling Instructions

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The information contained in this manual should serve as a guide to proper handling, installing, testing, and for troubleshooting problems with fiber optic cables.

Optical Fiber Cable

All Fiber Optic Cable reels should be stored upright Laying the reel on its side may cause damage to the reel flange and/or cause the cable layers to shift – This may cause cable to snag during de-reeling.

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At this point the cable should be tensioned to the correct sag level using suitable chain hoist equipment at the “free” end of the cable, before it is dead-ended to the pole.

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