

How to strip a fiber optic patch cord



AI Overview

Stripping a fiber optic patch cord requires carefully removing each protective layer—jacket, aramid yarn, and buffer—using the correct tools to avoid damaging the delicate fiber inside.

Steps to Strip a Fiber Optic Patch Cord

Prepare the Cable and Tools

Use a fiber optic stripper or precision wire stripper suitable for the cable diameter (typically 2–3 mm for single-fiber patch cords) and ensure the blades are sharp to prevent nicking the fiber. Safety glasses are recommended to protect your eyes from fiber shards.

Strip the Outer Jacket

Carefully cut and remove the outer plastic jacket without cutting the underlying aramid yarn (Kevlar) or buffer. This layer provides insulation and protection, so precision is key.

Remove the Aramid Yarn (Kevlar)

The aramid yarn adds tensile strength. Trim it back carefully using scissors or a Kevlar cutter, ensuring no fibers remain that could interfere with connectorization.

Strip the Buffer Coating

The buffer surrounds the glass fiber. Use a fiber stripper designed for the specific fiber type (single-mode or multimode) to remove the buffer coating and expose the bare fiber. Avoid applying excessive force, as even a small scratch can weaken the fiber and cause future breakage.

Clean the Fiber

After stripping, clean the exposed fiber with isopropyl alcohol and lint-free wipes to remove any debris or coating residue before splicing or connectorization.

Tips and Best Practices

- Progressive Stripping:** Always strip layers individually rather than attempting to remove multiple layers at once.
- Tool Maintenance:** Keep stripping tools clean and sharp to ensure precise cuts.
- Avoid Fiber Damage:** Handle the fiber gently; scratches or nicks can compromise signal quality and lead to breakage under stress or thermal cycling.
- Use Proper Lengths:** Strip each layer to the length required for your connector or splice, as specified by the manufacturer.

Recommended Tools

- Precision Fiber Strippers:** For buffer removal (e.g., Jonard JIC-1022 or CST-4000 for larger cables).
- Kevlar Scissors:** For trimming aramid yarn.

Protective Equipment:

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