

Factory Fiber Optic Connector Needle Threading



Overview

The fiber threading and curing process is a specialized manufacturing step designed to secure the fiber or cable at the connector end while providing effective strain relief.

Key Takeaways

Factory fiber optic connectors use pre-cleaved, pre-polished fibers and precision ferrules to ensure accurate alignment and low-loss termination, often eliminating manual threading in the field.

Connector Types and Ferrules

Fiber optic connectors typically consist of a ferrule, which holds the fiber and aligns it for mating. Common ferrule diameters include 2.5 mm for ST connectors and 3.

14 mm for SMA connectors. Ferrules are usually made of ceramic or stainless steel, providing precise alignment and durability. The fiber is inserted into the ferrule, often using adhesives or mechanical locking mechanisms, which can include threaded or bayonet-style couplings depending on the connector type.

Factory Pre-



Terminated Connectors

In factory settings, connectors are often pre-polished and pre-cleaved, meaning the fiber stub is already prepared for optimal optical performance. This eliminates the need for manual polishing or threading in the field. FASTConnect® and AFOP™ connectors are examples of factory-installed solutions that use a mechanical splice with index-matching gel to align the fiber precisely and reduce back reflection and insertion loss.

These connectors are compatible with various fiber sizes, including 250 µm, 900 µm, 2 mm, and 3 mm cordage, and support both single-mode and multimode fibers.

Needle Threading and Mechanical Splicing

The term "needle threading" refers to the careful insertion of the fiber into the ferrule or mechanical splice. In factory connectors, this is done with precision alignment tools and often a translucent wedge or keying mechanism to ensure the fiber is seated correctly. Mechanical splices use a splice-to-key system and index-matching fluid to secure the fiber and minimize optical loss.

This process ensures low insertion loss (

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Most connectors require a type of epoxy or other optical adhesive to fix the fiber. In sensitive cases, it may be necessary to measure the insertion loss and/or return

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Considerations for Optical Fiber Termination

After appropriate optical fiber cables have been selected for a system, the appropriate connector and termination method must be selected in order to meet system requirements such as insertion loss

Fiber optic connector potting method

One way of terminating a loose tube fiber optic cable with a fiber optic connector is to inject epoxy into the ferrule and then push the fiber into the ferrule. Alternatively, epoxy is...

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The optical fiber needs to be trimmed and stripped so that approximately 10 mm of stripped fiber protrudes from both fiber optic connectors. The total length of the optical fiber must also be controlled

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Factory vs. Field Termination of Optical Fiber

In this case, the fiber is cut to a specific length and the field fiber is mated to a fiber splice inside a factory-polished mechanical connector with a refractive index matching gel. These

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Everything you need to know about fiber optic termination

Different connectors and splice termination procedures are used for singlemode and multimode connectors, so make sure you know what the fiber will be before you specify connectors or splices!

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