Fiber Optic Patch Cord Crimping Process



Overview

The Importance of Proper Crimping in Fiber Optic AssembliesThe purpose of this document is to provide guidance on SENKO's recommended procedures for fiber.

Key Takeaways

Crimping a fiber optic patch cord secures the connector to the cable, ensures strain relief, and maintains optical performance.

Overview of Crimping

Crimping is a critical step in fiber optic patch cord assembly that mechanically secures the connector to the cable and transfers tensile forces to the strength members (typically aramid yarns, such as Kevlar®) rather than the delicate glass fiber itself. Proper crimping prevents fiber breakage, maintains long-term reliability, and ensures the cable can withstand pulling forces during installation and service.

Step-by-

Step Crimping Process

Cable PreparationCut the fiber optic cable to the required length, following orientation and tolerance specifications. Strip the outer jacket (typically 3.0 mm) and buffer layers carefully, exposing the bare fiber and aramid yarns without damaging them.

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Connector Assembly

Slide the boot, jacket ring, crimping ring, and backpost ring onto the cable in sequence. Clean the fiber with alcohol to remove dust and residues.

Epoxy Injection and Fiber Insertion

Mix and de-air epoxy glue, then inject it into the ferrule. Insert the cleaned fiber into the ferrule, spinning slightly to distribute the epoxy evenly. Cure the assembly in an oven (typically 100°C for 20 minutes) to secure the fiber in place.

Crimping the Connector

Use the manufacturer-specified crimp tool and die set to crimp the metal sleeve over the aramid yarns or strength member. Ensure the crimp is firm but not excessive; too much force can crush the connector or fiber, while too little can allow the aramid yarns to pull out. The textured surface of the crimp sleeve increases contact area and maximizes pull strength.

Final Assembly and Strain Relief

Slide the strain relief boot into place to protect the fiber and connector interface. Verify that the fiber can move slightly within the ferrule to prevent jamming during mating.

Quality Control and Testing

After crimping, patch cords undergo inspection and testing: End-face inspection under a microscope to check for scratches or contamination. Insertion loss (IL) and return loss (RL) testing to ensure optical performance meets standards. Pull force verification to confirm the crimped assembly can withstand mechanical stress.

Proper crimping is essential for mechanical strength, strain relief, and optical performance, making it a small but crucial step in fiber optic patch cord manufacturing.

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