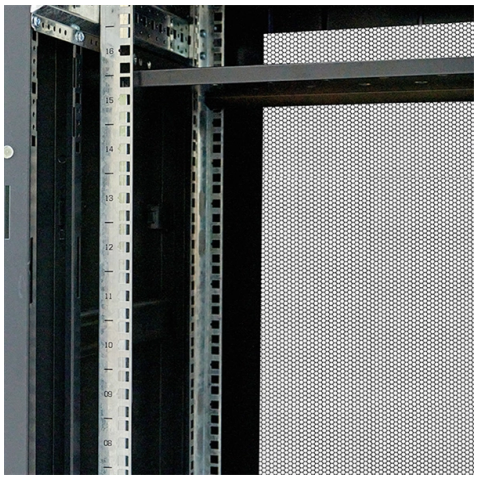
What mode should be selected for multimode optical cable splicing



Overview

This guide explores the most common splice modes, their applications, and step-by-step instructions on how to select and adjust them on your INNO Fusion Splicer.

Key Takeaways

For multimode optical cable splicing, the fusion splicer should be set to "Multimode (MM) mode" to ensure proper arc power and alignment for the larger fiber core. Why Multimode Mode is RequiredMultimode fibers have a larger core diameter (typically 50–100 microns) compared to single-mode fibers, allowing light to travel in multiple paths. This larger core requires higher electrode discharge current and slightly shorter welding times to achieve a low-loss splice, as the fiber can tolerate more alignment tolerance than single-mode fibers.

Using the multimode mode ensures the splicer automatically adjusts parameters such as arc power, heating time, and alignment to match the fiber's characteristics.

Practical Steps to Select Multimode Mode

Check the Active Splice Mode: The current mode is displayed on the splicer screen. Access the Main Menu: Select [Splice Mode] to view available options. Select Multimode (MM) Mode: Highlight and confirm MM mode for multimode fibers.

Confirm and Reset: Press to return to the main interface and begin splicing.

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Key Considerations

Arc Power: Multimode fibers require higher discharge intensity (e.g., 120–150 mA) compared to single-mode fibers (90–110 mA) due to the thicker core. Splice Time: Typically shorter (1.5–2 seconds) than single-mode splices.

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Melting: Usually only one pre-melting cycle is needed, unlike single-mode fibers which may require multiple cycles to reduce bubbles. Loss Tolerance: Multimode splices generally have a loss requirement ≤0.2 dB (OM3/OM4 fibers can tolerate up to 0.3 dB), which is more forgiving than single-mode splices.

Summary

Always select Multimode (MM) splice mode when working with multimode fibers. This ensures the fusion splicer applies the correct arc power, alignment, and timing for the larger core, resulting in low-loss, reliable splices suitable for LANs, data centers, and short-range network applications. Using single-mode settings for multimode fibers can lead to poor splicing quality and higher signal loss.

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