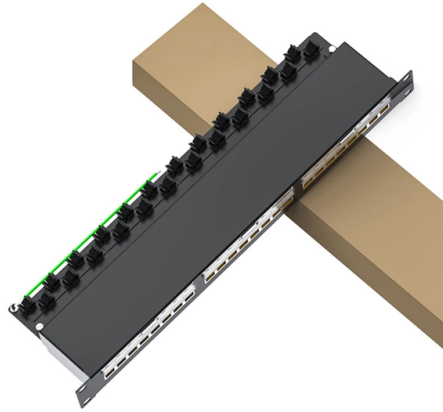


Difficulty in stripping optical cables



Article Overview

Optical cables are difficult to strip because they have multiple protective layers that require precise, careful removal to avoid damaging the delicate glass fiber inside.

Multi-Layer Construction

Fiber optic cables typically consist of several layers: an outer jacket, strength members like aramid yarn, buffer coatings, and the acrylate coating directly protecting the glass fiber. Each layer serves a specific purpose, such as mechanical protection, tensile strength, or insulation. Stripping must be done progressively, layer by layer, because removing all layers at once risks nicking or scratching the fiber, which can lead to signal loss or catastrophic failure.

Precision and Fragility

The glass core of an optical fiber is extremely thin, usually $125\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ in diameter, and is coated with polymer layers that can be as small as $200\text{--}250\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Even a tiny scratch or nick can weaken the fiber, causing cracks under stress or thermal cycling. This makes the stripping process highly sensitive and requires precision tools and careful handling.

Tools and Techniques

Specialized fiber strippers are designed to remove coatings without damaging the fiber. They come in mechanical, thermal, or non-contact types and often feature multiple precision-calibrated notches for different layers: one for the outer jacket, one for the tight buffer, and one for the acrylate coating. Proper technique involves:

- Stripping small sections at a time (e.g., 6–8 mm increments) rather than attempting to remove a long section in one pass.

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Therefore specialty optical fibers with removable cladding materials such as polymer were used. Specialty optical fibers

Stripping Fibers

Cutting and stripping the cable jacket can be done with a special fiber stripper, or a properly set wire stripper, as long as it does not

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Lesson: Stripping Optical Fiber Cable Objectives: From this lesson you should learn: How to use these tools to strip cable to the bare

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Fiber Strippers – tools, mechanical, thermal, chemical, plasma,

Hard-clad silica fibers (HCS fibers) need special stripping inserts and diameters. Non-silica fibers, e.g. some fluoride fibers and

Mechanical Behavior of Optical Fibers Removed From a Field-Aged

In the present study optical fibers were removed from a nine year old cable that had been aged in the field for five years. The effect of

Introduction to Fiber Optics Cables – Stripping and Cleaving

Notice the difference between the two types of fiber. Stripping and cleaving optical fiber We will also learn some skills

Stripping (fiber)

Stripping is the act of removing the protective polymer coating around optical fiber in preparation for fusion splicing. The splicing

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Use the fiber stripper to cut off 2" (50mm) of the cable jacket and pull off the cut piece. Use the first groove in the fiber stripper - the

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