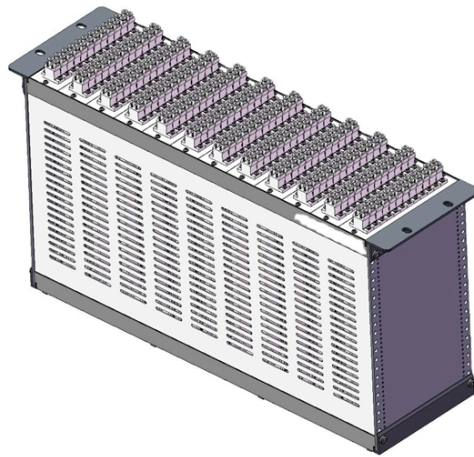


Endface Class A Fiber Optic Cold Splice



Summary of Content

Endface Class A fiber optic cold splices are high-quality mechanical splices designed for low insertion loss and high return loss, typically used in FTTH and PON networks.

Overview

A cold splice, also known as a mechanical splice or fiber fast connector, is a field-installable fiber optic termination that aligns two fibers without requiring fusion splicing. It uses pre-installed index-matching gel or mechanical clamping to join the bare fiber to a short fiber stub inside the connector body, enabling optical signal transmission. Cold splices are ideal for quick installations, emergency repairs, and small-scale deployments, offering faster setup and lower tool costs compared to fusion splicing.

Endface Class A Specifications

- **Polish Type:** Class A cold splices typically feature SC/APC (Angled Physical Contact) polish with an 8° angled endface, which minimizes back reflection and ensures high return loss.
- **Return Loss:** SC/APC cold connectors achieve ≥ 60 dB, while SC/UPC (Ultra Physical Contact) versions provide ≥ 50 dB. High return loss is critical for GPON, EPON, and CATV networks, where low back reflection is required to maintain signal integrity.
- **Insertion Loss:** Properly installed mechanical splices maintain low insertion loss, often comparable to factory-terminated connectors, typically ≤ 0.4 dB for high-performance applications.

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