What is the optimal length for the fiber optic cable opening

Summary of Content

The standard length for fiber optic cable opening (stripping or preparation) typically ranges from 10 mm to 20 mm for most connectors, depending on the type of termination and cable construction.

General Guidelines

For proper fiber optic termination, the fiber must be stripped of its outer jacket, buffer, and coating to expose the bare glass for connectorization or splicing. The Fiber Optic Association (FOA) recommends the following typical preparation lengths:

• Single-mode and multimode fibers: Expose 10–15 mm of bare fiber for most standard connectors such as SC, LC, ST, and FC .

• Loose tube outdoor cables: May require 15–20 mm of exposed fiber to accommodate buffer tubes and gel-filled protection .

• Tight-buffered indoor cables: Usually require 10–12 mm of exposed fiber for connector termination . These lengths ensure that the fiber can be properly cleaved, inserted into the connector ferrule, and polished without damaging the fiber or compromising optical performance.

Considerations

• Connector type: LC connectors often require shorter exposed fiber than SC or ST connectors due to their smaller ferrule size.

• Splicing: Fusion splicing typically requires 8–12 mm of stripped fiber to allow proper alignment in the splice holder.

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3.2.3 MPO fiber optic cable assemblies: ordering tips Since the MPO connector is pre-terminated by the manufacturer, it is important

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