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Application Note

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When You Need Perfectly Clean Fiber Splices and Connectors

Cleaning Jumpers & Patch Cords

Best Practice: Wet-Dry Cleaning for Fiber End-Faces



Tools You Need

Every fiber optic connector should be cleaned every time it is mated, tested or reconfigured. This includes brand-new connectors and patch cords, even ones protected with dust caps. "Wet-dry" cleaning improves the results of the cleaning process because it avoids the accumulation of static on the end-face. Select the Sticklers™ Fiber Optic Splice and Connector Cleaner fluid — a nonflammable solvent that replaces alcohol — and the Sticklers™ CleanWipes™ 90 lint-free wipe. If the job is outdoors in a harsh environment, select the patented Sticklers™ CleanWipes™ Singles (lower right).

Prepare the Wipe

[Photo 1] After stripping the fiber, pull a clean wipe out of the mini-tub. Stop pulling when the next wipe is exposed. Pinch the next wipe against the mini-tub with your thumb. Pull sideways to remove.

Position the Wipe

[Photo 2] Lay the wipe across the palm of your hand. Hold it in place with your thumb.

Dampen the Wipe

[Photo 3] Place the wipe on top the open solvent contain. Push down to dampen it. NOTE: Normally, only pump it once. Multiple pumpings simply wastes solvent.

Clean the Connector and Dry It

[Photo 4] Place the connector on the damp spot on the wipe. Drag the connector through the damp spot down to the dry area. Dispose of wipe. Inspect the end-face to verify clean and mate connector.

Products

Fiber Optic Splice and Connector Cleaner

3 oz. / 85 g

MCC-POC03M

CleanWipes™ 90

Lint-free wipes

MCC-WFW

CleanWipes™ Singles

Individual lint-free wipes

MCC-FA1

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