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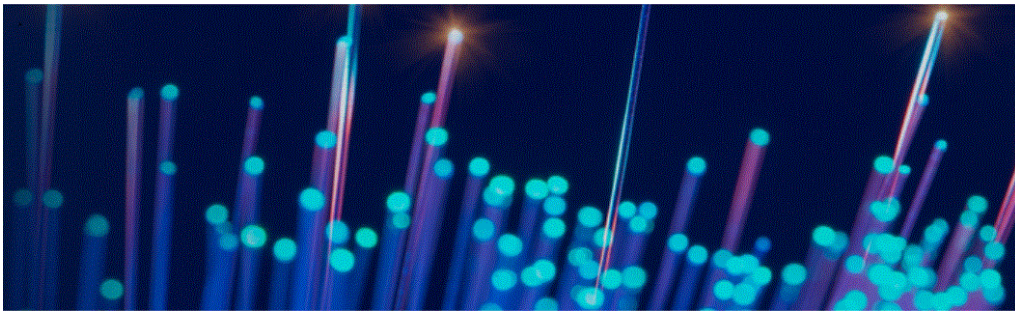

Fiber Optic Connector Tutorial

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The using of fiber optic connectors has traditionally been the biggest concern in fiber optic systems. While connectors were once manufacturers have standardized and simplified connectors greatly. This increases the user use convenient connectors during tl emphasizing taken proper care of and deal with the fiber optic connectors. To learn more about the fiber optic connectors, you sh

What is Fiber Optic Connector?

Fiber Optic Connector, or optical fiber connector, is removable activities between optical fiber and optical fiber connection dev precision docking, so that the optical output of optical energy to maximize the fiber optic coupler in receiving optical fiber, and o minimize the effects on the system, this is the basic requirement of fiber optic connector. To a certain extent, fiber optic connecto reliability and the performance of the system.

Key Features of Fiber Optic Connectors

The key features of fiber connector include optical properties, interchangeability, repeatability, tensile strength, temperature, inser

1. Optical Properties: The optical performance requirements of fiber optic connectors, mainly are the two basic parameters of Ins Insertion Loss is a connection loss of the link effective optical power loss because of the insertion of the connector. Insert requirements should not be more than 0.5 dB.
Return Loss (or Reflection Loss) refers to the suppression of link connector optical power of reflection, its typical value should not of the connector, the pin surface after the special polishing process can make the return loss larger, generally not less than 45dB.
2. Interchangeability and Repeatability: Fiber optic connectors are universal passive devices, the fiber connector of the same typ can be used repeatedly, thereby additional imported losses are generally in the range of less than 0.2dB.
3. Tensile Strength: To the done fiber optic connectors, the general requirements of the tensile strength shall be not less than 90N
4. Temperature: Generally, fiber optical connector must be used at a temperature of -40C to +70C.
5. Insertion Times: Currently fiber optic connectors can generally be pluged more than l000 times.

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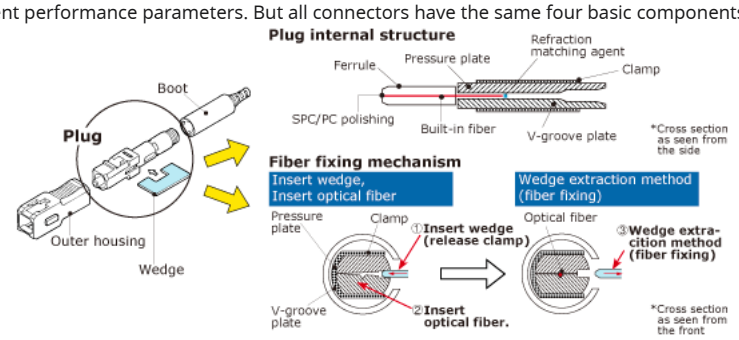
Structure of Fiber Optic Connectores

Optical fiber to fiber optic interconnection can be made by a joint, a permanent connection, or a connector, and is different from reconnect. Fiber optic connector types are as various as the applications for which they were developed. Different connector type advantages and disadvantages, and different performance parameters. But all connectors have the same four basic components.



Ferrule: The fiber is installed in a long, thin cylinder, the ferrule, which act as a fiber alignment mechanism. The ferrule is bored slightly larger than the diameter of the fiber cladding. The end of the fiber is located at the end of the ferrule. Ferrules are typically also be constructed of plastic.

Connector Body: Also known as the connector housing, the body holds the ferrule. It is usually constructed of metal or plastic and which hold the fiber in place. The details of these connector body assemblies vary among connectors, but the welding and/o strength members and cable jackets to the connector body. The ferrule extends past the connector body to slip into the couping d

Cable: The cable is attached to the connector body. It acts as the point of entry for the fiber. Often, a strain relief boot is added the connector body, providing extra stength to the junction.

Coupling Device: Most fiber optic connectors do not use the male-female configuration common to electronic connectors. Instead sleeve is used to mate the connectors. Similar devices may be installed in fiber optic transmitters and receivers to allow these dev devices are also known as feed-through bulkhead adapters.

Types of Fiber Optic Connectors

According to the different classification methods, fiber optic connectors can be divided into different types. According to connectors can be divided into single-mode and multimode fiber optic connectors. According to the different structures, fiber con like ST, SC, FC, LC, MT-RJ, MPO/MTP, MU, DIN, E2000, SMA, BICONIC, D4, etc. According to the pin end surface of the connector, th According to the number of fiber cores, fiber connectors can be divided into single-core and multi-core fiber optic connectors. In a been introduced to the marketplace, but only a few represent the majority of the market. Here is a rundown of the connectors tha

ST Connector: ST is probably still the most popular connector for multimode networks, widely used in the opt buildings and campuses. It has a bayonet mount and a long cylindrical 2.5 mm ceramic (usually) or polymer fer ceramic, but some are metal or plastic. ST connectors are constructed with a metal housing and are nickel-plated, a fiber-optic cable both quickly and easily. They have ceramic ferrules and are rated for 500 mating cycles. From to use a loss margin of 0.5 dB or the vendor recommendation for ST connectors.

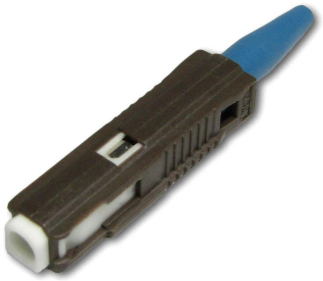
SC Connector: This is a kind optical fiber connector developed by Japan's NTT. SC is a snap-in connector with a 2. excellent performance. Its shell is rectangular, adopted by the pin type and the structure of the coupling sleeve si PC or APC model grinding method, fastening way is to use the plug pin bolt type, do not need to rotate. SC co motion. SC connectors provide for accurate alignment via their ceramic ferrules. Typical matched SC connecto connector features with low price, involve loss small ripple, high compressive strength and high density installation

FC Connector: FC connector was originally developed by NTT, Japan. FC is short for FERRULE CONNEC external strengthening way is to use metal sleeve, fastening way as the turnbuckle. FC connectors offer e optic cable with respect to the transmitter's optical source emitter and the receiver's optical detector. FC notch and a threaded receptacle. FC connectors are constructed with a metal housing and are nickel-pla rated for 500 mating cycles. This kind of connector is simple in structure, convenient operation.

LC Connector: LC type connector is a famous BELL developed by the institute of research, using conve mechanism is made. The pin and the size of the sleeve is adopted by the general SC, FC, half size is 1.25 m fiber connector in the optical fiber distribution frame. Otherwise, it's a standard ceramic ferrule connector, connector features with good performance and is highly favored for single mode.

MT-RJ Connector: MT-RJ is a duplex connector used with single-mode and multimode fiber optic cables. It u female versions. MT-RJ connectors are constructed with a plastic housing and provide for accurate alignme ferrules. MT-RJ connectors are rated for 1000 mating cycles. The typical insertion loss for matched MT-RJ co for MMF.

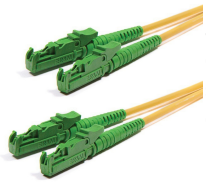
MPO/MTP Connector: The MPO Connector is the industry acronym for "Multi-fiber Push On", with push-on consistent and repeatable interconnections and available with 4, 8, 12, or 24 fibers. MTP® is a trademark of *US C* is a connector manufactured specifically for a multifiber ribbon cable. The MTP/MPO single-mode connectors hav back reflection, whereas the multimode connector ferrule is commonly flat. The ribbon cable is flat and approp structure, which houses fibers side by side in a jacket.



MU Connector: MU connector looks like a miniature SC with a 1.25 mm ferrule, with miniature body. It is used for for compact multiple optical connectors and se applications. The connectors are composed of plastic housing. MU connectors are th and were advanced the density application and performance.
The table below illustrates some types of above connectors and lists some specific points.

Connector Type	Coupling Type	Fiber Type	Insertion Loss	Polish	No. of Fibers	Typical Applications
ST	Twist on	SM, MM	0.40 dB(SM) 0.50dB(MM)	PC, UPC	1	LANs
FC	Screw on	SM, MM	0.5 - 1.0 dB	PC, UPC, APC	1	Datacom, Telecommu
SC	Snap on	SM, MM	0.2 - 0.45 dB	PC, UPC, APC	1	CATV, Test Equipment
LC	Snap on RJ45 style	SM, MM	0.15 dB (SM) 0.10 dB (MM)	PC, UPC, APC	1	Gigabit Ethernet, Vide
MU	Push / Pull	SM, MM	0.30 dB	PC, UPC, APC	1	Data Communications Telecommunications,
MT-RJ	Snap on RJ45 style	SM, MM	0.30 dB	N/A	2	Gigabit Ethernet, Asyn
MPO / MTP	Push / Pull	SM, MM	0.30 dB	N/A	4, 8, 12, 16	Active Device Transcei

DIN Connector: DIN is an abbreviation for Deutsches Institut für Normung or German Institute for Standardiz industry standards group. DIN connector encompasses several types of cables that plug into an interface t arranged in a circular pattern. Typically, a full-sized DIN connector has three to 14 pins with a diameter of 13.2 used widely for PC keyboards, MIDI instruments, and other specialized equipment.



E2000 Connector: E2000 fiber optic connector has a push-pull coupling mechanism, with an automat and laser beam protection. One-piece design for easy and quick termination, used for high safe connector available for Singlemode PC, APC and Multimode PC. The E2000 Connector is one of th spring-loaded shutter which fully protects the ferrule from dust and scratches. The shutter close disengaged, locking out impurities which could later lead to network failure, and locking in potentially

Obsolete Connectors

SMA Connector: Amphenol developed the SMA from the "Subminiature A" hence SMA, microwave connector. exactly 1/8 inch in diameter that mated in a machined adapter. When the adapters were not precise enough that mated with a Delrin adapter for better insertion loss performance. These connectors are still in use on som

BICONIC Connector: This is the Biconic, the yellow body indicating a SM version (MMs were usually black). Developed by Murray Hill, NJ, the Biconic was molded from a glass-filled plastic that was almost as hard as ceramic. It started with the lasted until the company could get a 125 micron/5mil pin insert into the plastic mold, at which point the fiber was singlemode versions first appeared, the ferrules were ground to center the fiber core in the ferrule to reduce loss. Since mating adapters, it had an airgap between the ferrules when mated, meaning loss was never less than 0.3 dB due to fre losses of 0.5-1 dB and SM 0.7 dB or higher.

D4 Connector: D4 connector was probably the first connector to use ceramic or hybrid ceramic/stair loaded, the ferrule has a 2.0mm diameter ferrule. D4 connectors have a high-performance threading repeatability and intermateability.

Color Codes

Since the earliest days of fiber optics, orange, black or gray are multimode and yellow is singlemode. However, the advent of met color coding difficult, so colored boots were often used. The TIA 568 color code for connector bodies and/or boots is Beige for mu and Green for APC (angled) connectors.

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