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Overview

Dirty connector end-faces are often the number one cause of poor performance, link failures and even connector damage. There are many different optical connectors, but no matter what connector you work with, Clean and Inspect your Connectors (CLIC) as it is important to keep the end face clean and un-blemished to prevent excessive loss and return loss. Scratches, dirt, dust, and other contaminants can severely. Fiber optic networks rely on precise alignment of ferrule end faces inside connectors. The optical signal travels through a core as thin as 9 micrometers in single-mode fiber. One of the first visits we made to.

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Contamination of the connector end face is the main cause for network failures associated with connectivity. Read more on how to minimize impacts [here](#).



Some cleaning processes may cause problems if done incorrectly; adding a film to the end of the ferrule or causing static electricity that attracts more dirt. Uncleaned or improperly cleaned connectors can ...



Particulate debris in the contact zone frequently causes scratches and pits on both connector end faces. This is the reason Section 5.3 of IEC 61300-3-35 advises installers to inspect the connector end face, ...



Connector end caps are often produced with materials which can lead to end face contamination. PVC softened with plasticizers is one of the most common end cap materials: These ...



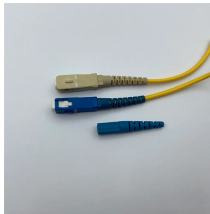
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One of the advantages with connectors is that when connector failure occurs, it can be rapidly dealt with since its main cause is often traced to the end-face (also called the “ferrule”) or the mechanical ...



Contamination or imperfections on the cable end face can be detected as well as cracks or chips in the fiber itself. Use a microscope (100X to 200X magnification) to inspect the entire end face for ...



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When inspecting the ferrule for scratches, defects and end-face geometry, connector cleanliness is crucial. And it can quickly change the outcome from fail to pass.



Frequent plugging and unplugging can cause wear on the end face. Zirconia's excellent wear resistance ensures that the ferrule end face geometry (such as curvature radius and vertex offset) remains ...

The Industry Standard Contamination Types Inspect, Clean, Inspect Static Charge Problems Sources of Static Solving The Static Problem Cleaning at What Cost? Invest in A Quality Cleaning Fluid Replace The Paper Wipes Avoid Water The more common end face defect that field installers encounter is generally termed "debris." Debris is dust, lint, plastic or ceramic particulate, fingerprint oils or a host of other contamination. The industry's best practice is to remove all debris from both connector end faces using optical-grade cleaning materials before mating the connectors. See more on microcare .b_imgcap_alttitle p strong .b_imgcap_alttitle .b_factrow strong {color:#767676} #b_results .b_imgcap_alttitle {line-height:22px} .b_imgcap_alttitle {display:flex;flex-direction:row-reverse;gap:var(--mai-smtc-padding-card-nested-default)} .b_imgcap_alttitle .b_imgcap_img {flex-shrink:0;display:flex;flex-direction:column} .b_imgcap_alttitle .b_imgcap_main {min-width:0;flex:1} .b_imgcap_alttitle .b_imgcap_img > div, .b_imgcap_alttitle .b_imgcap_img a {display:flex} .b_imgcap_alttitle .b_imgcap_img img {border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-card-default)} .b_hList img {display:block} .b_imagePair ner img {display:block;border-radius:6px} .b_algo .v2v2 img {border-radius:0} .b_hList .cico {margin-bottom:10px} .b_title .b_imagePair > ner, .b_vList > li > .b_imagePair > ner, .b_hList .b_imagePair > ner, .b_vPanel > div > .b_imagePair > ner, .b_gridList .b_imagePair > ner, .b_caption .b_imagePair > ner, .b_imagePair > ner > .b_footnote, .b_poleContent .b_imagePair > ner {padding-bottom:0} .b_imagePair > ner {padding-bottom:10px;float:left} .b_imagePair.reverse > ner {float:right} .b_imagePair .b_imagePair:last-child:after {clear:none} .b_algo .b_title .b_imagePair {display:block} .b_imagePair .b_cTxtWithImg > * {vertical-align:middle;display:inline-block} .b_imagePair .b_cTxtWithImg > ner {float:none;padding-right:10px} .b_imagePair.square_s > ner {width:50px} .b_imagePair.square_s {padding-left:60px} .b_imagePair.square_s > ner {margin:2px 0 0 -60px} .b_imagePair.square_s.reverse {padding-left:0;padding-right:60px} .b_imagePair.square_s.reverse > ner {margin:2px -60px 0 0} .b_ci_image_overlay: hover {cursor:pointer} sightsOverlay, #OverlayIFrame .b_mcOverlay sightsOverlay {position:fixed;top:5%;left:5%;bottom:5%;right:5%;width:90%;height:90%;border:0;border-radius:15px;margin:0;padding:0;overflow:hidden;z-index:9;display:none} #OverlayMask, #OverlayMask .b_mcOverlay {z-index:8;background-color:#000;opacity:.6;position:fixed;top:0;left:0;width:100%;height:100%} .wr_hlic, .wr_hli {margin-top:4px;color:#767676;display:block} .wr_hlic > .wr_hli, .wr_hli > *, .wr_hli li {display:inline} .wr_hli+.wr_hli::before {content:" | "}.wr_strike {text-decoration:line-through} Corning

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