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How to use a ceramic ferrule coaxial cable



Overview

Watch how quickly and easily our ceramic ferrules can be installed. Interested in more information about our process or products?

Key Takeaways

Ceramic ferrule coaxial cables are used to ensure precise fiber alignment and low signal loss in fiber optic connections, requiring careful insertion, polishing, and handling.Understanding Ceramic Ferrules

Ceramic ferrules, typically made from zirconia, are highly durable and provide precise dimensional control, making them ideal for both single-mode and multimode fiber applications ( ). The ferrule aligns the optical fiber within the connector, ensuring full physical contact between fiber ends, which is critical for minimizing insertion loss and maximizing return loss ( ).

Installation Steps
• Prepare the Fiber: Strip the fiber coating carefully to expose the glass core without damaging it. Cleave the fiber to create a flat, smooth endface ( ).

• Insert Fiber into Ferrule: Apply a small amount of epoxy or adhesive to the ferrule bore and insert the fiber. The fiber should protrude slightly beyond the ferrule endface to allow for trimming and polishing ( ).

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• Cure the Adhesive: If using heat-cure epoxy, follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper curing. Ensure adequate ventilation and wear protective gloves and safety glasses to prevent injury from epoxy or fiber shards ( ).

• Trim and Polish: Trim the fiber flush with the ferrule endface and polish it to achieve a smooth, precise surface. Polishing ensures optimal physical contact and reduces reflection losses. Different polishing types (PC, UPC, APC) are used depending on the connector requirements ( ).

• Connector Assembly: Insert the ferrule into the connector housing. For connectors like FC, ensure the ferrule key is aligned correctly to prevent rotation, which is especially important for angled or polarization-maintaining fibers ( ).

• Testing: After assembly, test the connection for insertion loss and return loss to verify proper alignment and performance ( ).
Key Considerations
• Ferrule Bore Size: Ensure the ferrule bore matches the fiber diameter closely (typically 124–127 µm for a 125 µm fiber) to maintain alignment ( ).

• Handling: Avoid touching the ferrule endface to prevent contamination. Clean with isopropyl alcohol if necessary.

• Durability: Ceramic ferrules maintain endface geometry over repeated mating cycles, making them suitable for high-performance and high-density applications ( ).
Safety Precautions
• Wear safety glasses to protect against fiber shards.

• Use gloves when handling epoxy or fiber.

• Work in a well-ventilated area to avoid inhaling fumes from adhesives ( ). By following these steps and precautions, ceramic ferrule coaxial cables can provide reliable, low-loss fiber optic connections suitable for structured cabling, data centers, and high-performance optical networks.

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