

Opening the armored fiber optic cable



Article Overview

Opening an armored fiber optic cable requires specialized tools and careful techniques to remove the outer jacket and armor without damaging the inner fibers.

Understanding Armored Fiber Optic Cables

Armored fiber optic cables have a protective layer—typically stainless steel, corrugated steel tape, or Kevlar—around the optical fibers to resist crushing, bending, moisture, and rodent damage. The inner fibers are delicate, so the goal is to remove only the outer armor and jacket while keeping the buffer tubes and fibers intact.

Tools Required

- Fiber optic cable stripping knives or utility knives with rigid blades for controlled cutting.
- Micro Armor Removal Tool for spiral steel armored cables, designed to remove armor quickly and precisely.
- Safety gear: gloves and eye protection to prevent injury from sharp metal edges.

Step-by-Step Process

- Prepare the Work Area: Ensure a clean, stable surface and adequate lighting. Wear safety gloves and goggles.
- Inspect the Cable: Check for visible damage and confirm the cable type (single-mode, multimode, indoor, or industrial armored).
- Score the Outer Jacket: Using a fiber optic stripping knife, carefully make a longitudinal cut along the cable's outer jacket. Avoid cutting too deep to prevent fib...

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