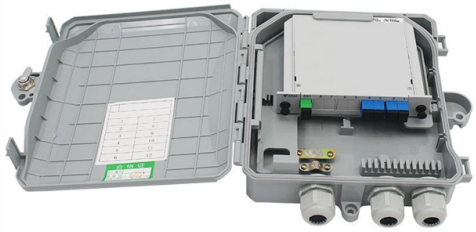
How to clean a fiber optic splice box



Overview

Professional splice box maintenance and fibre optic cleaning checklist. Step-by-step guidance for connector inspection, documentation and IEC 61300-3-35 compliance.

Key Takeaways

Proper cleaning of a fiber optic splice box involves inspecting, wet/dry cleaning, and re-inspecting connectors and splices using optical-grade tools and fluids to prevent signal loss and network failures.

Step-by-

Step Cleaning Procedure1.

Prepare the Work Area and Tools

Ensure the splice box is powered down or isolated to prevent accidental signal disruption. Gather optic-grade cleaning wipes, fiber optic cleaning swabs, and approved cleaning fluids such as Sticklers Fiber Optic Cleaning Fluid or Electro-Wash PX. Use a fiber microscope (200x magnification) to inspect ferrules and end faces for dust, oils, or scratches.

2.

Disconnect Patch Cords and Splices

Carefully remove patch cords from the splice box to access connectors and backplane ferrules. Avoid touching the fiber ends with bare hands to prevent contamination. 3.

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Inspect Connectors and Splices

Visually inspect each connector and splice for dirt, debris, or damage. Check splice protection holders, fiber routing, and bend radius compliance to ensure proper installation. 4.

Wet/

Dry Cleaning Method

Moisten a section of an optical-grade wipe or cleaning swab with a small amount of cleaning fluid. Wipe the fiber or connector from the damp area toward the dry area in one direction to remove contaminants and dissipate static. For connectors in alignment sleeves, insert a lightly moistened swab, twist 2–3 times, and remove, then dry with a second swab.

Avoid pressing too hard or retracing the same area to prevent scratches. 5.

Re-

Inspect After Cleaning

Use the fiber microscope to confirm that all contamination has been removed. Repeat cleaning if any dust, oils, or residues remain. 6.

Reassemble and Test

Reconnect patch cords and splices carefully. Measure attenuation values before and after cleaning to ensure signal integrity. Replace damaged labels and ensure proper documentation of maintenance.

Best Practices

Follow the Inspect → Clean → Inspect Again principle to minimize network faults. Schedule semi-annual inspections for critical network sections, or more frequently in high-traffic areas. Use multi-fiber cleaning tools for MT-based connectors to save time and reduce contamination risk.

Avoid using excessive fluid; always use hermetically sealed, optical-grade cleaning solutions to prevent residue and static buildup. By following these steps, you can maintain a clean, reliable fiber optic splice box, reduce signal loss, and prevent costly network outages.

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