

## How to cut and strip optical cables



### AI Overview

Use a fiber optic cable stripper with the correct blade and buffer size to safely and efficiently remove the protective layers without damaging the glass fiber. Tools You'll Need

**Fiber optic cable stripper:** Designed for specific buffer diameters to remove jackets and coatings cleanly.

**Fiber cleaver:** For creating a clean, perpendicular end face on the stripped fiber.

**Alcohol wipes or cleaning solution:** To remove debris and residue.

**Optional:** Heated stripping tools or automated strippers for faster, consistent results.

**Step-by-Step Process**

**Prepare your workspace:** Ensure a clean, well-lit area free from dust and debris.

**Inspect the cable:** Check for kinks, bends, or damage before stripping.

**Strip the outer jacket:** Use the fiber optic cable stripper to remove the outer sheath. Adjust the blade depth according to the cable diameter to avoid nicking the fiber.

**Remove aramid yarn and buffer layers:** Strip each layer progressively—first the jacket, then aramid yarn, and finally the buffer coating. Some tools allow simultaneous removal of secondary and primary buffers.

**Clean the fiber:** Wipe the stripped fiber with alcohol to remove dust and residue.

**Cleave the fiber:** Use a fiber cleaver to create a smooth, perpendicular end face for termination.

**Inspect the fiber:** Use a microscope or visual fault locator (VFL) to ensure the cleave is clean and free of defects.

**Tips for Speed and Safety**

**Use the correct tool for the fiber diameter:** Color-coded or size-specific strippers prevent damage and speed up the process.

**Avoid touching the glass fiber directly:** Use a gripper or textured rubber holder to prevent microfractures.

**Maintain sharp blades:** Dull blades can tear or jag the coating, slowing the process and risking fiber damage.

**Automated or heated strippers:** These can significantly reduce manual effort and improve consistency.

By following these steps and using the right tools, you can quickly and safely strip optical cables while maintaining the integrity of the fiber for optimal signal transmission.

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