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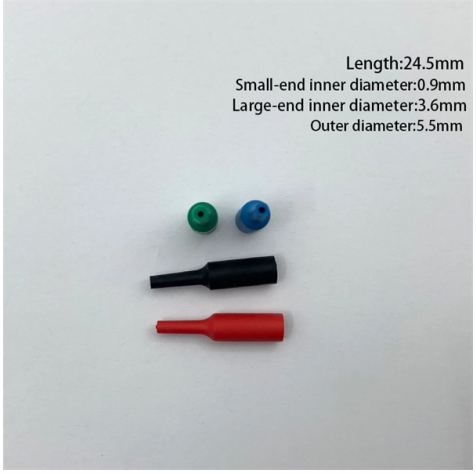
Operating Temperature Limits of Optical Cable Fusion Splicers



Overview

The following sections of this application note specifically address the single fiber fusion splicing method.

Key Takeaways

Optical cable fusion splicers typically operate reliably in field temperatures ranging from approximately -10°C to +50°C, though exact limits depend on the manufacturer and model.Typical Operating Temperature Range

Most portable, field-ready fusion splicers are designed to function in outdoor conditions and are ruggedized for temperature extremes. Standard operating ranges are generally from -10°C to +50°C, allowing technicians to perform splicing in cold winter conditions and hot summer environments . Some high-end or industrial models may extend this range slightly, but splicing performance can degrade if temperatures fall below freezing or exceed the upper limit.

Low-Temperature Considerations

At sub-zero temperatures, several issues can affect splicing:

• Fiber coating brittleness: Polymer coatings may become stiff, making precise cleaving and alignment more difficult .

• Splicer mechanics: Actuators, motors, and electrodes may respond slower or inconsistently in extreme cold.

• Arc stability: The electric arc used for fusion may require adjustment to maintain consistent splice quality. Some manufacturers recommend pre-warming the splicer or fiber when temperatures drop below 0°C to ensure reliable operation .
High-Temperature Considerations

At elevated temperatures, splicers generally continue to function up to +50°C, but prolonged exposure to heat can:

• Affect electronic components and battery life.

• Reduce mechanical precision due to thermal expansion of internal parts.

• Require careful handling of heat shrink protection sleeves, as excessive heat may prematurely activate or deform them .
Fiber Temperature Tolerance

The fiber itself also has temperature limits that influence splicing:

• Standard acrylate-coated fibers: -40°C to +75°C

• Polyimide-coated fibers for industrial applications: up to +200°C

• Metal-jacketed fibers for extreme environments: above +200°C Splicing should be performed within the fiber's recommended temperature range to avoid coating cracking or signal degradation.
Best Practices
• Always consult the splicer's manual for manufacturer-specified operating temperatures.

• Use environmental enclosures or heated cases in extreme cold.

• Avoid splicing in direct sunlight or near heat sources that exceed the splicer's upper limit.

• Consider fiber type and coating when planning splicing in extreme temperatures to ensure both splicer and fiber integrity . By adhering to these guidelines, fusion splicers can maintain high-quality, low-loss splices across a wide range of environmental conditions.

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