

## What fiber optic cables support cold connector connections



### Overview

These high-temperature fiber-optic patchcords can be mated in stainless-steel ST, FC or SMA bulkhead adapters.

### Key Takeaways

Single-mode and multimode fiber optic cables with compatible ferrules can support cold connectors such as SC/APC and SC/UPC for field-installable mechanical splicing. Overview of Cold Connectors

Cold connectors, also known as mechanical splices or fast connectors, allow fiber optic cables to be terminated without a fusion splicer. They use pre-installed index-matching gel or mechanical clamping to align the bare fiber with a short fiber stub inside the connector body, enabling optical signal transmission quickly and cost-effectively. These connectors are ideal for FTTH deployments, emergency repairs, and small-scale installations.

#### Compatible Connector Types

- SC/APC Cold Connectors: Feature an 8-degree angled endface polish, providing return loss  $\geq 60\text{dB}$ , making them suitable for GPON, EPON, and CATV networks where low back reflection is critical.
- SC/UPC Cold Connectors: Use ultra-physical contact polish with return loss  $\geq 50\text{dB}$ , suitable for general single-mode applications.

- LC Connectors: Miniaturized connectors for high-density applications, also available in cold connector versions for single-mode or multimode fibers .

#### Fiber Cable Types

Cold connectors can be used with both single-mode and multimode fiber optic cables, including:

- Drop cables for FTTH installations
- Patch cords for distribution boxes and network interconnections
- Specialty fibers designed for extreme environments, including cryogenic or industrial applications, provided the ferrule and assembly materials are compatible with the connector

#### Environmental Considerations

For extreme cold or cryogenic environments, fiber optic assemblies must be carefully selected. Materials such as acrylate, polyimide, or metal-coated fibers can withstand temperatures down to 1.5 K, but connectors must be designed to prevent crystallization, condensation, or mechanical failure . Standard cold connectors are generally suitable for typical outdoor or indoor installations but may require specialized versions for extreme cold.

#### Summary

To use cold connectors effectively:

- Choose single-mode or multimode cables compatible with the connector ferrule.
- Use SC/APC for low back reflection applications and SC/UPC for general use.
- Ensure the cable and connector materials are suitable for the installation environment, especially in extreme temperatures.
- Cold connectors provide quick, flexible, and cost-effective termination without fusion splicing, making them ideal for field deployments and emergency repairs .

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