

Reasons why the optical fiber cannot find the splitter

Article Overview

An optical fiber may fail to detect a splitter due to physical misalignment, excessive insertion loss, environmental stress, or network design issues.

Physical and Mechanical Causes

Optical splitters rely on precise alignment between the input fiber and the splitter waveguide. Mechanical stress, microbends, or improper fiber management can shift the alignment, reducing optical coupling efficiency and preventing the fiber from detecting the splitter. PLC splitters are particularly sensitive to displacement caused by adhesive aging or housing stress, while FBT splitters are more affected by fiber bending and uneven thermal expansion. Connector damage or poor splicing can also interrupt the optical path.

Signal Loss and Power Issues

Every splitter introduces insertion loss, which reduces the optical power available at the output fibers. If the signal falls below the minimum threshold required by the optical network terminal (ONT), the fiber may appear unable to find the splitter. Uneven splitting, wavelength sensitivity, or material absorption can further degrade the signal, especially in multi-level or cascaded split architectures.

Environmental Factors...



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