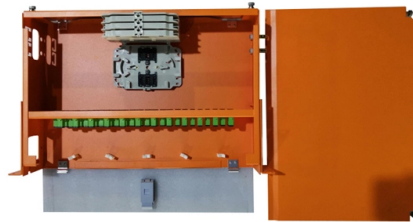


Ceramic ferrule fixed to optical fiber



AI Overview

To fix a ceramic ferrule to an optical fiber, the fiber is typically epoxied into the ferrule, then trimmed and polished to ensure precise alignment and minimal signal loss.

Step 1: Select the Correct Ferrule Choose a ceramic ferrule with a bore diameter slightly larger than the fiber cladding to allow insertion while maintaining tight alignment. For a standard 125 μm fiber, ferrule bores typically range from 124 μm to 127 μm to accommodate manufacturing tolerances and ensure proper centering of the fiber core. Singlemode fibers require the highest precision due to their small 9 μm core.

Step 2: Prepare the Fiber Strip the fiber coating carefully without damaging the glass core. Clean the bare fiber with isopropyl alcohol to remove any debris or oils. Ensure the fiber end is straight and free of chips.

Step 3: Apply Epoxy Use a high-quality optical epoxy suitable for ceramic ferrules. Insert the fiber into the ferrule bore and apply the epoxy to fill the gap between the fiber and ferrule. The epoxy should secure the fiber while allowing slight adjustment for alignment. Some ferrules have flanges or scored surfaces to improve epoxy adhesion.

Step 4: Cure the Epoxy Allow the epoxy to cure according to the manufacturer's instructions. Proper curing ensures the fiber is firmly fixed and prevents movement that could cause insertion loss.

Step 5: Trim the Fiber Once the epoxy is cured, trim the fiber protruding from the ferrule using a precision cleaver or fiber scribe. The fiber should extend slightly beyond the ferrule endface to allow for polishing.

Step 6: Polish the Ferrule Endface Polish the fiber and ferrule endface together using progressively finer polishing films or pads. The goal is a smooth, flat, and clean surface that aligns the fiber core precisely with the ferrule bore. Proper polishing minimizes insertion loss and back reflection.

Step 7: Inspect and Test Use a fiber inspection microscope to check for scratches, chips, or misalignment. Test the optical performance to ensure low insertion loss and high return loss. Adjust polishing if necessary.

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In Part 1 of "Bonding Optical Fiber to the Ceramic Ferrule", we discuss preparing and dispensing epoxy, a critical step in the assembly process. Read here.

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