

Your Guide to Fiber Optic Cleaning Tools

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Why Clean Fiber Optics?

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When you need perfectly clean splices & connectors™

Perfectly clean fiber end-faces are crucial to a network startup

 The Reason to Clean is Simple: Contamination Causes Signal Loss & Network Breakdown

Back reflectance, frequency loss, scratched or pitted end-face surfaces are common when end-faces are not cleaned prior to start up.

BACKREFLECTANCE INSERTIONLOSS ABSORPTIONLOSS

Common Contaminants Degrade the Light Signal

- Dust on the sleeve pushes into the contact zone of the mated connector pair
- The mating force between the two ferrules is ~ 15,000psi in the contact zone
- The dust breaks apart, grinds into the ceramic and glass causing scratches and pits on both end-faces
- Oil based contamination or residue from skin oils and dust caps causes back reflectance





Dust

Lint





Skin Oil

IPA Residue



Don't be that technician who speeds by a cleaning step then has to spend more money and time going back to do the job right. Clean and inspect the ferrule end-faces, male and female, during install to achieve the clean and reliable network you desire.





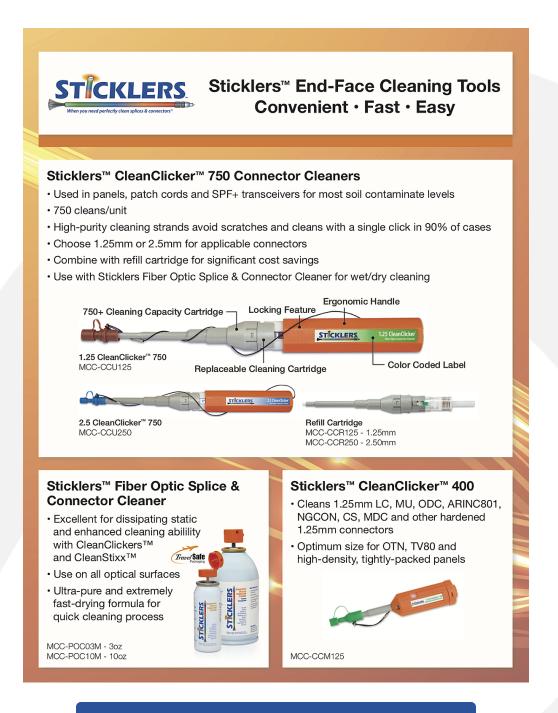
Keep a Sticklers™ Fiber Optic Cleaning Kit ready and waiting for your next network startup.

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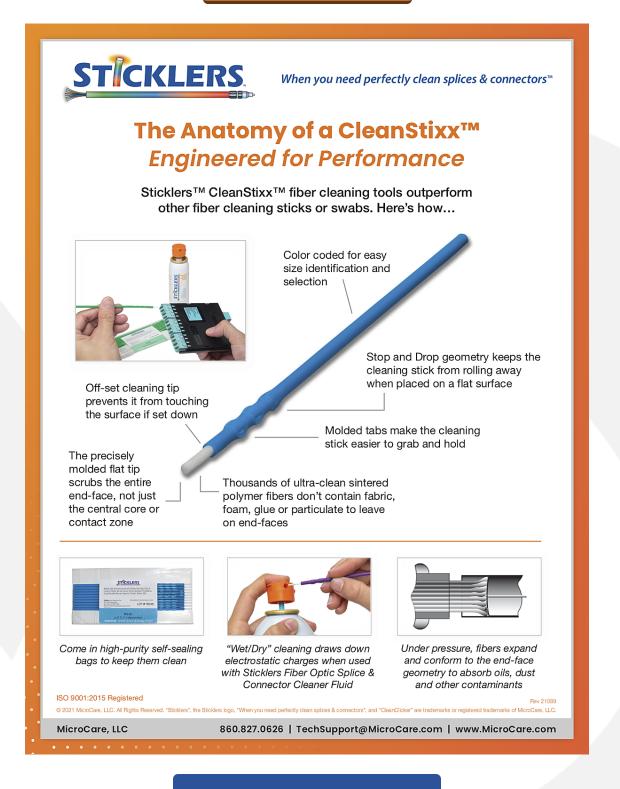
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Fiber Cleaning FAQs

Cleaning Both Ends of a Fiber Connection - Do I Really Have To?

Cleaning Fiber Optic Connectors - Why Bother?

How Does Contamination Cause Signal Loss Between a Mated Pair?

What Contamination is Found on Fiber?

Why is it Important to Clean Both Ends of the Connector Pair?

Further Reading

A Sticky Situation: Removing Electrostatic Charges Improves Fiber Network Performance

Don't Let Dirt on Fiber Optic End-Faces Derail Your Cell Phone

What is the Best Practice for Cleaning Beyond the Core Region for Male Jumpers?

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