

# 12-core optical cable splicing procedure

## Article Overview

The standard 12-core fiber optic splicing sequence follows the TIA/EIA-598-C color code: Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White, Red, Black, Yellow, Violet, Rose, and Aqua.

## Standard 12-Fiber Color Sequence

For a 12-core optical cable, each fiber is color-coded to ensure proper identification during splicing. The sequence is:

- o Blue
  - o Orange
  - o Green
  - o Brown
  - o Slate (Gray)
  - o White
  - o Red
  - o Black
  - o Yellow
  - o Violet
  - o Rose (Pink)
  - o Aqua (Light Blue)
- This sequence is repeated for higher fiber counts or multiple tubes in loose-tube cables, with each tube also color-coded for identification .

## Splicing Procedure

When splicing a 12-core cable:

- o Prepare the fibers: Strip the outer jacket and buffer coating carefully to expose the bare fibers. Clean each fiber with isopropyl alcohol to remove debris.
- o Identify fibers: Match fibers according to the standard color sequence to ensure continuity. For multi-tube cables, identify the tube color first, then the fiber color within the tube .
- o Choose splicing method:
  - o Fusion splicing: Align fibers in a fusion splicer and use an electric arc to weld the fibers together. This method provides low insertion loss (~0.1 dB) and minimal back reflection.
  - o Mechanical splicing: Use an alignment fixture and index-matching gel to hold fibers together. This is faster but slightly higher loss (~0.3 dB) and is often used for temporary connections .
- o Sequence alignment: Splice fibers in the order of the 12-color sequence to maintain proper mapping from one cable end to the other.
- o Protect the splice: Use a splice sleeve or heat-shrink tube to protect the joint from mechanical stress and

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environmental factors.

## Best Practices

- o Always verify fiber identification before splicing to prevent misalignment.
- o Maintain a clean work environment to avoid contamination.
- o Document the fiber sequence and splice locations for future maintenance.
- o For high-count cables, use the tube and fiber system: identify the tube color first, then the fiber color within the tube, following the 12-color sequence . Following this sequence ensures proper connectivity, minimal signal loss, and compliance with industry standards.

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Conclusion Splicing fiber optic cables is both a technical and precise process. The quality of your splice

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