

# Why does pigtail splicing fail



## Overview

Get the wrong connector type, the wrong polish, or skip proper fusion splicing technique—and you're looking at elevated signal loss, increased back reflection, and a field termination that fails certification. Core diameter mismatch is a type of extrinsic factor that can cause significant loss in a splice. By understanding the factors that affect splice performance, you can make informed decisions about the type of splice to use and the techniques to employ. I just feel like this is bad practice. Does anyone have any insight as to why this is incorrect or why it isn't a problem?

Your question generally creates some. In my splicing class we spent weeks and weeks hand taping slices and cutting them open to see if we left any flaws. The kits are a lot less prone to workmanship problems. Fiber optic pigtail are utilized to terminate fiber optic.

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When properly executed, a splice can exhibit a loss of less than 0.1dB. In contrast, fiber connectors will typically yield a loss of 0.2dB or higher.



Some installers prefer to do this to avoid the problem of testing a pigtail cables in the field—just test the performance of a fiber patch cord, then cutting it into halves as two fiber pigtails.



There are instances, though, when the splice is not performing to your expectations. Below is a list of problems that might occur and some typical solutions, listed in order of probable occurrence.



Confused about fiber optic pigtails—which connector type, which polish, fusion or mechanical splice? Our guide covers LC vs SC, APC vs UPC, splicing methods, and real-world use ...



Choosing the wrong type can lead to signal loss, safety hazards, or failed inspections. This guide covers everything you need to know about pigtail connectors: what they are, how they ...



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That point of failure can be a wirenut, which was designed to splice wires, or it can be the thin piece of metal connecting the two screws, which was designed to be easily broken so you can take it out and ...



I was taught to pigtail receptacles, but I've heard arguments on both sides. What do you guys consider best practice and why?



The most common factors in today's splice losses come from extrinsic factors related to the condition of the splice itself, external to the optical fiber. Oftentimes, they are caused by dirt and ...



If you splice through the outlet screws and one outlet goes down, every other outlet down the chain will go down and you'll have to pull more outlets to find the problem unless you know exactly how the ...

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