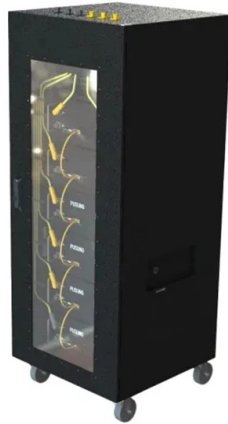


Development and Application of Fiber Optic Connectors



AI Overview

Fiber optic connectors have evolved from bulky, high-loss prototypes in the 1970s to compact, high-performance, and high-density solutions used in modern data networks.

Early Exploration and Prototyping (1970s–Early 1980s)

The first commercial fiber optic connectors emerged alongside the initial commercialization of fiber optic communication. Early designs focused on basic connectivity and alignment rather than miniaturization or efficiency. Notable early connectors included the Biconic connector developed by AT&T Bell Labs around 1976, which used a conical plastic ferrule and achieved insertion loss below 1 dB, though it was bulky and expensive. The SMA connector, adapted from microwave technology, featured a 1/8-inch metal ferrule but suffered from thermal expansion mismatches with glass fiber. The Deutsch connector offered a heavy-duty stainless-steel design with spring-loaded alignment but had high insertion loss (2–3 dB) and complex assembly requirements.

Standardization and Convenience (1980s–1990s)

As fiber networks expanded, the need for easier-to-use and standardized connectors became apparent. The FC connector was one of the first widely adopted connectors, featuring a threaded metal housing that provided stable, low-loss connections suitable for lab and telecom applications. The ST connector, introduced later, used...

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