

How to store the fiber optic cable in a router



AI Overview

Properly storing fiber optic cables in a router involves coiling them loosely, protecting connectors, and avoiding sharp bends to maintain signal integrity and prevent damage.

Key Storage Practices

1. **Maintain Minimum Bend Radius** Fiber optic cables are sensitive to bending. Always ensure the cable is coiled loosely and does not exceed the manufacturer's specified minimum bend radius, as tight bends can fracture the glass fibers and cause signal loss.
2. **Protect Connectors** Keep dust caps on the fiber connectors until ready to connect. This prevents contamination from dust, oils, or moisture, which can degrade performance. When storing inside a router, avoid placing connectors under stress or pressure.
3. **Use Gentle Coiling** Loop the cable in large, even coils rather than tight spirals. Avoid tangling or knots, which can weaken the cable structure over time. Hook-and-loop fasteners are preferred over plastic zip ties, which should be used loosely if necessary.
4. **Avoid Physical Stress** Do not pinch, crush, or stretch the cable. Ensure it is not pressed against sharp edges or heavy components inside the router. Stress on the cable can lead to microbends or fractures that reduce signal quality.
5. **Store in a Clean, Dry Environment** Even inside a router, ensure the cable is kept away from moisture, heat sources, or chemical exposure. A stable, dry environment preserves the cable jacket and prevents corrosion.
6. **Plan Cable Routing** Route the fiber cable along designated paths or cable management channels inside the router. Avoid crossing over other cables or obstructing airflow, which can cause overheating...

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