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Separating Fibers from an OFS AccuRibbon®

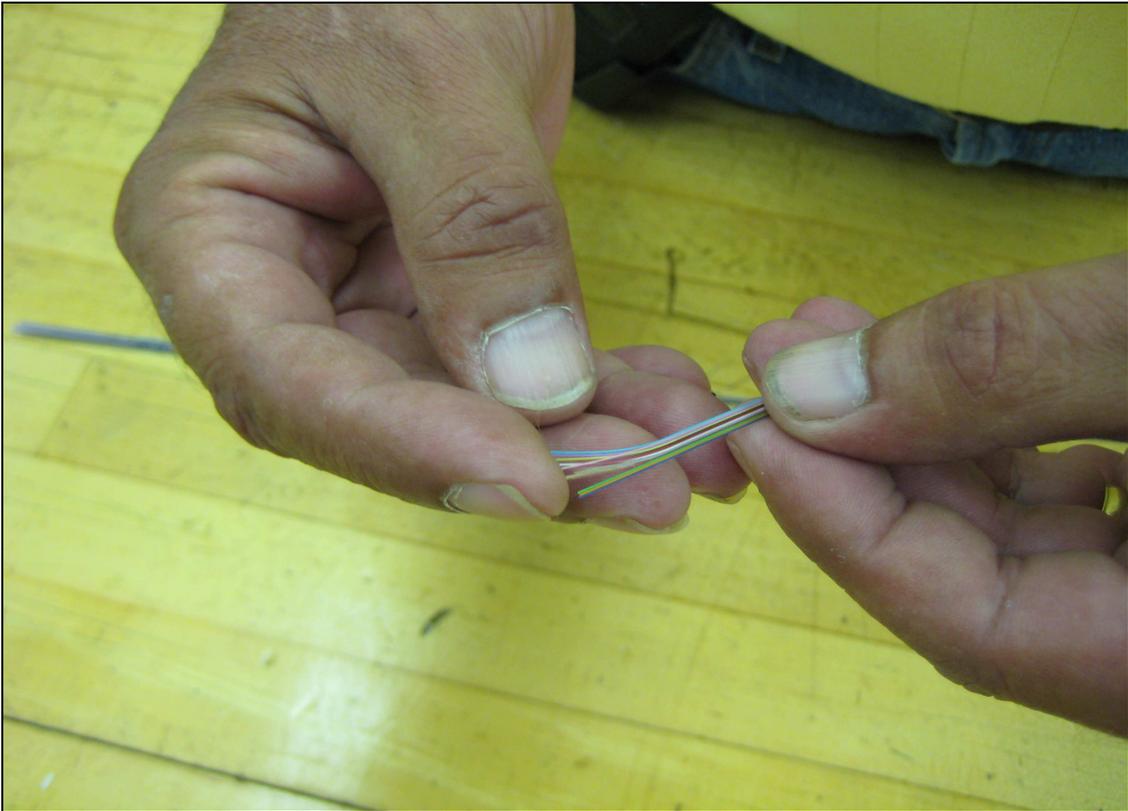


Figure 1 – Removing the matrix material from the AccuRibbon®.

Step 1 – Hold the ribbon between your index finger and thumb.

Step 2 – Fray the end of the ribbon with your index finger until the fibers begin to separate from the ribbon bundle (Figure 1).

Step 3 – Peel each individual fiber away from the ribbon bundle.

Note: Some ribbon matrix material might remain on the individual fibers. For a fusion splicing application it is not necessary to remove all the ribbon matrix material from the fiber. Some residue is still tolerable to perform an acceptable fusion splice. However, if it is necessary to remove all of the ribbon matrix material from the fiber, a lint-free wipe soaked with standard isopropyl alcohol can be used to soften and remove the ribbon matrix material from the fibers.