

Openreach and OFS Announce the InvisiLight[®] Solution Bringing Gigabit Fiber Broadband Invisibly into the Premises

Connected Britain, London, United Kingdom, 17. June 2019 - Openreach has selected OFS to deliver innovative products that enable deployment in existing buildings with an almost invisible fiber as part of Openreach's announced rollout of faster, more reliable and future-proof Fiber-to-the-Premises broadband to reach 4 million premises by March 2021.

A major part of this target is to deliver effectively to Multi-Dwelling Units (MDUs), where the task of connecting multiple customers as quickly and as reliably as possible, whilst minimizing disruption, is a key challenge. The OFS InvisiLight Solution utilizes EZ-Bend® Optical fiber that enables worry free bending around the many tight corners found inside buildings. The InvisiLight solution elevates the customer experience by delivering a versatile and flexible plug-and-play solution that can be adapted to various scenarios encountered all while disappearing into the homeowners' décor.

InvisiLight MDU Solution offers virtually invisible and faster installation than traditional fiber routing inside residential and business MDUs. This solution provides a complete in-building solution that can help accelerate the adoption of fiber optic service through faster and lower cost installation than traditional installation techniques with a virtually invisible result. These benefits, in turn, can result in higher subscriber acceptance and take rates.

Openreach engineers deploy compact Optical Network Terminates (ONTs) deep into subscribers' homes to facilitate in-home networking. Tight spaces, corners, existing architecture and other factors can make deploying fiber difficult inside many Individual Living Units (ILUs) and MDUs. The InvisiLight Optical Solutions portfolio was designed to help meet these specific challenges.

With the InvisiLight ILU Solution, the installer uses an innovative yet simple process to adhere a 0.9 mm diameter optical fiber into crevices along ceilings and walls or moldings and walls. In this way, the solution offers a safe, protected optical fiber link that blends seamlessly into the ILU, is virtually invisible to the eye and installed without disruption to the homeowner or décor.

The InvisiLight ILU Solution will also be on display at Connected Britain 2019 in the Business Design Centre, London 18 – 19 June.

About OFS

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, fiber optic cable, connectivity, fiber-to-the-subscriber (FTTx) and specialty photonics products. We provide reliable, cost-effective solutions for a broad range of applications including telecommunications, medicine, industrial automation, sensing, government, aerospace and defense. These products help our customers meet the needs of consumers and businesses, both today and into the future.

Headquartered in Norcross (near Atlanta) Georgia, U.S.A., OFS (OFS Fitel, LLC) is a global provider with facilities in China, Denmark, Germany, Morocco, Russia and the United States. OFS is a wholly- owned subsidiary of Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd., a multi-billion-dollar leader in optical communications.

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