Crimp & Cleave Termination Instructions
for 50 and 62.5µm GiHCS®, 200µm HCS® SC and SC-RJ Connectors

For Use With:
50 and 62.5µm GiHCS® 2.5mm Aramid Reinforced Optical Fiber Cables
200µm HCS® Optical Fiber Cable
SC, SC Duplex, and SC-RJ Crimp & Cleave Connectors
Please Read First

Please make sure to READ and understand termination instructions completely. Improper assembly will cause poor termination results and cause damage to termination kit components.

Make sure you WEAR eye protection during the termination process. Bare optical fiber is sharp and may splinter; handle very carefully and make use of the provided fiber optic shard disposal container.

OFS WARRANTS this termination kit to be free of defects for a period of 90 days from the date of purchase. Each kit is qualified at our factory prior to shipment. OFS will, at our discretion, repair or replace tools suspected defective due to our workmanship within the stated warranty period. This excludes damage to any kit component due to improper use. OFS recommends that all replacements or repairs be made at our Avon, CT USA factory or one of our certified international service centers. Please CONTACT the sales representative in your region or call our factory for technical support.

Mon-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm EST.
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Other Items Required (not included in kit): Safety Glasses, Marker

Related Products and Accessories (Sold Separately)

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**STEP 1**

Install Strain Relief Boot and Crimp Ring

- Slide STRAIN RELIEF BOOT (tapered end first) onto cable and slide approximately 3 inches [76mm] out of the way.
- Slide CRIMP RING (small ID end first) onto the cable and slide out of the way.

**STEP 2**

Remove Cable Outer Jacket and Trim Aramid Yarn

- Mark cable outer jacket 2.5 inches [63.5mm] from the end with a marker.
- Using 2nd hole (marked 1.6) from the open side of the cable jacket strip tool, remove the 2.5 inches of outer jacket.

**STEP 3**

Remove ETFE Buffer

- Insert the buffered fiber through the guide tube of the ETFE Buffer Strip Tool, all the way in until the cable jacket bottoms out inside it.
- Holding cable securely, squeeze tool’s handles to cut ETFE buffer and then PULL STRAIGHT to remove the ETFE buffer.
- With alcohol prep pad folded in two, wipe surface of fiber where the ETFE buffer was just removed.

**NOTE:**
Be careful while handling the ETFE Buffer Strip Tool. Handle it as a precision device and do not strike on hard surfaces or drop.

Be sure to clean the ETFE Buffer Strip Tool’s blades frequently using the small bristle brush provided.

**NOTE:**
If unable to insert ETFE buffered fiber through the guide tube, trim tip of the fiber using scissors. If a short length of cable is being terminated, wrap the cable around your finger to prevent fiber from being pulled out of cable jacket.
STEP 4

Install Connector Body

- Insert stripped fiber into CONNECTOR BODY sub-assembly until the rear of the component bottoms on the cable jacket. The aramid yarn should be on the outside of rear of the CONNECTOR BODY sub-assembly.

- Slide up CRIMP RING over aramid yarn and onto rear of CONNECTOR BODY sub-assembly as far as it will go.

- Using the large cavity in the crimp tool, secure the crimp ring to the cable jacket and CONNECTOR BODY subassembly.

- Next locate the CONNECTOR BODY subassembly into the crimp tool nest with the smaller ID cavity and apply crimp.

- Using scissors, trim the aramid yarn back so that 1/4 inch [6mm] remains extending from the cable jacketing.

- Slide up and install STRAIN RELIEF BOOT as far as it will go up over the crimp ring.

NOTE:
Be careful not to touch the GiHCS fiber coated surface once the fiber has had the ETFE buffer removed. The coating may retain finger oils which can transfer to and damage the gripper pads in the cleave tool during later termination process steps.
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**STEP 5**

**Cleave Optical Fiber**

- Holding the cleave tool in a horizontal position, grip the handle while leaving your index finger free to actuate trigger.
- Gently insert CONNECTOR BODY into cleave tool as shown. Be sure to have it fully inserted and release the connector.

**NOTE:**
Careful while handling the Cleave Tool. Handle it as a precision device and do not strike on hard surfaces or drop.

Keep the Cleave Tool clean and free from oils, including naturally occurring finger oils. The diamond blade and gripper pads should be cleaned often (e.g. every 50 cleaves).

Use OFS Cleave Tool Cleaning Kit Part # P16247 – available separately. Do not use isopropyl alcohol to clean any part of the Cleave Tool, especially near the gripper pads as alcohol may ruin them.

Do not insert metal tools near the diamond blade as it is quite sensitive and very fragile and can chip.

- Using index finger, slowly depress trigger to perform the cleave operation. The cleave process is complete when the optical fiber snaps away from the connector. Do not release trigger just yet!
- Before releasing the trigger, remove the CONNECTOR BODY from the cleave tool and grasp the optical fiber scrap while releasing the trigger. Gently remove the scrap fiber from the cleave tool while keeping it away from the tool’s diamond blade. Place the scrap optical fiber into the fiber optic shard container for safe disposal.

**STEP 6**

**Install Inner Housing**

- Insert CONNECTOR BODY into the white INNER HOUSING.
- Note the presence of the spline grooves in the internal diameter at the rear of the white INNER Housing. Align the splines on the outer diameter of the CONNECTOR BODY with those spline grooves and then push in as far as the CONNECTOR BODY goes until a positive click is heard.

**NOTE:**
Make sure the CONNECTOR BODY is fully seated in the Cleave Tool. Do not hold onto the CONNECTOR BODY during the cleave process as this may induce undesirable torsion stress which will have adverse effect on cleave surface quality.
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STEP 7
Install Outer Housing

- Insert CONNECTOR BODY with white INNER HOUSING into the OUTER HOUSING. The Simplex version is shown; however the Duplex and SC-RJ versions go together in a similar manner.

- Simply align the two corner flats on the white OUTER HOUSING with the same feature on the respective OUTER HOUSING and push in as far as it will go until a positive click is heard.

NOTE:
For the Duplex SC and SC-RJ versions, channel polarity is important. Make sure to orient so that if Channel A is Tx on one end it is Rx on the other end.

Maintenance

Importance of Cleave Tool Cleaning

The Cleave Tool included with OFS’ Termination kits contains movable parts, wear items, and a diamond blade that require regular maintenance, care, or replacement after useful life in order to perform satisfactorily. Damage and parts replacement expense can result if recommended procedures and techniques are not followed.

- Diamond blade and gripper pads must be cleaned, kept oil free, and replaced if broken or worn
- The Cleave Tool trigger must be depressed slowly to allow the tool to work properly

Cleave Tool Cleaning Kit

For cleaning your Cleave Tool, please order the OFS Cleave Tool Cleaning Kit (part # P16247) which includes special cleaning fluid. Swabs, and complete instructions.
## Trouble Shooting Guide

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If you are still experiencing problems, please call for Technical Support 860 678 6636

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## Termination and Test Kits Available

OFS offers various field termination kits and insertion loss tests kits configured to support each crimp & cleave connector type we offer. Contact a customer service representative to discuss your specific application.