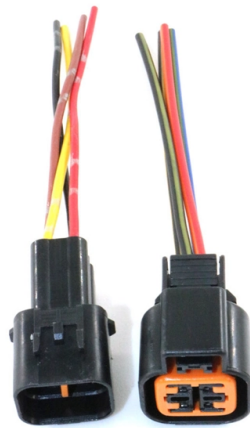


# What is the matching pigtail fiber



## Article Overview

A matching pigtail fiber is a short optical fiber with a factory-terminated connector on one end and bare fiber on the other, selected to match the type, mode, and connector of the existing fiber network for low-loss splicing.

### What Is a Fiber Optic Pigtail?

A fiber optic pigtail is a short length of optical fiber, typically 0.5 to 2 meters, with a factory-polished connector on one end and a bare fiber on the other. The connector end plugs into active equipment, patch panels, or optical distribution frames (ODFs), while the bare fiber end is designed for fusion or mechanical splicing to the incoming fiber cable in the field. This ensures a low-loss, reliable connection while maintaining the precision of factory-terminated connectors .

### Why Matching Matters

To achieve optimal network performance, the pigtail must match the existing fiber in several ways:

- **Fiber Type:** Single-mode (OS2, G.652/G.657) or multi-mode (OM3, OM4, OM5) must correspond to the installed cable to prevent signal loss .
- **Connector Type:** LC, SC, MPO, or other connectors must match the equipment or patch panel adapters .
- **Polish Type:** UPC (Ultra Physical Contact) or APC (Angled Physical Contact) must align with the system requirements; mixing APC and UPC can cause significant signal loss .
- **Mode and Core Size:** Ensures proper light propagation and minimal back reflection.

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