

What is the optimal curing temperature for fiber optic pigtails



Overview

Heat Cure fiber optic connector epoxies require that connectors be placed in an epoxy curing oven and heated for a period of time at temperatures that range between 212°F - 302°F. At room temperature, the connectors are ready for polishing within 1 hour; however, fully matured bonds require 4 to 6 hours. With a pot life of only five minutes, a limited number of connections can be made using one pack. Traditional ferrule bonding adhesives are thermally cured at 100-150°C for 10-20 minutes — a process that adds significant cycle time and requires elevated temperature equipment. Most heat-cure epoxy manufacturers present a range of “cure schedule” options for their epoxy. Depending on your product and needs, a lower-temperature cure may be suitable, whereas in other situations, a. Factories terminating fibers use heat-cured epoxies because they produce the best performing most reliable connectors. Heat-cured epoxies are not used as much in the field because they require ovens. There are three general categories of adhesives used in fiber optics, epoxy, Hot Melt and anaerobic adhesives. Hot Melt (a 3M exclusive) uses. In creating and evaluating their fiber optic epoxy formulations, manufacturers rely on a number of tests and measurements that may include Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA), Storage Modulus, Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE), and Glass Transition.



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Fiber Optic Connector curing oven used to heat curing a variety of fiber optic connector (pigtail, jumper) head, including FC, SC,

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You inject epoxy into several connectors at one time, strip a fiber and attach a connector, then put it in the oven to cure for 5 minutes

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Depending on the chemical formulation of a particular heat cure epoxy, these connector epoxies typically cure within 15-30 minutes.

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Overall, fiber optic pigtails are essential components in the installation, termination, and connectivity of optical fiber

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