

# **ST Fiber Optic Connectors**

Field Polish Termination - Singlemode and Multimode

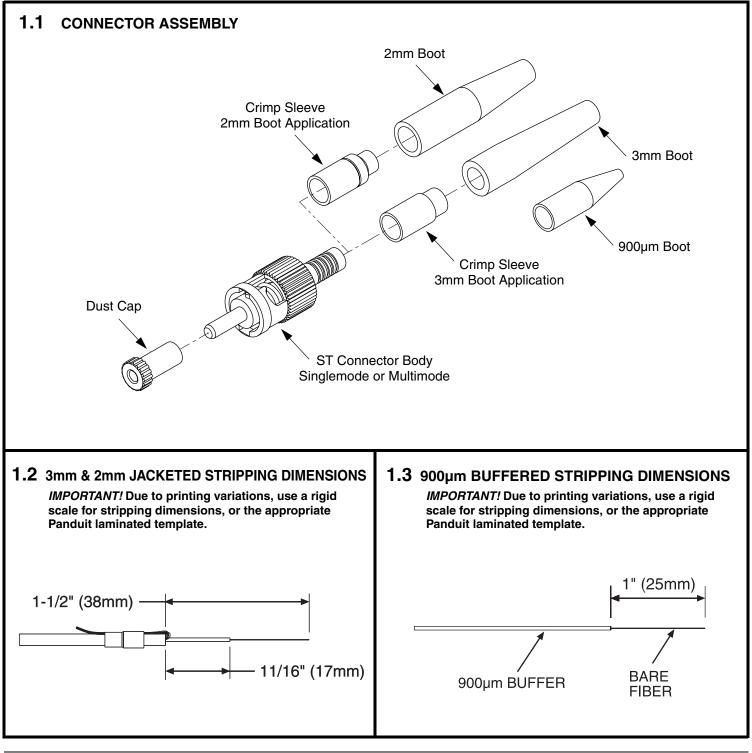
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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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## **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE PROCEEDING** REFER TO WEB SITE BELOW FOR MOST CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS

# 1. COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION



## **1.4** ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TERMINATION

ITEM	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	CST-115	Fiber Cable Jacket Stripper
2	FALC	Alcohol Bottle (empty)
3	FBFSP	Fiber Buffer Stripper
4	FCRP5	Universal Crimp Tool (hex sizes: .048, .100, .128, .151, .190) Hex sizes needed for ST termination: .151 and .190
5	FCVR	Fiber Cleaver
6	FGLS	Safety Glasses
7	FJPKGU	Universal Polishing Puck
8	FJPMR	Primer
9	FJPXY	Anaerobic Adhesive
10	FKS	Strength Member (Aramid Fiber) Cutters
11	FPAD	Polishing Pad and Polishing Plate
12	FPP5-L	5µm Polishing Film (Aluminum Oxide)
13	FSTY	Safety Stickers for fiber scraps
14	FSWB-C	Cleaning Swabs
15	FSYR-X	Syringes with needle tips
16	FWP-C	Cloth Wipes
17	PFX-0	Indelible Ink Marking Pen
18	FLOUPEX10	Eye Loupe 10X Power
19	FPF1-V	1µm Diamond Polishing Film
20		Isopropyl Alcohol (Reagent Grade, 90% minimum concentration; not available from Panduit)
21	FLCFPLF-X	.05µm Lapping Film (For singlemode terminations only)
22	FWBTL	Distilled Water Bottle (empty)
		Distilled Water (not available from Panduit)
OPTIONAL	PN271*	Stripping Template

\* denotes revision letter.



# 2. PRECAUTIONS

#### 2.1 SAFETY GLASSES

**WARNING**: Safety glasses have to be worn when handling the adhesive or primer used with the connector or when handling bare optical fiber. The bare fiber is very sharp and can easily damage the eye.

#### 2.2 ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL

**WARNING**: Isopropyl alcohol is flammable. Contact with the alcohol can cause irritation to the eyes. In case of contact with the eyes, flush with water for at least 15 minutes. Always use isopropyl alcohol with proper levels of ventilation. In case of ingestion, consult a physician immediately.

#### 2.3 RECOMMENDED ADHESIVE AND PRIMER

**WARNING**: The recommended adhesive (Panduit Part #FJPXY) may contain maleic acid and methacrylic ester. In case of eye contact, flush with water for 15 minutes and get medical attention. Wash after skin contact. Request M.S.D.S. for further safeguards. Check "Used By" date on bottle to ensure best performance.

**WARNING**: The recommended primer (Panduit Part #FJPMR) may contain acetone. The primer is harmful if inhaled or swallowed. In case of contact with eyes or skin, flush with water. Get medical attention in case of ingestion or contact with eyes. Do not induce vomiting. Check "Used By" date on bottle to ensure best performance.

#### 2.4 DISPOSAL OF BARE FIBERS

**WARNING**: Pick up and discard all pieces of bare fiber with sticky tabs. Do not let cut pieces of fiber stick to clothing or drop in the work area where they are hard to see and can cause injury.

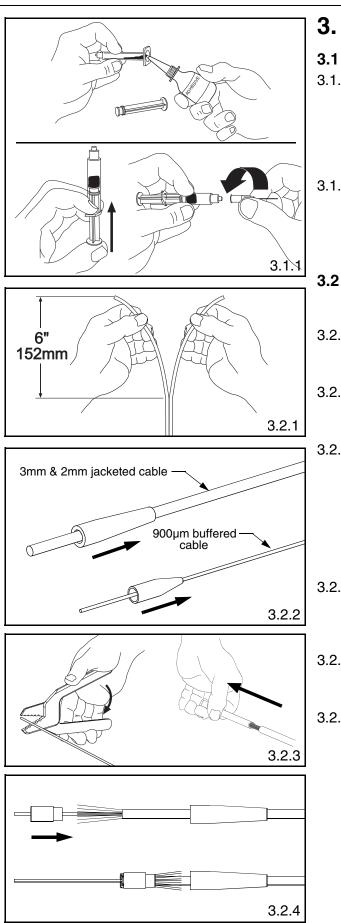
#### 2.5 LASER LIGHT PROTECTION

**WARNING**: Laser light is invisible. The invisible light is powerful enough to damage your eyes. Serious damage to the retina of the eye is possible. Never look into the end of a fiber which may have a laser coupled into it. Should accidental eye exposure to laser light be suspected, arrange for an eye examination immediately.



#### .6 CABLE HANDLING

**WARNING**: Fiber optic cable can be damaged by excessive pulling, twisting, crushing or bending stresses. Consult the appropriate specification sheets as provided by your cable vendor. Any damage may result in decreased optical performance.



# 3. FERRULE TERMINATION

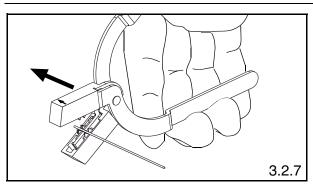
## 3.1 TERMINATION PREPARATION

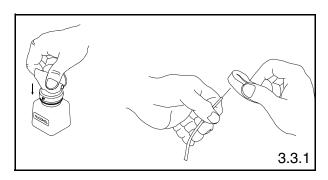
- 3.1.1 Remove the plunger and cap from a syringe. Squeeze about 0.5 ml of FJPXY Anaerobic Adhesive into the back of the syringe barrel. Insert the plunger. Point opening upward, and squeeze any air out of the barrel. Attach needle to syringe. Adhesive that is stored in a syringe may start to harden within 24 hours.
- 3.1.2 Partially fill a second syringe with about 0.5ml of FJPMR Primer. Do this by drawing primer up into the syringe barrel rather than pouring it in through the back.
  - 2 3mm & 2mm JACKET / 900µm BUFFER STRIPPING

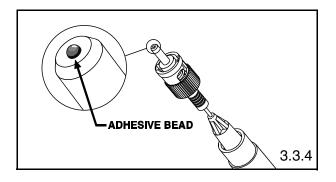
Refer to Page 1 or appropriate Panduit laminated template for stripping dimensions.

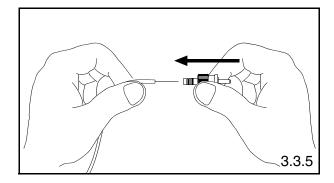
- 3.2.1 For 3mm & 2mm jacketed duplex cable: Split the two cables approximately 6" (152mm) or as needed depending on desired jacket stripping length.
- 3.2.2 Insert the fiber end through the small end of the appropriate boot for your specific fiber type. Slide the boot back out of the way.
- 3.2.3 For 3mm & 2mm jacketed cable only: To reduce wear on the jacket stripper blades, do not slide the blades along the aramid yarn. Instead, use the tool to cut through the jacket, then pull off the jacket by hand. For 3.0mm jacketed fiber, use the third hole (marked "1.3MM" or #16AWG) from the tip of the jacket stripper. Using the cable jacket stripper, strip the required length of the jacket off of each fiber according to the stripping dimensions.
- 3.2.4 **For 3mm & 2mm jacketed cable only:** Insert the fiber through the smaller end of the crimp sleeve. Use the crimp sleeve to fold the aramid yarn back over the jacket, holding it out of the way.
- 3.2.5 For 3mm & 2mm jacketed cable only: Use the marking pen and stripping dimensions provided to mark the buffer from the end of the jacket.
- 3.2.6 **For 900µm buffered fiber only:** Using the marking pen, place a mark 1" (25mm) from the end of the buffer.

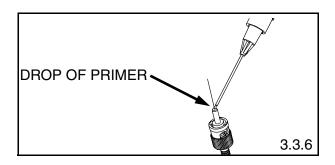
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3.2.7 With the buffer stripper provided, strip the buffer to the mark.

## **BUFFER STRIPPER GUIDELINES:**

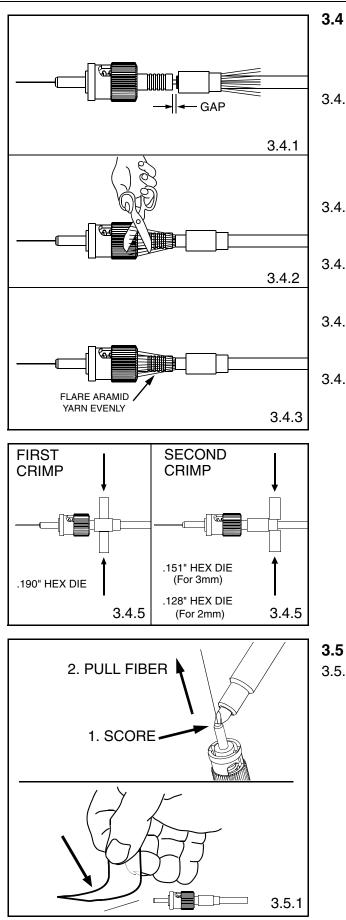
- Panduit recommends that you remove no more than 1/4" (6.4mm) of buffer at a time to avoid breaking the fiber. Refer to cable manufacturer's buffer stripping guidelines for specific recommendations.
- Hold the buffer stripper such that the arrow on the tool points in the direction of buffer removal.
- Noting the location of the tool's blades, position the fiber in the tool's V-notches. Squeeze the handles firmly and pull tool in the direction of the arrow on the tool.
- Clean the buffer stripper blades after each strip by holding the handles open, pulling the casings back away from the blades, and letting them snap back against the blades.

# 3.3 FERRULE ATTACHMENT

### Instructions intended for anaerobic adhesive only.

- 3.3.1 Clean the bare fiber using an alcohol (90% minimum concentration) soaked lint-free wipe. The fibers should be free of all coating and residue. Insert fiber without adhesive or primer into ferrule assembly to ensure a proper fit and to remove any debris which may be blocking the ferrule hole. Remove fiber, clean fiber again, and proceed to the next step.
- 3.3.2 Apply primer onto the bare fiber with the brush from the primer bottle, and onto the first 1/8" (3.2 mm) of the buffer next to the exposed fiber. Set fiber aside such that it will not collect debris while completing the next three steps.
- 3.3.3 Insert the needle of the adhesive filled syringe into the ferrule assembly until the needle bottoms against the rear of the ferrule.
- 3.3.4 While pressing the needle firmly against the rear of the ferrule, gently squeeze the syringe plunger until you see a small bead of adhesive form on the front tip of the ferrule. Pull syringe out of the ferrule assembly.
- 3.3.5 Carefully but quickly insert the bare fiber through the ferrule in a smooth forward motion. The fiber is fully inserted when the buffer bottoms against the rear of the ferrule. The adhesive will begin to set within seconds. Note: If adhesive oozes out the back of the assembly, you have injected too much. It is critical to the function of the connector that you wipe away all excess adhesive.
- 3.3.6 To speed hardening of the adhesive, apply a small drop of primer to the adhesive bead on the ferrule tip using the primer filled syringe. Absorb any primer and unhardened adhesive from the ferrule tip by gently dabbing it with the corner of a lint-free wipe. **Be careful not to break the fiber.**
- 3.3.7 Allow one minute for the adhesive to harden before cleaving.

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# CRIMPING For 3mm and 2mm jacketed cable only.

# Note: Be careful not to break the bare fiber protruding from the ferrule during this step.

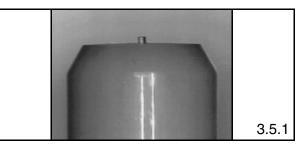
3.4.1 Slide the correct crimp sleeve back, freeing the aramid yarn. The cable jacket should nearly touch the rear of the backbone of the ferrule assembly.

Note: Do not press the cable jacket forward to touch the rear of the backbone. There should be a gap between the jacket and backbone.

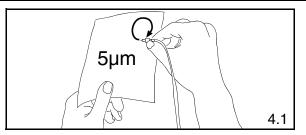
- 3.4.2 With the appropriate strength member (aramid yarn) cutters, cut the aramid yarn even with the end of the bayonet.
- 3.4.3 Flare the aramid yarn **evenly** around the perimeter of the grooved area of the backbone of the ferrule assembly.
- 3.4.4 Slide the crimp sleeve over the backbone, trapping the aramid yarn between the crimp sleeve and the grooved area of the backbone.
- 3.4.5 Making sure the crimp sleeve is fully seated against the backbone, crimp the large end of the crimp sleeve using the .190" hex of the FCRP5 Universal Crimp Tool. For 3mm, use the .151" hex of the crimp tool to crimp the small end of the crimp sleeve over the cable jacket. For 2mm, use the .128" hex of the crimp tool to crimp the small end of the crimp sleeve over the cable jacket.

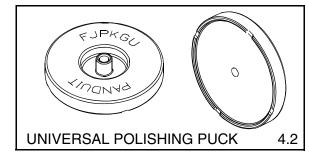
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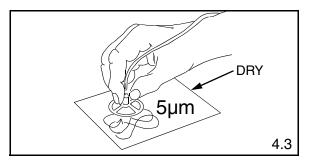
3.5.1 Using a cleave tool, gently make one small score mark across the bare fiber just above the endface of the ferrule. Pull the fiber away from the ferrule and discard it on one of the sticky tabs provided. A short stub of fiber protruding from the tip of the ferrule should be visible when viewed through the FLOUPEX10 Eye Loupe.

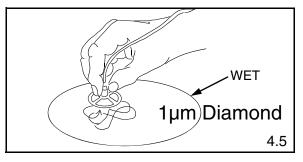


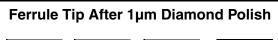
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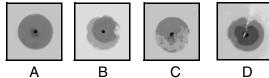












- A= Ideal. No blemishes on core or cladding.
- B= Good. Cladding is chipped, but core is not.
- C= Poor. Scratch across core. Try repolishing or else reterminate.
- D= Unacceptable. Fiber has shattered. Reterminate. 4.6

# 4. POLISHING

## Carefully read this entire section before proceeding.

#### POLISHING GUIDELINES

- Keep the puck flat against the polishing film.
- Figure eights should be about 3" tall and 1.5" wide.
  - Always polish on a clean area of the 5µm (micron) polishing film, with figure eights traversing the film as shown in Figure 4.3.
- One sheet of 5μm (micron) polishing film will polish 2-4 ferrules.
- One sheet of 1µm diamond polishing film will polish 100 ferrules.
- One sheet of .05µm lapping film will polish approx. 18-20 ferrules.
- Clean the polishing puck and pad with a clean wipe after each step.
- DO NOT OVERPOLISH.
- 4.1 Hold a piece of the 5µm polishing film in the air and gently rub the fiber stub against it in a circular motion until the height of the fiber stub is equal to or slightly less than its diameter. This is indicated when the white trace on the film is no longer obvious. Make sure fingers are at the edge of the film, not directly behind fiber.
  Note: Do not use the same 5µm film used in this step for any

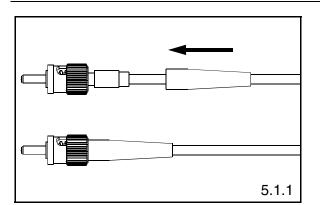
Note: Do not use the same 5µm film used in this step for any of the following polishing steps.

- 4.2 Set polishing pad (soft) on polishing plate (hard). Thoroughly clean polishing puck, puck hole, and polishing pad with alcohol and cleaning swab. Place a separate sheet of 5µm polishing film on the polishing pad. Set the polishing puck on the polishing film.
- 4.3 Carefully insert the inner housing assembly into the puck hole until the ferrule/fiber contacts the polishing film. While keeping the puck flat against the film, apply very light pressure on the ferrule assembly making figure eight motions with the puck. Gradually increase pressure until the fiber stub no longer leaves a white trace on the film (about 10 figure eights). At this point, the adhesive will be gone.
- 4.4 Remove 5µm polishing film from polishing pad. Clean the ferrule tip, pad, and bottom of the puck with an alcohol soaked wipe.
- 4.5 Place a sheet of 1µm diamond polishing film onto the polishing pad. Place several drops of distilled water on the diamond film. Polish the fiber endface with the puck using medium pressure for approximately 10 figure eights.
- 4.6 Clean the ferrule tip and puck with an alcohol soaked lint-free wipe. Clean the  $1\mu m$  diamond film using an alcohol soaked wipe after every 5 connectors.
- 4.7 Inspect the fiber endface using a microscope. If scratches remain, repeat steps 4.5 and 4.6.

WARNING: NEVER LOOK INTO THE END OF A FIBER WHICH MAY HAVE A LASER COUPLED INTO IT.

Note: Each time a mating takes place, clean the ferrule endface thoroughly with an alcohol soaked lint-free wipe.

- 4.8 **For singlemode only:** Place a sheet of the .05μm lapping film on the pad. Apply several drops of distilled water onto the center of the film.
- 4.9 **For singlemode only:** Place the puck in the center of the distilled water on the film and pad. Keeping the puck flat against the film and pad, apply even pressure for 4 figure eights.
- 4.10 For singlemode only: Wipe the ferrule, pad, and puck with a dry wipe.
- 4.11 For singlemode only: Clean the ferrule with a distilled water soaked wipe. Do not use alcohol to clean after using the .05µm lapping film.

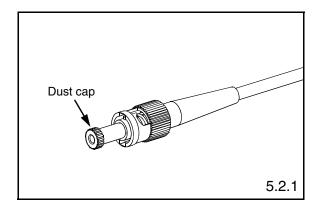


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# 5. FINAL CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

# 5.1 Boot Installation

- 5.1.1 **For 3mm & 2mm jacketed cable only:** Slide the boot over the crimp sleeve. Push the boot until it completely covers the crimp sleeve and bottoms out against the retaining clip.
- 5.1.2 **For 900µm buffered cable only:** Push the boot forward onto the grooved area of the backbone until it is against the retaining clip.



## 5.2 Dust cap Installation

5.2.1 Clean the ferrule endface with an alcohol soaked wipe and place dust cap over the ferrule end.

For Instructions in Local Languages and Technical Support: www.panduit.com/resources/install\_maintain.asp



