Fiber optic adapter APC



Overview

In this category, specialist retailers, installers and network operators will find fibre optic APC adapters and couplers for single-mode fibre optic connections (OS2, simplex).

Key Takeaways

A fiber optic APC adapter is a passive device that connects two SC/APC connectors with minimal insertion loss and high return loss, ensuring precise alignment for single-mode optical networks.

Overview

An SC/APC fiber optic adapter is a small, passive component used to join two SC connectors with angled physical contact (APC) ferrules, typically polished at an 8° angle. The adapter contains a precision alignment sleeve, usually made of zirconia ceramic, which ensures the ferrules are perfectly aligned to minimize optical loss and reflections.

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C adapters are commonly color-coded green to distinguish them from UPC (blue) or multimode (beige/aqua) adapters ( ).

Key Specifications

Connector Type: SC/APC female to SC/APC femaleInsertion Loss (IL): Typically ≤ 0. 2 dB, with maximum up to 0. 3–0.

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5 dB depending on grade ( )Return Loss (RL): ≥ 60 dB for APC, significantly higher than UPC, reducing signal reflections ( )Durability: 500–1,000 mating cycles without significant performance degradation ( )Operating Temperature: Commonly −40 °C to +85 °C ( )Alignment Sleeve Material: Zirconia ceramic for high precision; phosphor bronze for cost-effective, less critical applications ( )Form Factor: Simplex (single fiber) or duplex (two fibers side-by-side) ( )Types and FeaturesSimplex vs Duplex: Simplex handles one fiber channel; duplex supports two channels for Tx/Rx or dual wavelengths ( ). Hybrid Adapters: SC/APC to LC/APC or other connector types for cross-format connections ( ).

Housing Options: Plastic (lightweight, cost-effective) or metal (robust, EMI shielding). Flanged adapters are for panel mounting; flangeless adapters are for rear insertion ( ). Shuttered/Dust-proof: Some adapters include auto-shutters to protect the sleeve and prevent laser exposure ( ).

ApplicationsSC/APC adapters are widely used in single-mode networks where reflections must be minimized: FTTH / PON / GPON / XGS-PON / 10G-PON: Ensures low reflection for splitters and ONTs.

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V / RF-over-Fiber: Analog signals are sensitive to reflections; APC is essential. 5G Fronthaul & Backhaul: Low-reflection, high-stability single-mode runs.

Passive Optical LA

Ns (POL) and test equipment: High-precision APC references in labs and field tests ( ).

Installation and Maintenance Tips

Inspect and Clean: Always clean connectors before mating; contamination is a common cause of high insertion loss. Correct Mating: Never mate APC to UPC; angled and flat faces will not align, causing damage and high loss ( ). Mounting: Use snap-in or screw-in mounting for flanged adapters; avoid over-tightening.

Cap Unused Ports: Protect the alignment sleeve from dust and debris. Track Mating Cycles: Replace adapters after significant wear to maintain performance ( ).

Example Products

Ubiquiti SC/APC Adapter 50-pack: Insertion loss ≤ 0. 2 dB, operating temperature −40 to 85 °C ( ).

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N SC/APC Simplex 5-Pack: Plug repeatability ≥ 1,000 times, insertion loss ≤ 0. 2 dB, echo loss ≤ 40 dB ( ).

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I Fiber SC/APC Adapters: Simplex and duplex, zirconia or bronze sleeves, hybrid options available ( ). Hubbell 6-Port SC/APC Panel Adapter: Pre-loaded with zirconia sleeves, insertion loss 0. 25 dB typical, 500 mating cycles ( ).

In summary, SC/APC fiber optic adapters are essential for single-mode optical networks requiring low reflection and precise alignment. Choosing the right adapter involves considering connector type, polish, sleeve material, form factor, and environmental requirements to ensure optimal network performance.

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FC/APC Fiber Connectors: Single Mode

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SC/APC 1x32 Fiber Optical Splitter 1:32 Fiber Optic Splitter Coupler ...

SC/APC 1x32 Fiber Optical Splitter 1:32 Fiber Optic Splitter Coupler Low Insertion Loss SC/APC Splitter for FTTH Network Description 1x32 Architecture: Professional 1 input to 32 output design for efficient

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APC, UPC, PC Fiber Connector Types Comparison and

APC connector is the most widely used fiber connector type today. “APC” stands for Angled Physical Connect. The angle of the ferrule end face is

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Fiber Adapters

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