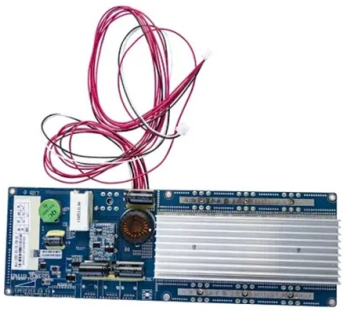
# A Comprehensive Guide to Multimode Fiber Fusion Splicing Techniques



## Overview

The guide provides the complete workflow, covering safety precautions, tool selection, fiber preparation, fusion operation, quality control, and troubleshooting.

## Key Takeaways

For multimode fiber, the recommended fusion splicing mode is the dedicated Multimode (MM) mode, often combined with cladding alignment for standard applications.

### Recommended Splice Mode

When splicing multimode fibers (MMF), you should select the Multimode (MM) splice mode on your fusion splicer. This mode is specifically optimized for the larger core diameter of multimode fibers and adjusts arc power, heating time, and alignment parameters accordingly, ensuring proper fusion without excessive loss or damage to the fiber core. Auto Mode can also be used for convenience, as it detects fiber type and adjusts parameters automatically, but MM mode provides more consistent results for bulk or repetitive splicing.

Manual Mode is generally reserved for specialized or experimental setups where precise control over arc intensity and alignment is required.

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### Alignment Considerations

Fusion splicers align fibers using either core alignment or cladding alignment: Cladding Alignment is typically sufficient for multimode fibers, especially in LANs or data centers, where slightly higher average splice loss is acceptable and speed is prioritized. Core Alignment provides lower and more consistent splice loss, but is usually more critical for single-mode fibers or applications with stringent loss budgets. For standard multimode fibers (OM1–OM5), cladding alignment is cost-effective and reliable.

### Practical Tips

Ensure fibers are properly cleaved using a precision cleaver, as splice quality heavily depends on cleave quality. Avoid splicing single-mode to multimode fibers, as the core size mismatch causes high loss (>3 dB) and is not recommended. For high-volume, non-critical multimode splicing, MM mode with cladding alignment balances speed, cost, and acceptable loss levels.

### Summary

For multimode fiber splicing: Select Multimode (MM) splice mode on your fusion splicer. Use cladding alignment for standard multimode fibers unless ultra-low loss is required. Ensure proper cleaving and fiber preparation to minimize splice loss.

Consider Auto Mode for convenience, but MM mode provides optimized parameters for consistent results. This approach ensures reliable, low-loss splices suitable for short-distance networks, data centers, and LAN applications.

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