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Product References

Part Number	Description
N439.4SNW	LANmark-OF Patch Panel Snap-In Sliding White
N439.4SNB	LANmark-OF Patch Panel Snap-In Sliding Black

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General

Installation is to be performed by qualified service personnel.

The installation of the LANmark-OF Patch Panel Snap-In Sliding must be carried out with care and precision.



Prior to panel installation in a cabinet, preparation work should be carried out on a clean and level work-surface.

Each patch panel is supplied with:

- 4 cage-nuts with screws
- 3 loop rings
- 2 screws and washers for optional splice tray fixing



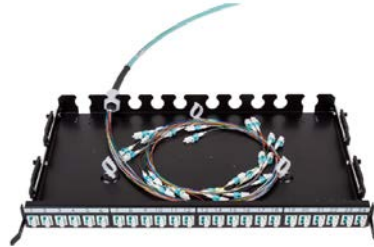
All other ancillaries (e.g. splice trays) must be purchased separately.
The product part numbers are mentioned where applicable in the following.

Possible configurations

1. Installation with pre-terminated cable:

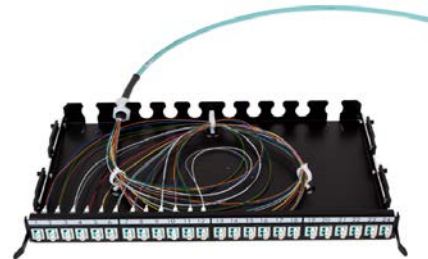
This is selected for ease of installation, particularly where the following elements are determining factors:

- the installation time window is short, and /or
- where there are a large number of connectors to be installed, and/or
- where minimum link loss performance is required



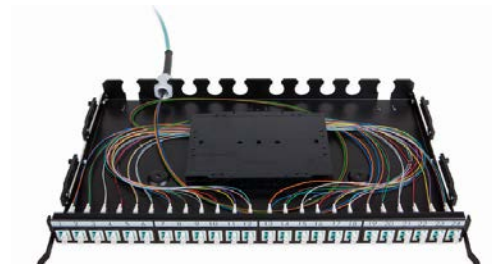
2. Installation with direct connectorisation:

This is suited primarily to multimode fibres. Direct termination on singlemode fibres is restricted to specific connector types (see table below).



3. Installation with splicing system:

This is suitable for both tight buffered and loose tube (including Micro-Bundle) constructions, with appropriate use of splice protectors and splice management.



LC / SC	Loose Tube 250µm fibres	Tight Buffer 900µm fibres
Fusion splicing MM	Yes	Yes <i>Using heat shrink splice protectors</i>
Connectorisation MM	Yes with microtube	Yes
Fusion splicing SM	Yes (preferred) <i>Using heat shrink or aluminium splice protectors</i>	Yes (preferred) <i>Using heat shrink splice protectors</i>
Connectorisation SM	Yes with microtube <i>(available but not preferred)</i>	Yes <i>(available but not preferred)</i>

Snap-In Adaptors

1. LC Duplex

Up to 24 duplex LC adaptors can be installed into the panel.

<i>Part Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
N205.617	LANmark-OF Duplex LC Snap-In Adaptor Multimode Aqua
N205.627	LANmark-OF Duplex LC Snap-In Adaptor Singlemode
N205.628	LANmark-OF Duplex LC Snap-In Adaptor Singlemode APC



2. SC Duplex and Simplex

Up to 12 duplex SC adaptors or 24 simplex SC adaptors can be installed into the panel.

N205.619	LANmark-OF Duplex SC Snap-In Adaptor Multimode Aqua
N205.624	LANmark-OF Duplex SC Snap-In Adaptor Singlemode
N205.625	LANmark-OF Duplex SC Snap-In Adaptor Singlemode APC
N205.618	LANmark-OF SC Snap-In Adaptor Multimode Aqua
N205.623	LANmark-OF SC Snap-In Adaptor Singlemode
N205.626	LANmark-OF SC Snap-In Adaptor Singlemode APC



Unused positions can be populated with blank fillers.

<i>Part Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
N420.655	LANmark Snap-In Blank White 24x
N420.655BK	LANmark Snap-In Blank Black 24x



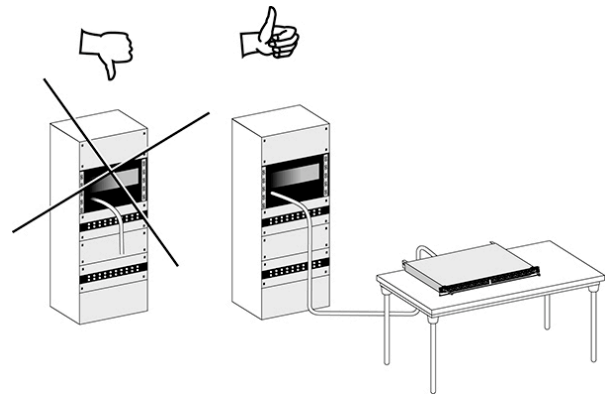
Phase 1 - Preparation of the patch panel

1.1 Installing the cable

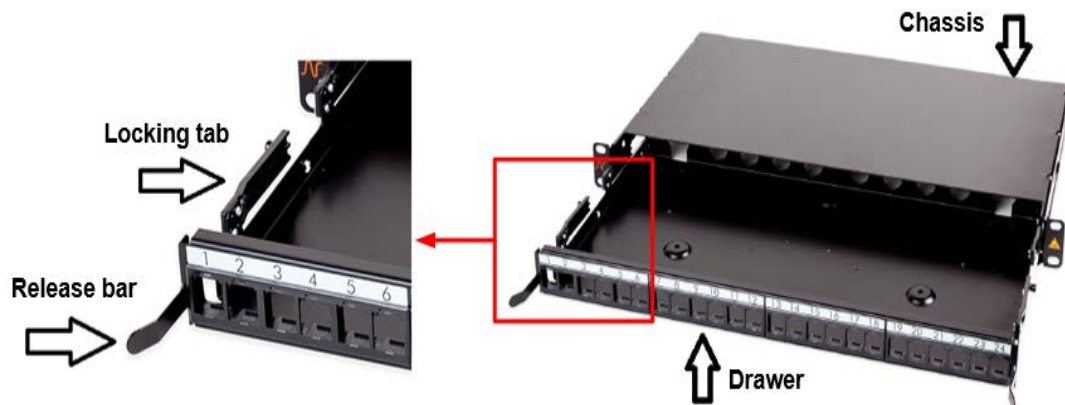
Ensure a length of spare cable (slack) is provided within the cabinet (6m recommended). As well as being required to facilitate the termination of the cable in the OF patch panel, spare cable will allow the ability to relocate the panel if required in the future.

NB1. Spare cable may require special stowage requirements in the installation.

NB2. When using fusion splicing, always cut off the first meter of cable as this part can be damaged after pulling the cable, bending etc.... The removal of this 1m section should be taken into consideration in respect to the final amount of cable slack provided.



1.2 Elements of the patch panel



1.3 Installing the patch panel into the cabinet

1. Remove the sliding drawer from the chassis (fixed part).
 - a. Lift-up the release bars on the left and right hand side of the panel to release the drawer from the chassis



Phase 1 - Preparation of the patch panel

- b. Whilst pressing the locking tabs inwards on either side of the drawer, pull the drawer out of the chassis until the second locking position is engaged.



- c. Then press the second locking tabs and pull the drawer fully out of the chassis.



2. Position the chassis into the rack.

Remember to complete earthing requirements for metallic items using a suitable earthing cable and the screw / washer provided on the chassis.

NB. Screw holes are located at the rear of the panel on the left and right hand side of the chassis. The panel is delivered with the screw fitted in the left hand screw hole (see phase 4).

Thread the Pre-Term or cable through the chassis of the patch panel. Make sure to respect the cable's minimum bending radius while handling the cable.



Selection and installation of snap-in adaptor

The advantage of the Snap-In patch panel is the flexibility to accept different types of adaptors and connectors. There are currently nine LANmark Snap-In adaptor variants that can be installed. These adaptors must be purchased separately.

NB. Please be aware that patch cords with a DSC connector are not compatible with two separate SC adaptors as the orientation of the keyway is different.

The adaptors are fitted into the patch panel by first hooking the top of the adaptor into the plastic moulding (rear of the front mounting plate) and then lowering the adaptor into its aperture – pushing fully down to snap the adaptor into position.

When using LC Duplex or SC Duplex adaptors make sure to remove the dust caps on the front part before fitting the adaptor.

DO NOT discard ferrule dust caps! If removed in order to insert adaptors, always re-fit afterwards. This is essential in order to maintain cleanliness and integrity of the fibre channel.

Visually check that correct adaptors (MM Aqua / SM blue or green) are being used for the fibre being terminated.



Blanks (N420.655 or N420.655BK) can also be obtained and fitted to unused positions for aesthetics and to help reduce dust/debris ingress into the chassis.



If an adaptor needs to be removed place a small screwdriver blade (or equivalent) in the opening under the adaptor to unlock it and then pull the adaptor up – reverse process of installation



Phase 2A - Installation with pre-terminated assemblies

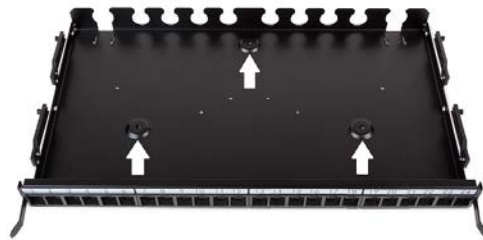
For pre-terminated OF cable general pulling rules and pulling part removal procedure, please refer to the Nexans FO installation guide and pre-terminated cable supplement. These documents can be viewed when logged into the NCS website.

1. Sliding drawer preparation for pre-term installation

Install the 3 loop rings, provided with the panel.

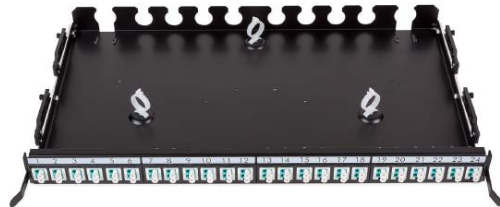


Arrows indicate loop rings fixing points.



2. Installation process in the patch panel

1. Install up to 12 (SC Duplex) or 24 (LC Duplex or SC Simplex) adaptors onto the drawer. As per instructions page 8



2. With the protective tube still in place, insert the cable end from the rear of the chassis.

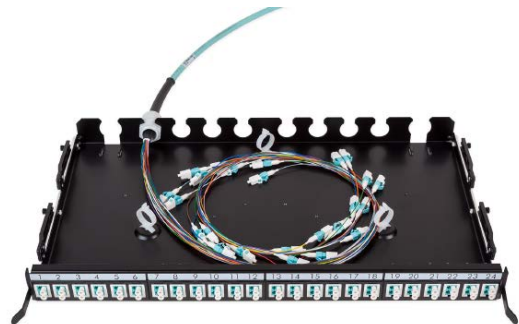


Phase 2A - Installation with pre-terminated assemblies

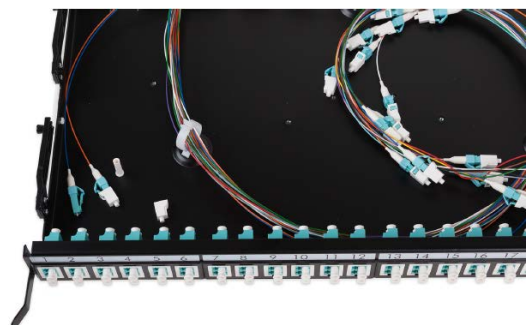
3. Carefully remove the protective tube to access the cable gland.



4. The gland fixing locations on the LANmark-OF patch panels are open at the top and are therefore suitable for use with pre-terminated assemblies. Slide in and fasten the gland in an appropriate slot.

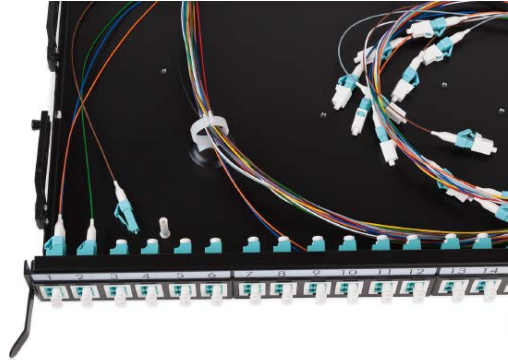


5. Coil the fibres into the loop rings. Remove the dust protection caps on the inside of the adaptors where connectors will be inserted.

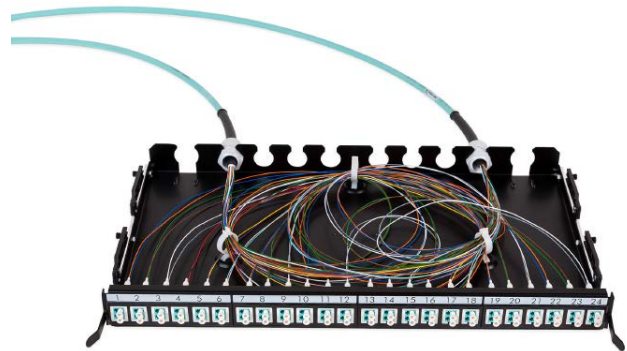


Phase 2A - Installation with pre-terminated assemblies

6. A check for the cleanliness of the adaptors and connectors is required prior to the insertion of the connectors into the adaptors – see Important Note below. Insert connectors according to the colour coding/position sequence of the adaptors (see Annex B).



7. See page 21 for finalisation of the installation.



Important note

The inspection and appropriate cleaning of all the optical fibre connectors (pigtails, patch cords etc) prior to mating is a critical process that needs to be followed at all times.

Latest applications have stringent link loss requirements and in order to ensure that the required performances levels are achieved during commissioning and operation, the cleanliness of all fibre interfaces needs to be maintained.

See Annex A

Phase 2B - Installation with direct connectorisation

Remove approximately 2 meters of the outer sheath and the aramid/glass yarns from the cable.

In addition, for 250 μ fibres, the tube must also be removed. At least two loops of fibre will be required to be provided in the loop rings.

Consult the guideline documents for specific jacket removal requirements regarding the cable type being installed.

These documents can be viewed when logged into the NCS website.

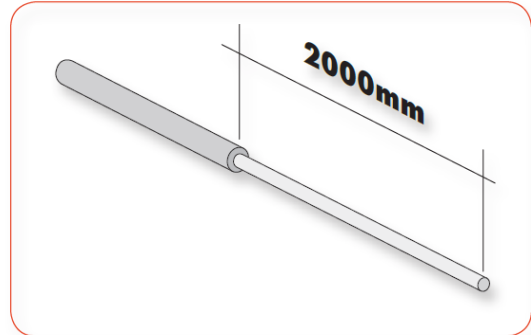
Special consideration may be required for grounding corrugated metal jacket constructions. Refer to customer / site installation specifications.

Avoid damaging the fibres while cutting the outer jacket and yarns.

Collect all waste and dispose of correctly – always use appropriate safety procedures and adhere to regional and “local” requirements.

Use the correct tools in order not to damage the fibres while cutting the tube (Loose tube or Micro-Bundle structures).

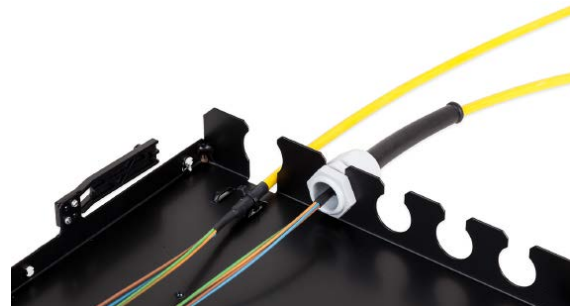
Make sure to clean the fibres (with appropriate and approved cleaning solvents) to remove gel where present.



Secure the outer jacket of the cable onto the base at the back of the patch panel by means of a cable gland or by tie-wraps.

Cable glands are preferred, cable gland (20mm / PG11-13,5 or 25mm / PG16- 21) has to be used to affix the cable to the patch panel.

If no cable gland is used, then tie wraps can be used. Ties shall not be installed such that they significantly deform the cable sheath – ties should be hand tight.



20mm hole

<i>Part Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
N890.148	LANmark-OF Cable gland rubber boot 20 mm 10x

Suitable for cable diameters 4.0 – 7.8 mm



<i>Part Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
N890.147	LANmark-OF Cable gland 20 mm

Suitable for cable diameters 6.0 – 12.0 mm



25mm hole: PG16-21

<i>Part Number</i>	<i>Description</i>
N890.146	LANmark-OF Cable gland 25 mm

Suitable for cable diameters 12.0 – 18.0 mm

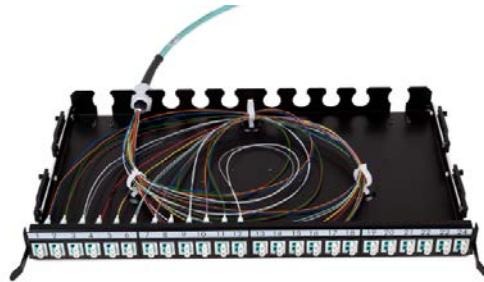


Phase 2B - Installation with direct connectorisation

Apply a permanent label on the cable just behind the gland for identification purposes. Provide at least 1 spare loop of fibre in the patch panel and arrange them in the loop rings.

Install appropriate adaptors – see page 8.

Measure the length of each fibre to the adaptor respecting both bending radius and the color sequence, then cut off the surplus and dispose of it correctly. Refer to “Recommendations to maintain OF duplex channel polarity”- a technical paper, which is available from the NCS website under “File Library”. Knowledge of this document content will assist in efficient preparation and storage of the fibres within the rings (see annex B).



Take the fibre out of the loop rings and mount the connectors on the fibre. When mounting connectors on 250 µ fibre, you will need to use an optional microtube (N890.045) to reduce risk of damaging the fibre.

Refer to the ‘Anaerobic OF toolkit: N102.230 – Revision C’ NCS Installation Guides for detailed information.

It is advisable to label the fibres for easy identification. Labels must not compromise bend radius of the fibre cores. Remove the dust protection caps on the inside of the couplers where connectors will be inserted.

Loop the fibres back in the loop rings and insert connectors according to the colour coding / position sequence of the adaptors.

A check for the cleanliness of the adaptors and connectors is required prior to the insertion of the connectors.

Refer to the ‘OF connector Inspection cleaning and testing general guidelines’ NCS technical paper for detailed information.

NB. Always maintain installation cleanliness practice! Close the drawer whenever you finish working on the panel and keep dust caps fitted.

See page 21 for finalization of the installation.

Phase 2C - Installation with fusion splicing

Strip at least 1.6 meters of cable sheath to allow enough spare fibre for later maintenance purposes. Consult the guideline documents for specific jacket removal requirements regarding the cable type being installed.

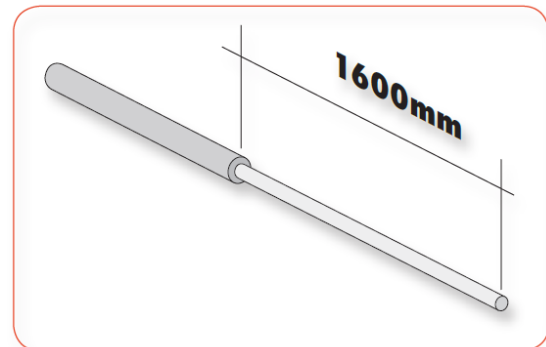
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Special consideration may be required for grounding corrugated metal jacket constructions. Refer to customer / site installation specifications.

Avoid damaging the fibres while cutting the outer jacket and yarns. Collect all waste and dispose of correctly – always use appropriate safety procedures and adhere to regional and “local” requirements. Use the correct tools in order not to damage

the fibres while cutting the tube (Loose tube or Micro-Bundle structures).

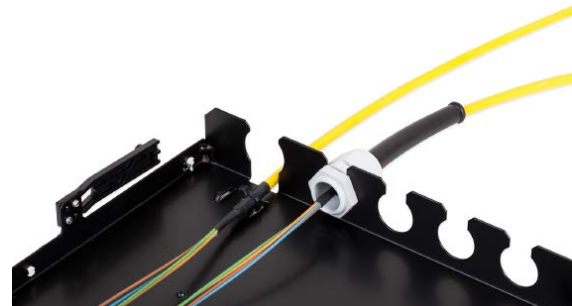
Make sure to clean the fibres (with appropriate and approved cleaning solvents) to remove gel where present.



Secure the outer jacket of the cable onto the base at the back of the patch panel by means of a cable gland or by tie-wraps.

Cable glands are preferred, cable gland (see page 14) has to be used to affix the cable to the patch panel.

If no cable gland is used, then tie wraps can be used. Ties shall not be installed such that they significantly deform the cable sheath – ties should be hand tight.



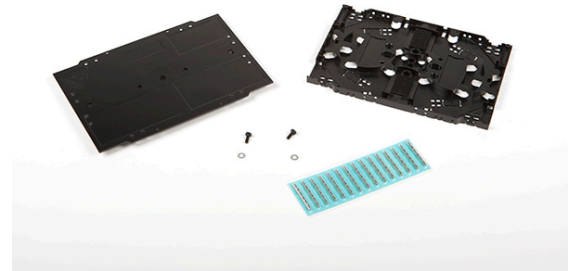
Install the first splice cassette on the drawer using the 2 long screws and associated locking washers from the screw kit. The additional cassettes will be installed at a later stage. To connect the additional splice cassettes the hinges at the back of the splice cassettes will be used.

Up to 4 splice cassettes can be installed according to the number of fibres to be terminated.

Splice cassettes must be ordered separately.

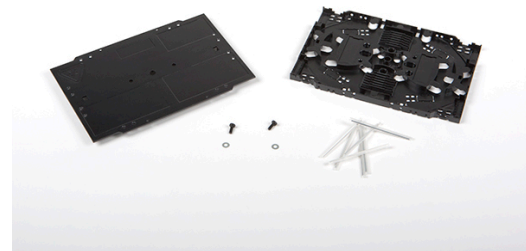
2 types of splice cassettes are available:

The splice cassette for aluminium protection (N890.091) can accommodate 24 splices. 2 splice cassettes are needed to cover the maximum of 48 splices per patch panel. Aluminium splice protectors - N890.003 (pack of 150 pieces)
NB. Tool N890.004 must be used with aluminium splice protectors.

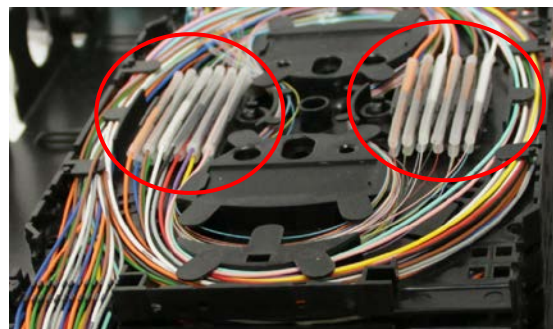


Important Note: N890.091 can only be used with maxistrip pigtails and cables with 250µm coated fibres. The aluminium protection is not suitable for use with 900µm coated fibres.

The splice cassette for heat shrink protection (N890.090) can accommodate 12 splices when using Tight Buffer pigtails of 900 µm or 24 splices when using Maxistrip pigtails of 250µm (see picture below).



As highlighted on the picture, two heat shrink protected splices shall be installed on top of each other in each of the 2x 6 splice holders of the cassette to accommodate 24 splices on a single cassette.



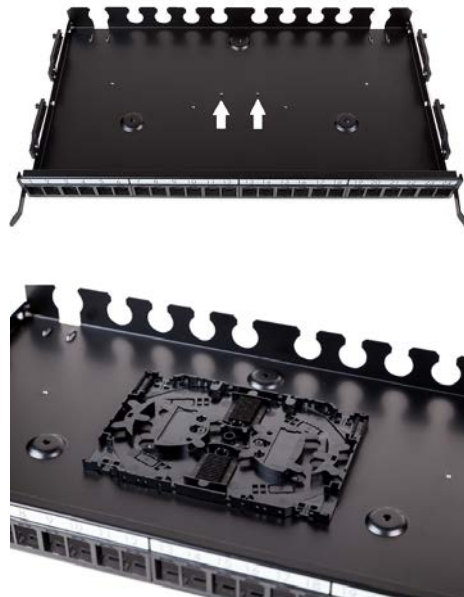
Respectively 2 or 4 splice cassettes are needed to cover the maximum of 48 splices per patch panel.
Heat shrink splice protectors - N890.021 (pack of 100 pieces)

For both type of splice cassette only one cover (N890.092) is required to close the last splice cassette at the top.
Additional splice cassettes are fixed with hinges to the cassette below it. With such an arrangement the additional splice cassettes can be lifted and tilted for improved access to the splices beneath them.



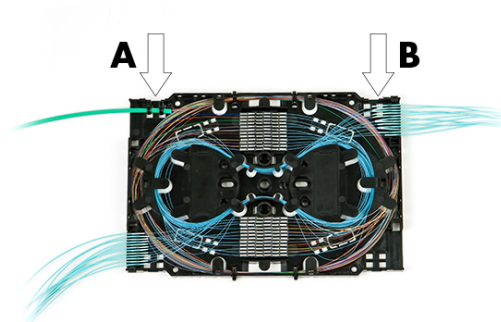
Phase 2C - Installation with fusion splicing

Arrows indicate cassette fixing points.



Metallic splice protectors

Install appropriate adaptors – see page 8.

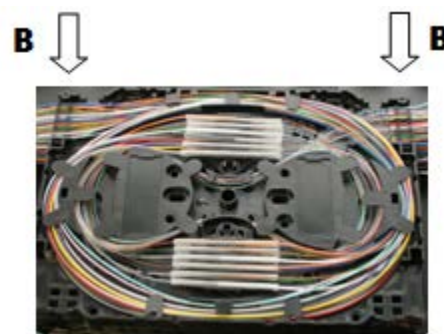


Heat shrink splice protectors

Apply a permanent label on the cable just behind the gland for identification purposes.

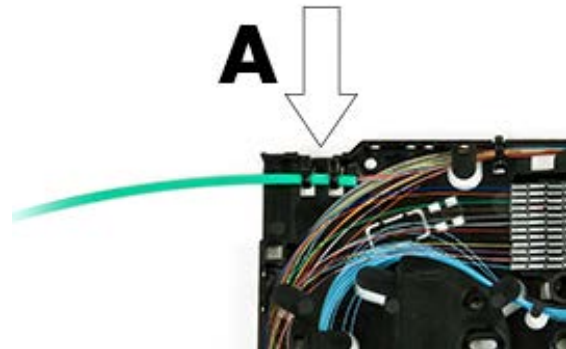
Up to 4 splice trays may be installed to accommodate 48 heat-shrink fibre splices.
Only 2 splice trays are needed to accommodate 48 metallic protected fibre splices.

900µm coated fibres shall be fixed in the entry combs of the splice trays (B).



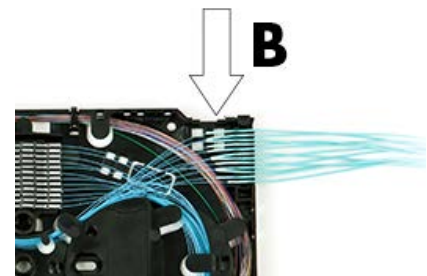
Phase 2C - Installation with fusion splicing

For Loose Tube and Micro-Bundle cable structures remove surplus tube from the fibre to allow the remaining tube to be fixed on the splice tray (A) by means of tie wraps. The tie wraps are not intended to provide strain relief but are to keep the tube in the right position. Do not over-tighten the tie wraps on the tube especially when working with Micro-Bundle cables.

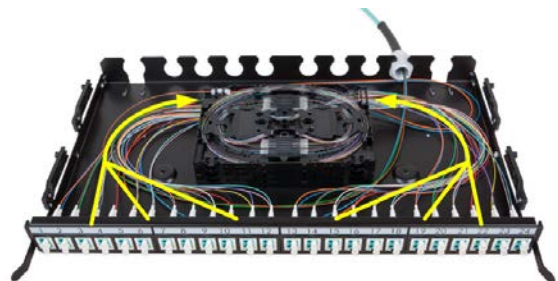


Clean the fibres with an approved and suitable solvent to remove the gel. Make sure that there are at least 2 loops of fibres in the splice tray.

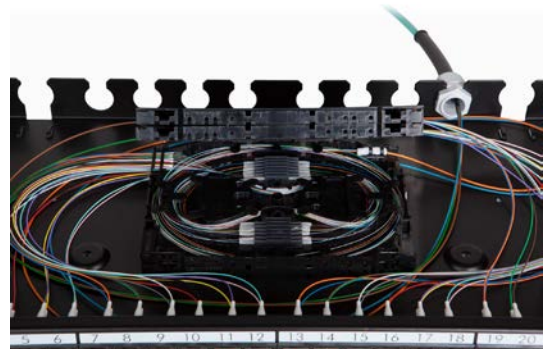
A check for the cleanliness of the couplers and connectors is required prior to the insertion of the connectors. Refer to the 'OF connector Inspection cleaning and testing general guidelines' NCS technical paper for detailed information.



Insert the pigtail connectors in the adapters. Measure the length of the 900µm buffer needed to fix the pigtail in the comb (B) of the splice tray keeping in mind the bending radius. Make sure to use the entry comb on the side of the connectors you have just installed as shown in the picture.



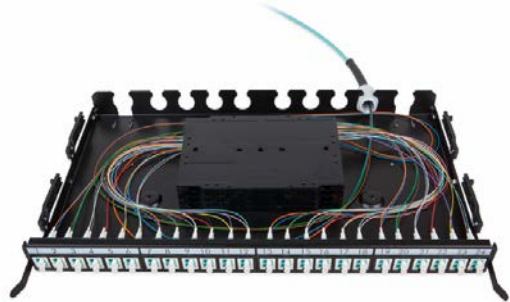
The fibres from the pigtails should make 2 loops in the opposite direction. Nexans Maxistrip pigtails allow the removal of the 900µm buffer in one operation after being cut to the right length.



Phase 2C - Installation with fusion splicing

Cut the fibres to the right length, slide the heat shrink protections tubes onto the fibres and joint them by fusion splicing with pigtails following the correct colour sequence.

The “Recommendations to maintain duplex OF channel polarity” technical paper, which is available from our NCS website (under the File Library), should be considered when choosing the colour order. (See Annex B)



Note: Only one cover is needed on top of the last cassette whatever the number of cassettes installed in the panel.

See page 21 for finalisation of the installation.

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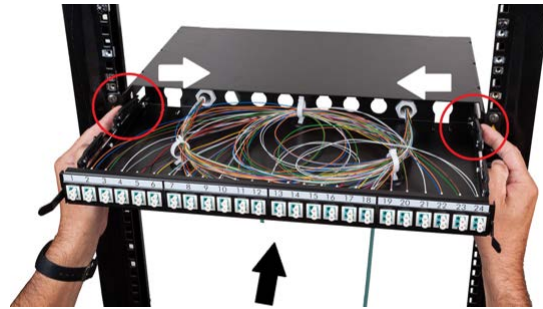
Latest applications have stringent link loss requirements and in order to ensure that the required performances levels are achieved during commissioning and operation, the cleanliness of all fibre interfaces needs to be maintained.

See Annex A

Phase 3 - Finalisation of the installation

The drawer assembly can now be refitted to the chassis.

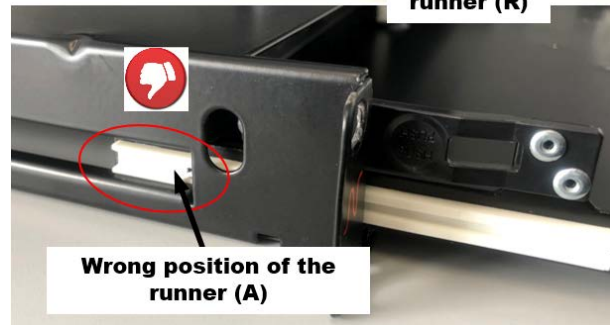
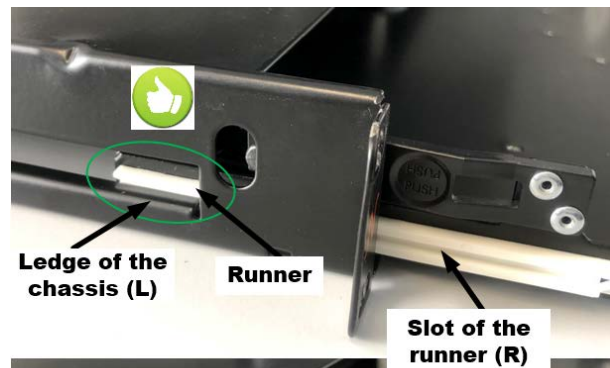
Press in the second set of locking tabs and slide the drawer into the chassis until the next locking point.



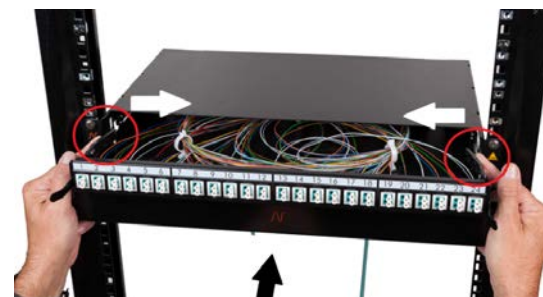
Important note

To correctly re-install the drawer, ensure that it is initially placed flat on the chassis base before sliding it back horizontally into the chassis body.

When sliding the drawer in, the ledge (L) must be within the slot of the runner (R) on both sides – the runners should not sit on top of the ledge as per picture (A).



Repeat the above step and slide the drawer until the last locking point.



Lift-up the release bars and slide the drawer completely into the chassis.



Phase 3 - Finalisation of the installation

Label the ports conform to the site labeling scheme.



The rear side of the L shaped support bracket is unpainted (1) to ensure automatic earth connection with Nexans cabinets' frames or other unpainted 19" frames.

If the frames are painted, an earth connection must be made to the chassis using an earth lead (2).

Spare / slack cable should then be appropriately secured depending on the installation requirements of the site.



The patch panel installation is now complete. Testing must be carried out in accordance with client requirements and Nexans requirements for warranty submission.

Patch cords can now be installed.



On completion the installation must be handed over to the customer with all dust caps fitted to unpatched adaptors.

Any dust caps that have been removed must be stored appropriately for potential re-use.

Optical Power / Safety levels warning labelling, and security procedures must have been implemented on completion of the installation.

An example is where the optical hazard requires identification labels to be fitted and security procedures for racks and doors to be fitted and closed/ locked.

IMPORTANT NOTE – INSPECTION, CLEANING & TESTING

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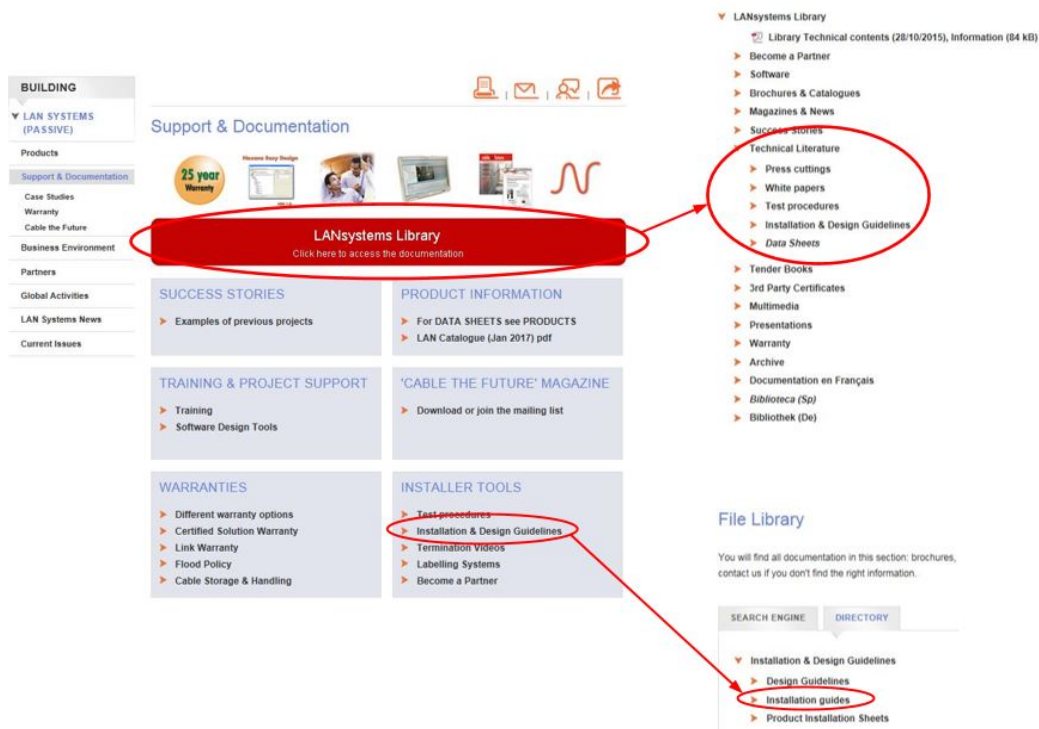
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The Nexans **OF connector Inspection, Cleaning & Testing general guidelines** can be downloaded from the Nexans website.

In addition, there is also a General Installation guide (for both copper and fibre) which includes further information.

Please note: The Nexans warranty may be invalidated if the cables have not been properly stored or handled according to Nexans Cabling Solutions (NCS) requirements. When logged into the NCS site, all these documents and also others relating to design and installation testing etc

can be found [here](#)



Note: if the Nexans 25 year system warranty is required, testing and submission of results for certification is a mandatory requirement.

Testing has to be performed according to the Nexans OF field testing procedure which is available from our website.

OF system polarity

The only way to automatically maintain the duplex polarity without having to think about it, is to include a crossover into all the OF link segments.

In other words, fibres pairs have to be swapped over (interchanged) into the patch panel on one side of every link segment.

Reverse-pair wiring - OF Cable termination scheme							
OF Patch panel - Side A				OF Patch panel - Side B			
Campus BB: CD side				Campus BB: BD side			
Building BB: BD side				Building BB: FD side			
FTTD: FD side				FTTD: CP side (ZD box)			
Fibre coding		Front panel position		Fibre coding		Front panel position	
Colour	Pair	SC	LC (*)	Colour	Pair	SC	LC (*)
Blue	1	1	1a	Orange	1	1	1a
Orange		2	1b	Blue		2	1b
Green	2	3	2a	Brown	2	3	2a
Brown		4	2b	Green		4	2b
Grey	3	5	3a	White	3	5	3a
White		6	3b	Grey		6	3b
Red	4	7	4a	Black	4	7	4a
Black		8	4b	Red		8	4b
Yellow	5	9	5a	Violet	5	9	5a
Violet		10	5b	Yellow		10	5b
Pink	6	11	6a	Turquoise	6	11	6a
Turquoise		12	6b	Pink		12	6b
Blue + 1 ring	7	13	7a	Orange + 1 r.	7	13	7a
Orange + 1 r.		14	7b	Blue + 1 ring		14	7b
Green + 1 r.	8	15	8a	Brown + 1 r.	8	15	8a
Brown + 1 r.		16	8b	Green + 1 r.		16	8b
Grey + 1 r.	9	17	9a	White + 1 r.	9	17	9a
White + 1 r.		18	9b	Grey + 1 r.		18	9b
Blue + 2 rings	10	19	10a	Orange + 2 r.	10	19	10a
Orange + 2 r.		20	10b	Blue + 2 rings		20	10b
Green + 2 r.	11	21	11a	Brown + 2 r.	11	21	11a
Brown + 2 r.		22	11b	Green + 2 r.		22	11b
Grey + 2 r.	12	23	12a	White + 2 r.	12	23	12a
White + 2 r.		24	12b	Grey + 2 r.		24	12b

(*): To be repeated twice for a fully loaded patch panel (48 fibres)

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