3M[™] Fibrlok[™] Angle Fiber Splices 2529-AS and 2540-AS

3M[™] Fibrlok[™] Angle Fiber Splices are specifically designed for the splicing of optical fibers in analog video networks, which require excellent optical reflection performance across temperature extremes. Utilizing keyed, angle cleaves, these Fibrloks direct reflected light outside of the fiber while maintaining a very low mean insertion loss of < 0.1dB.

The 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] II Angle Fiber Splice 2529-AS splices any combination of 250µm and 900µm fibers while the 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] 250µm Angle Fiber Splice 2540-AS specifically splices 250µm fiber with a smaller form factor. These angle fiber splices have splice elements that have been optimized for keyed, angle cleaves and have green end caps, so they can be identified after installation. The 2529-AS and 2540-AS splices have the same size and shape as the 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] II 2529 and 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] 250µm 2540G splices; respectively, and can be used in the same splice trays.

These splices are ideal for restoration or permanent splice applications, in particular for cable television or Fiber to the Home (FTTH) networks. With field proven, stable Fibrlok technology, theses splices can be installed in indoor or outdoor locations where temperatures range from -40°C to 70°C (-40°F to 158°C) and maintain their excellent reflection performance.

To fabricate an angle mechanical splice, the Fibrlok angle fiber splices are used in conjunction with the $3M^{TM}$ FibrlokTM Angle Splice Assembly Tool 2501-AS and the $3M^{TM}$ Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver 2535. The $3M^{TM}$ Angle Cleave Kit 2565 contains these tools and all of the fiber preparation tools necessary to terminate angle splices.

The Fibrlok 2529-AS and 2540-AS can also splice fibers with standard, flat cleaves using the 2501 Fibrlok assembly tool and 3M[™] Fibrlok 250µm Assembly Tool 2504G, respectively. The performance of these splices is comparable to the 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] II Universal Optical Fiber Splice 2529 and the 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] 250µm Fiber Splice 2540G.

Whether the application is aerial, buried, underground or pedestal; outside plant or inside building; these RoHS compliant* Fibrlok splices will meet the needs for analog video networks.



3M[™] Fibrlok[™] II Angle Fiber Splice 2529-AS



3M[™] Fibrlok[™] 250µm Angle Fiber Splice 2540-AS



3M[™] Fibrlok[™] Angle Splice Assembly Tool 2501-AS

Features	Benefits
Keyed, angle cleave splice	Low reflection for excellent analog video performance
Simple assembly tools	Fast, easy installation
Separate cleaver and assembly tool	Same cleaver used for Fibrlok splice and $3M^{\scriptscriptstyle \rm M}$ No Polish Connector
Long-term reliability	Stable optical performance across temperature extremes



Cross-sectional view of actuated splice







After actuation



After preparation, the fibers are inserted into the Fibrlok II 2529-AS splice element. The assembly tool is then used to close the cap, forcing the clamping and locating surfaces against the fibers and aligning the fibers precisely and permanently in place.



A total of 300 Fibrlok angle fiber splices were tested to IEC 61753-131-3 Ed. 1/CDV "Singlemode Mechanical Fibre Splice for Category U - Uncontrolled Environment".

The initial insertion loss and return loss were measured with the following configurations with Corning® SMF-28e® fiber.

- 100 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] 250µm Angle Fiber Splices 2540-AS with 250µm fiber
- 100 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] II Angle Fiber Splices 2529-AS with 250µm fiber
- 100 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] II Angle Fiber Splices 2529-AS with 900µm fiber

As shown in the histograms, the splices exhibited excellent optical performance with an average Insertion Loss of <0.1dB and Return Loss of > 65dB.

Histogram of Return Loss



Optical Stability of Fibrlok Splice -40°C to 75°C



Specifications	
Size 2540-AS 2529-AS	4.0 x 4.0 x 40.0mm (0.16 x 0.16 x 1.42in) 3.8 x 6.4 x 38.1mm (0.15 x 0.25 x 1.50in)
Coating diameter 2540-AS 2525-AS	250µm 250 and 900µm
Fiber diameter	125µm
Wavelengths	1310, 1490, 1550, 1625nm
Insertion loss	< 0.1 dB typical < 0.25 dB max per IEC 61753-131-3
Return loss	65 dB typical at room temperature > 60dB for -40°C to 70°C (-40°F to 158°F) per IEC 61753-131-3
Operating temperature	-40°C to 70°C (-40°F to 158°F)
Vibration	IEC 61300-2-1, 10-55Hz in all 3 axes
Torsion	IEC 61300-2-5, Twist fiber +/- 180° for 10 cycles at 0.2m (8in) from splice
Fiber retention	IEC 61300-2-4, > 5N (1.1lbf) min and > 10N (2.2lbf) typical
Dust – laminar flow	IEC 61300-2-27, 10 minutes at 35°C (95°F)
Salt mist	IEC 61300-2-26, 96 hours at 35°C (95°F) with 5% salt solution
Material	Engineering thermoplastic with aluminum alloy element; UL 94, V-O rating
Fungus resistance	ASTM G-21-70; rating 0

Index Matching Gel Performance

Inside the Fibrlok element is a factory installed, index matching gel which minimizes optical loss at the splice interface. The gel has shown exceptional reliability, even with testing that is more stringent than industry standards. For example, gel samples were aged in bulk at 115°C (239 °F) for seven months and then Fibrlok splices assembled with this gel. All ten samples had insertion loss <0.1dB. To determine extended splice reliability with gel, sixteen Fibrlok splices were exposed to environmental conditions of 85°C (185 °F) and 85% relative humidity for 8,812 hours (> 1 year). The insertion loss for all the samples remained <0.25dB. The gel even resists water intrusion into the splice. Thirty Fibrlok splices were submerged in distilled water for 30 months and all of the splices had insertion loss <0.2dB after the test. This testing along with 20 years experience with more than 10 million Fibrloks deployed confirms the index matching gel has outstanding long term performance.

Keyed, Angle Cleave Splices

The $3M^{M}$ Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver 2535 precisely forms a 7° cleave on the fiber end face and the fiber holder Fibrlok^M Angle Splice Assembly Tool maintains the fiber angle orientation. The fibers in Holder 1 and Holder 2 are cleaved exactly in the same manner and the fiber holders automatically key the angle cleaves in the splice as shown below.



Keyed, Angle Cleave Splice

Ordering Information

Product Number	Product Description	Stock Number	Packaging
2529-AS	3M [™] Fibrlok [™] II Angle Fiber Splice	80-6113-2737-2	60/package
2529-AS/B	3M [™] Fibrlok [™] II Angle Fiber Splice Bulk Pack	80-6113-2991-5	1,000/package
2540-AS	3M [™] Fibrlok [™] 250µm Angle Fiber Splice	JE-4200-8435-0	60/package
2501-AS	3M [™] Fibrlok [™] Angle Splice Assembly Tool	80-6113-2424-7	1/package
2535	3M [™] Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver	80-6113-2423-9	1/package
2565	3M [™] Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver Kit	80-6113-2508-7	1/package





Angle cleave fiber using 3M[™] Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver 2535

3M[™] Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver Kit 2565 includes 3M[™] Fiber Optic Angle Cleaver 2535, 3M[™] Fibrlok[™] Angle Splice Assembly Tool 2501-AS and all tools necessary for Fibrlok angle splice

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