

Abstract of the Disclosure

An optical fiber element includes an optical fiber having a numerical aperture ranging from 0.08 to 0.34 and a protective coating affixed to the outer
5 surface of the optical fiber. The protective coating has a Shore D hardness value of 65 or more and remains on the optical fiber during connectorization so that the fiber is neither damaged by the blades of a stripping tool nor subjected to chemical or physical
10 attack.

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