

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

FIBER OPTIC CONNECTOR WITH
REMOVABLE ALIGNMENT SLEEVE

A fiber optic connector includes a plurality of alignment sleeves (50) that each lies in one of the passages (20) of a connector body (12), with each alignment sleeve being easily replaceable. Each alignment sleeve lies in a mount sleeve (80), with each mount sleeve having a front end with an inner flange (84) that prevents forward movement of the alignment sleeve. Each mount sleeve has a more rearward outer flange (90) forming a forwardly-facing shoulder (94). A retainer (100) includes resilient tines (106) that abut the forwardly-facing flange shoulder to prevent forward movement of the mount sleeve, but with the tines being expandable by a special tool (130) so the mount sleeve and alignment sleeve can be removed and replaced.

(Figure 2)