

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

OPTICAL INTERCONNECTION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF FABRICATING
SAME

5 An optical fiber interconnection apparatus (10) includes a flat flexible
body member (14) defined by a peripheral edge (16) void of any projections. A plurality
of optical fibers (18) are mounted to the body member so that their ends (18a) extend
beyond the peripheral edge and the ends of a plurality of the fibers extend to different
locations (16a) of the edge. A method of fabricating the interconnection apparatus (10)
10 includes providing a flat release substrate (12) onto which the flat flexible body member
(14) is adhered. After the optical fibers (18) are mounted to the body member, the
assembly of the body member and fibers are peeled off of the release substrate (12).

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