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## Application

The StreetSmart Fiber Entrance Cabinet (FEC) provides off-frame splicing for the central office, headend or remote hut. Fiber Entrance Cabinets are typically placed in the fiber entrance room and used to transition OSP fiber sheaths to IFC cabling



## Description

The StreetSmart FEC is built on a modular platform, scaling 288 heat shrink fusion (HSF) or 864 mass fusion (ribbon) fiber splices at a time for the 288 FEC, and 144 heat shrink fusion (HSF) or 432 mass fusion (ribbon) fiber splices at a time for the 144 FEC. Multiple entry/exit points allow for multiple distribution and OSP fiber sheaths to enter into the FEC from top, bottom, or sidewalls (288 only) and transition from conduit, overhead fiber tray, or raised flooring. A removable splice block, holding six/twelve 24-fiber splice trays, gives the user the ability to prep away from the cabinet. Intuitive buffer tube and sub-unit slack routing prevents cable tie-in with a clockwise routing scheme to allow quick and easy re-entry after initial deployment or to add additional capacity. If vertical real estate is available, the 288 FEC can be ganged together, in modular fashion, allowing scalability up to 864-fiber splices and beyond.

Each cable entrance plate will support cable diameters up to one inch. Lockable cupboard style doors allow for easy access with minimal swing clearance needed for tight aisle clearances.

## Technical Specifications

StreetSmart FxDS Fiber Entrance Cabinet	288 FEC	144 FEC
Dimensions	17.5" H x 34.5" W x 8.25" D	10.4"H x 15.3"W x 6.3"D
Ratings	Compliant to Telcordia GR-449	
Cable Types	Indoor Riser, Indoor Plenum, Indoor/Outdoor, Outdoor (Riser/Non-Rated), Outdoor Armored (Riser/Non-Rated), FieldShield®	
Splice Capacity	288 Heat Shrink Fusion (HSF) or 864 Mass Fusion (MF) Ribbon plices	144 Heat Shrink Fusion (HSF) or 432 Mass Fusion (MF) Ribbon Splices
Storage Capacity	One meter of 900 µm fiber and five meters of exposed buffer tube	
Material	16 gauge cold rolled steel with almond powder coating	18 gauge cold rolled steel with almond powder coating

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### FEC Overview

The StreetSmart FEC is built on a modular platform scaling 288/144 fiber splices at a time. Lockable doors allow for easy access with minimal swing clearance required for tight aisle clearances. The fiber entrance cabinet comes with a clamp kit.

**Note:** The 288 and 144 FEC's do NOT come with hardware to mount to the wall. Depending on the type or style of the wall the end user should obtain the appropriate hardware from their local hardware store. There are four (4) mounting holes. The mounting holes are .350" in diameter.

### 288 FEC

The parts below are shipped along with the 288 FEC. The parts include the clamp kit and the plates to cover the numerous cable entry/exit points. Splice trays sold separately.

Item Number	Item Description	Quantity
001527	SCREW, ROUND HEAD, PHILLIPS, 1/4-20 X 1 1/2"	8
002127	PLUG, BUTTON, BLACK POLYETHYLENE, FITS 1-5/16in HOLE X .01in-.10in THICK PANEL	14
003042	TAPE, GROMMETING, 1", STRIPPING=1/8" X 1", FEET	5
003083	STRAP, VELCRO, BLACK, 1/2" WIDE, FEET	2
003711	SADDLE, CLAMPING, 1/2" DIAMETER, GREEN POLYPROPYLENE, GRP3	4
003716	SADDLE, CLAMPING, 1" DIAMETER, GREEN POLYPROPYLENE, GRP3	4
009217	SCREW, PAN HEAD, PHILLIPS, 10-32 X 1/4", 18-8 SST	32
009902	BRACKET, FEC ENCLOSURE	4
009909	PLATE, COVER, FEC, ENCLOSURE	15

An optional locking kit is available (P/N 010503) and is installed by two screws each at the top and bottom of the 288 FEC. Lock is not provided. Locking tab should be positioned to the right when installed.

### 144 FEC

Item Number	Item Description	Quantity
011125	4" x 3" Bag	1
003721	7/8" Saddle Clamp	2
001527	Saddle Clamp Screws	4
003042	Grommet Tape	6"



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## Cable Routing - 288 FEC

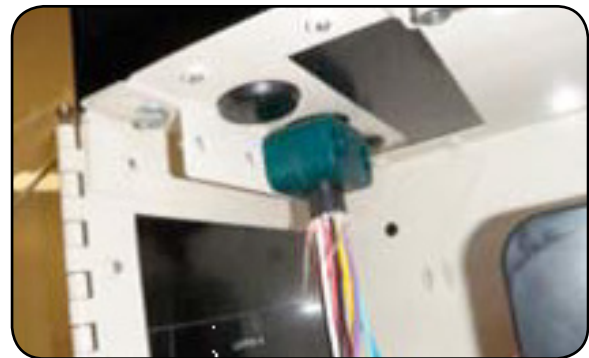
Once the 288 FEC is mounted to the wall, you are now ready to route fiber into the cabinet.

Multiple entry/exit points allow for multiple distribution and OSP fiber sheaths to enter the FEC from the top, bottom, or sidewalls, transitioning from conduit, overhead fiber tray or raised flooring. Cable entry/exit points are located around the perimeter of the cabinet. See pictures below.

**Note:** Each cable entrance plate will support cable diameters up to 1 inch.

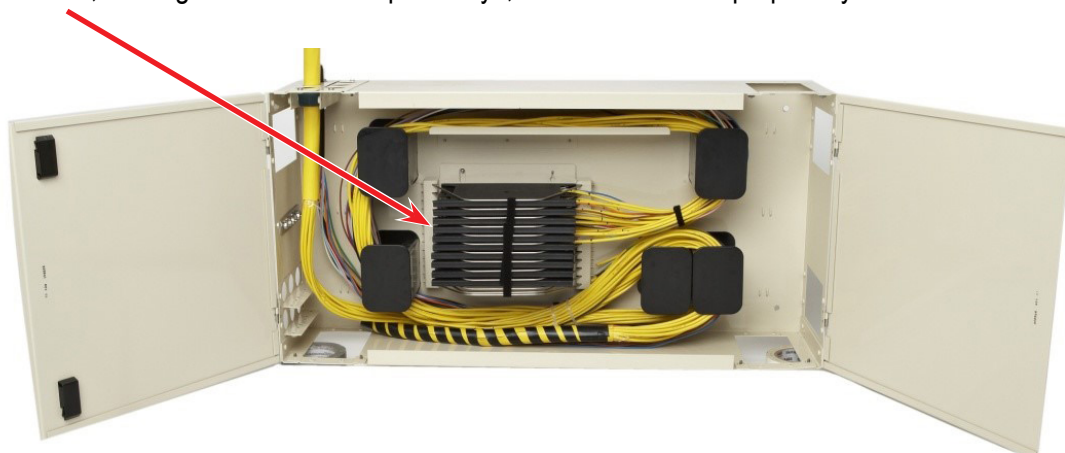
The cabinet comes with 4 sheet metal brackets for cable mounting and 16 blank plastic plates. The cables can be installed with either the clamps on the outside of the cabinet or with the clamps on the inside of the cabinet for extra security. Plugs are also included in the kit to fill the unused holes.

Choose the appropriate sized cable clamp for the cable entering the FEC. Always use a clamp large enough to close around the cable, and utilize grommet tape to make up for the size difference by laying a small strip of grommet tape inside the cable clamp shell. **DO NOT** use a clamp that “pinches” the cable.



**Note:** Grommet tape included in the kit may be used to build up the cable size to get a better grip with the provided clamps.

A removable splice block, holding twelve 24-fiber splice trays, allows the user to prep away from the cabinet.



**Note:** Splice trays are sold separately (P/N 019339).



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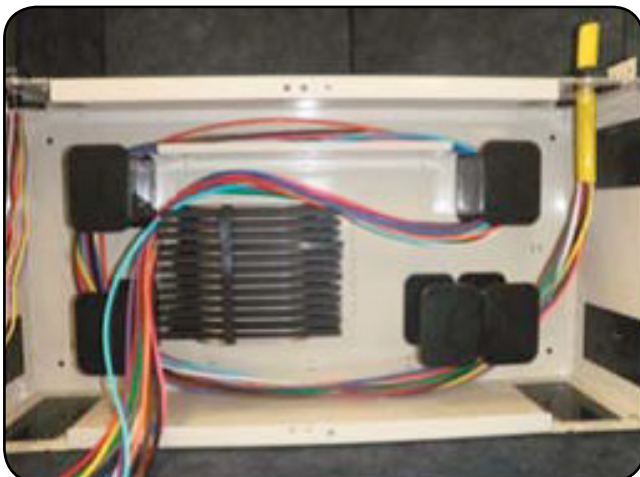
Intuitive buffer tube and subunit slack routing prevents cable tie-in's, utilizing a clockwise routing scheme to allow quick and easy re-entry after initial deployment or to add additional capacity.



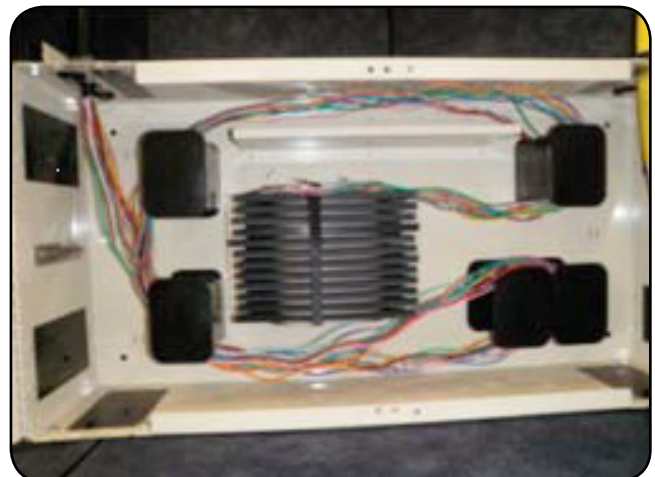
If the cables are to be carried from one cabinet into the next, then the blank plates and bracket plates will not need to be used between the two cabinets. There is a removable bracket on the top and bottom entrances that will allow you to lay cables in without having to cut them.



After choosing the entrance that will be used for your cables you will need to plan your cable route within the cabinet. All cables should eventually route in a clockwise direction. Depending on where you enter the box you may have to use the redirect spool in order to achieve a clockwise rotation.



**No Redirect Used**



**Redirect Used**



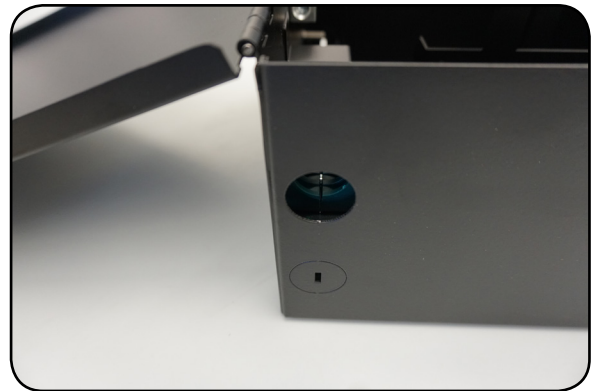
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## Cable Routing - 144 FEC

Once the 144 FEC is mounted to the wall (mounting hardware not included), you are now ready to route fiber into the cabinet.

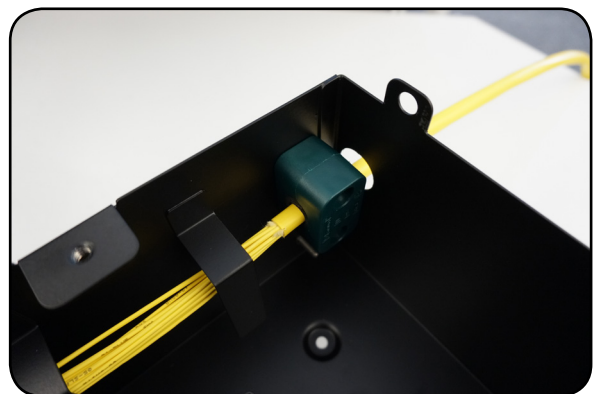
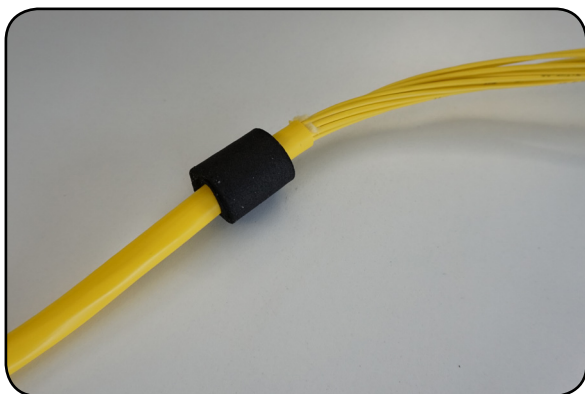
Multiple knockouts located on both sides of the top and bottom will be used as the entry/exit points for the fiber you wish to splice inside the 144 FEC. Using a pointed tool and a hammer, gently remove the knockout(s) you wish to use. Knockouts will support cable diameters of up to 1 inch.

**Note:** Unlike the 288 FEC, fiber direction cannot be re-routed inside the 144 FEC. Take care when selecting knockouts for your incoming and outgoing cables, so that fibers you wish to splice will meet end-to-end in the splicing area at the center of the cabinet.



Choose the appropriate sized cable clamp for the cable entering the FEC. Always use a clamp large enough to close around the cable, and utilize grommet tape to make up for the size difference by laying a small strip of grommet tape inside the cable clamp shell or wrapping 1-2 layers around the cable. **DO NOT** use a clamp that “pinches” the cable.

Secure the cable in place on the threaded studs located next to the knockout with the barrel screws and cable clamps provided.

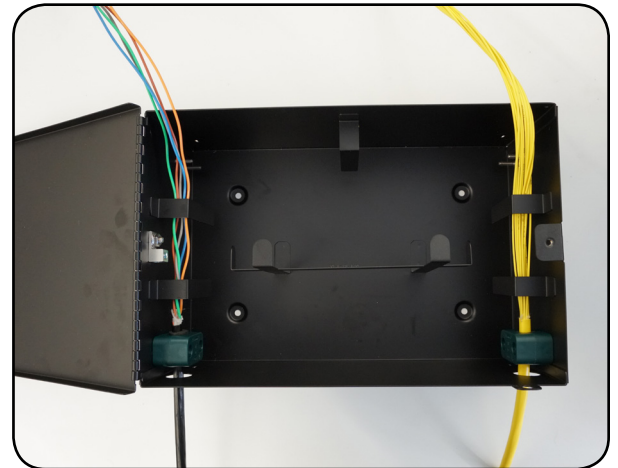


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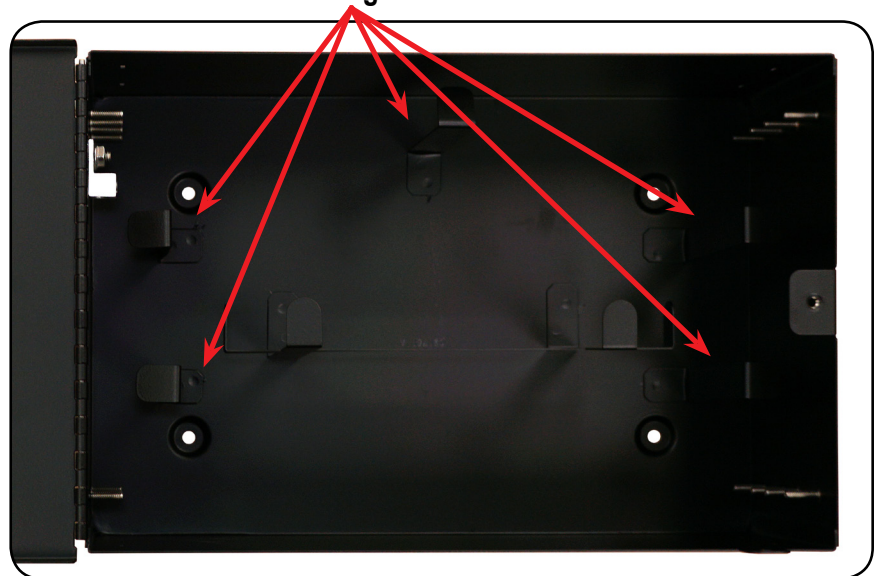


Secure both cables into the cabinet, ensuring that will have opposite directions of travel, one clockwise and the other counter-clockwise.



### Fiber Management

Use the 5 fiber management hooks to route the fiber around the central splicing area to determine the length of slack you will store in the cabinet.



Route the fibers around to the splice trays located in the central splice area to mark the fibers for prep. All splice trays are removable, allowing the user to prep and splice cable away from the cabinet.



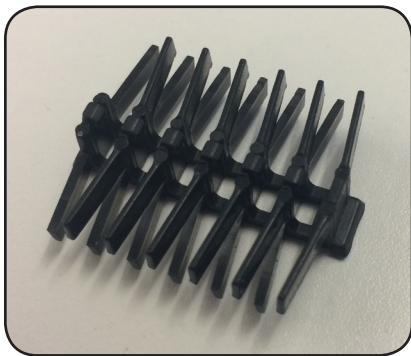
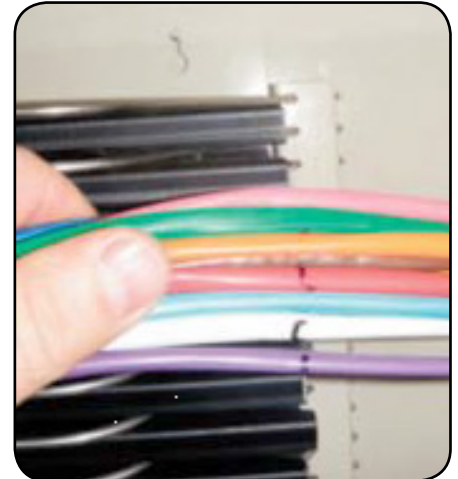


### Splicing

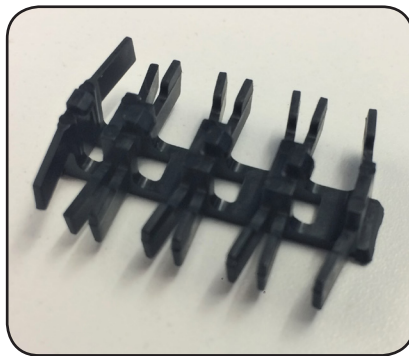
After all cables are routed in the correct direction and there is an adequate amount of slack in the cabinet, the cable tie down locations can be marked with a permanent marker.

Splice trays (P/N 019339) will be shipped with 2 standard splice chips and 2 ribbon splice chips, allowing for a total of 24 loose tube splices or 6 ribbon mass fusion splices (72 fibers). Splice chips will need to be bent into place in the empty slots in the center of the splice tray.

**Note:** Each standard splice chip features 6x2 splice sleeve slots, allowing for 12 splice sleeves to be stacked 2 high in the 6 slots. Each ribbon splice chip features 3 ribbons splice sleeve slots, as well as one 2 high loose tube splice sleeve slot for use in special applications or repairs.



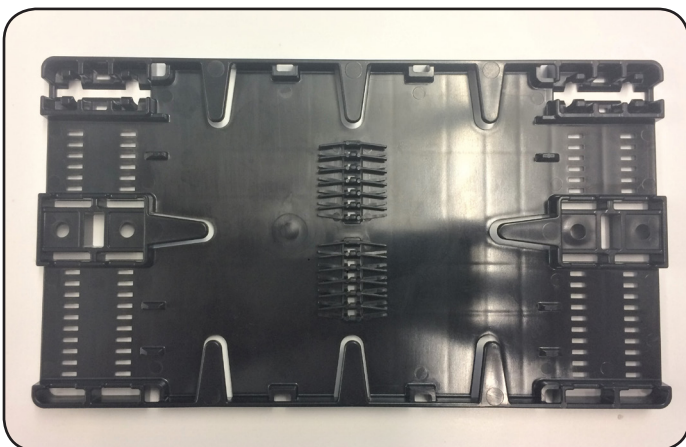
**Splice Chip**



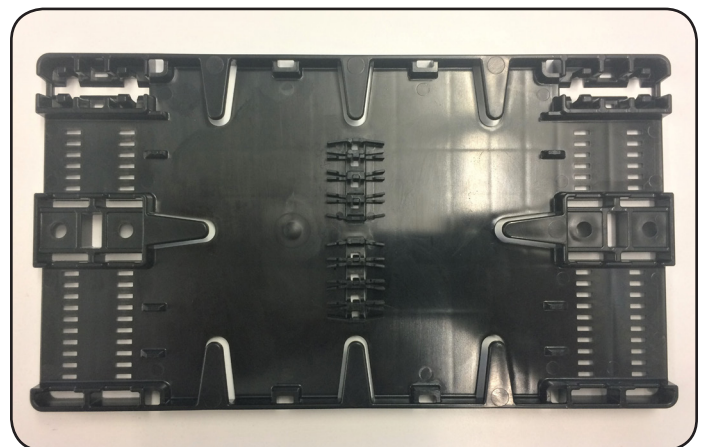
**Ribbon Splice Chip**



**Bending the Splice Chip**



**Splice Tray Loaded with  
2 Splice Chips**



**Splice Tray Loaded with  
2 Ribbon Splice Chips**

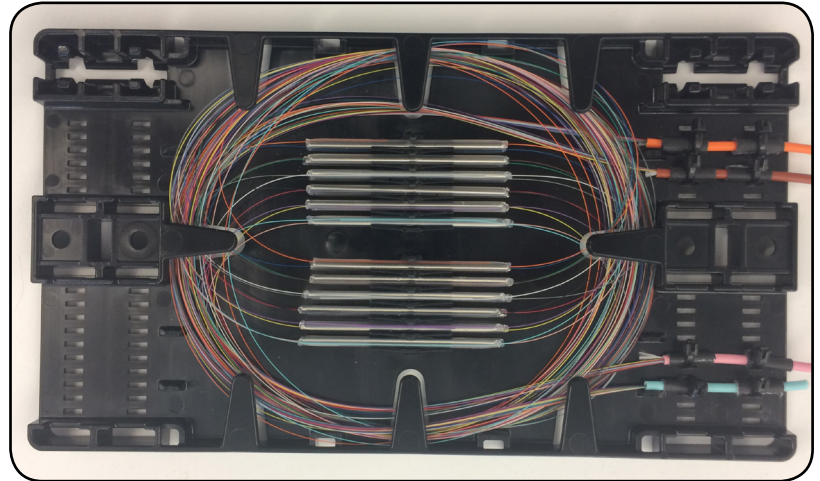
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An example of a splice tray utilizing the splice chips to secure 24 loose tube splice sleeves is shown here.

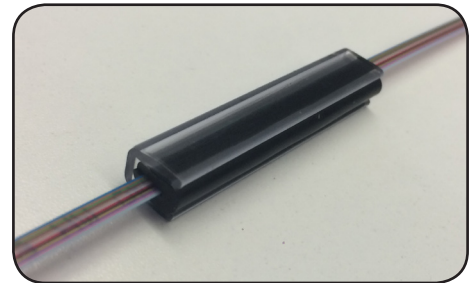
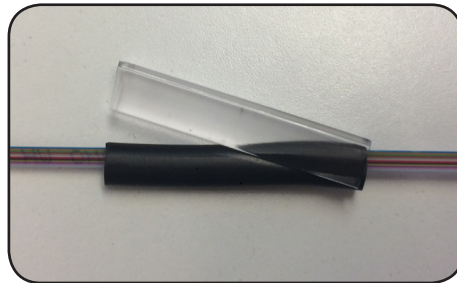
Wrap a layer of grommet tape around the buffer tubes and secure into place in the splice tray using the tie-down holes and cable ties.



Provided with the splice tray are 3 ribbon tie-downs which utilize a split grommet and retention cover which will allow the ribbon to be secured into the tray even in mid-span/ring cut applications.

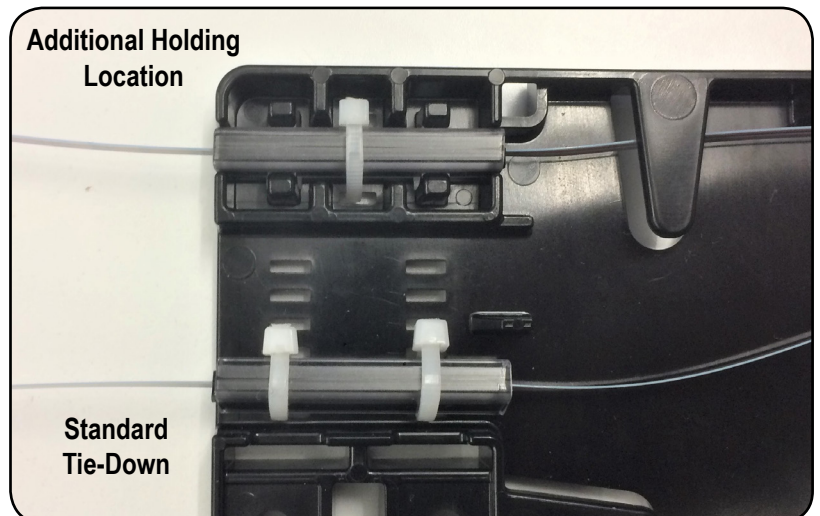
Slip the split rubber grommet onto the ribbon, followed by the plastic retention cover over the opposite side.

**Note:** Extra ribbon tie-downs are available in a kit, which can be ordered separately (P/N 019501).



After protecting the ribbon fiber with the ribbon tie-down, secure it into the tray.

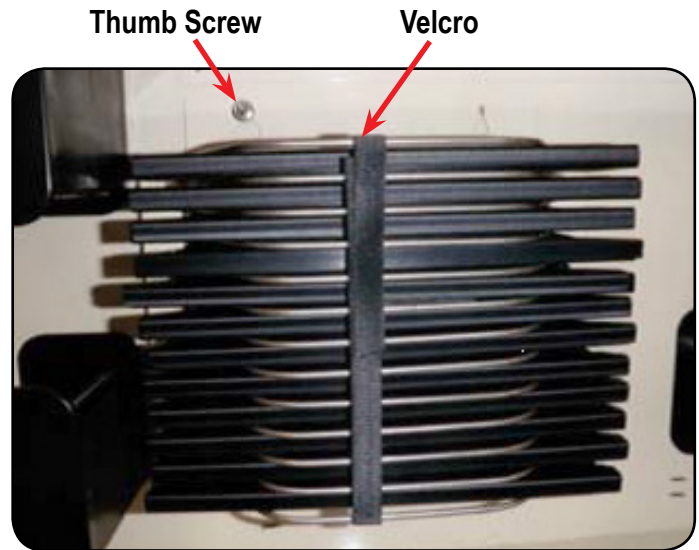
The splice tray features tie-down holes on each side of the tray, which will allow for 5 ribbon tie-downs per side, as well as one ribbon tie down on each side in the additional holding location.



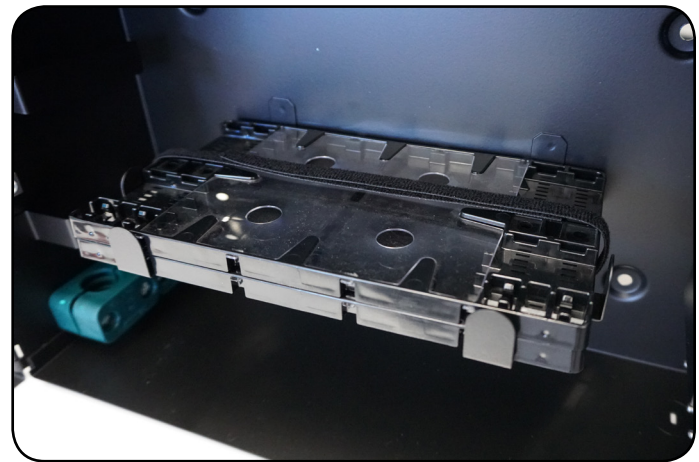


The entire block of splice trays can be removed for splicing from the 288 FEC by loosening the thumb screw in the top left corner and lifting the block of splice trays.

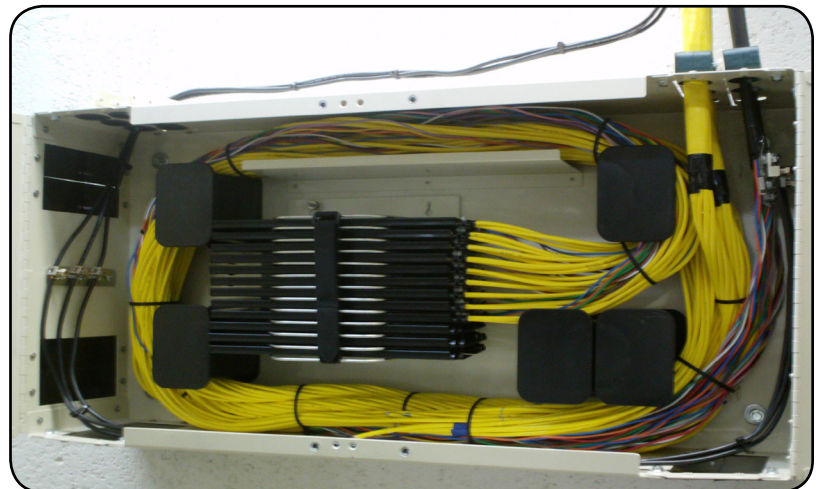
After splicing, the splice trays can be secured into place using the included velcro strap.



The 144 FEC utilizes a strip of velcro to secure the block of splice trays inside the cabinet.



A examples of spliced up FECs, transitioning from outside to inside plant cable, are shown here.



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288 FECs can be ganged together, in modular fashion, allowing scalability up to 864 fiber splices and beyond if vertical real estate is available. Below is an example of multiple FEC's ganged together.



## Grounding

FEC Cabinets are easily grounded using the integrated ground bar. Ground per your local rules and practices.





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