

New Splicing Rigs from 3M Provide Solutions for Today's Splicing Needs

AUSTIN, Texas – June 7, 2005 – 3M MS² (MS-squared) next generation modular system splicing rigs and maintenance kits from 3M provide all the tools and parts needed for reliable multi-pair splicing. The rigs are easy to use in any kind of splicing operation and under the toughest conditions.

The MS² rigs simplify splicing and also help lower inventories by allowing multiple jobs to be performed with the same basic components, tools and techniques. The rigs include detailed step-by-step instructions for every kind of splicing application to ensure splice integrity.

Eight rigs are available to meet varied splicing needs:

- The MS² splicing rigs 4022-M2/NXG and 4021-M2/36/NXG are complete splicing rigs designed for one- or two-person fold-back or inline splicing.
- The MS² splicing rigs 4022-M2/TMK/NXG and 4021-M2/36/TMK/NXG are complete splicing rigs designed for one- or two-person fold-back or inline splicing and provide maximum mounting flexibility.
- The MS² universal splicing rig 4045-K/36/NXG is a versatile rig designed for one-person splicing in difficult-to-reach pedestal or rack areas.
- The MS² splicing rig 4045-K2/36/FL/NXG is a versatile rig designed for one-person splicing. It allows flexibility for difficult-to-reach areas and aerial applications.
- The MS² splicing rig 4049/NXG is a lightweight, portable splicing rig.

- The MS² module maintenance kit 4026-A contains the tools necessary for re-entry of super-mini and super-mate modules. The kit may be used for splice module combinations of two-through seven-way stackable splices.

For more information on MS² modular system splicing rigs and maintenance kits, contact 3M Communication Markets Division at 1-800-426-8688.

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