

Corning® CleanAdvantage™ Technology

For External Use

Questions and Answers

1. **Why did we create this solution?**

Our goal is to decrease cleaning time in the field as installers spend a significant amount of time during installation cleaning connectors. The elimination of cleaning prior to testing will save them up to 17% of their installation time.

2. **Is this product available globally?**

Yes, we will offer our CleanAdvantage™ technology in our EDGE™ and EDGE8® solutions.

3. **Will part numbers or pricing change?**

No, part numbers and product pricing remain the same. CleanAdvantage features come at no extra cost to the customer.

4. **Will this technology be stocked at distribution?**

Stocking levels will remain consistent with the current EDGE and EDGE8 products.

5. **How will lead times be impacted by this solution?**

Lead times are not impacted by this solution.

6. **How does the CleanAdvantage technology work?**

Corning's proprietary technology, implemented at the factory, cleans the entire ferrule. An optimized dust cap, engineered to maintain a clean the end face until its first mating connection, is applied.

7. **How do I identify products with CleanAdvantage technology?**

Corning's CleanAdvantage products will be identified via the white dust caps for EDGE and EDGE8 products. There will also be updates to the spec sheets of these products, excluding tap modules, mesh modules, and SM 24-fiber assemblies.

8. **Do I really need to stop cleaning all of my MTP® and LC connectors and modules?**

IMPORTANT: Do not clean CleanAdvantage connectors or modules for your first mating connection. Corning is standardizing CleanAdvantage in the EDGE and EDGE8 solutions using LC and MTP connectors and modules.

You must clean test patch cords used to validate the link, as they will be connected and disconnected multiple times. You must clean any connector or module that needs to be disconnected and reconnected again (second, third, N mating).

9. Should I keep scoping?

IMPORTANT: Do not scope CleanAdvantage connectors or modules for your first mating connection. There is still a potential to introduce contaminants from unclean scopes. CleanAdvantage connectors don't require cleaning or scoping prior to the first mating connection.

10. How should I handle the CleanAdvantage products?

Do not remove the dust caps until you are immediately ready to connect the product.

11. How does CleanAdvantage differentiate from other solutions in the market?

Our solution is standardized for EDGE and EDGE8 solutions without any premium charge. Our technology allows you to eliminate cleaning and scoping during the first mating connection. These products are available globally.

12. What do I need to do if I buy CleanAdvantage patch cords/modules and connect to a non-CleanAdvantage module?

You must clean any connector or module that is not part of the CleanAdvantage offering. However, Corning cannot guarantee the quality or cleanliness of non-Corning products.