

# Apex® X-3 Sealed Splice Closure

The Apex X-3 is a sealed splice closure designed for protecting optical fiber splices in both above- or below-grade applications in a butt configuration. The Apex X-3 is capable of up to 864 single fusion, 1296 mass fusion with standard ribbon, or 5184 (200  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2592 max for 250  $\mu\text{m}$ ) mass fusion with “rollable ribbon” fiber types such as AFL’s SpiderWeb Ribbon® (SWR®). Cables are sealed by a unique wedge system spaced evenly around the circumference of the closure’s base. Each cable seal is opened by a press-to-release lever and sealing is completed by actuating a single screw for each cable. Each cable is sealed individually, ensuring original craftsmanship when cables may be added at a later date. Up to 6 splice trays are attached and hinge off a central organizer. A plastic slack storage basket resides underneath the trays with ample tie down points for managing tube and fiber slack.

## Features

- Individual cable sealing ports with tool-less release mechanism and gel sealing
- Hinging, lockable splice trays
- Plastic slack storage basket with optional segmented basket to separate ribbon and loose tube slack storage
- Six cable ports with up to six ground lugs
- Capable of up to 16 drop cables with an expressed distribution cable using multi-drop entry kits
- Splice trays with universal splice modules capable of holding single fusion, mass fusion and mechanical splices as well as other devices such as passive optical splitters
- Dome-to-base O-ring seal retained into dome to prevent loss or damage, but is still replaceable if necessary

## Specifications

Parameter	Value
Dimensions – L x D, in (cm)	32.0 x 14 (81.3 x 35.6)
Weight, No Trays – lb (kg)	30 lbs. (13.61 kg)
Splice Capacity – Single, Mass (SWR), Mass (Standard)	864, 5184, 2592
Splice Tray Capacity	6
Cable Diameter, Single Port, in (mm)	0.40" - 1.38" (10.16 - 35.052)
Cable Diameter, Multi-Drop Kit, in (mm)	0.20" – 0.39" (5.0 – 9.9) or flat drop
Application	Direct Bury, Handhole, Aerial, Pole/Wall
Designed in accordance with Telcordia GR-771	Up to 15 ft. water-head
Shipping Standards	9 per pallet (48x40)



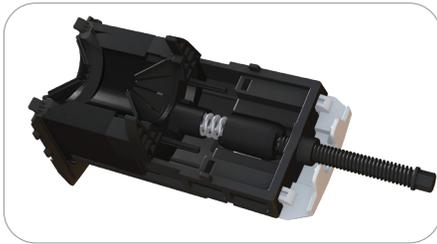
Open to access Apex X-3 splice trays and lock at 72 degrees



BABA/ BEAD compliant configurations and part numbers indicated where applicable. Non-compliant items may be eligible for BEAD De Minimis waiver. For complete list of compliant part numbers, see AFL BEAD Program Compliant Equipment List: [AFLglobal.com/BEAD](https://aflglobal.com/BEAD)

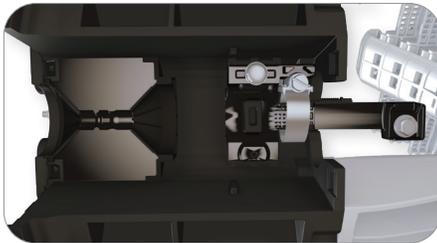
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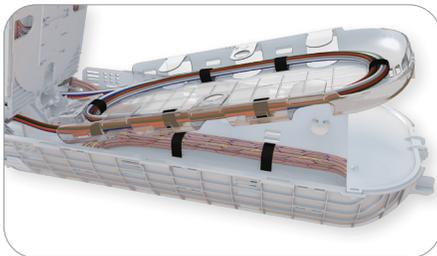
## Gel Sealing

Individual wedges located evenly around the circumference of the base are removed with the press of a button. When cables are in place and ready to be sealed, the gel is compressed by a single screw, decreasing installation time. Individual port seals ensure cables never become unsealed when adding new cables at a later date.



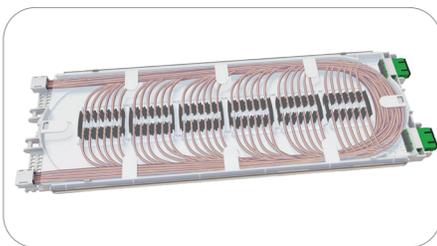
## Cable Entry Ports and Cable Attachment Unit (CAU)

The cable entry ports surrounding the circumference of the base accept single cables from 0.4" to 1.46" in diameter. These ports can be expanded through the use of optional drop cable entry kits, allowing up to 4 flat drops or cables from 0.2" to 0.39" to use a single port. Additionally, each port has the capability to be paired with its own grounding lug if necessary. Closures can be configured with enough CAU kits for 0 to 6 cables from the factory. For closures with less than 6, additional cables can be added through the use of additional cable strain relief kits sold separately.



## Slack Storage

A molded slack storage basket allows for use of the entire cross section of the closure to maximize storage. An optional segmented hinging basket is available to separate ribbon and loose tube slack, and can be locked in the upward position for access to expressed fibers below.



## Splice Trays with Modular Splice Holders

Splice trays are organized in a hinging array that automatically lock when tilted to the upward position for easy access to the splice trays and slack storage below. The universal splice module holds up to 24 single fusion quad-stacked, 6 mass fusion or 12 mass fusion double-stacked when using SWR, or 6 mechanical splices as well as devices such as PLC splitters. This eliminates the need for specifying and stocking multiple splice trays for multiple applications such as WDM and PLC Splitters, (photo at left shown with ASC bulkhead test ports installed). This can be mix-and-match.

## Ordering Information

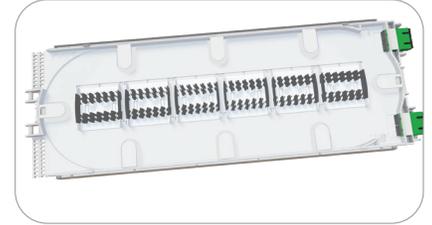
AX	3	B	L	0	2	6	B
Apex Closures	Closure Size	Basket Type	Tray Type	Number of Trays	Cable Strain Relief Hardware Kits	Number of Ground Lugs	Inner Basket
AX = Standard BX = BEAD Compliant	3 = X-3 Size	B = X-3 Sized Basket	X = No preinstalled tray L = X-3 Square Tray Loaded with splice modules	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	X = No Inner Basket B = Include Inner Basket



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## Splice Trays and Splice Modules

Apex X-3 closures utilize X-3 square splice trays. Trays can be ordered empty or fully loaded with splice modules. For “rollable” type ribbon such as AFL’s SpiderWeb Ribbon®, closures can be fully loaded with 6 splice trays for 5184 SWR or 864 quad-stacked single fiber splices or 144 fibers per tray. For standard ribbon, AFL recommends half loaded for 18 mass splices single-stacked, or 216 fibers per tray.



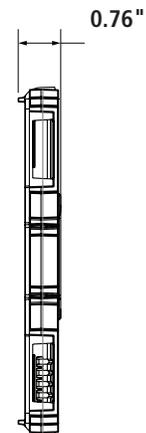
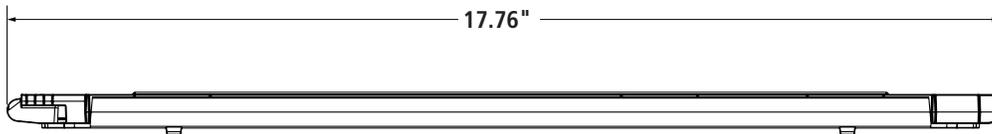
## Ordering Information

Description	Tray Capacity		AFL No.	AFL BABA Compliant No.
	Single	Mass		
X-3 Tray Fully Loaded with Six (6) Splice Modules (864 fibers per tray only recommended for rollable ribbon, e.g. AFL SWR)	108 triple stacked 144 quad stacked**	864**	AX-TRAY-3-S-6	BX-TRAY-3-S-6
Additional splice module (18 single fusion double/quad stacked, 12 mass fusion double stacked, 6 mechanical) Pack of 20	–	–	AX-TRAY-MOD-20	BX-TRAY-MOD-20
X-3 Square Tray Empty	–	–	AX-TRAY-3-S-E	BX-TRAY-3-S-E
FP-40 40 mm Single Fiber Slim Protection Sleeve	–	–	S018262	NA - May be Eligible for BEAD De Minimis Waiver
FP-60 60 mm Single Fiber Slim Protection Sleeve	–	–	S018263	

\* 864 fibers per tray with mass fusion (5184 total closure capacity) only recommended for 200 μm type rollable ribbon. For 250 μm, cut capacity in half with single-stacking.

\*\* When using AFL's Slim Protection Sleeves

## Dimensions



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## Installation Kits and Accessories

The AFL Apex closure line has a variety of installation accessories kits to fit many applications. Additional accessories may be available. Contact AFL.



CAU Kit



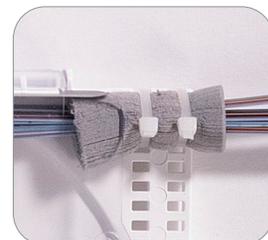
Ring Clamp Replacement Kit



O-Ring Grease Kit



Wedge Replacement Kit



Foam Retention

## Ordering Information — Replacement Kits

Description	AFL No.	AFL BEAD Compliant No.
<b>REPLACEMENT KITS</b>		
X-3 and X-3H Single Cable Strain Relief/Cable Attachment Unit (CAU) Kit	AX-KIT-CBLSTRN-3	NA - May be Eligible for BEAD De Minimis Waiver
X-3 and X-3H Dome-to-Base Locking Ring Clamp Replacement Kit	AX-KIT-CLAMP-3	
X-3 and X-3H Dome Replacement Kit	AX-KIT-DOME-3	
X-3 and X-3H Inner Base Gel Replacement Kit	AX-KIT-GEL-3	
X-3 Inner Basket Kit	AX-KIT-SBASKET-3	
Apex O-Ring Grease, Pack of 10	AX-KIT-GREASE-10	
X-3 and X-3H Dome to Base O-Ring Replacement Kit	AX-KIT-ORING-3	
X-3 and X-3H Wedge Replacement Kit	AX-KIT-WEDGE-3	
WTC-SWR Bundle Splice Tray Retention Kit - Includes 25 foam grommets for retaining SWR bundles to splice trays	HW000406	
Velcro, 75 Foot Length Roll – For securing SWR bundles in the slack basket	FC001759	



Apex Aerial Hanger Bracket



Apex Pole/Wall Mount



Adjustable Aerial Hanger Bracket



Mesh Transition Tubing



Universal Installation Stand

## Ordering Information — Accessories

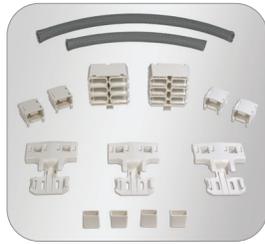
Description	AFL No.	AFL BEAD Compliant No.
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>		
X-3 and X-3H Pole/wall mount kit	AX-BR33	BX-BR33
Aerial strand mount hanger kit	AX-KIT-AERIAL-1	BX-KIT-AERIAL-1
Adjustable Aerial Strand Mount Hanger kit	AX-KIT-AERIAL-ADJ	BX-KIT-AERIAL-ADJ
ADSS Aerial hanger brackets	AX-KIT-AERIAL-ADSS	BX-KIT-AERIAL-ADSS
X-3 and X-3H Multi-Drop Cable Entry Kit (fits up to 4 cables 0.20" to 0.39" in diameter or flat drop cable)	AX-KIT-DROP-4-3	NA - May be Eligible for BEAD De Minimis Waiver
Apex Internal Multiple Ground Bonding Kit	AX-KIT-GNDLD-5	
Apex Cable Bonding Kit (Bonds armored cable sheath to ground) – Pack of 10	AX-KIT-GROUND-10	
1/4" Colored Mesh Transition Tubing, 250' Spool (*Replace "XX" with color per TIA-598 color code - BL, OR, GN, BR, GY, WH, RD, BK, YL, VI, NP or PP)	AX-KIT-TUBE-014-XX*	
Apex Universal Installation Stand	AX-KIT-U-STAND	

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## Installation Accessories (cont.)



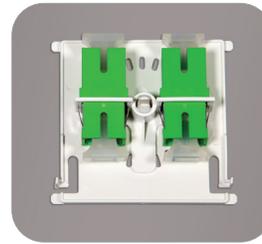
Silicone Spiral Wrap



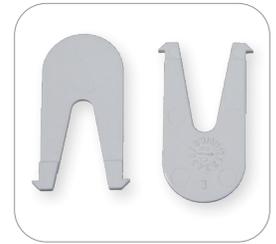
AFRS Kit 1



AFRS Kit 2



SC Bulkhead Adapter Kit



Replacement Slack Storage Basket Tabs

## Ordering Information — Accessories

Description	AFL No.	AFL BEAD Compliant No.
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>		
Silicone Spiral Wrap, 5.5 Foot Length	FC001657	NA - May be Eligible for BEAD De Minimis Waiver
Apex Advanced Fiber Retention System (AFRS) Kit 1 – Used for Ribbon Cable (Flat Matrix, SWR, Tubed, Central Core). Kit includes: Mesh Basket Adapter (2 ea.), Mesh Housing (2 ea.), Mesh Insert (24 ea.), V-Clips (12 ea.), and Clean Cut Gray Mesh (13 ft.).	AX-KIT-AFRSRBN	
Apex AFRS Kit 2 – Used for Loose Tube Cable. Kit includes: V-Clip (24 ea.) and Retention Pads (6 sheets of 8 pads)	AX-KIT-AFRSLT	
Apex AFRS Kit 3 – V-Clip bulk kit. Includes: V-Clips (120 ea.) and Mesh Inserts (120 ea.)	AX-KIT-AFRSVC-120	
Apex AFRS Kit 4 – Mesh bulk kit. Includes: Clean Cut Gray Mesh (100 ft.)	AX-KIT-AFRSMESH-100FT	
Apex AFRS Kit 5 – Mesh Housing bulk kit. Includes: Mesh Basket Adapter (10 ea.) and Mesh Housing (10 ea.)	AX-KIT-AFRSAH-10	
Apex AFRS Kit 6 – Mesh Basket Adapter bulk kit. Includes: Mesh Basket Adapter (10 ea.)	AX-KIT-AFRSA-10	
Apex Bulkhead Kit with Plate SC/APC Adapters, 1 kit	AX-TRAY-ASC	
Apex Bulkhead Kit with Plate with SC/UPC Adapters, 1 kit	AX-TRAY-USC	
Apex Bulkhead Kit with Plate SC/APC Adapters, 6 pc kit	AX-TRAY-ASC-6	
Apex Bulkhead Kit with Plate SC/UPC Adapters, 6 pc kit	AX-TRAY-USC-6	
Apex Replacement Slack Storage Basket Tabs – Pack of 25	AX-KIT-BTAB-25	

## Ordering Information — Accessories

Description	Split Ratio	AFL No.	AFL BEAD Compliant No.
<b>SPLITTER MODULES FOR SPLICE TRAYS</b>			
X-3 Tray with Six Splice Modules, (1) 1x2 PLC Splitter	1x2	AX-TRAY-3-S-12-1	AX-TRAY-3-S-12-1
X-3 Tray with Six Splice Modules, (1) 1x4 PLC Splitter	1x4	AX-TRAY-3-S-14-1	AX-TRAY-3-S-14-1
X-3 Tray with Six Splice Modules, (1) 1x8 PLC Splitter	1x8	AX-TRAY-3-S-18-1	AX-TRAY-3-S-18-1
X-3 Tray with Six Splice Modules, (1) 1x16 PLC Splitter	1x16	AX-TRAY-3-S-116-1	AX-TRAY-3-S-116-1
X-3 Tray with Six Splice Modules, (1) 1x32 PLC Splitter	1x32	AX-TRAY-3-S-132-1	AX-TRAY-3-S-132-1