Quality Makes a Difference - Precision Multicom Products vs. 'Other' Products

Fusion Splicer	Specification	Multicom	'Other'	Multicom Quality Products	'Other' Products
	German Engineering	Ø	×	German engineering = precision, quality, reliability	Engineered to meet a lower standard, planned obsolescence
	State-of-the-Art Precision Motors	Ø	×	Components made w/quality, high precision, long life bearings	Shorter life bronze sintered bearings
	High Resolution Optical System	Ø	×	High precision, faster operations	Low resolution/precision, higher loss, slower operation
	Core vs. Clad Alignment	Core	Clad	Highest precision Core alignment, quality low-loss splices	Low precision Clad alignment, high price for Core
	Precision Components	Ø	×	High quality internal components = Precision, long life	Short life integrated circuits, heat sensitive
	Ruggedized	Ø	×	Drop/Impact, Dirt/Dust & Water Resistant	Low quality plastic, easy to crack or break
	Auto-Calibration	Ø	×	Automatically adjusts for temperature, altitude, humidity and number of fusion operations	Manual calibrations for changes in temperature, altitude and humidity. Higher loss splices
	Splicing/Heating Speed (seconds)	7/9	15/30	More splices in less time! Make more money!	Thumb twiddling is costing you money!
	Warranty	3 Year	Maybe	No Risk Returns - Most repairs/services in your country!	Send back to 'Other' country taking months to repair
Fiber Transmitter	Specification	Multicom	'Other'	Multicom Quality Products	'Other' Products
	Ortel Lasers, Made in the USA	\bigcirc	×	High quality and long life	Low cost and short life laser from 'Other' country
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Hot Swap Power Supplies	Redundant	1	Quick plugin modules, no down time if power supply fails	Single, internal, failure must replace entire unit
	Integrated SNMP	\bigcirc	×	Monitor/control/reconfigure & resolve issues all remotely	No SNMP/remote monitoring, No remote alerts/alarms
EDFA	Specification	Multicom	'Other'	Multicom Quality Products	'Other' Products
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Micro-Nodes	Specification	Multicom	'Other'	Multicom Quality Products	'Other' Products
	AC Adapters	Ø	8	UL and FCC certified , high quality, longest life, 3+ years	Cheapest possible, estimated 1 yr life, unhappy users
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4-Port Node	Specification	Multicom	'Other'	Multicom Quality Products	'Other' Products
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