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Subject: Exposing The Wires Without Cutting It  
Posted by [Junior](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2018 14:16:35 GMT

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This inquiry is in connection to my little project which is found here:  
<https://audioundtable.com/forum/index.php?t=msg&th=22208&start=0&>

I have a problem when exposing the wires in the cables. I often cut a few strands of the wires when I like to expose the wire at the tip of the cable. What is the technique in removing the outer covering of the cable without cutting the wire strands?

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Subject: Re: Exposing The Wires Without Cutting It  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 13 Nov 2018 15:20:38 GMT

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You can use wire strippers, or you can carefully use a razor blade to cut through the insulation. With a lot of practice, you may find that you can use wire cutters, with the jaws held just close enough to cut through the insulation without nicking the conductor.

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Subject: Re: Exposing The Wires Without Cutting It  
Posted by [Junior](#) on Mon, 19 Nov 2018 07:06:36 GMT

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I'm using the jaws of my long-nose pliers to open up the wires. I agree with you that practice will help. My hands tremble easily when I'm trying to concentrate on exposing the conductors.

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Subject: Re: Exposing The Wires Without Cutting It  
Posted by [The Noise](#) on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 18:52:41 GMT

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Wire strippers were made precisely for this job. Places like Harbor Freight is where you can get them on the cheap. And I don't know what they're called, but there are razor knives that are thinner than most which would work well too.

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