Methods for using a light source and optical power meter simultaneously



Overview

Light Source and Power Meter (LSPM) Set ExplainedLearn how a Light Source and Power Meter (LSPM) set works for fiber optic insertion loss testing. Compare.

Key Takeaways

An optical power meter and light source are used together to measure fiber optic signal strength and insertion loss, ensuring accurate and reliable fiber network testing.

Equipment Overview

Optical Light Source (OLS): Emits light at specific wavelengths (e.g., 850/1300 nm for multimode fiber, 1310/1550 nm for single-mode fiber) to simulate signal transmission through fiber cables. Optical Power Meter (OPM): Measures the optical power received at the far end of the fiber, displaying results in dBm or dB for insertion loss.

Step-by-

Step Procedure

Prepare the EquipmentClean all fiber connectors using lint-free wipes or click-to-clean tools to remove dust and debris. Ensure the power meter and light source are properly connected with compatible adapters (e.g., FC, SC, ST) and launch cables. Check battery levels and verify that devices are functioning correctly.

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Set the Wavelength

Select the appropriate wavelength on both the light source and power meter to match the fiber type and testing requirements.

Calibrate the Power Meter

Connect the power meter to a reference cable attached to the light source. Press “Set Ref” or “Zero” to establish a 0 dB reference, ensuring accurate insertion loss measurements. Regular calibration is recommended, typically annually, to maintain accuracy within ±0.

2 dB.

Connect the Fiber Under Test

For single-ended testing, connect the launch cable from the light source to the fiber and attach the power meter at the far end. For double-ended testing, use a receive cable at the far end to measure total loss including connectors and splices.

Take Measurements

Read the optical power in dBm on the power meter. Calculate insertion loss by comparing the measured power to the reference value. Record results and verify they fall within expected thresholds for the fiber link.

Maintenance and Handling

Keep connectors and sensors clean and free from dust. Avoid exposing equipment to extreme temperatures or physical stress. Handle devices gently to prevent damage to internal detectors and battery packs.

Tips for Accurate Testing

Use high-quality launch cables to minimize measurement errors. Perform measurements in conditions similar to actual operating environments. Follow standardized methods such as the IEC 61300-3-4 one-cord reference method for best accuracy.

Regularly inspect and clean connectors to prevent signal loss due to contamination. By following these steps, you can effectively use an optical power meter and light source to measure fiber optic signal strength, verify link quality, and ensure reliable network performance.

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But for some specific link configurations, it may be needed when using a light source and power meter. In that case, the method outlined in this article should be used.

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