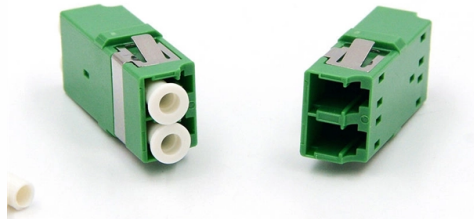


# Inspection of optical cables



## Article Overview

Inspecting optical cables involves visual examination, cleaning, and testing for continuity and signal loss to ensure optimal performance.

### Visual Inspection

Start by examining the cable ends and connectors for dirt, scratches, cracks, or other defects using a fiber scope or video microscope. Proper inspection ensures perfect core alignment, physical contact, and dirt-free connectors, which are critical for preventing reflection, attenuation, or equipment damage . Always inspect before and after any optical measurement. If the ferrule is dirty, clean it using appropriate tools such as alcohol wipes or click cleaners designed for the specific ferrule diameter .

### Cleaning

Use a fiber optic cleaning kit to remove dust and contaminants from the connector ends. Only remove protective covers immediately before installation or testing to avoid contamination . Proper cleaning ensures accurate test results and prevents long-term signal degradation.

### Continuity and Fault Detection

Use a Visual Fault Locator (VFL) to check for breaks or sharp bends in the fiber. The VFL emits a visible red laser light; any escaping light indicates a fault along the cable . This method is effective for short to medium-length fibers and provides immediate visual feedback....

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