

Several Indicators of Optical Power Meters



Article Overview

Optical power meters are evaluated based on indicators such as wavelength range, power range, accuracy, linearity, spectral responsivity, and calibration traceability.

Key Indicators of Optical Power Meters

1. **Wavelength Range** The wavelength range specifies the optical spectrum over which the meter can accurately measure power. Most OPMs are calibrated for specific wavelengths commonly used in fiber optics, such as 850 nm, 1300 nm, and 1550 nm, while some devices also cover 670 nm, 780 nm, and 980 nm for specialized applications. Users must set the meter to the correct wavelength to avoid measurement errors.

2. **Power Range and Sensitivity** The power range defines the minimum and maximum optical power the meter can measure. OPMs can measure from microwatts to milliwatts, depending on the sensor type. Thermal sensors and photodiode-based sensors have different sensitivities, with photodiodes often requiring optical attenuators to extend the measurement range.

3. **Accuracy and Linearity** Accuracy indicates how close the measured value is to the true optical power. Linearity measures the consistency of the meter's response across its power range. Nonlinearity can arise from sensor characteristics or reflected energy in fiber connections, and calibration is essential to minimize errors.

4. **Spectral Responsivity** Spectral responsivity describes how the sensor responds to different wavelengths. Since photodiode sensors are wavelength-dependent, the meter's output can vary if the input light differs from the calibration wavelength. Advanced meters may include multiple sensors or calibration factors to compensate for this effect.

5. **Calibration...**

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