

Single Reel Testing of Optical Cable



Article Overview

Single-reel optical cable testing ensures the fiber's integrity, length, and attenuation before installation, using visual inspection, OTDR, and power meter measurements.

Preparation and Inspection

- **Check Equipment and Documentation:** Verify the optical cable specifications, factory test records, and quantity against the design documents or contract requirements. Inspect the cable reel for physical damage, cracks, or irregularities along the fiber length .
- **Prepare Tools and Instruments:** Gather necessary tools such as an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR), light source, optical power meter, fusion splicer (if needed), and launch cables. Ensure all instruments are calibrated and functioning .
- **Technical Familiarization:** Review the engineering design, construction acceptance regulations, and prepare test forms for recording measurements and observations .

Testing Procedures

- **Visual and Physical Inspection:** Examine the cable for surface defects, uniformity, and proper labeling. Confirm the reel is correctly numbered and the cable length is marked .
- **Fiber Length Measurement:** Measure the actual fiber length on the reel, as nominal lengths may differ from actual lengths. This ensures proper matching and prevents waste during installation .
- **Optical Attenuation Testing:**
 - **Using OTDR:** Connect a launch cable to the OTDR and attach the fiber under test with a temporary fusion or mechanical splice. Take a trace and measure loss between two markers to calculate the fiber attenuation coefficient. OTDR can also detect cra...

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tenuation, location, and reflectance). Tests are also performed to determine that the completed cable subsystem is suitable for the

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OTDR – Optical Time Domain Reflectometer

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Figure 1. Tier 1 Testing n TIA-568-C.0, but this does not mean it is not important. The OTDR trace can be used for cable acceptance,

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1 Testing Tier 2 testing involves the use of an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR) to provide a trace (visual picture) of the

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