

Steps for inspecting and checking the optical splitter



Article Overview

Optical splitters can be tested using a light source and optical power meter to measure insertion loss, splitting ratio, and port performance according to industry standards.

Tools and Preparation

To test an optical splitter, you will need:

- Optical light source (dual wavelength 1310/1550 nm for standard testing)
- Optical power meter (high resolution, e.g., 0.001 dB)
- Launch and receive reference cables with standard connectors
- Cleaning tools (alcohol wipes, fiber cleaning pen) to ensure connector integrity
- Optional OTDR for reflection and event detection
- Maintain temperature around $23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and humidity below 85% to avoid deviations .

Step-by-Step Testing Procedure

- Calibrate the System: Connect a launch reference cable to the light source and calibrate the optical power meter to set a 0 dB reference .
- Measure Loss for Each Output Port:
- Connect the splitter input to the light source.
- Attach the receive cable to one output port and measure the optical power.
- Move the receive cable to each additional output port sequentially and record the...

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