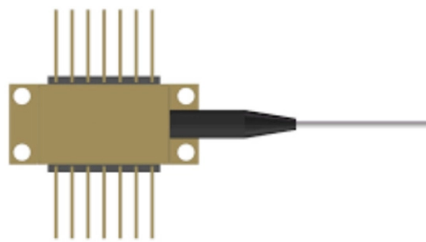


What quota should be applied to optical splitter testing



AI Overview

All output ports of an optical splitter should be individually tested to ensure compliance with insertion loss and splitter specifications.

General Testing Approach Optical splitters, whether 1:n, 2:n, or balanced/unbalanced, are passive devices that divide or combine optical signals. Testing involves measuring the insertion loss for each output port, which includes the expected split loss, excess loss from manufacturing, and connector losses. For a 1:n splitter, this means connecting the source to the input and measuring each of the n output ports individually. For a 2:n splitter, each input must be tested to all outputs in turn.

Recommended Quota and Standards Port-by-Port Testing: Every output port must be tested. For example, a 1x32 PON splitter requires 32 measurements downstream, and the same applies upstream if bidirectional testing is required.

Reference Standards: Use industry standards such as OFSTP-14 for double-ended loss or FOTP-171 for single-ended testing. ANSI/TIA and ISO/IEC standards provide recommended splitter and connector loss limits.

Equipment: Optical Loss Test Sets (OLTS) like the CertiFiber® Pro can automate port testing and grading, ensuring each port meets the defined limits. OTDR testing may require specialized instruments for networks with multiple splitters, and minimum fiber lengths after splitters must be observed to ensure accurate measurements.

Additional Considerations Balanced vs. Unbalanced Splitters: Balanced splitters distribute power evenly; unbalanced splitters may require customized test limits for each port.

Wavelength Testing: Test at multiple wavelengths (commonly 1310 nm and 1550 nm) to verify performance across the operating range.

Inspection: Always inspect fiber end faces before testing to prevent damage and ensure accurate results.

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This involves having 2 or more splitter combinations to arrive at the target split ratio. A classic example is the use of a 1x4 and 1x8 splitter to comprise a 1x32 final ratio.

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Both units must have a dynamic range suitable for long-haul applications (spans greater than 120 km) and short distance testing. The contractor must calibrate their power meters before testing a span

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If one of the field-based LCP splitter options is chosen, which is the norm, testing must be performed at two or more locations to adequately characterise the transmission link.

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And the subscriber side of a splitter usually has several unused ports for future expansion that can be used for testing. The network equipment should be tested for optical power.

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