

How to measure light using an LC fiber optic pigtail



AI Overview

To measure light in an LC fiber optic pigtail, use a calibrated light source and optical power meter, following proper cleaning, inspection, and connection procedures to ensure accurate readings.

Required Equipment

- Light source compatible with your fiber type (850 nm for multimode, 1310/1550 nm for single-mode)
- Optical power meter capable of measuring the expected power range in dBm
- LC test reference cables for setting a baseline
- Fiber optic cleaning tools (lint-free wipes, click-to-clean tools)
- Inspection microscope to check connector endfaces for debris or damage

Step-by-Step Procedure

- Clean and Inspect Connectors Always clean the LC connectors on both the pigtail and test equipment to prevent contamination, which can cause inaccurate readings. Inspect the endfaces under a microscope to ensure they are free of dust or scratches .
- Set Up the Light Source Connect the light source to one end of the LC pigtail. Allow the source to stabilize for several minutes to ensure consistent output. Select the correct wavelength on the source to match the fiber type .
- Calibrate the Power Meter Connect a known good LC reference cable to the power meter. Set the reference by measuring the light from the source through the refere...

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