

Calibration and Usage Instructions for an Optical Time Domain Reflectometer



Article Overview

Calibrating an OTDR involves cleaning and connecting the fiber, configuring test parameters, and verifying measurement accuracy using standard references.

Step 1: Prepare the Fiber and Equipment

Before calibration, ensure the fiber under test is clean and free of contaminants such as dust, oil, or grease, as these can affect readings. Use a fiber cleaning kit to clean connectors and end faces. Connect the OTDR launch cable to the fiber to provide a reference for the initial pulse measurement and reduce dead zones in the trace .

Step 2: Power On and Configure the OTDR

- **Power On:** Turn on the OTDR and wait for the display to initialize.
- **Select Fiber Type:** Choose between single-mode or multimode fiber, as each has different propagation characteristics .
- **Set Test Parameters:** Configure the wavelength, pulse width, and range according to the fiber type and length. Longer fibers may require wider pulse widths for better signal-to-noise ratio, while shorter fibers benefit from narrower pulses for higher resolution .

Step 3: Perform Calibration

Calibration ensures the OTDR provides accurate distance and loss measurements. T...

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