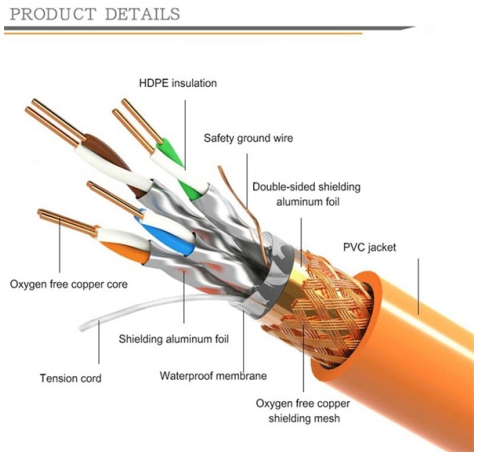
EXFO Optical Time Domain Reflectometer Operation Procedure



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Operating an EXFO OTDR involves device setup, fiber connection, trace acquisition, event analysis, and report generation to evaluate optical fiber performance. 1.

Device Setup

Power On: Turn on the OTDR and allow it to initialize. Ensure the battery is charged or the device is connected to a power source. Select Wavelength: Choose the appropriate test wavelength (commonly 1310 nm or 1550 nm) depending on the fiber type and test requirements.

Configure Test Parameters: Set acquisition parameters such as pulse width, measurement range, and averaging time. For beginners, the Auto Mode can automatically select optimal settings. 2.

Fiber Connection

Clean Connectors: Use proper fiber cleaning tools to remove dust or debris from connectors to prevent measurement errors. Connect Fiber: Attach the fiber under test to the OTDR port using the correct adapters. Ensure a secure and stable connection.

Launch Cable: If testing a long fiber, use a launch cable to avoid dead zones at the beginning of the fiber. 3.

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Trace Acquisition

Select Acquisition Mode: Auto Mode: Automatically calculates fiber length, sets acquisition parameters, and acquires traces. Advanced Mode: Allows manual control over all test parameters for detailed analysis. Start Measurement: Initiate the OTDR pulse.

The device sends short light pulses into the fiber and records backscattered light to generate a trace. Monitor Trace: Observe the OTDR trace for events such as splices, connectors, bends, or faults. The trace shows reflections and attenuation along the fiber length.

4.

Event Analysis

Identify Events: Use the OTDR software to detect and label events like connectors, splices, and breaks. Measure Losses: Determine insertion loss, return loss, and total fiber attenuation. Optional Event Characterization (EC) software allows bidirectional analysis for more accurate results.

Compare to Reference: In Template Mode, compare the acquired trace to a reference trace to detect deviations or degradation. 5.

Report Generation

Save Trace Data: Store acquired traces in the OTDR memory or export to a computer. Generate Reports: Use the OTDR software to create detailed reports including fiber length, event table, losses, and trace plots. Reports can be exported in PDF or CSV formats for documentation.

6.

Best Practices

Always clean fiber ends before testing. Use appropriate pulse width for the fiber length to balance resolution and dynamic range. Perform bidirectional testing for critical links to improve measurement accuracy.

Regularly update OTDR firmware to access new features and maintain accuracy. By following these steps, the EXFO OTDR can effectively characterize optical fibers, locate faults, and provide accurate measurements for network maintenance and troubleshooting.

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