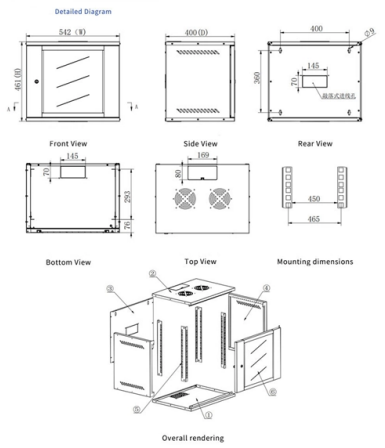
How to measure the directivity of an optical splitter



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Directivity of an optical splitter is tested by measuring the isolation between the coupled and isolated ports and calculating the ratio of power leakage, using an optical power meter and light source.

Understanding Directivity

Directivity is a measure of how well a directional coupler or splitter isolates the input signal from the isolated port. It is defined as the ratio of the power at the coupled port to the power at the isolated port, and it is closely related to isolation. High directivity indicates minimal signal leakage to the isolated port, which is critical for accurate signal routing in fiber optic networks.

Equipment Needed

Optical light source (appropriate wavelength for the splitter)Optical power meterLaunch and receive reference cablesMatched terminations for unused portsStep-by-Step Testing ProcedureSetup the Source and Reference: Connect a launch reference cable from the optical light source to the input port of the splitter. Calibrate the optical power meter to set a 0 dB reference at the output of the launch cable. Measure Coupled Port Power: Connect a receive cable from the coupled port to the optical power meter and record the power reading.

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This represents the intended signal output. Measure Isolated Port Power: Connect the receive cable to the isolated port and measure the power. This reading indicates the leakage or undesired signal at the isolated port.

Calculate Directivity: Directivity (in dB) is calculated as the difference between the power at the coupled port and the power at the isolated port: Directivity (dB) = P_coupled - P_isolated A higher value indicates better isolation and performance. Repeat for All Ports: For splitters with multiple outputs (e.g., 1x4, 1x32), repeat the measurements for each output port. For splitters with multiple inputs (e.g., 2x2), test each input to all outputs in turn.

Optional Tests: You can also test at multiple wavelengths to account for wavelength-dependent behavior and compare outputs to detect variations or crosstalk.

Practical Tips

Ensure all connectors are clean and properly mated to avoid measurement errors. Maintain stable temperature and humidity to reduce test deviations. Use matched terminations on unused ports to prevent reflections that can affect directivity readings.

By following this procedure, you can accurately determine the directivity of an optical splitter, ensuring it meets design specifications and minimizes signal leakage in fiber optic networks.

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The directivity of an optical splitter refers to the ratio of the output optical power at the non-injected light end to the injected optical power (measured wavelength) on the same side.

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How to Test the Quality of Fiber Optic Splitter? The quality of a fiber optic splitter is mainly determined by five specifications, namely optical bandpass, insertion loss, return loss,

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The splitting ration can be anywhere from 1 by 2 to 1 by 32. This application note demonstrates the details of measurement for1x32 splitter by Easy OCETS software. It also provides information on how

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The directivity refers to the fraction of input light that is lost in the internally terminated fiber end within the coupler housing when port 1 is used as the input.

Fiber optic splitter – Physics and Radio-Electronics

The optical bandpass can be tested by connecting the optical splitter to an optical spectrum analyzer with a high powered light source having a central wavelength of the required bandpass.

PASSIVE OPTICAL SPLITTER

The GR-1209 standard details comprehensive optical performance criteria for a passive optical splitter. There are six main specifications that are outlined in the standard.

The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics

Testing a splitter or other passive fiber optic devices like switches is little different from testing a patchcord or cable plant using the two industry standard tests, OFSTP-14 for double-ended loss

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Optical splitters are usually used in passive optical networks (PONs) to distribute fiber to individual homes or businesses. There is something different between testing an optical splitter and a

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In a more robust and expensive implementation, the returned light is split and fed to an interferometer, which detects movement of the surface by changes in the

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The two high directivity wide band couplers are installed for ultra-high RL measurement. These switches and couplers, combined with the appropriate internal or external sources, VIAVI polarization

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How to calculate and measure fiber optic splitter loss□

Let''s explore the fiber optic splitter attenuation loss from the opitlcal Wavelength, insertion loss, additional loss, and splitting ratio.

Optical Coupler

Optical couplers (or splitters) are photonic devices enable of dividing an optical signal from one port to other ports, as shown in Fig. 4.8. A commonly used configuration has one input and two outputs

Optical Splitter Loss Calculator

Optical Splitter Loss Calculator the quick $10 \cdot \log_{10}(N)$ estimate, plus your datasheet excess. A passive optical splitter divides an incoming light signal across two or more output ports. Every time you

PASSIVE OPTICAL SPLITTER

A Passive Optical Network (PON) is a fiber optic technology utilizing point-to-multipoint topology and optical splitters to deliver data from a single transmission point to multiple user endpoints. Passive

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Splitter loss refers to the optical power lost when a signal is divided into multiple channels. This loss is primarily quantified as insertion loss, which

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