Methods for determining the quality of fiber optic splitters



Overview

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 (connectors on both ends) or FOTP-171 for single-ended testing. A fiber broadband provider typically determines and overall split ratio for the network, such as 1x32 or 1x64, and uses combinations of splitters to meet that ratio with each PON port. 1x32 splits were common in North America for G-PON architectures. They have been used since the 1980s to create networks and provide the technology for today's passive optical networks used in fiber to the home. By dividing a single optical signal from a central Optical Line Terminal (OLT) into multiple outputs for Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) at users' homes, splitters eliminate the need for dedicated fibers to each residence—slashing infrastructure costs while scaling network reach. In essence, the splitter takes in a signal from a single fiber and divides it into two or more outputs, with each output carrying an equal portion of. The performance of a fiber optic splitter is determined by several parameters. These include the splitting ratio, insertion loss, uniformity, and isolation. 001 dB), OTDR (for reflection event detection).

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These various methods can be mixed in a network to best meet the performance and cost requirements for the network. The next document to be published on this topic will be a more comprehensive look

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