Optical power meter ref calibration



Overview

To set the REF value with the REF key, first connect your optical power meter (OPM) to a stable light source or a reference patch cord, ensuring the connector is clean.

Key Takeaways

Optical power meter calibration involves comparing the meter to a reference standard traceable to national standards to ensure accurate and reliable optical power measurements.

Calibration Overview

Calibration of an optical power meter establishes the relationship between the meter's readings and known optical power values under specified conditions. The process involves comparing the device under test (DUT) to a working standard, which is itself calibrated against a reference standard traceable to a national metrology institute such as NIST (USA), PTB (Germany), or NPL (UK) ( ). This traceability ensures that measurements are internationally recognized and consistent.

Calibration Procedure

Reference Source Connection: The meter is connected to a calibrated optical source with known output power at multiple wavelengths (commonly 850, 1310, 1490, 1550, 1625 nm) and power levels (e.g., -50, -30, -10, 0 dBm) ( ). Measurement Comparison: The meter's readings are compared to the reference values. Deviations are recorded to determine accuracy.

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Linearity Verification: Step attenuators reduce the source power in known increments to confirm the meter responds linearly across its measurement range ( ). Adjustment: If deviations exceed specifications, the meter's internal calibration tables are adjusted and re-tested. Some meters allow field adjustment, while others require factory calibration ( ).

Certification: A calibration certificate is issued, documenting deviations, traceability, and the next calibration due date, typically recommended annually ( ).

Detector Considerations

Optical power meters rely on photodiode detectors (Si, Ge, or InGaAs). Detector responsivity can drift over time due to aging, temperature cycling, humidity, and connector wear. Calibration ensures the meter's internal responsivity table matches the actual detector response ( ).

Calibration Standards and Traceability

National Standards: Reference standards are calibrated against national standards maintained by institutes like NIST, PTB, or NPL ( ). International Recognition: Laboratories participating in the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) ensure equivalence of measurement standards globally ( ).

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O Compliance: Calibration can be performed under ISO 9001 or ISO/IEC 17025 standards, ensuring quality and traceability ( ).

Practical Tips

Annual Calibration: Send meters to a NIST-traceable lab every 12 months. Interim Verification: Cross-check with a known-good meter to detect drift between calibrations. Cleanliness: Ensure optical connectors and detectors are clean to avoid measurement errors ( ).

Special Calibration: Some manufacturers offer metrology-grade calibration for lowest measurement uncertainties ( ). By following these procedures, optical power meters maintain high accuracy, ensuring reliable fiber optic measurements and compliance with industry standards.

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