

How to measure the optical attenuation of multimode fiber





Overview

The most accurate way of measuring the fiber attenuation coefficient requires transmitting light of a known wavelength through the fiber and measuring the changes over distance. The core diameter, cladding diameter and concentricity are the most important factors on how well one can connect or splice two fibers. The document gives details on the measurement procedure, which is based on the Electronics Industries Association Recommended Standard as published in RS.



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