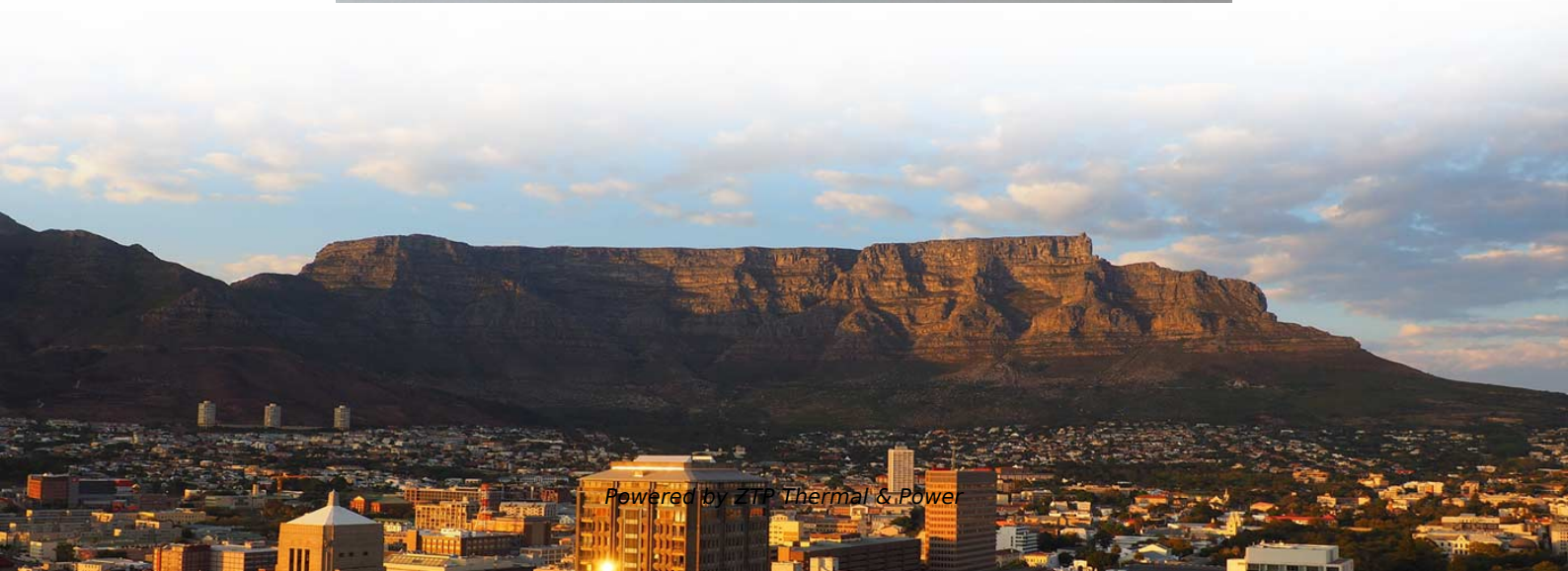


# Method for measuring return loss of optical modules





## Overview

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Optical Return Loss (ORL) is the ratio between the light launched into a device and the light reflected by a defined length or region. ORL can be measured using two measurement techniques: optical continuous wave reflectometry (OCWR) or optical time domain reflectometry (OTDR). The reflection above the fiber backscatter level, relative to the source pulse, is called reflectance. As shown in the figures above, the OCWR Testing setup for reflectance or return loss tests of connectors or passive fiber components per industry standards (TIA FOTP-107 or IEC 61300-3-6) using a light source.



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Optical return loss is given in units of dB and always a negative value for passive optics, with values closer to 0 representing larger reflections (poorer connections). Return loss for the entire fiber under

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## Optical Return Loss Measurement

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