

How to test the continuity of pigtail fiber



Article Overview

Pigtail fiber continuity is typically measured using a visual fault locator (VFL), an optical power meter with a light source, or an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR) to ensure uninterrupted light transmission.

Visual Fault Locator (VFL)

A VFL emits visible red light through the fiber, allowing technicians to visually confirm continuity. This method is effective for short pigtail fibers (up to ~500 meters for multimode fibers) and quickly identifies breaks, bends, or misalignments in the fiber. It is simple, portable, and ideal for initial verification before more precise measurements are conducted .

Optical Power Meter and Light Source

Using a laser or LED light source in combination with a power meter allows measurement of the optical power transmitted through the pigtail fiber. This method verifies end-to-end continuity and ensures that the fiber is correctly connected without excessive loss. For pigtail testing, a 1-km launch reel is often used to accurately measure connector loss, back reflectance, and adjacent splice loss over short spans (15-30 meters from the distribution panel), . Proper calibration of the power meter is essential for accurate results.

Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR)

An OTDR provides a detailed trace of the fiber, identifying splices, connectors, and f...

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