

Optical Splitter Attenuation Overview Table



Article Overview

Optical splitter attenuation increases with split ratio, typically adding ~3 dB per doubling of outputs, with PLC splitters generally exhibiting lower loss than FBT splitters.

Typical Insertion Loss by Split Ratio				
Split Ratio	Ideal Insertion Loss (dB)	Typical PLC Excess Loss (dB)	Typical FBT Excess Loss (dB)	Notes
1×2	3.00	0.1 – 0.5	0.2 – 0.6	Low-loss, suitable for minimal branching
1×4	6.00	0.2 – 0.6	0.3 – 0.8	Common for mid-density networks
1×8	9.00	0.3 – 0.8	0.5 – 1.0	Widely used in suburban/urban PON
1×16	12.00	0.5 – 1.0	0.7 – 1.2	Higher branching, careful power budget needed
1×32	15.00	0.5 – 1.5	1.0 – 1.5	High-density deployment, PLC preferred
1×64	18.00	0.5 – 2.0	1.2 – 2.0	Maximum branching, strict loss budget required

Notes on the table:

- Ideal insertion loss is calculated as $10 \cdot \log_{10}(N)$, where N is the number of output ports, representing the theoretical minimum loss without imperfections .
- Excess loss accounts for real-world factors such as fusion splices, core misalignment, and manufacturing tolerances .
- PLC splitters (Planar Lightwave Circuit) provide more uniform and lower loss, especially at higher split ratios, making them suitable for 1×32 and 1×64 deployments .
- FBT splitters (Fused Biconical Taper) are cost-effective for small splits (1×2, 1×4) but exhibit higher loss and less uniformity at larger splits

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How to Calculate Splitter Loss in Optical Fiber

As an expert in fiber optic technology at SDGI Cable, we highlight the importance of precision when designing an

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The optical splitter is the component with the largest attenuation in a PON system. The insertion loss is the fraction of power

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