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FIA-TSD-2000-1-1	OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING: LAN APPLICATION SUPPORT GUIDE	JANUARY 2001
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FIA-TSD-2000-5-1	OPTICAL POWER: SAFETY LEVELS	DECEMBER 2001
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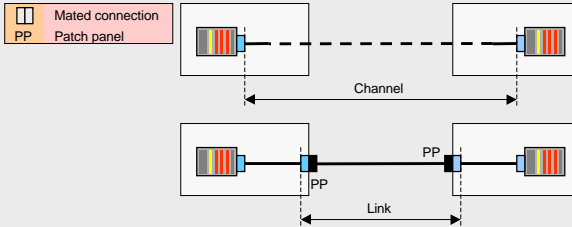
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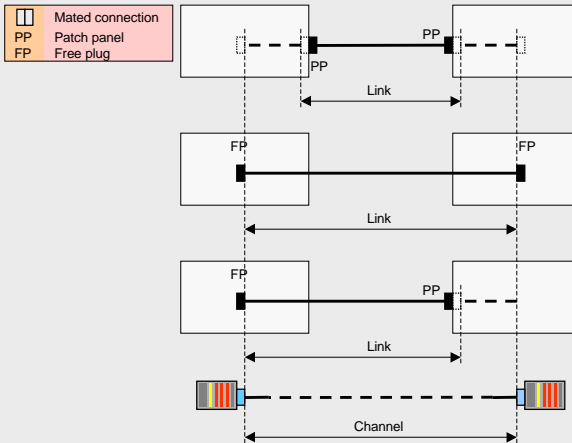


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General Implementations



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The Alternative Approaches

	Optical power budget (dB)		
	MMF	1300nm	SMF
"Channel" approach	APPLICATION	850nm	1310nm
	ISO/IEC 8802-3: 10BASE-FL/FB	12,5 (6,8)	
	ISO/IEC 8802-5: TR 4/16 Mbit/s	13,0 (8,0)	
	ISO/IEC 9314-3 FDDI		11,0 (6,0)
	ISO/IEC DIS 9314-4 FDDI		10,0
	ISO/IEC 8802-3: 100BASE-FX		11,0 (6,0)
	TR 100 Mbit/s		11,0 (6,0)
	CD 14165-1: Fibre Channel-1062	4,0	6,0
	IEEE 802-3: 1000BASE-SX	2,6 (3,56)	
	IEEE 802-3: 1000BASE-LX	2,35	5,0

	Maximum values	x dB	y dB	z dB
"Overall loss" approach				
"Component loss" approach				



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Testing Regimes

TEST REGIME	ITEMS UNDER TEST	TESTING APPROACH	TEST TOOL
Component Acceptance	Cables	Component	OTDR
	Cords	Overall loss	LSPM
Legacy Cabling Acceptance	Links and channels	Component	LSPM
		Overall loss	OTDR
Partial Completion Tests	Links	Component	OTDR
Installed Cabling Acceptance	Links and channels	Overall loss	LSPM
		Component	OTDR
Fault Diagnosis	Links and channels	Component	OTDR

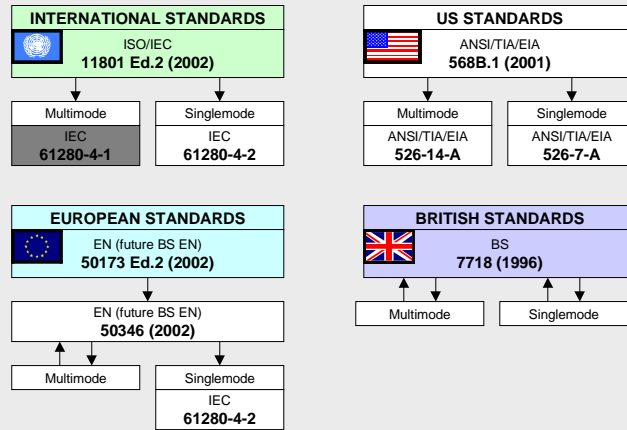


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LSPM Test Method Glossary

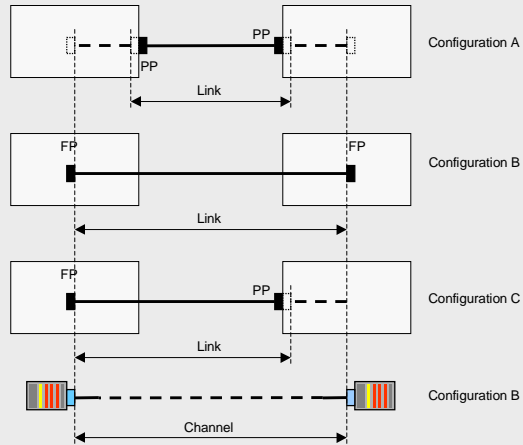
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EN	50346	Information Technology - Testing of installed cabling
TIA/EIA	526-14-A	OFSTP-14A Optical Power Loss Measurement of Installed Multimode Fiber Cable Plant (ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-14A-98)
TIA/EIA	526-7	OFSTP-7 Measurement of Optical Power Loss of Installed Single-Mode Fiber Cable Plant (ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-7-98)

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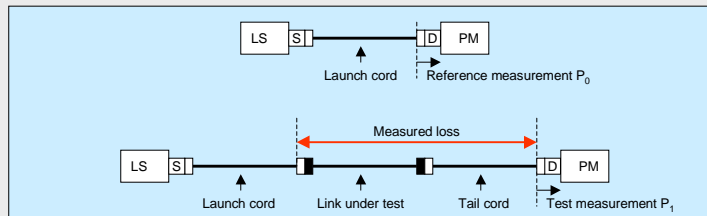
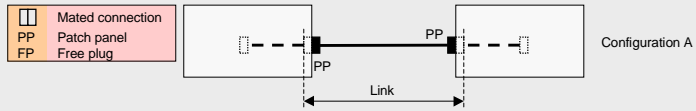


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Configuration A Test Method



Loss = $P_1 - P_0$ (dB)

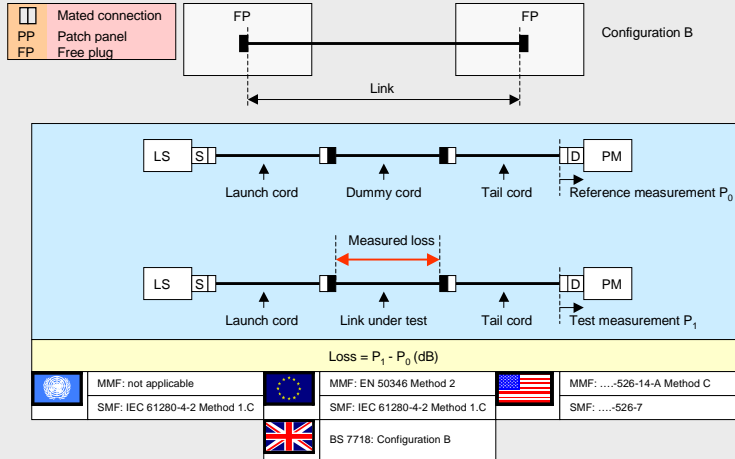
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Configuration B Test Method

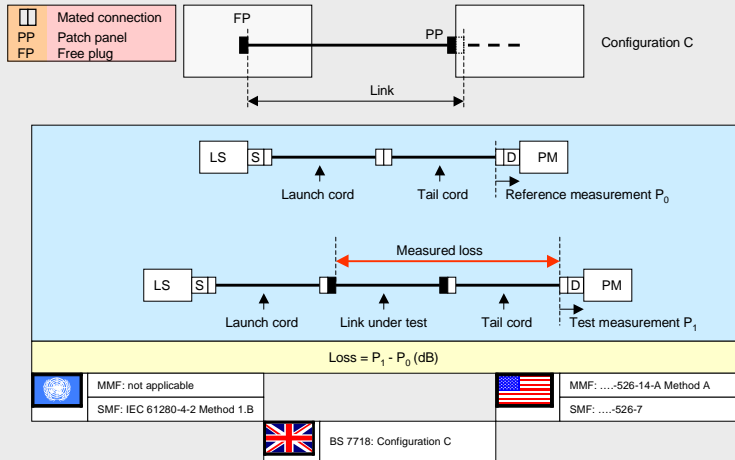


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Configuration C Test Method



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Impact of Incorrect Methods

INSTALLED LINK	METHOD APPLIED	RESULT
CONFIGURATION A	CONFIGURATION A	CORRECT
	CONFIGURATION B	LOW BY 2 CONNECTIONS
	CONFIGURATION C	LOW BY 1 CONNECTION
CONFIGURATION B	CONFIGURATION A	HIGH BY 2 CONNECTIONS
	CONFIGURATION B	CORRECT
	CONFIGURATION C	HIGH BY 1 CONNECTION
CONFIGURATION C	CONFIGURATION A	HIGH BY 1 CONNECTION
	CONFIGURATION B	LOW BY 1 CONNECTION
	CONFIGURATION C	CORRECT

INSTALLED CHANNEL	METHOD APPLIED	RESULT
CONFIGURATION B	CONFIGURATION A	HIGH BY 2 CONNECTIONS
	CONFIGURATION B	CORRECT
	CONFIGURATION C	HIGH BY 1 CONNECTION

All measurements are subject to the fundamental accuracy of the technique



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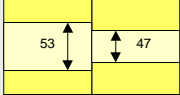
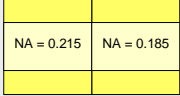
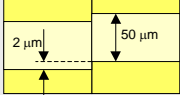
CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1} \right)^2 \right]$ dB from large core to small core (0 dB from small to large)
CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{NA_2}{NA_1} \right)^2 \right]$ dB from large NA to small NA (0 dB from small to large)
CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{1}{90} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{de}{x} \right) - \frac{2xe}{\pi d} \right]$ dB in both directions $e = \left[1 - \left(\frac{x}{d} \right)^2 \right]^{0.5}$



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CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{47}{53} \right)^2 \right]$	= -1.04 dB	Applied statistics and real manufacturing tolerances suggest combined value < -0.35 dB per joint
CORE		$Loss = -10 \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{0.185}{0.215} \right)^2 \right]$	= -1.30 dB	
CORE		Loss	= -0.47 dB	

Measurement accuracy of LSPM systems = 0.7 dB plus other mismatches



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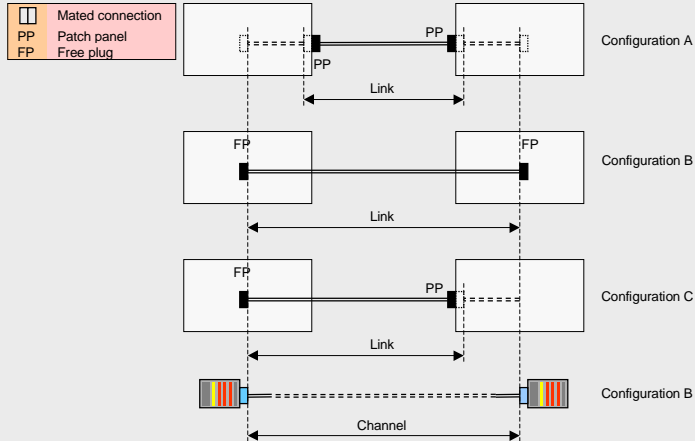


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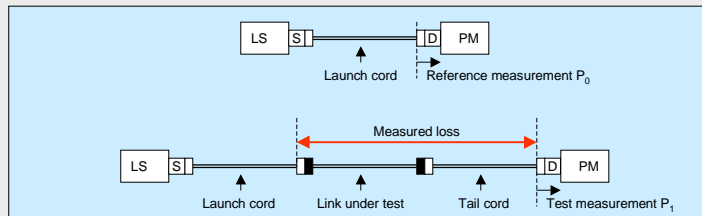
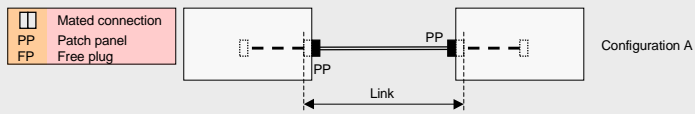


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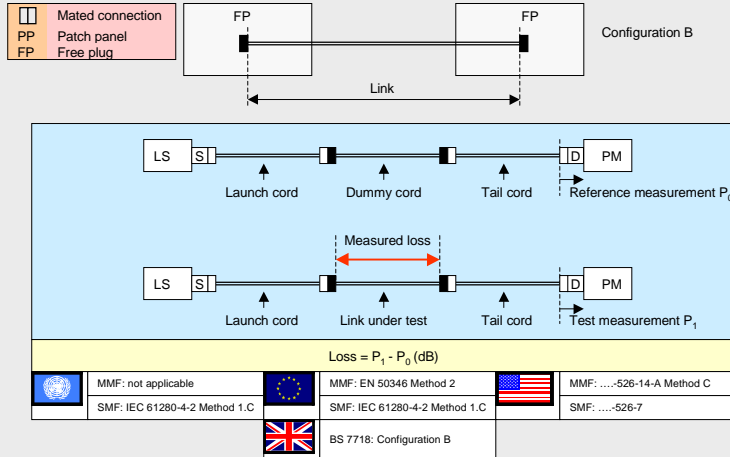
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Duplex Test Equipment

EQUIPMENT TYPE	EQUIPMENT TYPE	GENERAL RULES
Uni-directional duplex		Link testing rules Configuration A: OK Configuration B: OK Configuration C: OK Channel tests: OK
Bi-directional duplex		Link testing rules Configuration A: test as channel Configuration B: OK Configuration C: test as channel Channel tests: OK



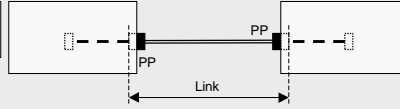
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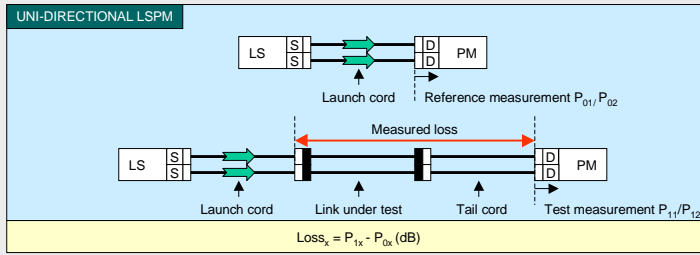


Link Configuration A Test - I

- Mated connection
- Patch panel
- Free plug



Configuration A



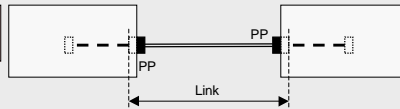
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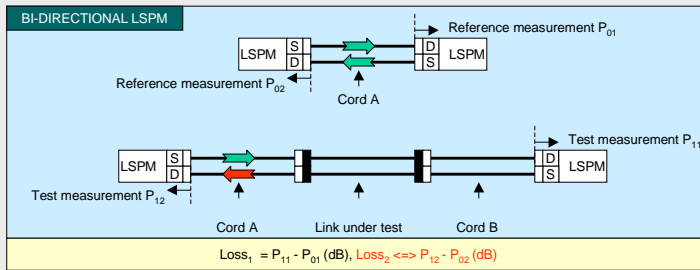


Link Configuration A Test - II

- Mated connection
- Patch panel
- Free plug



Configuration A



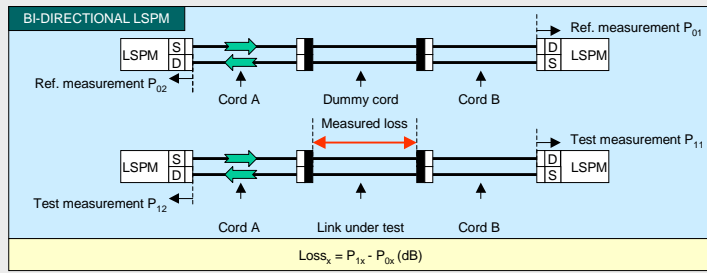
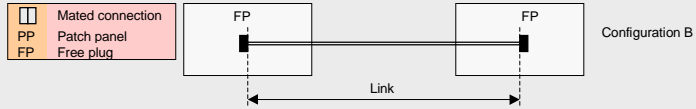
Test measurement P_{12} will be influenced by removal of Cord A from RH LSPM
Unless LSPM guarantees that coupled power into Cord B is the same as Cord A, measurement error may occur

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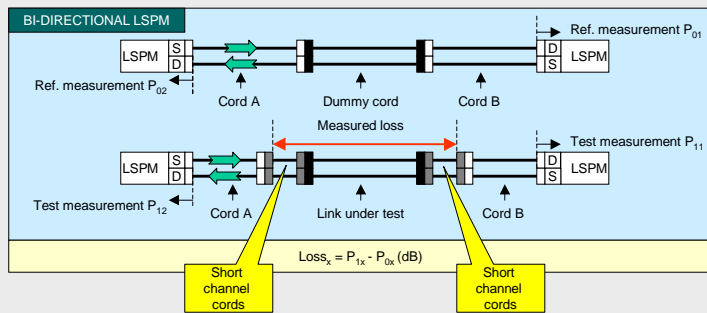
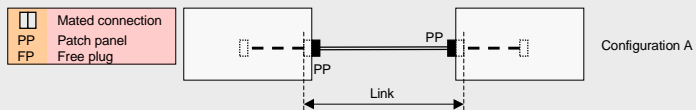


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SFF Connections

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Mating dimensions and gauging of TO connection	
SC Duplex	IEC 60874-19-1




	Wavelength	Multimode OF		Singlemode OF	
		Connection	Splice	Connection	Splice
Return loss (dB min)	All	20dB	NA	35dB	NA
Attenuation (dB max)	All	95%<0.5 100%<0.75	100%<0.3	95%<0.5 100%<0.75	100%<0.3



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Requirements for areas other than the telecommunications outlet

The optical fibre connectors used shall meet the requirements ..., with exception of the physical dimensions.... In areas other than the work area, the choice of connecting hardware is open to all types of optical fibre connectors **standardized by IEC.**

When high density is an important consideration **Small Form Factor** connector designs that accommodate at least two fibres within the footprint of an EN 60603-7 connector are recommended.

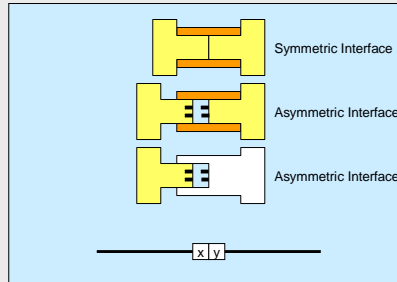
However, where detail specifications produced by IEC or CENELEC in accordance with requirements of do not exist then **assurance should be sought from suppliers that the combinations of components** within connecting hardware are able to meet the optical and mechanical requirements of this clause.



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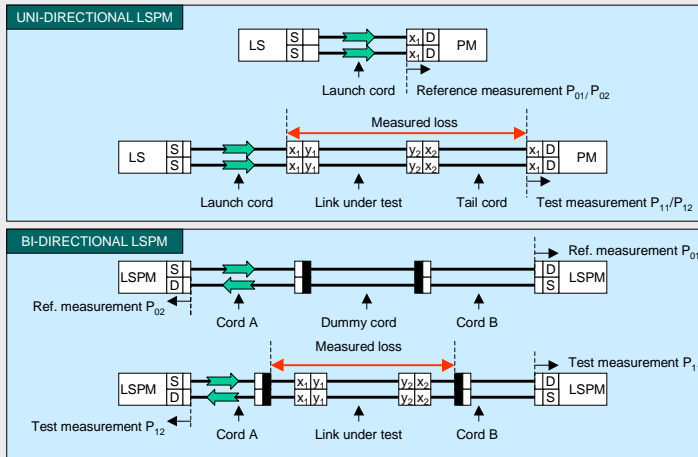
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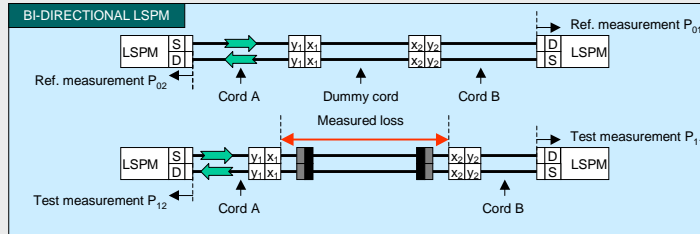
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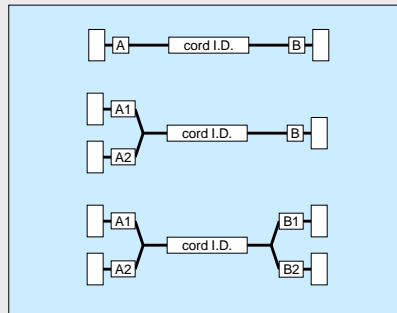
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	Wavelength	Multimode OF			Singlemode OF	
		50/125 or 62.5/125			OS1	
		OM1	OM2	OM3		
Attenuation coefficient (dBkm ⁻¹ max)	850nm	3,5			1310nm	1,0
	1300nm	1,5			1550nm	1,0
Modal bandwidth OFL (MHz.km min)	850nm	200	500	500		
	1300nm	500	500	500		
Modal bandwidth LL (MHz.km min)	850nm	ffs	ffs	2000		
	1300nm	ffs	ffs	ffs		
Propagation delay (ns.m ⁻¹ max)	850nm	5			1310nm	5
	1300nm				1550nm	



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	Wavelength	Multimode OF			Singlemode OF	
		50/125 or 62.5/125			OS1	
		OM1	OM2	OM3		
Attenuation coefficient (dBkm ⁻¹ max)	850nm	3,5			1310nm	1,0
	1300nm	1,5			1550nm	1,0
Modal bandwidth OFL (MHz.km min)	850nm	200	500	1500		
	1300nm	500	500	500		
Modal bandwidth LL (MHz.km min)	850nm	-	-	2000		
	1300nm	-	-	-		
Propagation delay (ns.m ⁻¹ max)	850nm	5			1310nm	5
	1300nm				1550nm	

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Optical Power Budgets

Application			Optical Fibre			
Mb/s	Network	λ	50/125 (OM2)		62.5/125 (OM1)	
			Max. length (m)	OPB max. (dB)	Max. length (m)	OPB max. (dB)
4	Token Ring	850 nm	1857 ¹	8.0	2000	13.0
10	Ethernet		1514 ¹	6.8	2000	12.5
16	Token Ring		1857 ¹	8.0	2000	13.0
100	Ethernet	1300 nm	2000	6.0	2000	11.0
1000	Ethernet	850 nm	550	3.56	275	2.6
1000	Ethernet	1300 nm	550	2.35	550	2.35
10000	Ethernet	850 nm	82	1.80	33	1.60
10000	Ethernet	CWDM/850	300	2.46	300	2.46
			50/125 (OM3)			
10000	Ethernet	850 nm	300	2.59		

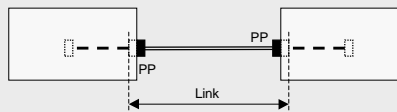
¹ Calculated values using 1.5dB of connecting hardware losses



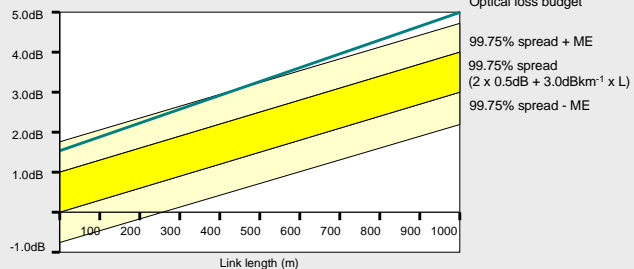
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Measurement Error



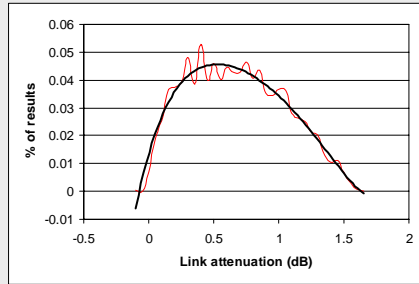
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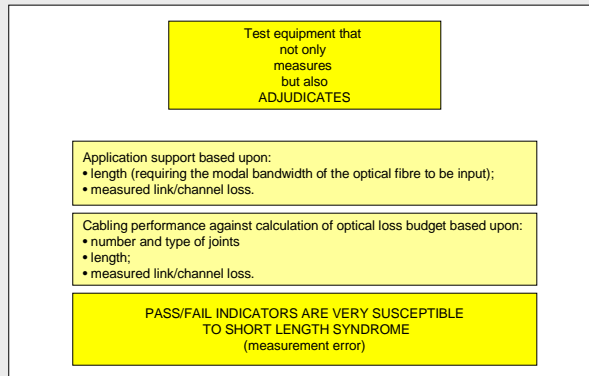
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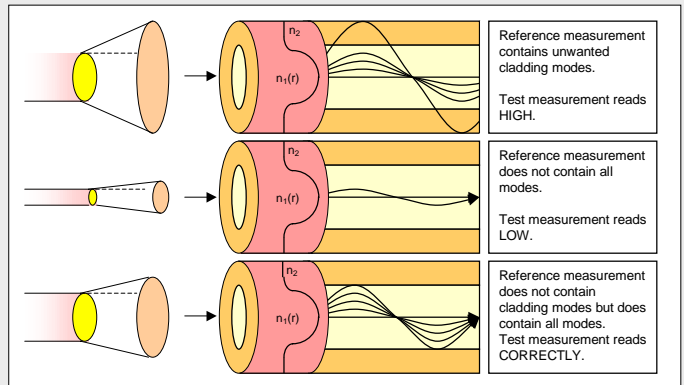
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Test Cord Launch Conditions

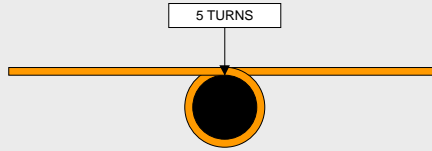
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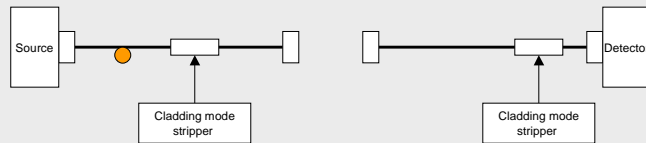
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		62.5/125	Cable	20	62.5/125	Cable	20
		62.5/125	SCOF	17	62.5/125	SCOF	17



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Cladding Mode Stripping



MMF LAUNCH CORD
Mandrel wrap and cladding mode stripper aim to present an equilibrium launch condition

MMF TAIL CORD
Cladding mode stripper provides "core only" light to detector
Removes requirement for bi-directional test



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LASER LSPM Equipment

There is an argument to suggest that MMF cabling to support LASER-based applications should be tested with LASER sources

Reference measurement does not contain all modes.
Test measurement reads LOW.

Test results can vary with test lead handling.

Unless explicitly allowed and documented such equipment should not be used



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OTDR vs. LSPM

SHORT LENGTH SYNDROME
calls LSPM measurements into question
(unless measurement error is "allowed for" in adjudication)

OTDRs can be used to assess and measure individual components
(subject to appropriate techniques)

COMPONENT UP VERIFICATION MAY BECOME MORE COMMON



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FIA Documentation Update

DESIGN		
FIA-TSD-2000-1-1	OPTICAL FIBRE CABLING: LAN APPLICATION SUPPORT GUIDE	JANUARY 2001
	Revision to include mode conditioning cords and 10GBASE-xyz	JANUARY 2002
INSTALLATION		
FIA-TSD-2000-4-2-1	TESTING OF INSTALLED CABLING: ATTENUATION USING LSPM EQUIPMENT	JANUARY 2002
FIA-TSD-2000-4-2-2	TESTING OF INSTALLED CABLING: ATTENUATION USING OTDR EQUIPMENT	mid 2002
SAFETY		
FIA-TSD-2000-5-1	OPTICAL POWER: SAFETY LEVELS	
FIA-TSD-2000-5-2	OPTICAL FIBRE: HANDLING OF PROCESSING CHEMICALS	DECEMBER 2001
FIA-TSD-2000-5-3	OPTICAL FIBRE: DISPOSAL OF WASTE	
MODELLING TOOLS		
	CABLING STRUCTURES COST MODEL	DECEMBER 2001



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READ THE CABLING SPECIFICATION

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

- which standard?
- which issue?

UNDERSTAND THE MARGINS

- undertake a channel design review
- make sure the client understands it

PLAN FOR FAILURE

- can "FAIL" be expected?
- under which conditions?
- what happens next?
- agree process with client

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