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Extinction ratio tester for monitoring



Overview

OZ Optics'' Polarization Extinction Ratio Meter allows one to quickly measure the output extinction ratio of light from a fiber.

Key Takeaways

The attenuation blind zone of an extinction ratio tester refers to the minimum distance or attenuation level below which the tester cannot reliably measure the extinction ratio, and for typical field setups, this can be around 5 meters depending on the device and optical configuration.Understanding Attenuation Blind Zone

The attenuation blind zone is the range or distance at which an extinction ratio tester cannot accurately detect or measure the optical signal due to insufficient power or excessive signal loss. This is particularly relevant when testing laser rangefinders (LRFs) or optical transmitters, where the emitted light may be attenuated by distance, optical components, or variable attenuators .

Measurement Methods

There are two common methods to determine extinction ratio under attenuation:

• Variable Distance Method: The tester measures the extinction ratio by gradually increasing the distance to a reflective target until the device fails to provide a valid reading. The minimum reliable distance defines the blind zone .

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• Fixed Distance with Attenuation: A reference target is placed at a fixed distance (e.g., 5 meters), and a variable attenuation module (VAM) or external attenuators are used to reduce the signal. The maximum attenuation at which the tester still provides accurate readings defines the extinction ratio limit. This method is preferred for repeatable results because it is less sensitive to atmospheric conditions .
Practical Considerations
• Device Type: Extinction ratio testers like the XQ5710 or ROF optical power meter testers can handle single, dual, or multi-channel measurements and are suitable for polarization-maintaining fibers and optical devices .

• Accuracy: Proper calibration, including dark level calibration, is essential to minimize measurement errors caused by offsets or noise .

• Field Setup: For short distances like 5 meters, ensure that the optical alignment is precise and that the attenuation module is capable of fine regulation to avoid entering the blind zone prematurely .
Summary

At 5 meters, the extinction ratio tester may approach its attenuation blind zone if the optical power is low or the attenuation is high. Using a variable attenuation module at a fixed distance allows precise determination of the maximum attenuation the tester can handle while still providing accurate extinction ratio measurements. Proper calibration and alignment are critical to ensure reliable results.

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FOCC9605 polarization extinction ratio tester is a new generation of precision optical detection used for polarization extinction ratio

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