

# MultiFiber™ Pro

Optical Power Meter and Fiber Test Kits

**Users Manual** 

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# MultiFiber™ Pro Fiber Test Kits

# Introduction

The MultiFiber™ Pro meter and source let you measure optical power and power loss in fiber installations that have MTP®/MPO connectors.

In one test, the meter measures optical power or power loss on 12 fibers at one wavelength. The test results include the polarity of the connections (A, B, C, or other). The meter measures at 850 nm, 1300 nm, 1310 nm, or 1550 nm. MultiFiber Pro sources supply optical power at 850 nm, 1310 nm, or 1550 nm.

The meter stores the loss or power measurements for up to 250 12-fiber cables. You can use LinkWare™ PC software to upload the records to a PC and create professional-quality test reports. You can download LinkWare PC from the Fluke Networks website.

# Registration

Registering your product with Fluke Networks gives you access to valuable information on product updates, troubleshooting tips, and other support services. To register, go to the Fluke Networks website and click **Sign In.** 

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# **▲** Safety Information

Table 1 describes the international electrical symbols used on the meter and source and in this manual.

# **Table 1. International Electrical Symbols**

| $\triangle$ | Warning or Caution: risk of damage or destruction to equipment or software. See explanations in the manual. |
|-------------|---|
| A           | Warning: Risk of electric shock.  |

|          | Warning: Class 1 laser. Risk of eye damage from hazardous radiation.  |
|----------|---|
| <u>₹</u> | Do not put products containing circuit boards into the garbage. Dispose of circuits boards in accordance with local regulations.                  |
| C€       | Conforms to requirements of European Union directives. Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. |
| N10140 & | Conforms to relevant Australian EMC standards   |
| C ⊕ ® US | Conforms to relevant North American safety standards. Listed by the Canadian Standards Association.   |

①: This key on the meter and source turns the units on and

# **⚠** Warning **⚠**

To prevent possible fire, electric shock, or personal injury:

Read all safety information before you use the Product.

- Carefully read all instructions.
- Do not open the case. You cannot repair or replace parts in the case.
- Do not modify the Product.
- Use only replacement parts that are approved by Fluke Networks.
- Do not use the Product around explosive gas, vapor, or in damp or wet environments.
- Use this Product indoors only.
- Use the Product only as specified, or the protection supplied by the Product can be compromised.
- Do not use and disable the Product if it is damaged.
- Do not use the Product if it operates incorrectly.
- Batteries contain hazardous chemicals that can cause burns or explode. If exposure to chemicals occurs, clean with water and get medical aid.
- Remove the batteries if the Product is not used for an extended period of time, or if stored in temperatures above 50 °C. If the batteries are not removed, battery leakage can damage the Product.
- The battery door must be closed and locked before you operate the Product.
- Repair the Product before use if the battery leaks.

- Replace the batteries when the low battery indicator shows to prevent incorrect measurements.
- Be sure that the battery polarity is correct to prevent battery leakage.
- Do not disassemble or crush battery cells and battery packs.
- Do not put battery cells and battery packs near heat or fire. Do not put in sunlight.
- Have an approved technician repair the Product.

# **⚠** Warning: Class 1 Laser **♠**

To prevent possible eye damage caused by hazardous radiation:

- Do not look directly into optical connectors (see Figure 2). Some optical equipment emits invisible radiation that can cause permanent damage to your eyes.
- Do not turn on the source unless a fiber is attached to the port.
- When you inspect fiber endfaces, use only magnification devices that have the correct filters.
- Use of controls, adjustments, or procedures not stated herein can possibly result in hazardous radiation exposure.

# **A** Caution

To prevent damage to fiber connectors, to prevent data loss, and to ensure maximum accuracy of test results:

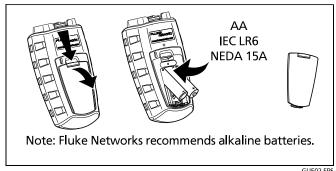
- Use proper cleaning procedures to clean all fiber connectors before every use. Neglecting this step or using improper procedures can cause unreliable test results and may permanently damage the connectors.
- Cover all connectors with protective caps when not in use.
- For correct measurements, connect only APC connectors to the singlemode sources. Connect only non-APC connectors to the multimode source. You can connect APC or non-APC connectors to the meter.
- For singlemode links with APC connectors, you must use Type A test cords and adapters. Type A components correctly align the angles in the connectors.
- Do not connect the source to an active network.
   Doing so can disrupt network operations.
- After you turn on the source, let it warm up for 10 minutes before use. Allow additional time if the source has been stored above or below ambient temperature.

# **Kit Contents**

For a list of the contents of your MultiFiber Pro kit, see the list that came in the product's box or see the lists of models and accessories on the Fluke Networks website. If something is damaged or missing, contact the place of purchase immediately.

# **Battery Installation, Life, and Status**

Figure 1 shows how to install the batteries. The batteries operate for 30 hours minimum in the meter and source. When the batteries are low, the low battery icon (!!) flashes.



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Figure 1. Installing the Batteries

# **Keys and Connectors**

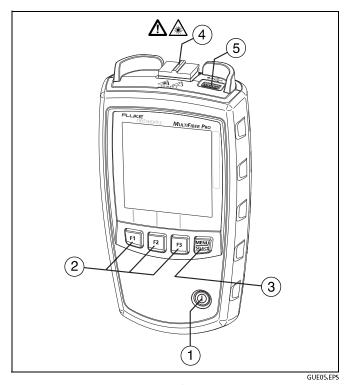


Figure 2. Meter and Source Features

- 1 (1) (1): On/off key.
- (2) F1 F2 F3: Softkeys. The function for each key shows above the key. For access to user preferences, hold down F1 and F3 for 2.5 seconds. See "How to Change User Preferences" on page 9.
- (3) MENU: Meter: Press MENU to change the measurement mode. For access to a menu of test settings and the VIEW RECORD mode, hold down for 2.5 seconds. See item (1) in Figure 3 on page 6.
  - Source: To see modes for the source, hold down for 2.5 seconds. See item (1) in Figure 4 on page 8.
- 4 MTP/MPO connector with self-closing, protective cover.

# **∕**!\ Caution

For correct measurements, connect only APC connectors to the singlemode sources. Connect only non-APC connectors to the multimode source. You can connect APC or non-APC connectors to the meter.

(5) USB port for uploading test records from the meter to a PC. See "Upload Records to a PC" on page 28. You can also use the port to install software updates. See "Update the Software" on page 30.

# **Display Features**

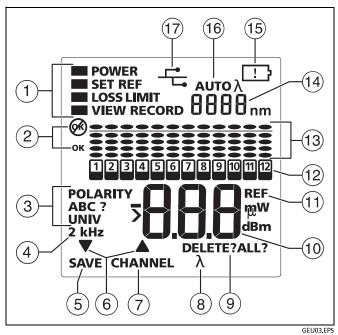


Figure 3. Meter Display Features

(1) Modes for the meter and settings for tests.

To select the POWER, SET REF, or LOSS measurement modes, press . To change settings for measurements or to view records, hold down for 2.5 seconds, then use ▼▲ and will to make selections.

- **POWER**: Use this mode to measure optical power. See "How to Measure Optical Power" on page 12.
- SET REF: Use this mode to set the reference for loss measurements. See "Set the Reference for Loss Measurements" on page 17.
- LOSS: Use this mode to measure loss. See "How to Measure Loss" on page 16.
- LOSS LIMIT: Select this to set the limit for loss measurements. See "Set the Limit for Loss Measurements" on page 16.
- VIEW RECORD: Use this mode to see and delete saved results. See "View Records" on page 25.
- (2) (R): There is a problem with a measurement, or you tried to save a measurement, but the memory is full.

**OK**: All measurements are satisfactory, or the meter saved the results.

- (3) **POLARITY**: The polarity of the connections between the meter and source:
  - A, B, C: The connections use a standard method, A, B, or C. See Figure A-1 on page 38.
  - POLARITY ?: The connections do not use a standard method, one or more fibers are not connected, or **SCAN ALL** is off on the source.
  - UNIV: Shows when modules have the Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems method of polarity management. See Figure B-16 on page 57.
- (4) **2 kHz**: The meter detects a 2 kHz modulated optical signal. This function helps you identify fibers at patch panels. See "How to Identify Cables or Fibers" on page 24.
- (5) **SAVE**: When **SAVE** shows, you can press [f1] to save the power or loss measurement or the reference value.
- (6)  $\nabla \triangle$ : The arrow icons show when you can use  $\boxed{\mathsf{F1}} \nabla$  or F2  $\triangle$  to scroll through selections or change settings.
- (7) **CHANNEL**: When you measure power or loss, press [F2] to scroll through the measurements for the channels.
- (8)  $\lambda$ : When the source is not in auto wavelength mode, press [F2]  $\lambda$  to change the wavelength.

- (9) **DELETE**: In **VIEW RECORD** mode, use [F3] **DELETE** to delete the selected record or all records. See "Delete Records" on page 26.
- (10) Numeric display with units for loss (dB) and power measurements (mW, µW, dBm).
- (11) **REF** (reference): Shows when you save the reference level. See "Set the Reference for Loss Measurements" on page 17.
- (12) 12: Channel indicator. When the source's SCAN ALL function is on, the channel indicator is on the channel that you select. When the source's **SCAN ALL** function is off, the indicator stays on the channel you select on the source. The numbers for the channels flash in sequence when the meter measures power or loss.
- (13) The bargraphs show relative value of the loss or power measurement for each channel. For power measurements, see Figure 7 on page 14. For loss measurements, see Figure 9 on page 21.
- (14) Numeric display for the wavelength.
- : When the batteries are low, the low battery icon flashes.

- (16) AUTO  $\lambda$  shows when the source transmits a wavelength identifier, and the meter changes its wavelength setting to agree with the source. When only  $\lambda$  shows, you must press F3  $\lambda$  on the meter to select the correct wavelength. See page "Auto Wavelength Function" on page 11.
- 17 : This icon shows when the meter is connected to a PC through the USB port.

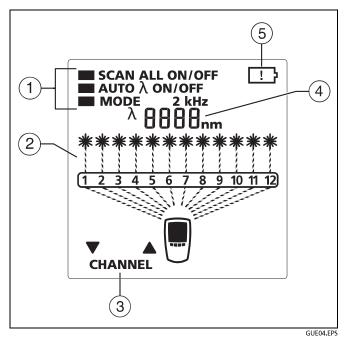


Figure 4. Source Display Features

- (1) Modes for the source (to see the menu, hold down [see] for 2.5 seconds):
  - SCAN ALL ON: The source changes the channel automatically.

**SCAN ALL OFF**: You press F1 ▼ or F2 ▲ to change the channel.

- AUTO  $\lambda$ : ON: The source transmits a wavelength identifier that a MultiFiber Pro meter can read.
  - **OFF**: The source does not transmit a wavelength identifier because the source is in 2 kHz mode. See page "Auto Wavelength Function" on page 11.
- MODE 2 kHz: The output is a 2 kHz modulated optical signal. Use this mode to identify fibers at patch panels. See "How to Identify Cables or Fibers" on page 24.
- **SET**  $\lambda$ : Lets you change the wavelength when **AUTO** λ is OFF.
- (2) Shows the channel that is active.
- (3) CHANNEL: When SCAN ALL is OFF, press F1 ▼ or F2 ▲ to change the channel.
- (4) Numeric display for the wavelength.

(5) : When the batteries are low, the low battery icon

# **How to Change User Preferences**

Table 2 describes the user preferences you can set for the meter and source.

### To set user preferences for the meter or source

- For the meter: Make sure the meter is in power or loss measurement mode.
  - For the source: Make sure the source is in signal output mode.
- Hold down [F1] and [F3] together for 2.5 seconds.
- To change a setting, press F2  $\triangle$ . Or press F1 if  $\nabla$ shows.
- To see the next setting, press [SELEC].
- To save the settings and exit setup mode, hold down F1 and F3 for 2.5 seconds.

**Table 2. User Preferences** 

| Setting                      | Choices  |
|------------------------------|--|
| off off                      | Turn the backlight off or on.  |
| <br>20<br>30<br>             | The meter and source turn off automatically if you do not press any keys for the selected period of minutes.  To disable this function, select the dashes.   |
| ñth<br>dAY<br>Yr<br>hr<br>ñn | Meter only: Month (nth), day (dfly), year (yr), hour (hr), and minutes (nn). The meter includes the date and time with measurements you save. The hour is in 24-hour format. To see the date and time in saved records, look at the records in LinkWare PC software. |
| Sof<br>FAC                   | SoF: The software version number.  FRE: Meter only. The factory calibration date.  |
|                              | See "See the Software Version and Calibration Date" on page 30.  |

# **Polarity Detection**

You can use the MultiFiber Pro meter and source to see the polarity of MTP/MPO patch cords and cables. The signals from the source include the channel numbers. The meter compares the transmitted numbers to the numbers of the channels that received the signals. The meter can then show the polarity of the connections:

- A, B, C: The connections use a standard method, A, B, or C. See Figure A-1 on page 38.
- POLARITY ?: The connections do not use a standard method, one or more fibers are not connected, or SCAN ALL is off on the source.
- UNIV: Shows when modules have the Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems method of polarity management. See Figure B-16 on page 57.

# 2 kHz Mode

The source has a 2 kHz modulated output mode that you can use to identify fibers. See "How to Identify Cables or Fibers" on page 24.

### To select 2 kHz mode

- 1 On the source, hold down for 2.5 seconds, press F1 ▼ or F2 ▲ to put the cursor next to MODE, then press to make 2 kHz show.
- 2 To save the setting and exit setup mode, hold down for 2.5 seconds.

### Notes

When the source is in 2 kHz mode and the meter is in loss measurement mode, (A), the bargraphs, Err, and 2 kHz flash on the meter's display, and you cannot save measurements.

The source's auto wavelength function does not operate when you use 2 kHz mode.

# **Auto Wavelength Function**

The signal from the source includes an identifier that tells the meter which wavelength to measure. The source transmits the auto wavelength signal unless it is in 2 kHz mode. When you select 2 kHz mode, the source's AUTO  $\lambda$  setting automatically changes to OFF.

# **How to Clean MTP/MPO Connectors**

Always clean and inspect endfaces in fiber connectors before you make connections. Fluke Networks recommends that you use a mechanical cleaner, such as the Fluke Networks  $IBC^{TM}$  OneClick Cleaner, to clean connectors.

To use a OneClick cleaner to clean MTP/MPO connectors

# **⚠** Caution

To prevent damage to the device and to connectors and to keep contamination off of endfaces, read all instructions and obey all safety precautions given in the instructions for the device you use to clean connectors.

- 1 To clean a bulkhead connector, remove the cap from the cleaner. To clean the connector on a fiber cable, remove only the tip of the cap. See Figure 5.
- Push the cleaner into the connector, then turn the dial on the cleaner until you hear a loud click. Then remove the cleaner.
- 3 Use a fiber microscope, such as the FT600 FiberInspector™ Mini Video Microscope, to inspect the connector. If necessary, clean and inspect the connector again.

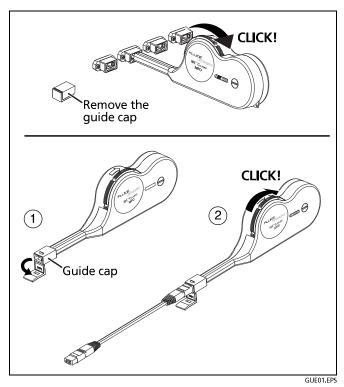


Figure 5. How to Use the OneClick Cleaner for MTP/MPO Connectors

# **How to Measure Optical Power**

A power measurement shows the optical power level from a source such as an optical network interface card or optical test equipment.

The meter can show power measurements in watts or dBm.

# To change the unit for power measurements

- On the meter, hold down for 2.5 seconds to enter setup mode.
- With the cursor next to **POWER**, press (SREET), then press F1 ▼ or F2 ▲ to select W (watts) or dBm (decibels relative to 1 milliwatt).
  - The meter automatically shows watts as milliwatts (mW) or microwatts (µW).
- To save the setting and exit setup mode, press ( then hold down steet for 2.5 seconds.

### To measure power

- 1 Clean and inspect all connectors.
- 2 On the meter, press ster to make **POWER** show.
- 3 Make the connections shown in Figure 6.
- On the meter, press  $[F3]\lambda$  to select the wavelength of 4 the source if necessary.
- 5 To see the power measurement for the next channel, press F2 CHANNEL.

### Notes

When you measure the power from a network interface card, the power level can change when the data rate changes.

**2 kHz** flashes and you cannot save measurements if the meter is connected to a MultiFiber Pro source that is set to 2 kHz mode.

To save the measurements, make sure the meter has done a scan through all 12 channels, then press F1 **SAVE.** The meter briefly shows the record number and **OK.** The record number shown is for fiber number 12 in the cable.

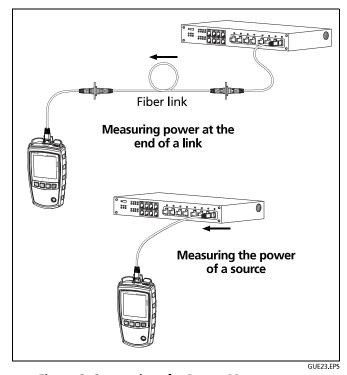


Figure 6. Connections for Power Measurements

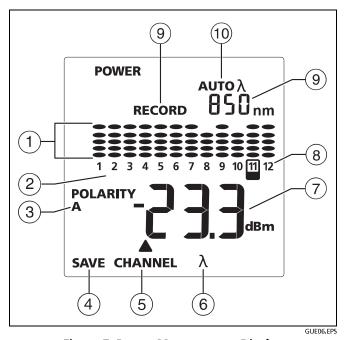


Figure 7. Power Measurement Display

(1) The difference (in dB) between the level of power on each channel and the maximum power of all 12 channels:



At regular intervals, the meter finds the maximum power level again and adjusts the bargraphs as necessary.

- (2) The channel for the measurement shown ((7)). To change the channel, press F2.
- (3) **POLARITY**: The polarity of the connections between the meter and source:

### Note

The polarity indication shows on the meter only when the source's SCAN ALL function is on and all fibers are connected.

- A, B, C: The connections use a standard method, A, B, or C. See Figure A-1 on page 38.
- POLARITY ?: The connections do not use a standard method, one or more fibers are not connected, or **SCAN ALL** is off on the source.

- UNIV: Shows when modules have the Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems method of polarity management. See Figure B-16 on page 57.
- (4) Press F1 SAVE to save the measurements.

SAVE does not show if the source is set to 2 kHz

- (5) **CHANNEL**: Press [F2] to see the measurement from the next channel.
- (6)  $\lambda$  shows when the source does not transmit a wavelength identifier. Press  $|F3|\lambda$  to see the measurements for another wavelength.
- (7) The power measurement in watts (W, mW, µW) or decibels (dBm). To change the unit, see "To change the unit for power measurements" on page 12.
- (8) The numbers for the channels flash in sequence when the meter measures power.
- (9) These sections switch between the wavelength that the meter measures (nm shows) and the record number for the next record you save (RECORD shows).

(10) **AUTO**  $\lambda$  shows when the source transmits a wavelength identifier and the meter changes its wavelength setting to agree with the source. When only  $\lambda$  shows, you must press [F3]  $\lambda$  on the meter to select the correct wavelength. See page "Auto Wavelength Function" on page 11.

# Power Measurements on 8- and 10-Fiber Cables

The meter lets you measure power on MTP/MPO cables made for 40G and 100G standards:

- On 40G cables, the four middle fibers are dark. On 100G cables, one fiber on each side of the connector is dark.
- The meter shows -99 dB and no ovals for the dark fibers.
- When the meter sees the 40G or 100G configuration, it saves power measurements for only the 8 or 10 other fibers.

## **How to Measure Loss**

The loss measurement shows how much optical power is lost in the fiber and connectors of a link.

# **Measure the Loss of Your Test Cords**

To make sure your loss measurements on fiber installations are reliable, you must use good test cords. To make sure the cords are good, measure and record their loss at regular intervals. Use the procedures given in the next sections to set the reference and measure loss, but connect the test cord where the figures show the fiber link.

### Note

A cord that qualifies as a test reference cord usually has a mated loss of 0.1 dB or less, but for cords with MPO connectors this is not possible. A typical minimum loss of a high-quality cord with MPO connectors is 0.35 dB.

### **Set the Limit for Loss Measurements**

The meter compares loss measurements to a limit to give a status of **OK** or **OK** to the measurements. If a measurement for a channel exceeds the limit, **OK** flashes, the bargraph for that channel flashes, and the bargraph shows an oval above the limit line on the display.

You can set the limit from 0.05 dB to 50.0 dB. The increments are 0.05 dB up to 10.0 dB and 0.1 dB up to 50.0 dB. The default is 1.5 dB.

### To set the limit

- 1 On the meter, hold down for 2.5 seconds to see the setup menu, press 1 ▼ to put the cursor next to LOSS LIMIT, then press to put the meter in the loss limit mode. (see Figure 7 on page 14).
- While LOSS LIMIT shows, press F1 ▼ or F2 ▲ to decrease or increase the limit value. To change the value quickly, hold down the key.
- To save the setting and exit setup mode, press then, hold down for 2.5 seconds.

### About the Reference

The reference is the baseline power level for loss measurements. Regular referencing helps account for minor variations in source power and connection integrity. Also, since the reference is the baseline for measurements, the losses of the test cords and adapters used for referencing are excluded from test results.

For the most accurate test results, you should set the reference at these times:

- At the beginning of each day.
- Anytime you reconnect a test cord to the source.
- Anytime you see a negative loss measurement.

# Set the Reference for Loss Measurements



For correct measurements, connect only APC connectors to the singlemode sources. Connect only non-APC connectors to the multimode source.

For singlemode links with APC connectors, you must use Type A test cords and adapters. Type A components correctly align the angles in the connectors.

- Clean the connectors on the meter, source, and a test
- Turn on the meter and source and let them warm up for 10 minutes. Allow more time if the equipment has been stored above or below ambient temperature.
- Make connections to set the reference. Figure 8 on page 19 shows reference connections for links with unpinned connectors. Appendix B shows connections for links with other types of connectors and for fiber modules. On the source, hold down [SEE] for 2.5 seconds to see the setup menu, then select these settings:
  - SCAN ALL: ON
  - MODE: 2 kHz does not show
- On the meter, press (SEEC) to make **SET REF** show.
- If necessary, press F2 CHANNEL to see the power measurement for each channel to make sure they are satisfactory.

(continued)

If a power level is lower than -27.5 dBm (1.78  $\mu$ W) or if Err and  $\bigcirc$ 8 show, look for these problems:

- There is a bad connection, a dirty connector, or a damaged fiber or connector. Clean and inspect all connectors, then do the reference procedure again.
- An unpinned connector is used where a pinned connector is necessary.
- The source is in **2 kHz** mode. Turn off **2 kHz** mode, then do the reference procedure again. See page 11.
- The power measurement on a channel is different from the measurement on an adjacent channel by 3 dB or more. This usually shows that a connection is bad, a connector is dirty, or fiber or connector on the patch cord is bad. Clean and inspect all connectors, then do the reference procedure again.
- To save the reference measurements, press [F1] **SAVE.**The meter saves the measurements and the display briefly shows r E F, **OK** and **REF.** Then the meter goes into loss measurement mode.
  - If the display shows Err and  $\bigcirc$ , look for the problems given in step 5.

# **∧** Caution

If you disconnect test cord 1 from the source after you set the reference, you must set the reference again to make sure the loss measurements are reliable.

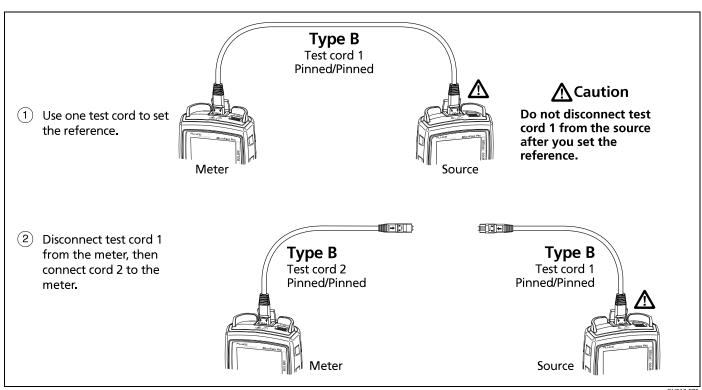


Figure 8. Reference Connections for Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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### **Measure Loss**

- 1 Set the reference as described on page 17.
- 2 Make sure the limit is correct. To see the limit, hold down for 2.5 seconds, press F1 ▼ to put the cursor next to LOSS LIMIT, then press well.
- 3 Clean and inspect the connectors on the link and on the required test cords.
- 4 Disconnect the test cord from the meter, then make the appropriate connections. Figure 9 on page 21 shows connections for a link with unpinned connectors. Appendix B shows connections for other types of links and connectors and for fiber modules.

# **∧**Caution

Do not disconnect test cord 1 from the source. If you do, you must set the reference again to make sure the loss measurements are reliable.

For singlemode links with APC connectors, you must use Type A test cords and adapters. Type A components correctly align the angles in the connectors.

- 5 On the source, select these settings:
  - SCAN ALL: ON

- MODE: 2 kHz does not show
- On the meter, press to make LOSS show. Figure Figure 10 on page 22 shows the display for loss measurements.

### Notes

Err and flash and you cannot save measurements if the wavelength setting on the meter is not the wavelength you used to set the reference.

**2 kHz**, Err, and **6** flash and you cannot save measurements if the source is set to **2 kHz** mode.

7 To save the measurements, make sure the meter has done a scan through all 12 channels, then press f1

SAVE. The meter briefly shows the record number and OK. The record number shown is for the number 12 fiber in the cable.

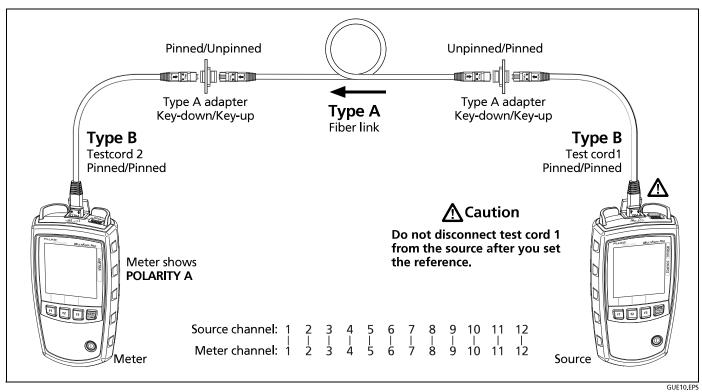


Figure 9. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type A Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

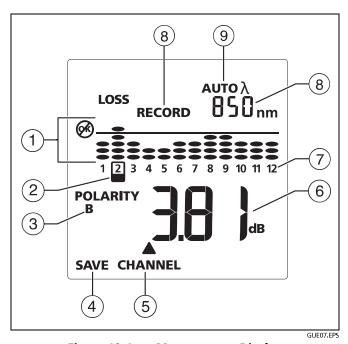
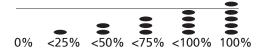


Figure 10. Loss Measurement Display

(1) The levels of power loss relative to the limit you set:



- When all ovals are below the line for a channel, the measurement for that channel is below the limit you set.
- If the loss for a channel exceeds the limit, the oval above the line is on and the bargraph for that channel flashes. for any channel exceeds the limit.
- (2) The channel for the measurement shown ((7)). To change the channel, press F2 CHANNEL.
- 3 **POLARITY**: The polarity of the connections between the meter and source:

### Note

The polarity indication shows on the meter only when the source's SCAN ALL function is on and all fibers are connected.

• A, B, C: The connections use a standard method, A, B, or C. See Figure A-1 on page 38.

- POLARITY ?: The connections do not use a standard method, one or more fibers are not connected, or **SCAN ALL** is off on the source.
- UNIV: Shows when modules have the Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems method of polarity management. See Figure B-16 on page 57.
- (4) Press F1 SAVE to save the measurements.

### Note

SAVE does not show if the source is set to 2 kHz mode or if the wavelength setting on the meter is not the wavelength you used to set the reference.

- (5) CHANNEL: Press F2 CHANNEL to see the measurement from the next channel.
- (6) The loss measurement in decibels (dB).

### Note

If loss is negative, of flashes and the meter shows the measurement for the channel that has the largest negative loss. See "If Loss is Negative" on page 23.

(7) The numbers for the channels flash in sequence when the meter measures loss.

- (8) These sections switch between the wavelength that the meter measures (nm shows) and the record number for the next record you save (RECORD shows).
- (9) **AUTO**  $\lambda$  shows when the source transmits a wavelength identifier, and the meter changes its wavelength setting to agree with the source. See "Auto Wavelength Function" on page 11.

### Loss Measurements on 8- and 10-Fiber Cables

The meter lets you set a reference and measure loss on MTP/MPO cables made for 40G and 100G standards:

- On 40G cables, the four middle fibers are dark, On 100G cables, one fiber on each side of the connector is dark.
- When the meter sees the 40G or 100G configuration, it does not show information for the dark fibers.
- The meter saves loss measurements for only the 8 or 10 other fibers.

# If Loss is Negative

A negative loss measurement occurs when the measured power level is more than the reference power level. If the loss is negative by more than -0.09 dB, @ and the measurement flash on the meter.

Negative loss can be caused by the following:

- The fiber ends were dirty when you set the reference.
- The patch cord connected to the source was disconnected after you set the reference.
- There was a kink in a test cord when you set the
- The connectors were not properly aligned when you set the reference.
- The meter and source were not set to the same wavelengths when you set the reference or measured
- The meter or source was much colder when you set the reference.
- You did not allow enough time for the source to warm up before you set the reference.
- You measured loss on a fiber that is shorter than the test cord you used to set the reference.

If loss is negative, set the reference again then measure loss again.

# **How to Identify Cables or Fibers**

You can use the 2 kHz modulated signal from the source to identify cables or fibers at patch panels. The meter shows 2 kHz on the display when it detects the modulated signal.

To use the 2 kHz mode to identify cables or fibers

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For correct measurements, connect only APC connectors to the singlemode sources. Connect only non-APC connectors to the multimode source.

- Connect the source to the far end of the cabling.
- On the source, hold down will the setup menu shows. If SCAN ALL is OFF, press MENU to set it to ON.
  - Press  $\boxed{F2}$   $\triangle$  to put the cursor next to **MODE**, then press to make 2 kHz show.
- On the meter, press to put the meter in power measurement mode. You can also select loss measurement mode, but the display is easier to read in power measurement mode. If necessary, press  $^{\text{F3}}\lambda$  to set the meter to the same wavelength as the source.

### Note

The source's auto wavelength function does not operate when you use 2 kHz mode.

To identify cables, use an MTP/MPO cable to connect the meter to cable outlets. To identify fibers, use a breakout cable to connect the meter to single or duplex fiber outlets.

When the meter receives the 2 kHz signal from the source, 2 kHz shows on the meter.

If you use a breakout cable to connect the meter to an outlet, the channel indicator on the meter moves to the channel that is connected to the source. You can also turn off the SCAN ALL function on the source, then change the channel on the source to identify connections.

# **Memory Functions**

The meter stores the loss or power measurements for up to 250 12-fiber cables. Each record contains the measurement for one fiber in a 12-fiber cable, for a maximum of 3000 records. For example, records 1 through 12 contain the measurements for the 12 fibers in one cable and records 13-24 contain the measurements for the 12 fibers in the next cable.

If memory is full, the meter shows of and Full when you try to save measurements.

# **View Records**

- Hold down for 2.5 seconds, press F2 to put the cursor next to VIEW RECORD, then press MENU (SELECT). If no records are saved, dashes show for the record
  - number and the measurement.
- To scroll through the measurements for each fiber in a cable, press  $[F1] \nabla$  or  $[F2] \triangle$ .
  - To scroll through the measurements for the same fiber number in each cable, press  $\boxed{F1} \nabla$  or  $\boxed{F2} \triangle$  to select a fiber, then hold down F1 ▼ or F2 ▲. In this mode, the record number increases or decreases by 12.
- To exit the view record mode, press [SERT]

Note

Each record includes the date and time when the measurement was saved. To see the date and time, look at the records in LinkWare PC software.

### **Delete Records**

You can delete one set of 12 records, or you can delete all the records in memory.

### To delete one set of 12 records

### Note

When you delete a set of 12 records, that set stays empty until you delete all records and save new ones.

- 1 Hold down will the setup menu shows, press F1 ▼ to put the cursor next to VIEW RECORD, then press well.
- 2 Use F1 ▼ or F2 ▲ to select the set of records to delete. See Figure 11 on page 27.
- 3 Press F3 DELETE. The display shows DELETE?.

  To exit the delete mode and not delete the records, press F1, F2, or F2.
- 4 Hold down F3 **DELETE?** until **OK** shows. The 12 fibers show --- for their measurements, and no bargraphs show.
- 5 To exit the view record mode, press [HEN].

## To delete all the records in memory

- Hold down until the setup menu shows, press [7] to put the cursor next to VIEW RECORD, then press [8].
- 2 Hold down F3 DELETE until the display shows DELETE ALL?, then release F3.
  - To exit the delete mode and not delete the records, press [F1], [F2], or [F1].
- 3 To delete all records, hold down [3] DELETE ALL?. As the meter deletes the records, the display shows the percentage of records deleted. At 100 percent, OK shows. Then the meter goes back to the power or loss measurement mode

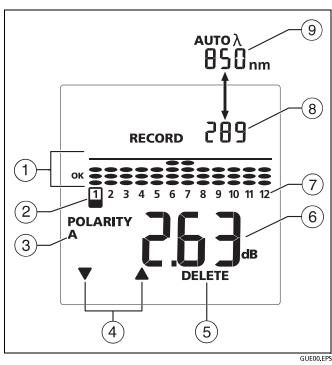


Figure 11. View Record Display (loss measurement shown)

- (1) The relative level of power or power loss measured on the channel. For loss measurements, the limit line and OK or know. See Figure 7 on page 14 and Figure 10 on page 22 for descriptions of these measurements.
- (2) The channel for the measurement shown ((6)). To change the channel, press  $(F1) \nabla$  or  $(F2) \triangle ((4))$ .
- (3) **POLARITY**: The polarity used for the connections between the meter and source.
- (4) To change the channel for the measurement shown (6), press  $\boxed{F1} \lor \text{or} \boxed{F2} \blacktriangle$ .
- 5 Use F3 DELETE to delete records. See "Delete Records" on page 26.
- (6) The measurement for the selected channel. To see the measurement for the next channel, press F1 ▼ or F2 ▲.

If the 12 records for a cable have been deleted, --shows for each channel.

- 7 The fiber number.
- (8) The record number for the measurement shown.
- (9) The wavelength for the measurement. **AUTO**  $\lambda$  shows if the source was in auto wavelength mode during the measurement.

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# To use LinkWare PC software to delete all the records in memory

- Install the latest version of LinkWare PC software on your PC. You can download LinkWare PC from the Fluke Networks website.
- 2 Turn on the meter.
- 3 Connect the meter to the PC with the USB cable provided, as shown in Figure 12.
- 4 Start LinkWare PC software on the PC.
- 5 On the LinkWare PC toolbar, select Utilities > MultiFiber Pro > Delete All Tests in Memory.

### **Upload Records to a PC**

- 1 Install the latest version of LinkWare PC software on your PC. You can download LinkWare PC from the Fluke Networks website.
- 2 Turn on the meter.
- 3 Connect the meter to the PC with the USB cable provided, as shown in Figure 12.
- 4 Start LinkWare PC software on the PC.
- 5 Click **Import** on the LinkWare PC tool bar, then select **MultiFiber Pro**.

- 6 Enter project information, then click **OK.**
- Import all records from the meter or select records to import.

#### Note

The record numbers from the meter are in the Cable ID column in LinkWare PC. LinkWarePCuses the cable number you entered as the first character in the IDs.

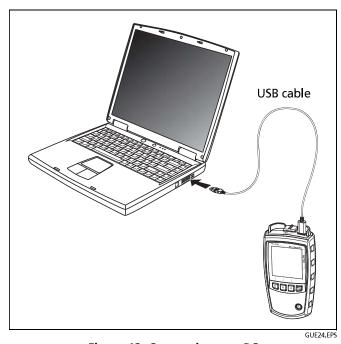


Figure 12. Connecting to a PC

#### **Maintenance**

# **⚠** Warning **⚠**

To avoid possible fire, electric shock, personal injury, or damage to the tester:

- Do not open the case. No user-serviceable parts are
- Replacing electrical parts yourself will void the tester's warranty and might compromise its safety
- Use only specified replacement parts for userreplaceable items.
- Use only Fluke Networks authorized service centers.

#### Clean the Meter and Source

Clean the display with glass cleaner and a soft, lint-free cloth. Clean the case with a soft cloth dampened with water or water and a mild soap.

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To prevent damage to the display or the case, do not use solvents or abrasive materials.

Clean the optical connector as described on page 11.

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# See the Software Version and Calibration Date

The displays can show the software versions for the meter and source and the calibration date for the meter. Calibration is not necessary for the source, so the source does not show a date.

#### To see the software version and calibration date

- Turn on the meter or source, then hold down [f1] and [f3] together for 2.5 seconds.
- 2 Press until the display shows 5 a F then a number. The number is the software version
- 3 On the meter, press again. The large characters shows F R L then one or two digits.

The large digits show the year of the last calibration.
The four small digits show the day and month (DDMM)
of the last calibration.

#### **Update the Software**

## Caution

To prevent unexpected loss of power when you update the software, put new batteries in the meter and source if the low-battery icon shows (!!)).

#### Note

The software update procedure does not delete the test records in the meter or the user preferences in the meter or source.

- Install the latest version of LinkWare PC software on your PC. You can download LinkWare PC from the Fluke Networks website.
- 2 Download the MultiFiber Pro update file from the Fluke Networks website, or contact Fluke Networks to get the update by other methods. Save the file to your hard drive.

#### Note

The update file is in a zipped folder. You must extract the file before you can install the update in the meter or source.

Extract the update file (.mfp extension) from the zipped folder.

- 4 Connect the meter or source to the PC with the USB cable provided, as shown in Figure 12.
- On the LinkWare PC menu, select Utilities > MultiFiber Pro > Software Update, find and select the update file, then click Open.
  - The meter or source display shows UP or during the installation process.
- 6 To make sure the update was installed correctly, look at the software versions on the meter and source. See "See the Software Version and Calibration Date" on page 30.

# **Options and Accessories**

For a complete list of options and accessories visit the Fluke Networks website at www.flukenetworks.com.

# **Specifications**

#### **Environmental**

| Operating temperature       | -10°C to +50°C  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Storage temperature         | -20°C to +50°C  |
| Operating humidity          | 95% (10°C to +35°C) non-condensing<br>75% (35°C to +50°C) non-condensing<br>Uncontrolled <10°C  |
| Operating altitude          | 4,000 m   |
| Storage altitude            | 12,000 m  |
| Vibration                   | Random 2 G, 5 Hz to 500 Hz  |
| Ingress protection rating   | IEC 60529: IP40   |
| Pollution degree            | IEC 61010-1: Pollution degree 2, IEC 60825-1: Class 1   |
| Electromagnetic environment | IEC 61326-1: Portable   |
| Emissions classification    | IEC CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A  Group 1 have intentionally generated and/or use conductively coupled radio-frequency energy which is necessary for the internal functioning of the equipment itself. Class A equipment is suitable for use in non-domestic locations and/or directly connected to a low-voltage power supply network. |

#### Meter

Specifications apply at 23°C (73°F), unless otherwise noted.

| Detector type                   | InGaAs  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Calibrated wavelengths          | 850 nm, 1300 nm, 1310 nm, 1550 nm   |
| Measurement range               | 0 dBm to -50 dBm  |
| Test time                       | 6 seconds   |
| Power measurement linearity     | ±0.1 dB <sup>1,2</sup>  |
| Power measurement uncertainty   | ±0.35 dB <sup>2</sup>   |
| Power measurement repeatability | < 0.10 dB <sup>2</sup>  |
| Display resolution, dB or dBm   | 0.01 dB   |
| Power display units             | dBm, mW, μW   |
| User-selectable limit for loss  | 0.05 dB to 50.0 dB, in increments of 0.05 dB up to 10.0 dB and 0.1 dB up to 50.0 dB |
| Auto wavelength detection       | Yes   |
| Polarity detection              | Detects A, B, C, and Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems polarities              |

<sup>2.</sup> For a continuous-wave optical signal.

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## **Meter (continued)**

| 2 kHz detection           | Yes   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Record storage            | 3000 records, one fiber per record (250 12-fiber cables)  |  |
| External interface        | USB 2.0, full speed   |  |
| Optical connector         | MTP/MPO interface for 12-fiber, unpinned plugs. Compatible with 62.5 μm, 50 μm, and singlemode fibers, PC or APC. Connector has a self-closing, protective cover. |  |
| Power requirement         | 2 AA alkaline batteries   |  |
| Battery life <sup>3</sup> | >30 hours (typical)   |  |
| Automatic power-off       | 10, 20, 30, or 60 minutes (can be disabled by the user)   |  |
| Low battery warning       | Low battery icon blinks   |  |
| Size                      | 5.8 in x 3.2 in x 1.6 in (14.7 cm x 8.0 cm x 4.0 cm)  |  |
| Weight                    | 10.9 oz (309 g)   |  |

<sup>3.</sup> Measured power levels ≤0 dBm. Backlight on. Battery life depends on the condition and type of batteries used. Fluke Networks recommends alkaline batteries.

#### **Sources**

Specifications apply at 23°C (73°F), unless otherwise noted.

|  | 850 nm Source   | 1310 nm Source   | 1550 nm Source |
|--|---|--|----------------|
| Emitter type   | LED   | Laser  |                |
| Wavelength   | ±30 nm  | 1310 nm ±20 nm   | 1550 nm ±20 nm |
| Spectral width (FWHM)  | 50 nm (typical)   | 2 nm typical, 5 nm maximum   |                |
| Minimum output power   | ≥ -24 dBm   | ≥ -1 dBm   |                |
| Power output stability   | ≤±0.1 dB over 8 hours⁴  | ±0.25 dB over 8 hours <sup>5</sup>   |                |
| Laser safety   | IEC 60825-1:Class 1   |  |                |
| Encircled flux   | Meets TIA 455-526-14B, ISO/IEC 14763-3, and IEC 61280-4-1 for 50/125 µm at the source's optical connector.  | NA   |                |
| Optical connector  | MTP/MPO interface for 12-fiber, unpinned plugs. Compatible with 62.5 µm and 50 µm fibers, non-APC only. Connector has a self-closing, protective cover. | MTP/MPO interface for 12-fiber,<br>unpinned plugs. Compatible with 9 µm<br>fibers, APC only. Connector has a self-<br>closing, protective cover. |                |
| 4. 23°C, after 10 minutes of war<br>5. 23°C, after 15 minutes of war | ·   | 1  |                |

<sup>23°</sup>C, after 15 minutes of warm-up time.

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## **Sources (continued)**

|                               | 850 nm Source   | 1310 nm Source           | 1550 nm Source    |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Modes                         | 2 kHz modulated, auto wavelength                            |                          |                   |
| Power requirement             | 2 AA alkaline batteries                                     |                          |                   |
| Battery life <sup>6</sup>     | >30 hours (typical)   |                          |                   |
| Automatic power-off           | 10, 20, 30, or 60 minutes (can be disabled by the user)     |                          |                   |
| Low battery warning           | Low battery icon blinks                                     |                          |                   |
| Size                          | 5.8 in x 3.2 in x 1.6 in (14.7 cm x 8.0 cm x 4.0 cm)        |                          |                   |
| Weight                        | 11.4 oz (323 g)   |                          |                   |
| 6. Auto wavelength, SCAN ALL, | and backlight on. Battery life depends on the condition and | d type of batteries used | I. Fluke Networks |

<sup>5.</sup> Auto wavelength, SCAN ALL, and backlight on. Battery life depends on the condition and type of batteries used. Fluke Networks recommends alkaline batteries.

# **Calibration Cycle**

1 year.

# **Appendix A: Polarities for MTP/MPO Connections**

Figure A-1 on page 38 shows the end-to-end connections made by type A, B, and C cables with MTP/MPO connectors. The **POLARITY** indication on the meter shows **A**, **B**, **C** for these polarities.

The meter shows **UNIV** for the Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems method of polarity management. See Figure B-16 on page 57.

Note

The polarity indication shows on the meter only when the source's **SCAN ALL** function is on and all fibers are connected.

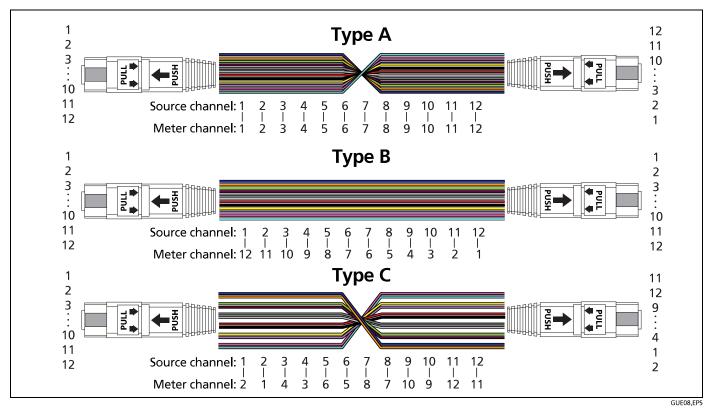


Figure A-1. Connections for Types A, B, and C Patch Cords

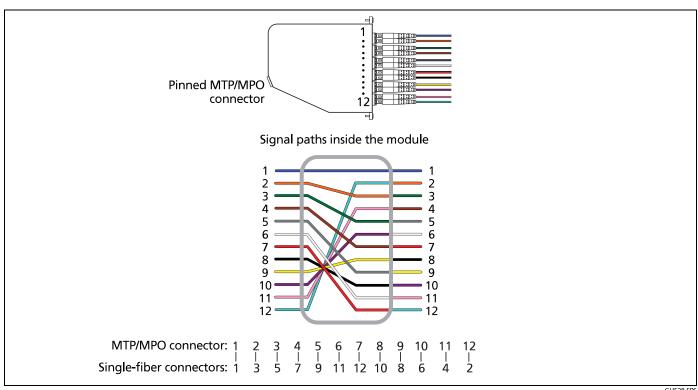


Figure A-2. Connections for the Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems Method

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# **Appendix B: Reference and Test Connections**

This appendix shows the connections to make to set the reference and measure loss on MTP/MPO links with pinned and unpinned connectors.

## **A** Caution

For singlemode links with APC connectors, you must use Type A test cords and adapters. Type A components correctly align the angles in the connectors.

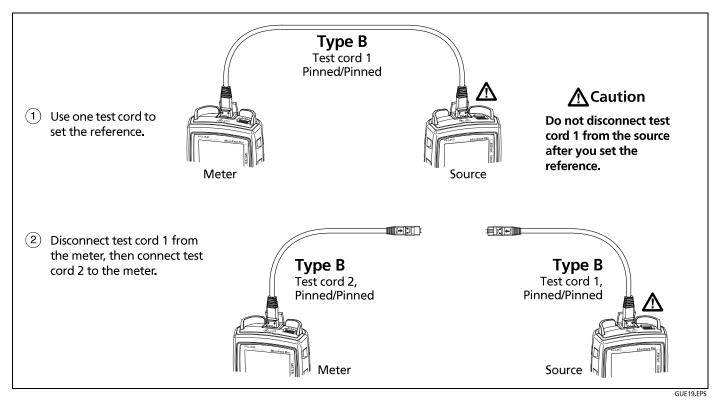


Figure B-1. Reference Connections for Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

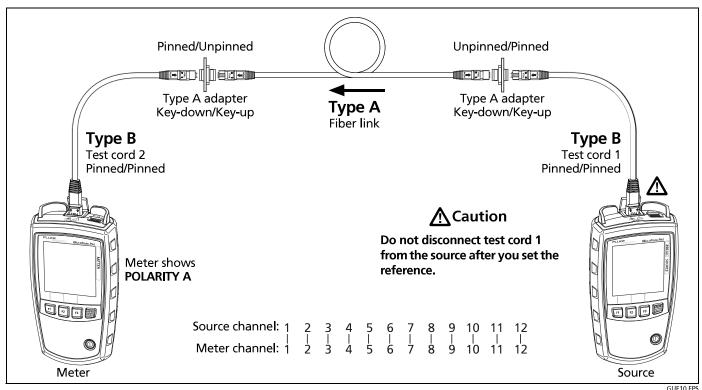


Figure B-2. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type A Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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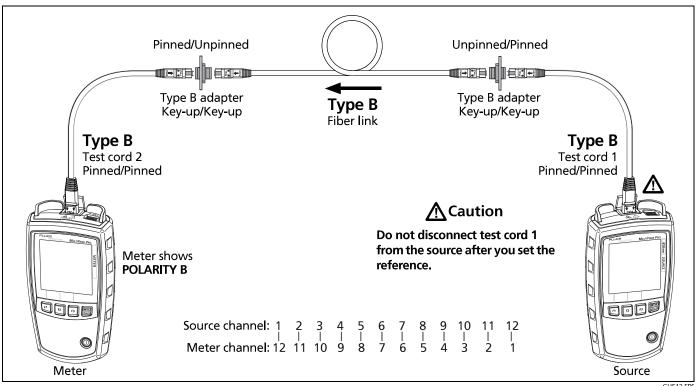


Figure B-3. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type B Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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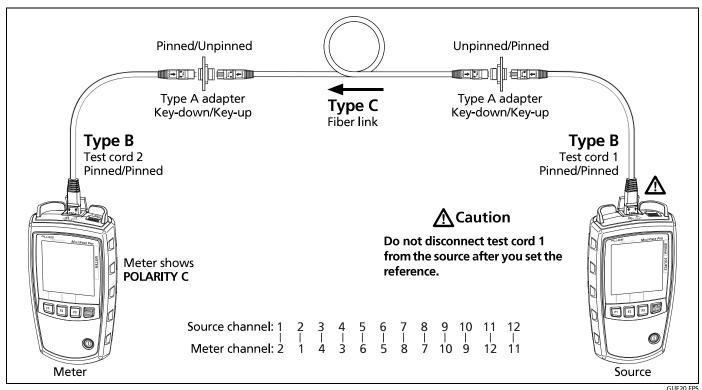


Figure B-4. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type C Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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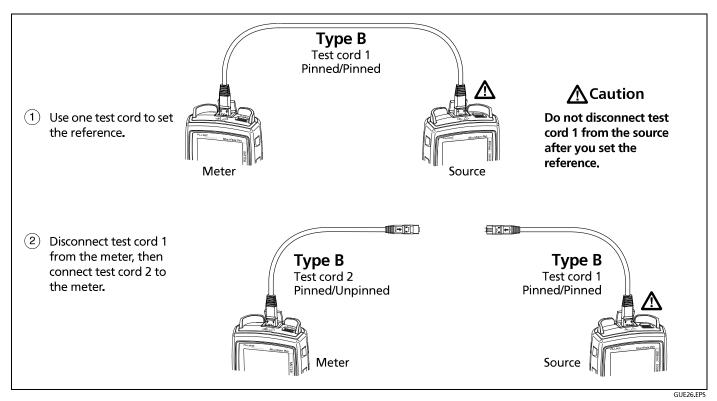


Figure B-5. Reference Connections for Multimode Permanent Links with Pinned and Unpinned MTP/MPO Connectors

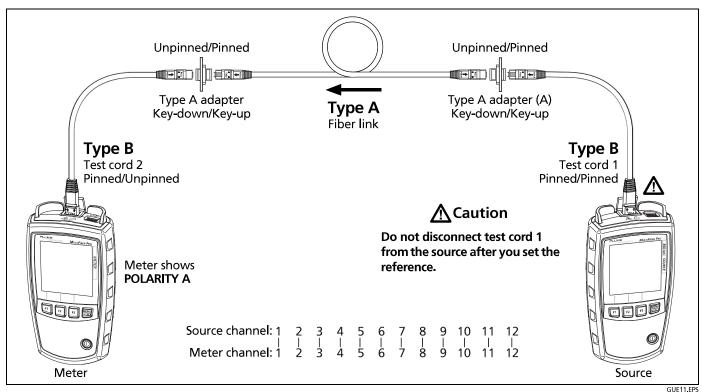


Figure B-6. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type A Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned and Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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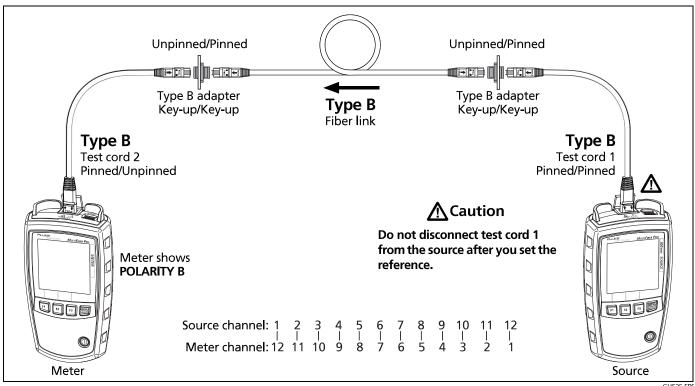


Figure B-7. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type B Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned and Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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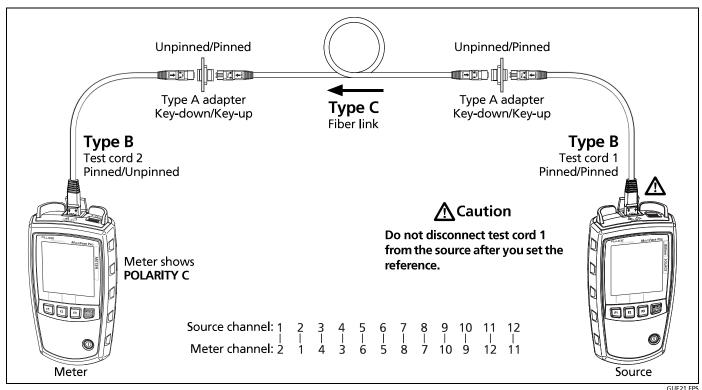


Figure B-8. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type C Multimode Permanent Links with Unpinned and Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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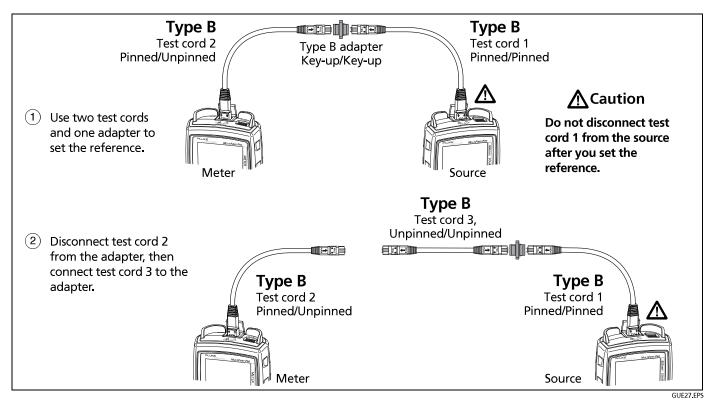


Figure B-9. Reference Connections for Multimode Permanent Links with Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

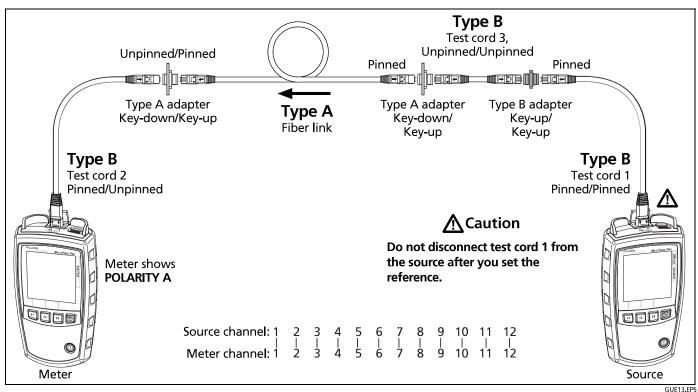


Figure B-10. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type A Multimode Permanent Links with Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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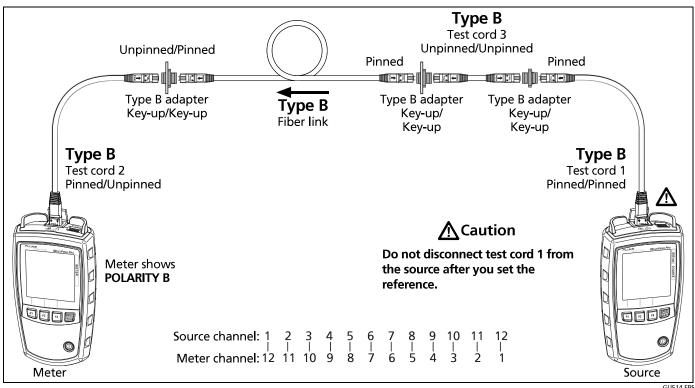


Figure B-11. Connections for Loss Measurements on Type B Multimode Permanent Links with Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

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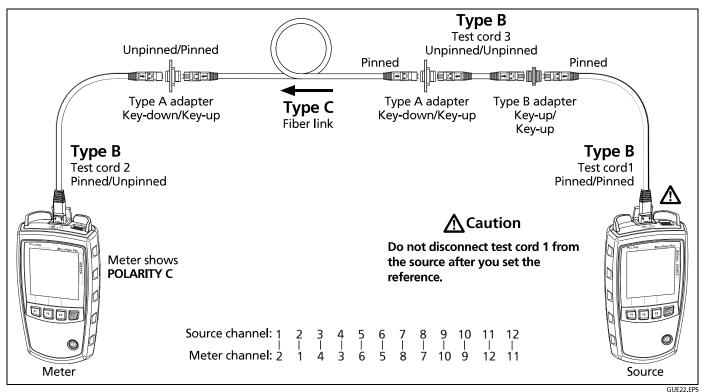


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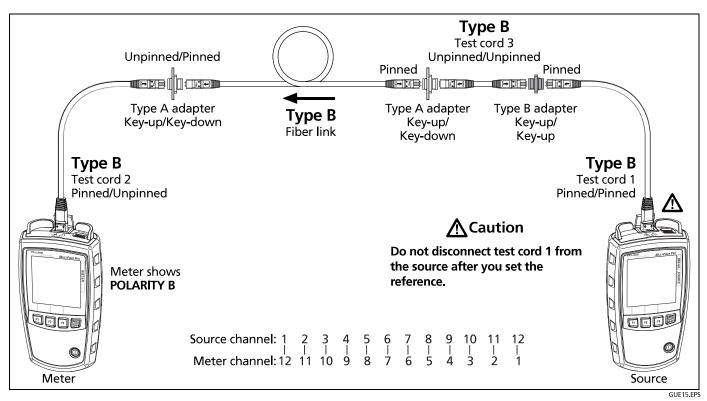


Figure B-13. Connections for Loss Measurements on Multimode Permanent Links with Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors when Links are Used with Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems

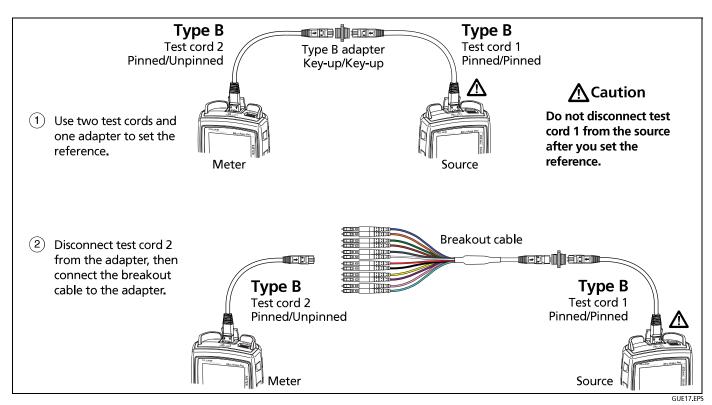


Figure B-14. Reference Connections for Multimode Fiber Modules with Pinned MTP/MPO Connectors

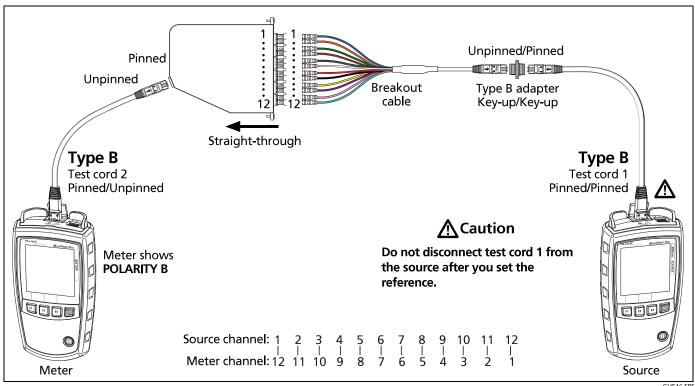


Figure B-15. Connections for Loss Measurements on a Straight-Through Multimode Fiber Module with a Pinned MTP/MPO Connector

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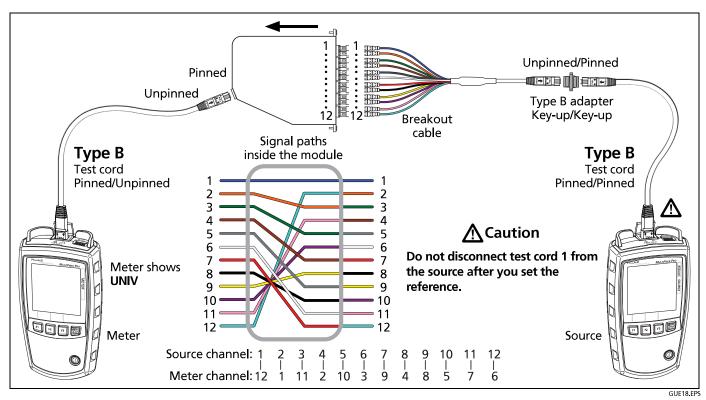


Figure B-16. Connections for Loss Measurements on a Multimode Corning Plug & Play™ Universal Systems Module

