

M-Series Compact OTDRs User's Guide



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These instruments have been designed and tested to comply with the relevant sections of any applicable specifications including full compliance with all essential requirements of all applicable EU Directives.

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This is a user's guide for the M-series OTDR. It assumes basic knowledge in the use of an OTDR, OPM, and a PC.

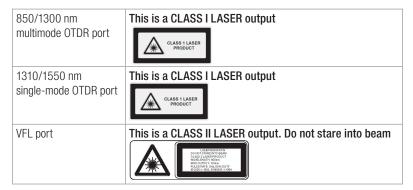
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Safety Information



WARNING! Use of procedures or adjustments other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.





CAUTION! To avoid serious eye injury, never look directly into the optical outputs of fiber optic network equipment, test equipment, patch cords, or test jumpers. Refer to your company's safety procedures when working with optical systems.



WARNING! Use only the specified AC adapter. Use of another type of AC adapter can damage the instrument and create the danger of fire and electrical shock.



WARNING! To avoid the danger of fire and electrical shock:

- Never use a voltage that is different from that for which the AC adapter is rated.
- Do not plug the unit into a power outlet that is shared by other devices.
- Never modify the power cord or excessively bend, twist, or pull it.
- Do not allow the power cord to become damaged. Do not place heavy objects on the power cord or expose it to heat.
- Never touch the AC adapter while your hands are wet.
- Should the power cord become seriously damaged (internal wiring exposed or shorted), contact the manufacturer to request servicing.



CAUTION! Do not run any tests or perform functions that activate an OTDR laser unless fiber is attached to the corresponding OTDR port.



NOTICE! Noyes OTDR contains no user serviceable parts. Except for changing batteries and cleaning optical ports, this instrument must be returned to Noyes or authorized agents for repair and calibration.

IMPORTANT! Proper care in handling should be taken when using any precision optical test equipment. Scratched or contaminated optical connectors can impact the performance of the instrument. It is important to keep the dust caps in place when the unit is not being used.

Getting Started: Front Panel Keys

The use of each key is summarized in the table below.

Key Symbol	Key Name	Key Function		
	Power	Press and hold (approx. 1 sec.) to turn an OTDR on or off		
	VFL laser	ON 2Hz - Press and hold (approx. 2 sec.) LED will flash ON CW - Press and hold (approx. 4 sec.) LED will be solid OFF - Press and hold (approx. 1 sec.) LED should be OFF		
	Menu	Press to access the Main Menu		
++	Left and Right Tab keys	Press to display the next/previous available Home and Settings Pages or View Tab		
♦	Arrow keys	The arrow keys provide several functions as follows: In the Home and Settings Pages, Main Menu and Results pages, these keys are used to navigate menus and change setup parameters In the Trace page, these keys are used to move the cursors In the Zoom Adjust page, these keys adjust vertical and horizontal zoom levels In the LSA Adjust page these keys move cursors and adjust zoom levels		
or or	Enter	This key provides several functions as follows: In the Main Menu: press this key to open a Test Mode, Results Manager, or Settings In the Trace Page, press this key to toggle between [A] and [B] cursor		
◆	Back	Press one or more times, depending on which menu or editor submenu is displayed, to return to the current mode Home page		
(Test	Press to start or stop a test		
	Save	Press to save the currently displayed test results		
- 1/4	Backlight	Press to set level of brightness		
\bigcirc	Soft keys	The label shown on the display above each key indicates the current use of each function key		

Main Menu: Selecting the Mode

Two types of modes are available from the Main Menu as follows:

TEST	MODES:	OTDF	≀ and	OPM
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Used to perform OTDR and OPM tests

To select the desired mode

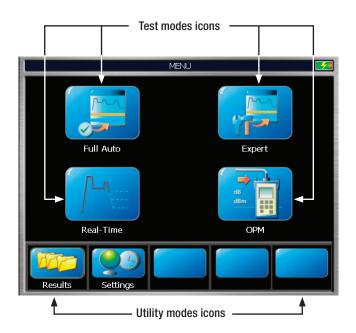
- Tap the appropriate touch screen icon
- Use ◀▶ arrows to indicate the desired mode icon, and then press ♠/♠ key

UTILITY MODES: RESULTS and SETTINGS

Used to select user preferences, general settings, manage saved test results, and perform other non-test functions

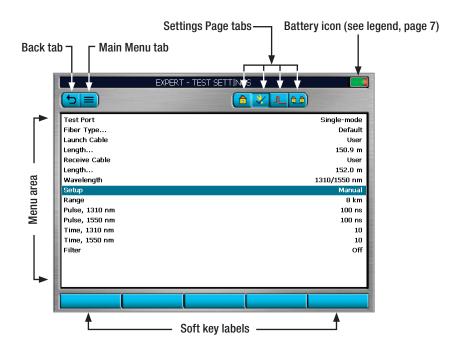
To select the desired mode

- Tap the appropriate touch screen icon
- Press the appropriate soft key located below each touch screen icon



Getting Started: Display Features

Settings View



Settings Page Tabs

Full Auto and Expert OTDR test modes



Press tabs to perform the following:

- 1 Home Mode display OTDR setup, change Fiber and Cable ID parameters
- 2 Test Settings define OTDR test setup
- 3 **Event Settings** define Events settings and Pass/Fail Settings
- 4 **Job Settings** -define Job, End Locations, Cable ID, and Operator parameters
- 5 Data Table (OPM test mode only!) review OPM test results

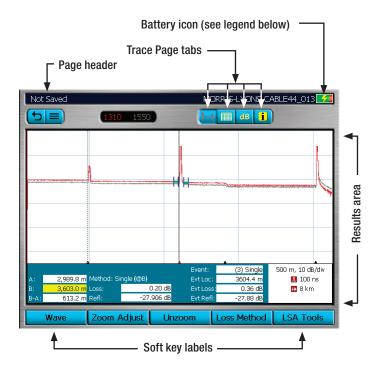
Real-Time OTDR test mode



OPM test mode



Trace View



Battery Icon	Battery status
	Green - fully charged
	Red - discharged

Battery Icon	Battery status
5	Charging - AC connected
_ ç ∉ ∏	Fully Charged - AC connected

Trace Page Tabs



Press tabs to display test data as follows:

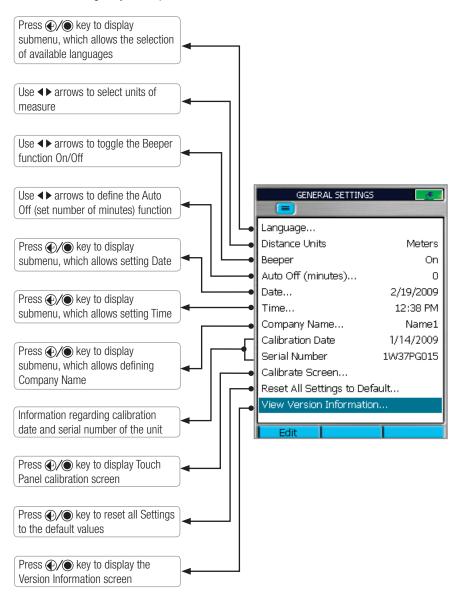
- 1 Trace Page OTDR trace, test setup, A/B cursor data, Loss Method, Loss, Reflectance
- 2 **Event Table** OTDR trace; event Location, Type, Reflectance, Loss, event Pass/Fail (if turned On)
- 3 **Summary Table** OTDR trace, Link Length, ORL, Loss, link Pass/Fail (if turned On)
- 4 **Job Information** setup parameters of the currently displayed trace

Main Menu: Selecting the Mode

TEST MODES: OTDR and OPM				
Test Mode	lcon	Description		
Full Auto OTDR	Full Auto	This is the recommended mode for users who are not familiar with OTDR operation. In the Full Auto mode, OTDR parameters such as Range, Pulse Width, and Averaging Time are set automatically. Tests are done at two wavelengths and always include an Event Table and Summary Page. Pass/Fail Thresholds are set to default with an option to be turned off. Note: in the Expert mode, the Events Menu contains Event Threshold and Pass/Fail Threshold Settings allowing the user to change these settings and turn them on or off.		
Real-Time OTDR	Real-Time	This is the best mode for real-time troubleshooting. Note that the Wavelength setting can only be set to individual wavelengths. The Range, Pulse Width, and Filter parameters are set by the user.		
Expert OTDR	Expert	This mode is available for experienced users. It provides the most setup flexibility. Users can set Range, Pulse Width, and Averaging Time manually (Setup = Manual) or automatically (Setup = Auto Once or Setup = Auto). Users can either enable the event table (Events = Auto) or disable the event table (Events = Off). Note: in the Expert mode, the Events Menu contains Event Threshold and Pass/Fail Threshold Settings allowing the user to change these settings and turn them on or off.		
OPM	dB dBm	This mode is available to perform Optical Power Meter measurements.		
UTILITY MODES: RESULTS and SETTINGS				
Results	Results	This mode provides the file manager functions to handle the results of OTDR, OPM tests and to set up Jobs.		
Settings	Settings	This mode allows the user to adjust General Settings (Language, Distance Units, Sounds, Auto Off function, Date/Time, Company Name) and displays the OTDR version information.		

Setup: General Settings

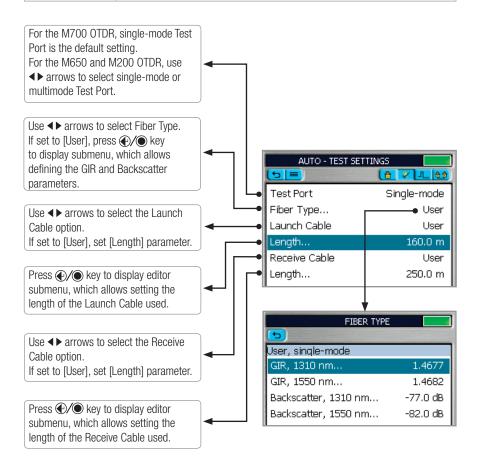
The General Settings may be completed as indicated below.



Setup: Full Auto Mode Settings

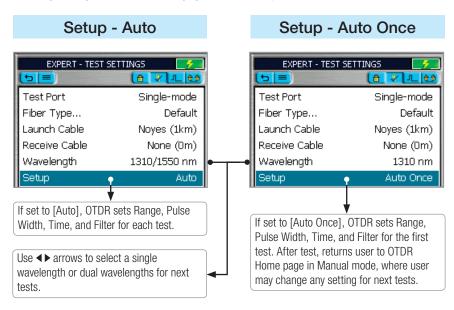
Definitions

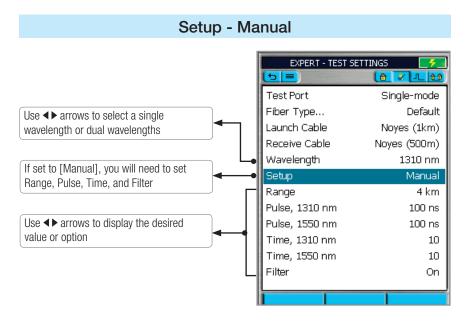
Core Settings	Full Auto Mode settings are common for all OTDR Test Modes and will be referred to as Core Settings
Test Port	This parameter indicates that a multimode or single-mode laser is used to generate an OTDR trace
Fiber Type	This parameter is used to set fiber type which determines the GIR and Backscatter Coefficient
Launch Cable (Launch Cord) see page 29	A test cable used to connect the OTDR to the near end of the link under test that is long enough to allow the OTDR to measure the loss of the first connection under the test
Receive Cable (Tail Cord)	A test cable used to terminate the far end of the link under test that is long enough for the OTDR to measure the loss of the last connection



Setup: Expert Mode Settings

In addition to Core Settings (see Full Auto Mode settings), the Expert test mode allows you to set the Wavelength, Range, Pulse Width, Averaging Time, and Filter parameters.





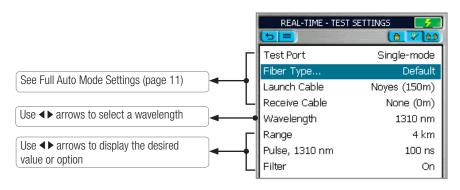
Setup - Manual (continued)

Note: The Range, Pulse Width, and Averaging Time parameters are user-selectable if the [Setup] parameter is set to [Manual].

Range	It also determines Resolution and the value of the range, the value of the shortest distance range.	range of the full (unzoomed) trace. tween data points in the trace: the ing. We recommend selecting the fiber under test. For example, to test d receive cables), select the 2 km	
	Wavelength (nm)	Distance Range	Resolution (set by OTDR)
	MM 850	≤ 2 km (6561ft)	0.125 m (0.41 ft)
	MM 1300 MM 850 / 1300	< 4 km (13123 ft)	0.25 m (0.82 ft)
	SM 1310	8 km (26246 ft)	0.5 m (1.64 ft)
	SM 1550	16 km (52493 ft)	1 m (3.28 ft)
	SM 1310 / 1550	≥ 32 km (104986 ft)	range/16 km (range/5249 ft)
Pulse Width	The M-series OTDR can operate using different pulse widths. Short pulse widths provide the shortest event and attenuation dead zones. Long pulse widths provide the best event detection on long fibers.		
Averaging Time	The [Time] parameter determines the duration of a timed test. Available time settings: 5 • 10 • 30 • 60 • 90 • 180 sec		

Setup: Real-Time Mode Settings

In addition to Core Settings, the Real Time mode allows you to set the Wavelength, Range, Pulse Width, and Filter parameters.



Setup: Event Settings

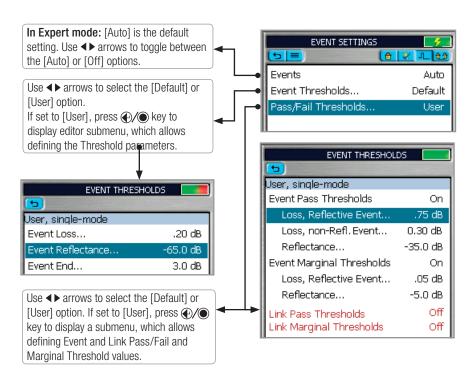
The Event Settings Menu features three parameters: Events, Event Thresholds, and Pass/Fail Thresholds.

In **Full Auto OTDR** test mode these parameters are set as follows:

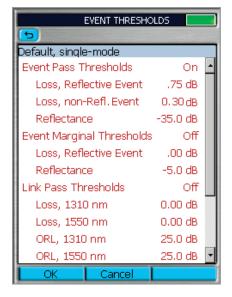
- Events set to Auto and an Event Table is calculated for every test.
- Event Thresholds set to Default. Press () () key to view the default values (see table, pg. 15).
- Pass/Fail Thresholds set to Default. Press () (a key to view the default values (see table, page 15) and turn Event Pass Thresholds On/Off (Threshold set to default values).

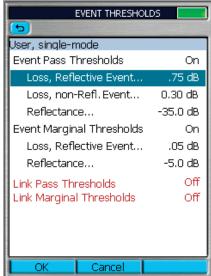
In **Expert OTDR** test mode, these parameters may be set as indicated below:

Parameter	Option	Description	
Events	Auto	An Event Table is calculated for every test	
Evellis	Off	Event Table is not calculated	
Event	Default	Set to default values (see table, page 15)	
Thresholds User Values may be adjusted within allowed limits (see t	Values may be adjusted within allowed limits (see table, page 15)		
Pass/Fail On/Off (Threshold set to default values) Thresholds		View default values (see table, page 15) and turn Event Pass Thresholds On/Off (Threshold set to default values)	
		Values may be adjusted within allowed limits (see table, page 15)	



Event Settings: Pass/Fail





Event Thresholds Chart

Threshold	Min Value (dB)	Default Value (dB)	Max Value (dB)
Event Loss	0.05	0.10	1.0
Event Reflectance	-65.0	-65.0	-35.0
Event End	1.0	3.0	25.0

Event Pass Thresholds

Threshold	Min Value (dB)	Default Value (dB)	Max Value (dB)	
Event Pass Thresholds				
Loss, Reflective Event	0.05	0.75	3.00	
Loss, Non-reflective Event	0.05	0.30	3.00	
Reflectance: 1310, 1550 nm	-65.0	-35.0	-20.0	
Reflectance: 850, 1300 nm	-45.0	-22.0	-15.0	
Event Marginal Thresholds				
Loss, Reflective Event	0.00	0.00	1.00	
Reflectance	0.00	-5.00	-10.0	
Link Pass Thresholds				
Loss: 850, 1300, 1310, 1550 nm	0.00	0.00	35.0	
ORL: 850, 1300, 1310, 1550 nm	20.0	25.0	65.0	
Link Marginal Thresholds				
Loss: 850, 1300, 1310, 1550 nm	0.00	0.00	5.00	
ORL: 850, 1300, 1310, 1550 nm	0.00	0.00	10.0	

Setup: OPM Mode Settings

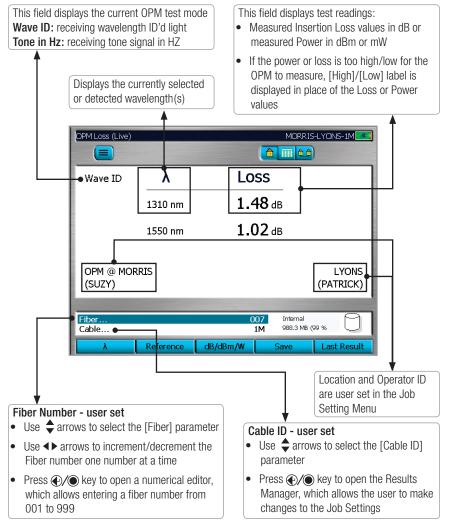
OPM Page Tabs



Press tabs to perform the following:

- 1 Home Mode display the OPM setup, current test values, and Reference values. From the Home Mode page you may change Fiber and Cable ID parameters.
- 2 Data Table review OPM test results.
- 3 **Job Settings** define Job, Locations, Cable ID, and Operator parameters.

Home Page Indicators



Home Page Soft Keys/Touch Screen Icons

Note: The current function of each soft key is indicated by an icon or label on the Touch Screen. If you prefer using the Touch Screen, tap the appropriate icon or label.

Key	Icon	Function
Wavelength	λ	In CW mode: Press this key, and then use \$\rightarrow\$ arrows to select an available wavelength. In Wave ID mode: this soft key is not available, the detected wavelength(s) will be automatically displayed.
Reference	Reference Set Ref View Ref	Press the Reference key, and then use \$\bigsigma\$ arrows to select the following keys: [Set Ref] key to store the reference value(s) for the currently selected/detected wavelength(s) in Loss mode. [View Ref] key to display the saved Reference value(s).
Units	dB/dBm/µw	Press this key, and then use \clubsuit arrows to select the available units of measure: dB, dBm, or μ w. Select dB to measure Loss. Select dBm or μ w to measure Power.
Save	Save	Press to save the currently displayed value(s).
Last Result	Last Result Or Live	When available, press the [Last Result] key to display the last saved value(s); the key label will turn into [Live] Press the [Live] key to display the current/Live Loss/Power value(s).

OPM Operation - Testing Multimode/Single-mode Links

Step I - Set the Reference (One Jumper Method)

- 1 From the OTDR Main Menu, select the OPM (optical power meter) test mode. Turn on your OLS (optical light source) and allow the light source to stabilize (minimum of 15 minutes).
- 2 If not using the [Wave ID] feature, set both instruments to the desired test wavelength.
- 3 Select the appropriate fiber optic transmit and receive test jumpers. The fiber type of these jumpers must match the fiber type of the link to be tested.

Perform one of the following:

- For Multimode testing: wrap and secure the transmit jumper five times around the appropriate diameter mandrel.
- For Single-mode testing: make a loop in a transmit jumper and secure it with a piece of tape.
 TIA testing 30 mm loop

ISO testing - 30-50 mm loop

Note: Clean both ends of the transmit jumper.

- 4 Connect the transmit jumper to the appropriate (MM or SM) output port of the OLS.
- 5 Mount an adapter cap on the OPM port that matches the free connector on the transmit jumper.
- 6 Connect the free end of the transmit jumper to the OPM port.
- 7 If measured output power is outside of the normal range (specified by manufacturer), clean all fiber connections or replace the transmit jumper. Repeat steps 4 7.
- 8 To set the reference level at the current wavelength, perform the following:

- On the equipment operating in OPM mode, press the [Reference] soft key, select [Set Ref], then press ♠/♠ key.
- The Reference value will be displayed briefly in dBm (μw).
- Then the screen will toggle to display Loss values of the active wavelength(s) nominally 0.00 dB.

Step II - Verify Test Jumpers

9 Disconnect the transmit jumper from the OPM test port.

Note: Do not disturb the transmit jumper at the OLS end.

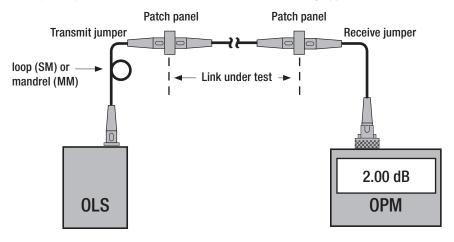
10 If necessary, change the OPM adapter cap to match the connector on the receive jumper that will be connected to the OPM test port.

Note: Clean both ends of the receive jumper.

- 11 Connect the receive jumper to the OPM test port.
- 12 Mate the free ends of the transmit and receive jumpers using an appropriate adapter.
- 13 Verify that the insertion loss of this mated connector pair is under 0.75 dB, the maximum allowed by the TIA and ISO (Noyes recommends 0.4 0.5 dB typical), as follows:
 - Observe the displayed loss level. This is the mated connector pair insertion loss of the test jumpers in [dB].
 - If the insertion loss is not acceptable, disconnect the transmit and receive jumpers at the adapter, clean the free ends of both test jumpers and repeat steps 12 & 13.
 - If the insertion loss is still not acceptable, replace both test jumpers and repeat steps 1-13.
- 14 If the insertion loss is acceptable, disconnect the transmit and receive jumpers at the adapter.
- 15 Move the OPM and OLS to opposite ends of the link to be tested.

Step III - Measure Link Insertion Loss

- 16 Connect the free ends of the transmit and receive jumpers to the link under test. **Note:** Clean jumper end that connects to patch panel prior to every test.
- 17 The OPM will measure and display the insertion loss of the link under test.
- 18 Press the [Save] key on the OPM to save the displayed measurement.
- 19 Repeat steps 16-18 for all links to be tested at the current wavelength(s).



Setup: Results Manager

The Results Manager menu is accessed from the Main Menu by taping the Results touch screen icon or pressing the [Results] soft key.

- Use the Results Manager to create Jobs and Review Results.
- Use the Tools menu within the Results Manager to create or delete Jobs, Files, Folders and copy test data from Internal drive to USB drive.

Results Manager "File Tree" Structure

Test results are saved as files that are stored in Cable folders. Cable folders are organized into Route, Job, and Drive folders as shown below.

OTDR test results are saved as .SOR file format and displayed on the "file tree" as

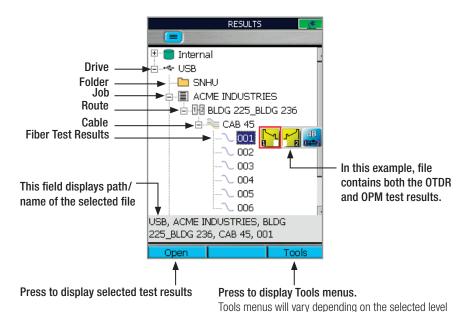


OPM power and loss readings are saved as .ATD file format and displayed on the "file tree" as icon.



- Use \$\phi\$ arrows to navigate up/down the list of folders and files.
- Use **◄** arrows to expand/contract the selected Drive/Folder/Job/Route/Cable.
- To open saved test results, navigate to the desired test file, and then press the [Open] soft key or
 Ney.
- Use the Tools menu within the Results Manager to create or delete Jobs, Files, Folders and copy test data from Internal drive to USB drive.

Note: Folders in are not required to store results: Job, Route, and Cables.



in the file tree structure as shown on the next page).

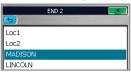
Results Manager: Job Creation

- 1 From the Results Manager Page, use ◀▶ arrows to highlight the desired Drive where test results will be saved.
- 2 Press the [Tools] soft key to display the Tools menu (Tools menus will vary depending on the selected level in the file tree structure as shown below.
- 3 Use ♣ arrows to highlight the [New Job] option and press ♠/♠ key to display the Text Editor (see page 40 for details on how to use it). Enter a name for the New Job. Press OK to return to the Results Manager Page.
- 4 With the created New Job highlighted, press [Tools] > [New Route]. The Route Page will be displayed.
- 5 Use \$\display \text{ arrows to highlight [End 1...] or [End 2...]. Press [Select] or \$\Phi\$/\$ key to display the End Locations sub-page.
- 6 To create new End Location(s), press the [New] soft key. Using the displayed Text Editor, create new End name. Press OK.
- 7 Create as many End Names as needed for a Job and press ①/ key to return to the Route Page.
- 8 From Route Page, use ◀▶ arrows to select Ends for the Route. Press OK.
- 9 With the created Route highlighted, press [Tools] >[New Cable].
- 10 Using the displayed Text Editor, enter a name for the new Cable. Press OK. If needed, create more Jobs, Routes, Cables.
- 11 With the desired Cable selected, press Main Menu.
- 12 Select a Test Mode to begin testing the selected Cable.

 Before pressing [Test], verify test setup on the Job Settings
 Page within the selected Test Mode.



Route Page

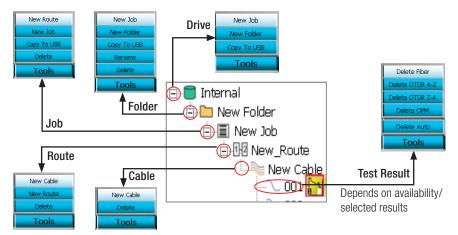


End Locations sub-page



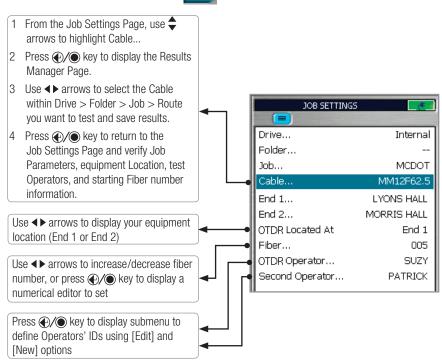
New Route Selected

Tools menus in the file tree structure

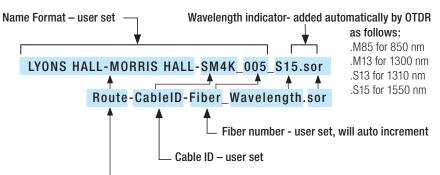


Setup: Job Selection

A Job is selected from the Job Settings Page, which is accessed from each test mode. Within each test mode, use \spadesuit tab keys to select \spadesuit tab and display the Job Settings Page.



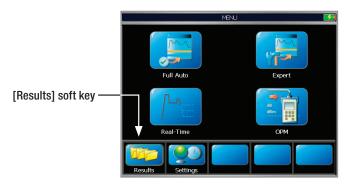
Name Format (see screen above) as seen on a PC



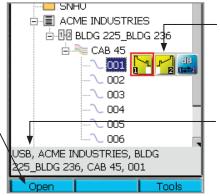
Route is made up of the two end names End 1 and End 2. They are ordered in the file name such that the first end - End 1 is where the OTDR is located or the "Near end", followed by the other end - End 2 or the "Far end".

Opening a Trace File for Review

Access Results Manager from the Main Menu by pressing the [Results] soft key.



- Use the \$\rightarrow\$ arrows to navigate up/down the list of folders/files
- Use the ◆▶ arrows to expand/contract the selected Drive/ Folder/Job/Route/ Cable
- To open saved test results, navigate to the desired file, and then press [Open]



In this example, file contains both the OTDR and OPM test results

This field displays path and name of the selected file

Saving Test Results



Save

After completing a test, press the Save key to save file in current folder with name established in the setup process.



Save-As

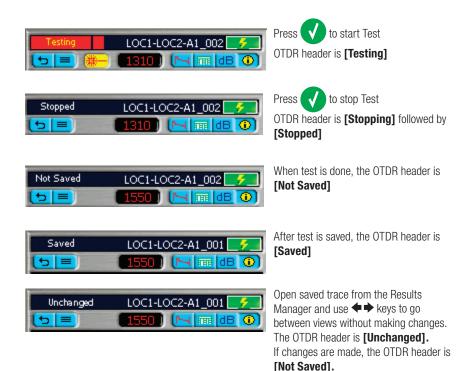
To change the folder, job name, or other parameter after a test has been completed, go to the Job Information tab and make the changes.

Once satisfied, press the Save key.

Changes only apply to the current test.

Open File Information		
Drive	USB2	≟
Folder		
Job	SNHU	
Cable	Cable44	
End 1	MORRIS	
End 2	LYONS	
OTDR Located At	End 1	
Fiber	013	
OTDR Operator	SUZY	
Second Operator	MARK	

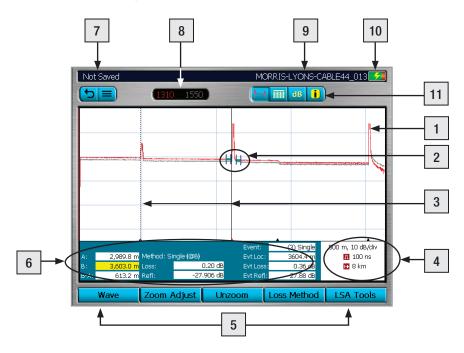
Running Tests & Viewing Results



Page Tabs (navigate using **\(\phi \)** keys)

Page icon	Page name	Description
IM	Trace Page	Displays OTDR trace, setup, A/B cursor data, Loss Method, Loss, Reflectance
	Event Table	OTDR trace; event Location, Type, Reflectance, Loss, event Pass/Fail (if turned On)
dB	Summary Page	Displays OTDR trace, Link Length, ORL, Loss, link Pass/Fail (if turned On)
i	Job Information Page	Displays setup parameters of the currently displayed trace

Trace Page Features



Trace Page Features

Ref	Feature	Description
1	Trace	This is a graph of insertion loss vs. distance. The vertical axis shows loss in dB. The horizontal axis shows distance in user-selected distance units.
2	LSA adjust lines	Available depending on the selected Loss Method.
3	Cursors	Used to measure loss and distance. The active cursor can be moved by pressing ◀ ▶ arrows. Press the ♠/♠ key to toggle between the A and B cursors. Note: Active cursor is displayed as a bold line, inactive cursor is displayed as a dashed line.
4	Test settings data field	This field displays various test settings data as follows: distance • dB per division •
5	Soft function key labels	Soft function keys are located on the front panel. The label shown on the display above each key indicates the current use of each function key.
6	Test results field	This field displays various test results as follows: Loss Method, A and B cursor location, distance from A to B in user-selected distance units, measured loss and reflectance, and event data.

Trace Page Features

Ref	Feature	Description
7	Test status	Displays test status labels as follows: Testing - indicates test in progress Stopped - test is interrupted Not Saved - the displayed test results are not saved Saved - the displayed test results are saved
8	Wavelength field	Displays test wavelengths of the currently displayed trace. For the dual-wavelength test, press the [Wave] soft key to toggle between test results. Note: the currently selected wavelength is displayed in RED color.
9	File name field	Displays file name of the currently displayed trace.
10	Battery indicator	Displays estimated battery status as follows: Green - fully charged Red - discharged Charging - AC connected Fully Charged - AC connected
11	Trace Page tabs	Select a tab to display the corresponding View (see page 22 for details)

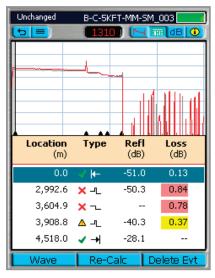
Soft Keys

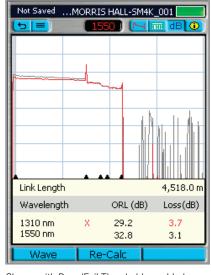
Soft Key	Description and function
Wave	For the dual-wavelength test, press this key to toggle between the test results.
Zoom Adjust	 Press this key to display the [Zoom Adjust] view. Use \$\rightarrow\$ arrows to adjust the Vertical zoom level. Use \$\rightarrow\$ arrows to adjust the Horizontal zoom level. When done, press OK to return to the Trace window.
Unzoom Rezoom	Press [Unzoom] to display trace at the original magnification level. The soft key label changes to [Rezoom]. Press [Rezoom] to return to the previously set magnification level.
Loss Method	 Press to display the Loss Method Menu. Use
LSA Tools	 Press to display the LSA Tools Menu. Use \$\sigma\ arrows to select the desired option as follows: LSA Adjust, Add Event, Reset Handles. When done, press the [OK] soft key to close the Loss Adjust Window.

Event Table & Summary Results

Event Table & Summary Results are generated together

- 1 Set Mode to Full Auto or set Mode to Expert and Events (Event Settings) to Auto.
- 2 From the Event Table or Summary Page, press the [Calc] soft key if no Event Table or Summary Page was created. Or press the [Re-Calc] soft key to generate a new Event Table or Summary Page if you changed the GIR or BC on the Job Settings page.





Shown with Pass/Fail Thresholds enabled

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Event Icons and Types

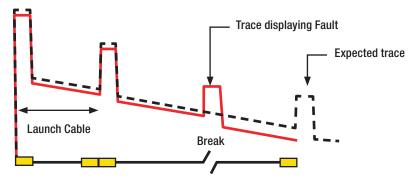
Event Icon	Event Type
—	Start of Fiber Under Test
	End of Fiber Under Test
	Reflective Event
	Non-Reflective Event
	Gainer
\mathcal{M}	Multiple Event

Fault Locating: Full Auto

- Select Full Auto mode
- 2 Clean and Connect launch cable
- 3 Select Test Port: SM or MM
- 4 Select Fiber Type

- 5 Select Launch Cable: Noyes (1km), Noyes (500m), Noyes (150m), None, User
- 6 In General Settings: Set Distance Units: m, ft, kft, km, mi
- 7 Press Test key





Two Point A/B Measurement

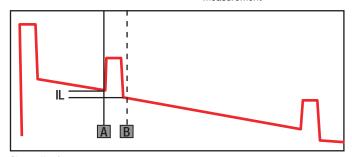
Measuring Loss on an OTDR Trace

An OTDR trace shows relative power vs. distance. The insertion loss (IL) between any two points (A to B) on the optical fiber link under test equals the trace level at A minus the trace level at B.

To measure the end-to-end loss of a link, use a launch and receive cable and put the [A] cursor before the first event in the link and the [B]

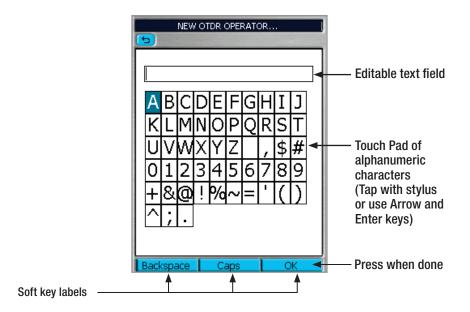
cursor just after the tail of the last event.

- 1 Position the left cursor [A] at the start of the event
- 2 Position the right cursor [B] beyond the event where the trace returns to a constant slope
- 3 Read the insertion loss (Loss: in dB) measurement

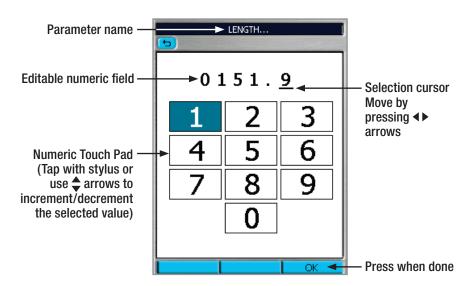


Shows IL of an event

Text Editor



Numerical Editor



Transferring Files

From OTDR via USB Function Port to PC

To transfer files from your OTDR to a PC using a USB cable, perform the following:

- 1 Connect your OTDR to a PC using the supplied mini-USB to USB cable. Note: If your PC requests new USB drivers, install the CD-ROM that comes with your OTDR, which contains the needed drivers. This step only needs to be performed the first time you connect your OTDR and PC together.
- 2 If your PC pops up a dialog box asking if you want to set up a new Partnership, select No (the OTDR should always be a 'guest').
 - Open My Computer >
 Mobile Device > File Storage > Internal folder.
 or
 - Open My Computer > Mobile Device > USB folder.

Recommended Accessories

Fiber Optic Test Cables and Jumpers

Fiber optic test cables are necessary to connect an OTDR to the fiber under test (FUT). Test cables must have the same core and cladding size as the FUT. The connector at one end of the test cable must mate with the appropriate optical port on the OTDR. The connector on the other end must mate with the fiber optic link under test.

Launch and Receive cables are required to measure the insertion loss and reflectance of the nearend and far-end connectors respectively, of the fiber link being tested. Noyes Fiber Rings may be used as Launch and Receive cables. Fiber Rings with a variety of lengths and connector styles are available from AFL Telecommunications. The table on the next page will help in selecting the right test jumpers or cables for testing.

Fiber Optic Test Cables and Jumpers Selection Chart

To do the following test	You will need the following	accessories
	To connect your OTDR to the fiber link under test	To terminate far-end of the fiber link under test
Fault locate - find a breakMeasure link length	Test Jumper (1-2 m typical)	None
Measure near-end connector loss Measure near-end connector reflectance	Launch cable (such as a Noyes 150m, 500m, 1000m Fiber Ring)	None
Measure near-end connector loss and reflectance Measure far-end connector loss and reflectance Measure end to end link loss and optical return loss	Launch cable (such as a Noyes 150m, 500m, 1000m Fiber Ring)	Receive cable (such as a Noyes 150m, 500m, 1000m Fiber Ring)

Fiber Ring (FR) Selection Chart

FR Length	Fiber Type	Fiber under Test Limits	Comments
150m (492ft)	Multimode	All runs 30m to 3km or 2mi	Multimode runs are < 3km or 2mi
150m (492ft)	Single-mode	All P W's up to 1,000 ns or 1µs	* PW of 1µs = pulse length of 100m
500m (1,640ft)	Single-mode	All PW's up to 3,000ns or 3µs	PW of 3µs = pulse length of 300m
1km (3,281ft)	Single-mode	All PW's < 5,000ns or 5μs	PW of 5µs = pulse length of 500m
5km (16,405ft)	Single-mode	All PW's up to 20,000ns or 20µs	PW of 20µs = pulse length of 2km

^{*} A PW of 1,000ns (1µs) requires reflective events lower than -45 dB of ORL to be used with the 150 meter fiber rings.

M700 Single-mode OTDR Specifications

All specifications valid at 25°C unless otherwise specified

OTDR SPECIFICATIONS	
Emitter Type	Laser
Safety Class	Class I FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11, IEC 60825-1: 2007-03
Center Wavelengths	1310/1550 nm
Dynamic Range (SNR = 1)	38/36 dB (1310/1550 nm)
Event Dead Zone ¹	0.9 m
Attenuation Dead Zone ²	5.5 m
Pulse Widths	5, 10, 30, 100, 300 ns, 1, 3, 10, 20 μs
Range Settings	250 m to 256 km
Distance Sampling Points	max. 64,000 points
Min Data Point Spacing	0.125 m
Group Index of Refraction (GIR)	1.4000 to 1.6000
Distance Uncertainty (m) ³	± (1 + 0.0005% x distance + data point spacing)
Linearity	± 0.05 dB/dB (typical)
Trace File Format	Bellcore GR-196 Version 1.1
	Internal flash memory
Trace File Storage Media	USB flash drive
	Downloadable from OTDR directly to PC
Trace File Storage Capacity	Internal 1000 fibers
Data Transfer to PC	USB
OTDR Modes	Full Auto, Real-Time, Expert
Tool Free adapters	Modular cleanable SC/ST/FC/LC

¹ Typical distance between the two points 1.5 dB down each side of a reflective spike caused by a -45 dB event using 5 ns pulse width.

³ Does not include GIR uncertainty.

VISUAL FAULT LOCATOR SPECIFICATIONS	
Emitter Type	Laser
Safety Class	Class II FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11, IEC 60825-1: 2007-03
Wavelength 650 nm	
Output Power (nominal)	0.8 mw

² Typical distance from event location to point where trace is within 0.5 dB of backscatter caused by a -45 dB event using 5 ns pulse width.

M700 Single-mode OTDR Specifications (continued)

POWER METER SPECIFICATIONS	
Calibrated Wavelengths	850, 980, 1310, 1490, 1550, 1625 nm (displays up to 3 simultaneously)
Detector Type	Filtered InGaAs detector
Measurement Range (dBm)	+26 to -50 dBm
Accuracy ⁴	±0.25
Measurement Units	dB, dBm, mW
Wavelength ID ⁵	Yes
Set Reference	Yes
Data Storage	Yes
Tone Detection	270 Hz, 330 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Size	27.4 x 19.3 x 7.1 cm (10.8 x 7.6 x 2.8 in)
Weight	2.3 kg (5 lb)
Operating Temperature	-10 to +50°C, 0 to 90% RH (non-condensing)
Storage Temperature	-20 to +60°C, 0 to 90% RH (non-condensing)
Power	Rechargeable Li-Ion or AC power adapter
Battery Life ⁶	> 8 hours continuous OTDR testing
Recharge Time ⁷	4 hours
Display	6.5 inch (16.51 cm), color, transflective

- 4 Accuracy measured at 25°C and -10 dBm per N.I.S.T. standards.
- 5 Automatic wavelength identification and switching when used with Noyes Wave ID Series Light Sources.
- 6 Typical, depending on display brightness.
- 7 Typical, from fully discharged to fully charged state, unit may be operating. All specifications are subject to change. External battery charger available.

M650 QUAD OTDR Specifications

All specifications valid at 25°C unless otherwise specified

OTDR SPECIFICATIONS	MULTIMODE	SINGLE-MODE
Emitter Type	Laser	
Safety Class	Class I FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11, IEC 60825-1: 2007-03	
Center Wavelengths	850/1300 nm	1310/1550 nm
Wavelength Tolerance	± 20/30 nm	± 20/30 nm
Dynamic Range (SNR = 1)	22 dB	26 dB
Event Dead Zone 1	1.5 m	
Attenuation Dead Zone ²	9 m	
Pulse Widths	10, 30, 100, 300 ns; 1, 3, 10 ms	
Range Settings	250 m to 64 km	250 m to 208 km
Sampling Points	Up to 16,000	
Min Data Point Spacing	0.25 m	
Group Index of Refraction (GIR)	1.4000 to 1.6000	
Distance Uncertainty (m) 3	\pm (1 + 0.005% x distance + data point spacing)	
Linearity	± 0.05 dB/dB (typical)	
Trace File Format	SR-4731 (GR-196-CORE Appendix A & B and SR-4731)	
Trace File Storage Medium	Internal flash memory	
	USB flash drive (2.0)	
	Downloadable from OTDR directly to PC	
Trace File Storage Capacity	Internal > 1000 fibers	
Data Transfer to PC	USB	
OTDR Modes	Full Auto, Expert, Real-Time	
Tool Free adapters	Modular cleanable SC/ST/LC	

¹ Typical distance between the two points 1.5 dB down each side of a reflective spike caused by a -45 dB event using 10 ns pulse width.

³ Does not include GIR uncertainty.

VISUAL FAULT LOCATOR SPECIFICATIONS		
Emitter Type	Laser	
Safety Class	Class II FDA 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11, IEC 60825-1: 2007-03	
Wavelength	650 nm	
Output Power (nominal)	0.8 mw	

² Typical distance from event location to point where trace is within 0.5 dB of backscatter caused by a -45 dB event using 10 ns pulse width.

M650 QUAD OTDR Specifications (continued)

POWER METER SPECIFICATIONS		
Calibrated Wavelengths	850, 1300 1310, 1490, 1550, 1625 nm (displays up to 3 simultaneously)	
Detector Type	InGaAs 2 mm	
Measurement Range (dBm)	+6 to -60 dBm	
Accuracy 1	±0.25	
Measurement Units	dB, dBm, mW	
Wavelength ID ²	Yes	
Set Reference	Yes	
Data Storage	Yes	
Tone Detection	Yes	

¹ Accuracy measured at 25°C and -10 dBm per N.I.S.T. standards.

² Automatic wavelength identification and switching when used with Noyes Wave ID Series Light Sources.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS		
Size	27.4 x 19.3 x 7.1 cm (10.8 x 7.6 x 2.8 in)	
Weight	2.3 kg (5 lb)	
Operating Temperature	-10 to +50°C, 0 to 90% RH (non-condensing)	
Storage Temperature	-20 to +60°C, 0 to 90% RH (non-condensing)	
Power	Rechargeable Li-lon or AC power adapter	
Battery Life ¹	> 8 hours continuous OTDR testing	
Recharge Time ²	4 hours	
Display	6.5 in (16.51 cm), color, transflective	

¹ Typical, depending on display brightness.

² Typical, from fully discharged to fully charged state, unit may be operating. External battery charger available.

Cleaning Tips

Clean Test Cables and FUT

It is important to keep connector end-faces on the launch and receive cables and those on the Fiber Under Test (FUT) clean, to ensure accurate measurements and operation.

IMPORTANT! Inspect optical connectors after cleaning to ensure cleaning was successful and to verify the end-face is not damaged (cracked, pitted, etc.).

CAUTION! Never view a live fiber. Laser radiation is harmful to eyes.

Follow your company's approved cleaning procedures.

AFL recommends cleaning test cables using a Cletop cassette cleaner or a One-Click Cleaner.

Cleaning the Optical Ports

CAUTION! Before conducting the following procedures be sure to have the OTDR turned OFF.

Cleaning the OTDR and VFL optical ports without removing the adapters

AFL One-Click Cleaner method

- Remove the protective dust cover from the tip of the One-Click Cleaner.
- Insert the tip of the One-Click Cleaner into the optical port adapter and gently press the body of the One-Click Cleaner until an audible "click" is heard.
- Remove the One-Click Cleaner.

AFL FCC2 fluid and CCT stick method

- Lean a can of FCC2 back (30°), press the button on FCC2 to fill the well.
- Dip a CCT stick into the well of the FCC2 to dampen the tip with optical cleaning fluid.
- Place the damp tip over the ferrule to be cleaned.
- Rotate the tip clockwise 10 revolutions while applying varying pressure to create a gentle
 pumping action where the tip contacts the ferrule.
- Discard the CCT stick after using both tips.

Cleaning the optical ports with adapters removed

Removing connector adapters for cleaning and inspection

To access the OTDR Port

- Rotate the adapter base counterclockwise approximately four times.
- Pull the adapter directly out away from the universal adapter mount to expose the ferrule.

To access the VFL Port

Unscrew the adapter counterclockwise and pull the adapter straight out to expose the ferrule.

To access the OPM Port

Unscrew the adapter cap from the adapter cap mount.

Cleaning the Exposed Ferrule or the OPM port

Use lint-free optical cleaning wipes such as AFL FiberWipes and optical quality cleaning fluid such as AFL FCC2 connector cleaning fluid.

Note: if using isopropyl alcohol (IPA), be sure to use 99% pure IPA that has not been contaminated.

- 1 Dampen a portion of the wipe with the cleaning fluid.
- 2 Gently wipe the exposed ferrule (OPM port) starting with the wet section of the wipe and pulling it to the dry section.
 - Note: Starting with the wet cleaning and finishing in the dry improves cleaning action, reduces static buildup, and finishes with the end-face dry.

Cleaning the adapters

Method 1:

- 1 Insert a Cletop adapter cleaning stick into the sleeve of the adapter and rotate 10 times.
- 2 Ramova
- 3 After cleaning the adapter, replace the adapter over the ferrule; centering it onto the alignment pin.
- 4 Tighten the adapter base.

Method 2:

- 1 Use a can of filtered compressed air (held vertically), blow out any contaminates from the adapter.
- 2 After cleaning the adapter, replace the adapter over the ferrule; centering it onto the alignment pin.
- 3 Tighten the adapter base.

FAQs

Can I save traces for viewing later?

Yes. There is a dedicated **Save** key. In the Main Menu "File Tab", set up the location/folder (Internal or USB) to save the file, the file naming format, and fiber number. The fiber number will automatically increment after each trace is saved.

What is the advantage of the Expert Auto Mode?

User is able to select a single λ and have the OTDR set the other test parameters.

What is the advantage of the Expert Auto Once Mode?

User is able to select one or more wavelengths, let the OTDR select Pulse Width, Time, and Range for one test. Then allow the user to adjust any of these test parameters for the next test(s).

What is the purpose of the Real-Time Mode?

With a launch cable, the Real-Time mode may be used to quickly view many short fiber links. It can also be used to quickly "trace" short fiber links.

Why do I need to use a launch and receive cable?

A launch cable allows the OTDR to settle down after the initial pulse and provides a reference cable for testing the first connector on the fiber under test. A receive cable provides a reference cable for testing the last connector of the fiber under test.

Tips

Expert OTDR Setup

RANGE: Length

- Too Short: you will not capture the entire fiber length
- Too Long: trace will be squashed to left side of Screen
- Good Range: 1.5 to 2 times length of actual fiber

PULSE WIDTH:

- Too Narrow: trace disappears into noise floor before end of fiber is reached
- Too Wide: events can not be resolved.
- Good Pulse Width: Events can be seen and trace is smooth

AVERAGES:

- Too Few: Trace is noisy, trace floor is too high
- Too Many: Trace is smooth but wastes time
- Good Number of Averages: smooth trace

Test in feet or meters?

If you know your fiber distances in feet, it may be beneficial to measure distances to events/faults in feet.

Fiber loss specifications are given in dB/km. Therefore it is often beneficial to measure fibers in meters/kilometers when loss results are required.

Recharging Batteries

Repair and Calibration

The batteries may be charged while the OTDR is switched on or off by attaching an AC power adapter.

- Plug the AC adapter/charger into a standard wall outlet.
- Connect the AC adapter/charger to the Power port located on the OTDR side panel.
- The [AC/Charger] indicator on the front panel will turn on [Red].
- Charge batteries until the [AC/ Charger] indicator turns [Green].

Note: an external battery charger and spare batteries are available

Unauthorized repair of the Noyes test equipment will void the warranty.

Calibration is recommended every 36 months. Noyes Calibration department is in compliance with ANSI/NCSL Z540-1, ISO 10012-1, MIL STD 45662A, ISO Guide 25 and traceability to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Call Customer Service to obtain a Service Request (SR) Number before sending units in for calibration.

View Version Information

Contact us

- From the Settings Menu, use arrows to highlight the [View Version Information...] parameter.
- Press key to enter the Version Information Screen.

Note: It is helpful to have your OTDR version number if you need to contact Noyes Customer Service or Technical Support.

You may call Noyes Customer Service between 8 AM and 5 PM, United States Eastern Time.

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