

# Testing home fiber optic cables with an optical power meter



## Article Overview

You can test home fiber optic cables by measuring the optical signal strength with a power meter, ensuring connectors are clean, the correct wavelength is selected, and using a reference cable for accurate readings.

### Equipment Needed

- **Optical Power Meter:** Measures light strength in dBm at specific wavelengths (e.g., 850, 1300, 1310, 1490, 1550 nm) depending on your fiber type (multimode or singlemode) .
- **Reference Cable or Patchcord:** A known good fiber cable of the same type and connector as your home installation .
- **Cleaning Supplies:** Lint-free wipes, fiber cleaning alcohol, or click-to-clean tools to remove dust and debris from connectors .
- **Optional Visual Fault Locator (VFL):** A red laser tool to detect breaks or severe bends in the fiber .

### Step-by-Step Testing Procedure

- **Power On and Warm-Up:** Turn on the optical power meter and allow it to stabilize for 1-2 minutes to ensure accurate readings .
- **Set Wavelength:** Match the meter's wavelength to the light source in your fiber system. Using the wrong wavelength can give inaccurate results .
- **Clean Connectors:** Thoroughly clean both ends of the fiber and any adapters. Dirty connectors are a leading cause of measurement errors and signal loss ....

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