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How to repair a power meter with high attenuation



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Key Takeaways

High attenuation in a power meter is often caused by dirty connectors, damaged cables, or calibration drift, and can be repaired through cleaning, inspection, and recalibration. Step 1: Inspect and Clean Connectors

High attenuation is frequently caused by dust, dirt, or oil on fiber optic connectors. Use lint-free wipes, click-to-clean tools, or specialized cleaning kits to remove contaminants from all connectors, including the meter probe and test cables. Regular cleaning prevents signal loss and ensures accurate measurements .

Step 2: Check Cables and Fiber

Examine all cables for breaks, kinks, sharp bends, or microbends, which can increase attenuation. Ensure cables are properly routed and not under mechanical stress. Replace any damaged fibers or connectors to restore signal integrity .

Step 3: Verify Power Meter Settings

Set the correct wavelength on your power meter to match the signal being tested. Incorrect wavelength settings can lead to inaccurate readings. Ensure the reference cable is connected and the meter is zeroed or calibrated before testing the fiber link .

Step 4: Recalibrate the Power Meter

Over time, the photodiode sensor and electronics in a power meter can drift, causing high attenuation readings. Perform a zero calibration and, if necessary, a full calibration according to the manufacturer's instructions. Annual recalibration is recommended to maintain accuracy .

Step 5: Test and Monitor

After cleaning, inspecting, and calibrating, measure the insertion loss across the fiber link. Compare the results to the expected loss budget. If attenuation remains high, systematically test each segment of the network to locate weak points or faulty components .

Preventive Measures

- Regular cleaning of connectors and cables
- Proper cable management to avoid sharp bends
- Routine calibration of the power meter
- Monitoring loss budgets to detect early signs of attenuation By following these steps, you can effectively repair a power meter showing high attenuation and maintain reliable optical network performance .

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