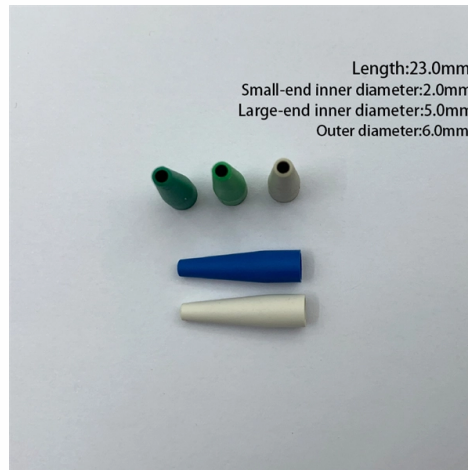


Testing of Active Optical Communication Devices



AI Overview

Testing active optical communication devices ensures performance, reliability, and compatibility of high-speed optical links before deployment.

Importance of Testing

Active optical communication devices, such as active optical cables (AOCs) and optical transceivers, integrate electronics with optical fibers, making them more complex than passive links. Testing is essential to:

- Verify link establishment at rated speeds (10G, 40G, 100G, 400G, 800G)
- Detect faults in transceivers, connectors, or optical components
- Measure real throughput, latency, and error rates under operational load
- Ensure compatibility with network ports and form factors
- Prevent downtime and costly troubleshooting after deployment

Key Testing Metrics

- Optical Power and Insertion Loss: Measure the optical power transmitted and received, and calculate insertion loss to ensure signal integrity across the link .
- Return Loss: Evaluate reflected power from connectors and splices to detect potential signal degradation .
- Chromatic Dispersion: Assess pulse broadening in single-mode fibers, which can affect high-speed transmission .

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