

Scratches on the optical module test connector



Overview

Anomalies that commonly occur in manufacturing processes can affect signal performance in an optical connector. Scratches and/or contamination in the form of particles and even oil from fingerprints often negatively impact insertion loss (IL), return loss (RL), and bit-error. This document outlines the Panduit recommended procedures for visual inspection and cleaning of multimode and singlemode structured cabling system interconnect components (connectors and adapters) and specifies workmanship requirements, tools and best practices, to be utilized for end face. The thrust of the NEMI project on Fiber Optic Signal Performance was to develop fiber optics inspection criteria, which may support differing requirements based on application. The tests' resulting data would provide OEM incoming quality and cable suppliers with specific cleanliness requirements. Dimension provides a complete series of detection and cleaning solutions for various connector types. Cracks appear as jagged lines on the fiber end-face, and while they may resemble a scratch, they are. The VSD500 Visual Scratch and Defect Detection System enables users to examine the end face of fiber connectors for permanent defects (such as scratches, cracks, and pits) and transient defects such as contaminants (dirt, oils, water, and cleaning solvent residues), complementing the. Images are captured digitally and streamed on the monitor of any Android Tablet or Smartphone. The XP Fit Plus is a pre-polished, pre-assembled connector that uses index matching gel. An internal mechanical grip, gently but effectively holds the fiber in place and can be installed in under 2.

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In order to determine whether the damage is detrimental or not, a good rule of thumb is to discard or replace any connector that has scratches near or across the fiber core (see Figure 5 a), since these

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In the effort to guarantee a common level of performance from the connector, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) created Standard 61300-3-35, which specifies pass/fail

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Common defects seen at the optical connector end face include scratches (left), particles (center), and oil (right). The NEMI team tested three groups of cables with SC singlemode simplex connectors

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When residue or contaminants adhere to the optical connector, it will produce heat. This not only could melt the optical fiber, but could also destroy devices and equipment.

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Connector Inspection

To properly inspect the connector end-face, it is recommended to use a microscope that is specially designed for the fiber-optic connector end-face. There are many types of inspection tools on

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