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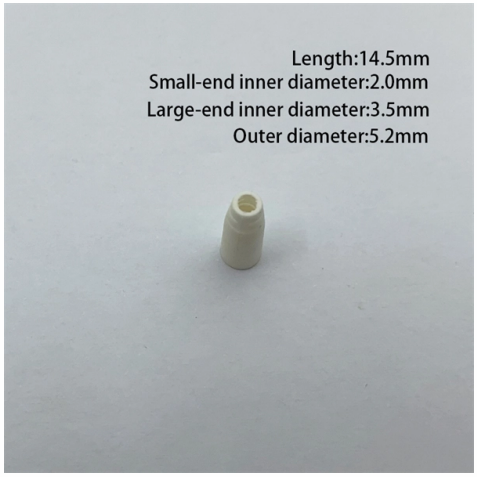

AI Overview

The attenuation value measured by an OTDR represents the loss of optical signal power along a fiber, typically expressed in decibels per kilometer (dB/km).

Understanding Attenuation in Fiber Optics

Attenuation is the reduction in optical signal power as it travels through a fiber optic cable. It occurs due to intrinsic factors, such as the fiber material and wavelength, and extrinsic factors, like connectors, splices, bends, or poor installation practices . A higher attenuation value indicates greater signal loss, while a lower value means the fiber transmits light more efficiently.

How OTDR Measures Attenuation

An OTDR works by sending short pulses of light into the fiber and measuring the backscattered and reflected light that returns to the device . The OTDR generates a trace, a graph showing signal power (vertical axis) versus distance along the fiber (horizontal axis). Attenuation is determined by comparing the power levels of the backscattered light at different points along the fiber. The slope of the trace between two points represents the linear attenuation coefficient, usually expressed in dB/km .

Interpreting OTDR Attenuation Values

• Event Loss: Sudden drops in the trace indicate localized losses at connectors, splices, or defects. These are measured in decibels (dB) and show the loss at a specific point.

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