Db on the optical module

Article Overview

dB (decibel) on an optical module represents a relative measurement of optical power change, indicating how much signal is lost or gained between two points in a fiber optic system.

What dB Means in Optical Modules

In fiber optics, dB is a logarithmic unit used to express the ratio of two power levels. It does not measure absolute power but rather the difference between input and output power. For example, if an optical module transmits light into a fiber and the received power at the other end is lower, the loss is expressed in dB. The formula is: $dB = 10 \times \log_{10}(P1 / P2)$ where P1 is the input power and P2 is the output power. A positive dB value indicates a loss, while a negative value would indicate a gain in power .

Difference Between dB and dBm

• dB: Relative measurement showing how much power has changed between two points. For instance, a connector introducing 0.3 dB loss means the output power is slightly lower than the input, but it does not indicate the actual power level .
• dBm: Absolute measurement of optical power referenced to 1 milliwatt. For example, 0 dBm equals 1 mW of optical power, and positive or negative values indicate power above or below 1 mW . Optical modules often display dB to help engineers assess insertion loss, fiber attenuation, or connector losses without needing to know the absolute power at every point....

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