

OTDR optical cable breakage fault



Article Overview

A sudden, sharp drop in an OTDR trace with no subsequent reflection usually indicates a fiber break, caused by physical damage, severe bends, or crushed cables.

Understanding OTDR Breakage Signals

An OTDR sends light pulses down a fiber and measures reflections to detect events like splices, connectors, bends, and breaks. A fiber break appears as a sudden drop in signal with no further reflection, often before the expected fiber end, signaling severe attenuation or a complete cut in the fiber. This is distinct from reflective events, which show as sharp peaks on the trace.

Common Causes of Fiber Breakage

- Physical damage: Cuts, crushing, or accidental impact on the cable.
- Excessive bending: Bends exceeding the fiber's minimum bend radius can cause microbends or macrobends, leading to signal loss.
- Connector issues: Poorly seated, dirty, or mismatched connectors can create high reflectance, sometimes mimicking breakage.
- Installation stress: Pulling tension or improper routing during installation can damage the fiber.

Diagnosing a Break

- OTDR Trace Analysis: Look for a sudden drop in the trace with no return reflection.
- Visual Fault Locator (VFL): Shine light through the fiber to detect leakage at the suspected break location

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