

Otr uses the method to check fiber optic cable breakpoints



Article Overview

An OTDR locates fiber optic cable breakpoints by sending light pulses down the fiber and analyzing the backscattered and reflected signals to pinpoint faults.

Principle of Operation

An OTDR works by injecting short, high-intensity light pulses into the fiber using a laser diode. As the light travels through the fiber, it encounters events such as splices, connectors, bends, or breaks, which cause changes in the refractive index. These changes produce Fresnel reflections and backscattering, which return a portion of the light to the OTDR. By measuring the time delay and intensity of the returning signals, the OTDR calculates the distance to each event along the fiber and generates a visual trace of the fiber's condition .

Detecting Breakpoints

Breakpoints in the fiber appear on the OTDR trace as sudden drops or spikes in the signal. A complete break typically produces a strong reflective peak followed by a loss of backscatter beyond the break. The OTDR measures the distance from the launch point to the breakpoint using the time it takes for the reflected light to return, allowing technicians to precisely locate the fault .

Practical Testing Procedure

- Prepare the OTDR: Power on the device, select the appropriate wavelength (com...

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reflection method are mainly used for testing at the manufacturing facility and the back reflection method is normally used in the field

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