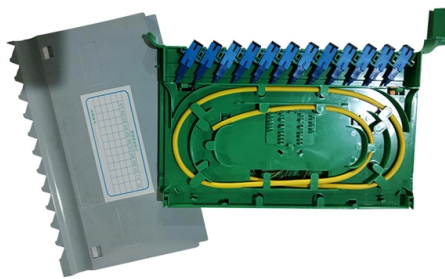


Selection of Dedicated Red Light Source for Vehicle-Mounted Fiber Optic Systems



AI Overview

For vehicle-mounted fiber optics, a red laser light source around 655 nm with sufficient coupling power and CW/pulsed operation is ideal for fiber identification and fault detection.

Key Considerations

Wavelength and Visibility: Red light sources for fiber optics typically operate around 655 nm, which is highly visible to the human eye and allows easy detection of fiber breaks or damage through scattered light. This wavelength is standard for fiber testers and ensures compatibility with most singlemode and multimode fibers.

Power Output: For effective field use, the light source should provide adequate power to propagate through the fiber. Typical values are 350 μW for singlemode fibers and 600 μW for 50 μm multimode fibers. This ensures visibility even in outdoor or vehicle-mounted conditions.

Laser Type and Safety: A Class 2 laser is commonly used for safety in mobile applications, providing sufficient brightness without requiring extensive protective measures. Both continuous wave (CW) and pulsed operation are available, allowing flexibility depending on the testing scenario.

Coupling and Connectors: The light source should be fiber-coupled with standard connectors (FC, LC, SC, ST) or universal adapters to interface easily with vehicle-mounted fiber systems. Proper coupling ensures minimal insertion loss and reliable illumination along the fiber.

Portability and Mounting: For vehicle-mounted applications, the device should be compact, rugged, and easy to secure. Handheld testers like the FIBERCHECK can be adapted with mounting brackets or integrated into mobile test rigs. Fiber optic illuminators with adjustable outputs and color filters can also provide versatile illumination for multiple fibers.

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