

Insertion Loss Measurement Procedure

2-way tester - One Cord / Configuration A. MMF

TIA 526-14-C

To achieve consistent results, clean all connectors, through-connects and adapters associated with the test prior to and during measurement.

Ensure the source has warmed up before commencing measurements.

1. When necessary, fit correctly sized mandrel to source end of launch cord.
e.g. Kingfisher OPT701 mandrels.

Fibre cladding	3 mm jacketed mm / (inch)
Fibre core	
50 µm	22 (0.87)
62.5 µm	17 (0.67)

Table 1, Mandrel diameters for 3 mm launch cord:
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2. Connect a test cord to each 2-way Loss Test Set (LTS) and set the reference on both instruments. For clarity the mandrels are not shown.



Figure 1, One cord reference

3. Disconnect test cord from the meter side of an instrument and connect to the cabling under test (CUT / DUT).

Similarly, connect the other instrument's test cord, to the other end of the DUT.

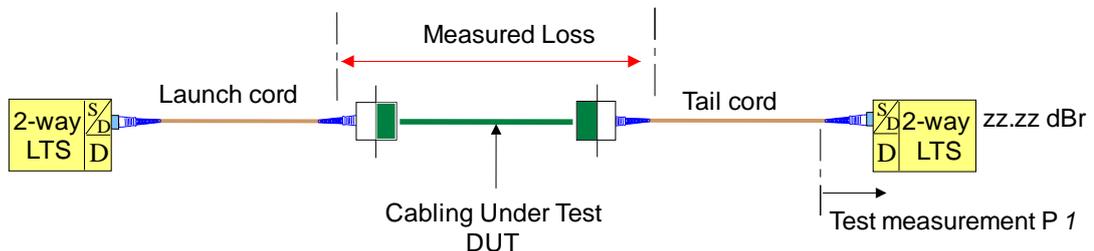


Figure 2, One cord measure

4. Read the insertion loss directly in dBr.
5. Standard based pass/ fail calculations as shown over the page can be applied to the result. Testing may be required in one or both directions.

TIA Cabling Specifications 526-14-C

For installations tested in accordance with TIA specifications, the following maximum limits apply to the various cable plant components.

Item	Specification
Connector loss Ref-Std	0.3 dB
Connector loss Std-Std	0.5 dB
Splice loss	0.3 dB <small>Note 1</small>
850 nm 50 μm	3.0 dB/km <small>Note 1</small>
1300 nm 50 μm	1.5 dB/km <small>Note 1</small>

Table 2, TIA 526-14-C cable plant specification: Table F1

Pass / Fail formula

The American TIA pass-fail standard uses a standard Telco type formula.

Where One cord referencing is specified.

Maximum IL = Length Loss + splice loss + End Connector Loss + Other Connector Losses

MMF ***Formulae require checking***

Reference (Ref) grade test cords

$$\text{Maximum IL at 850 nm} = 3.0L + 0.3N + 0.6 + 0.5(C-2)$$

$$\text{Maximum IL at 1300 nm} = 1.5L + 0.3N + 0.6 + 0.5(C-2)$$

Standard (Std) grade test cords

$$\text{Maximum IL at 850 nm} = 3.0L + 0.3N + 1 + 0.5(C-2)$$

$$\text{Maximum IL at 1300 nm} = 1.5L + 0.3N + 1 + 0.5(C-2)$$

Where:-

L = Cable length in Km,

N = number of splices and

C = number of connectors.

Note 1: Specifications for splice and cable loss not in the standard. Data taken from TIA-568.3-D.

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