

Selection of Desktop Insertion Loss Analyzer for Data Center Interconnection



Article Overview

Choosing a desktop insertion loss analyzer for data center interconnection requires evaluating frequency coverage, measurement accuracy, differential pair capabilities, and software integration for precise signal integrity testing.

Key Considerations

1. Measurement Scope and Frequency Range For data center interconnects, analyzers must handle high-speed PCB traces, differential pairs, and fiber optic links. Delta-L 4.0, for example, supports measurements up to 40 GHz and provides insertion loss per inch for PCB traces, making it suitable for high-frequency backplane and interconnect testing . For fiber optic systems, instruments like the VIAVI PCT system offer precise insertion loss and return loss characterization across various fiber types . 2. Differential Pair and Impedance Analysis Accurate insertion loss testing in DCI requires evaluating differential pairs and impedance variations. Delta-L 4.0 measures insertion loss within differential pairs and calculates uncertainty, impedance, and effective dielectric constant for PCBs . This ensures signal integrity across high-speed channels. 3. Calibration and De-embedding Desktop analyzers should support calibration and de-embedding to remove unwanted contributions from probes, vias, and test fixtures. Delta-L uses short and long line structures to mathematically isolate the pure transmission line loss . VNAs like Anritsu ShockLine or VectorStar, combined with Polar Instrument Atlas SI software, simplify calibration and provide pass/fail results without requiring deep VNA expertise . 4. Software Integration and Usability Ease of use is critical for production environments. Softwar...

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INSERTION LOSS MEASUREMENT

The insertion loss is frequency dependent, it increases with operating frequency. Hence, insertion loss of Circulator / Isolator

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Thus the loss is represented by the S-parameter S_{21} measured via a two-port connection. In

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Anritsu and Polar Instrument Solution for Delta-L 4.0 Measurement

Delta-L measures: insertion loss within differential pairs, and uncertainty of insertion loss, impedance, and effective dielectric

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Insertion Loss Admittance Tunnels

MWI's Insertion Loss Admittance Tunnels when combined with a Keysight's Vector/Performance Network Analyzer allow customers

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Testing insertion loss of PCB signal structures with Delta-L 4.0

In case only the insertion loss per inch on a certain PCB layer is of interest, Delta L provides a straightforward and tailored method to

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Despite manufacturer-provided specifications, however, you may still need to measure actual cable loss, especially when the cable

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Insertion loss is the second critical parameter that determines a channel link's performance. The two sources of insertion loss are

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