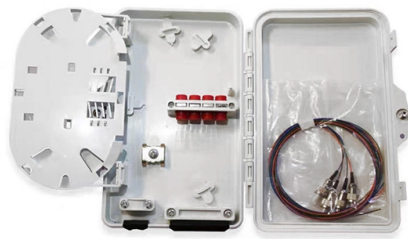


The optical attenuation of the 1-to-2 optical splitter is too high



Article Overview

Excessive optical attenuation in a 1-to-2 splitter is usually due to inherent insertion loss, splitter excess loss, or connection imperfections, and can be mitigated by using low-loss splitters and optimizing the network power budget.

Understanding the Loss

A 1-to-2 optical splitter divides the input optical power equally between two output ports, ideally resulting in a 50:50 split. The theoretical insertion loss for such a splitter is approximately 3.5 dB, which includes the splitting loss (3 dB for a perfect 50:50 split) and a small excess loss due to manufacturing imperfections, typically ranging from 0.1 to 2 dB. The total optical attenuation can increase if the splitter is of lower quality, has poor connectors, or if additional splices are present in the network.

Common Causes of High Attenuation

- **Excess Loss in the Splitter:** Even high-quality 1x2 splitters can have excess loss due to fabrication tolerances. Solid-state PLC splitters generally have lower excess loss than FBT splitters.
- **Connector and Splice Losses:** Each connector or fusion splice adds additional attenuation, which can accumulate and exceed the expected insertion loss.
- **Fiber Quality and Length:** Long feeder or distribution fibers introduce additional attenuation, which must be considered in the total power budget.
- **Mismatched Splitter Type:** Using an unbalanced splitter (e.g., 60/40) instead of a balanced 50/50 splitter can result in uneven power distribution and perceived high loss.

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First, attach a launch reference cable to the optical light source of the proper wavelength (some splitters are

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