

Connectors for fiber optic testing



Article Overview

ST, SC, LC, and FC connectors are commonly used in fiber optic testing, with proper cleaning, alignment, and reference cables being critical for accurate measurements.

Common Connector Types

Fiber optic testing typically uses connectors with cylindrical ferrules that align the fiber cores. The most widely used connectors include:

- ST (Straight Tip): Bayonet-style connector, easy to connect and disconnect.
 - SC (Subscriber Connector): Snap-in connector, widely used in data networks.
 - LC (Lucent Connector): Small form factor, ideal for high-density applications.
 - FC (Ferrule Connector): Screw-on type, often used in high-vibration environments.
- These connectors are designed to mate with adapters that ensure precise alignment, which is essential for low-loss testing .

Role in Testing

Connectors are integral to fiber optic testing because they interface the cable under test with launch and receive reference cables. The quality and cleanliness of these connectors directly affect measurement accuracy. Testing typically involves:

- Single-ended testing: Measures the loss of one connector at a time using a reference cable .
- Two-cable method: Includes the connector loss of both ends of the reference cables, which can introduce measurement uncertainty

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