

Procedure for Checking OWL Optical Power Meters For Proper Operation

Micro OWL 2 Series

Using Laser OWL Singlemode Laser Sources



Optical Wavelength Laboratories

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USING OWL LASER OWL SERIES SINGLEMODE SOURCES

LIGHT SOURCE MODEL NUMBERS:

LO2xx
LO2-13xx
LO2-15xx

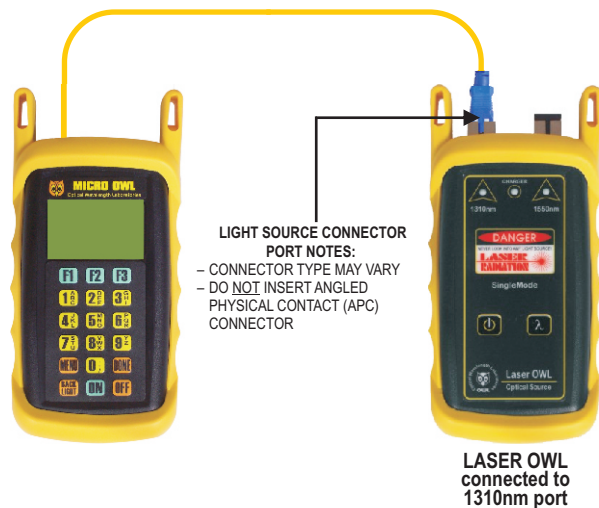
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USING A LASER OWL SINGLEMODE LASER SOURCE

NOTE: it is recommended to thoroughly clean and inspect all patch cord connectors before making any connection.

STEP 1 - Connect Micro OWL 2 and Laser OWL

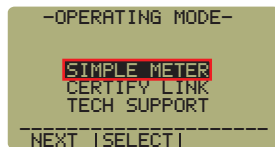
Connect the Micro OWL 2 and Laser OWL together with a yellow singlemode patch cable as shown below.



STEP 2 - Power ON the Micro OWL 2

Press **ON** to power on the Micro OWL 2.

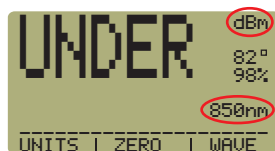
After a few seconds, the OPERATING MODE screen will appear on the Micro OWL 2 display, with SIMPLE METER being highlighted as shown at right.



STEP 3 - Enter SIMPLE METER

Press **F2** on the Micro OWL 2 to enter SIMPLE METER.

The display should read 'UNDER' as shown at right.

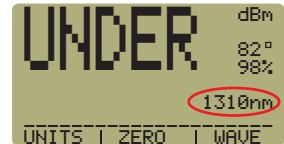


By default, the wavelength will be set to '850nm' and the measurement units will be set to 'dBm'.

STEP 4 - Set Micro OWL 2 to 1310nm

Press **F3 F3 F3** on the Micro OWL 2.

The wavelength display will show '1310nm' as shown at right.



NOTE: this test may also be run at 1550nm by setting the power meter and source to 1550nm.

STEP 5 - Power ON the Laser OWL

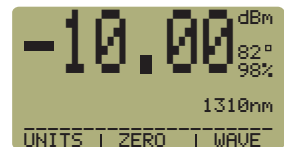
Press **POWER** to power on the Laser OWL.

The 1310nm indicator LED should now be lit as shown at right.



STEP 6 - Check optical power

The power reading displayed on the Micro OWL 2 will probably not be exactly -10.00 dBm as shown at right, but should be fairly close.



Repeat this procedure for each additional patch cable that needs testing.

NOTE: the following steps are only required if the optical power reading on the Micro OWL 2 is -11.00 dBm or below.

STEP 7 - Replace the patch cable

The easiest way to troubleshoot low power levels is to try another patch cable. Over time, patch cables can wear out or become damaged the more they are used for optical loss testing. Replacing the patch cable usually fixes the problem.

STEP 8 - Clean patch cables and optical ports

If the problem still exists after patch cable replacement, there may be some debris, such as dust, dirt, or finger oil, that has collected on the connector endface or in the equipment optical ports.

Thoroughly clean and inspect the optical ports of the Micro OWL 2 and the Laser OWL, as well as the fiber connector endfaces, according to the brochures that have been included with this kit. Several cleaning cycles may be required.

If the power level is still below -11.00 dBm, even after a thorough cleaning and inspection and patch cable replacement, contact OWL technical support at 262-473-0643 for more information.