

Micro OWL 2 Series Test Kits

Certification Testing

Quick Reference Guide

For part numbers:

KIT-M2-D2st

KIT-M2-D2sc



Optical Wavelength Laboratories

NOTICE TO NEW USERS:

All personnel testing optical fibers should be adequately trained in the field of fiber optics before using any fiber optic test equipment.

If the user is not completely familiar with testing fiber optics, they should seek professional training. Such training can be acquired from a variety of sources, such as local hands-on training classes.

Valuable information about fiber optic testing can also be gathered from reading printed literature carefully or by thoroughly reading supplied operations manuals.

Fiber optic testers vary from other types of test equipment due to issues such as:

- 1) standards-based testing
- 2) proper fiber optic test procedures (FOTPs)
- 3) "zeroing" or referencing of power levels
- 4) determining the correct link budget to pass or fail by

Complete understanding of each of these issues is critical for performing proper fiber optic tests.

GETTING STARTED

Thank you for your purchase of this OWL certification test kit. Included in this kit is a Micro OWL 2 optical power meter and a WaveSource multimode fiber optic light source. This quick reference guide will assist you in setting up your test kit for a standards-based certification test.

BEFORE YOU TEST

Prior to performing a certification test, there are a few things you need to know about your link:

- *Fiber Type*
- *Fiber Length*
- *Number of Connections (i.e. patch panels)*
- *Number of Splices*
- *Fiber Cabling Standard*
- *Connector Type*

It is also important to understand the definition of a fiber optic link as it pertains to the Micro OWL 2:

A link is a group of fibers that have the same characteristics, and follow the same pathway from one end to the other.

Also, ensure that your patch cable connectors match the patch panel ports on the link under test.

REQUIRED ACCESSORIES

- ▶ (3) multimode patch cables
- ▶ mandrel (wrap patch cable 5-7 times around the appropriate mandrel)
 - 0.7" outside diameter for 62.5/125 μm fibers
 - 0.9" outside diameter for 50/125 μm fibers

Multimode reference cables must be **wrapped** and **secured** around a mandrel as required by national and international Fiber Optic Test Procedures (FOTPs). See Figure 1 for a diagram of a mandrel wrap.

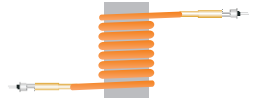
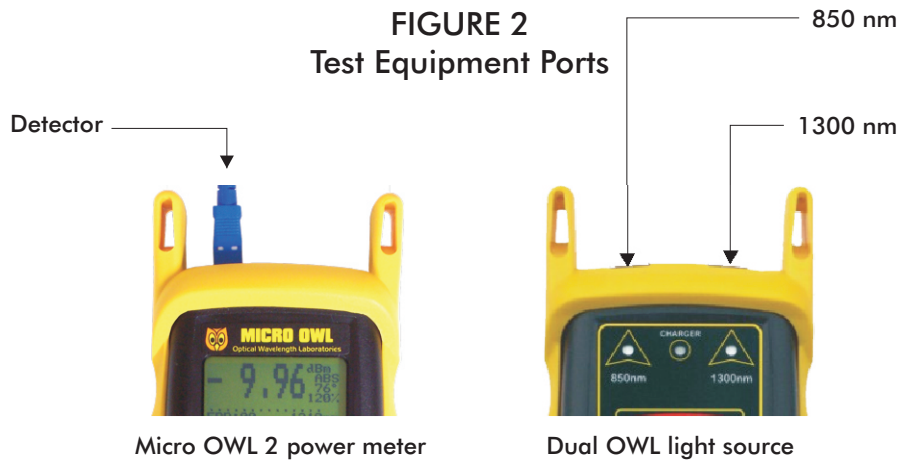


FIGURE 1
Mandrel Wrap

NOTE: if you are testing at both 850nm and 1300nm, each light source wavelength will require its own mandrel-wrapped patch cable.

EQUIPMENT PORTS

Figure 2 shows the ports of the equipment used during this procedure. These ports may vary depending upon the model of equipment.



VERIFY PROPER OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT

STEP 1 Connect the power meter and light source together with one of the patch cables as shown in Figure 3.



STEP 2 Power on the light source.

STEP 3 Power on the Micro OWL 2.

STEP 4 From the OPERATING MODE menu, select SIMPLE METER.

STEP 5 Compare the reading on the Micro OWL 2 display to Table 1 for acceptable power levels.

Core Size	Acceptable Power Level	Replace at
62.5/125 μ M	-19.0 to -22.0 dBm	-22.00 dBm
50/125 μ M	-22.0 to -25.0 dBm	-25.00 dBm

TABLE 1

STEP 6 Once proper operation has been verified, remove the first patch cable from both units and set it aside.

STEP 7 Connect the second patch cable between the Micro OWL 2 and the Dual OWL (straight cable – use Figure 3; mandrel-wrapped cable – use Figure 4).

STEP 8 Compare the reading on the Micro OWL 2 display to Table 1 for acceptable power levels.

STEP 9 Once proper operation has been verified, remove the second patch cable from both units and set it aside.

STEP 10 Connect a mandrel-wrapped patch cable between the Micro OWL 2 and the Dual OWL as shown in Figure 4.



FIGURE 4
Connection for
Mandrel-Wrapped
Patch Cables

STEP 11 Compare the reading on the Micro OWL 2 display to Table 1 for acceptable power levels.

STEP 12 Disconnect this cable from both units, and set it aside. Press **<DONE>** to return to the OPERATING MODE menu.

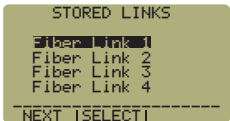
RUN LINK WIZARD

STEP 13 From the OPERATING MODE menu, select CERTIFY LINK.

STEP 14 From the START MENU, press **<1>LINK WIZARD**.

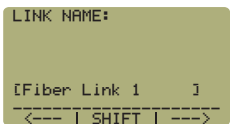


STEP 15 From the STORED LINKS menu, highlight the stored link name you wish to use and press **<F2>** to select.



STEP 16 **OPTIONAL:** you may change the link name to something that better describes the group of fibers you are testing.

Press **<DONE>** to continue.



STEP 17 Change the LINK DATE to the date the fiber will be tested using the format MM-DD-YY.

Press <DONE> when you are finished entering the current date.

```
DATE: [MM/DD/YY]
[03-20-08]
<--- | SHIFT | --->
```

 It is important to set the current date in order to ensure that the correct date appears on the certification reports.

STEP 18 Highlight the cabling standard to use for the set of fibers you are testing.

Press <F2> to select the chosen standard.

```
FIBER STANDARDS
USER DEFINED #1
USER DEFINED #2
TIA-568B.3
ISO/IEC 11801
NEXT | SELECT |
```

STEP 19 Highlight the fiber type of the network under test.

Press <F2> to select the fiber type.

```
FIBER TYPES
62.5um MM
50.0um MM
INDOOR SM
OUTDOOR SM
NEXT | SELECT |
```

STEP 20 Enter the end-to-end length of the fiber link under test in meters.

Press <DONE> to continue.

```
ENTER FIBER LENGTH:
[1 TO 65535]


[01000] METERS
<--- | UNITS | --->
```

STEP 21 Enter the number of connections (i.e. patch panels) in the link under test. Typical fiber networks will have 2 connections – one for a patch panel located at each end of the link.

Press <DONE> to continue.

```
INLINE CONNECTIONS?
<A CONNECTION IS WHEN
TWO FIBER CONNECTORS
MATE USUALLY A PATCH
PANEL>
[2 ]
<--- | SHIFT | --->
```

STEP 22 Enter the number of splices in the link under test. Splices can be either fusion or mechanical. Typical multimode networks will have zero splices.

 **NOTE:** some connectors use mechanical splice technology for termination. If the link under test is terminated with these “no-polish, no-epoxy” type connectors, they should be considered as mechanical splices.

Press <DONE> to continue.

```
ENTER THE NUMBER OF
SPICES IN THE FIBER
BEING TESTED:

[0 ]
<--- | SHIFT | --->
```

STEP 23 Review your Link Wizard setup.

If correct, press <F1> and continue on to the next step.

If changes need to be made, press <F3> and go back to STEP 16.

```
Standard *TIA-568-B.3
Length *01000 Meters
Connections *02 Connections
Splices *00 Splices
Fiber Type *62.5um MM
IS THIS CORRECT?
YES | | NO
```

STEP 24 Press <F1> until the asterisk (*) is in front of 850nm (as shown at right).

Press <F2> to begin the SET REFERENCE procedure for 850nm.

```
SET REFERENCES
WAVELEN REF dBm

* 850nm NOT SET
1300nm NOT SET

WAVE | SET | DONE
```

STEP 25 Connect the detector meter and 850nm light source (left-hand port) together with the mandrel-wrapped cable as shown in Figure 4.

Press <F1> to continue.


```
CONNECT
850nm
SOURCE
DONE | |
```

STEP 26 Make sure that the 850nm light source port is powered ON and selected (the indicator LED on the left-hand side will be lit).

STEP 27 Confirm setting the 850nm reference.

Pressing <F1> to continue. You will be returned to the SET SOURCE REFERENCES screen.

```
SET
850nm
REF?
YES | | NO
```

 **NOTE:** if you are also testing at 1300nm, you will need to connect a separate mandrel-wrapped patch cable to the 1300nm port.

STEP 28 For setting a 1300nm reference, repeat steps 24 through 27, except you will select 1300nm (as shown at right). Also, make sure that the Dual OWL is set to 1300nm (the right-hand indicator LED will be lit).

SET REFERENCES			
WAVELEN	REF	dBm	
850nm	-20.00		
*1300nm	NOT SET		
WAVE	I	SET	I DONE

After the 1300nm reference is set, the **REF dBm** field will be filled in with a reference value.

STEP 29 Press <F3> to complete the Link Wizard.

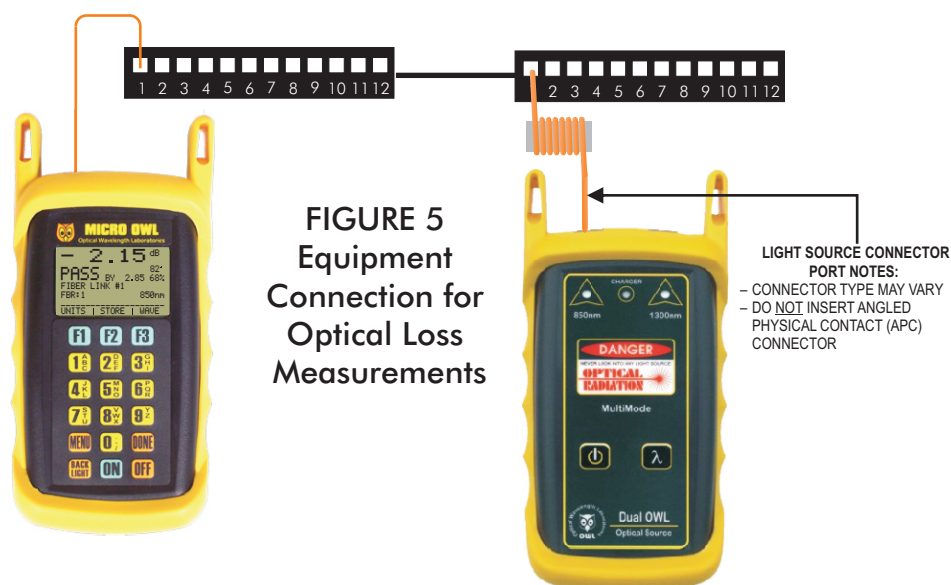
STEP 30 Press <F1> to begin taking readings.

TAKE READINGS

STEP 31 Disconnect the mandrel-wrapped patch cable from the Micro OWL 2 and take the units to opposite ends of the link.

Do NOT disconnect the patch cable(s) from the light source at any time until all fibers have been tested.

STEP 32 Connect the units to the first fiber to test as shown in Figure 5. Your readings will vary from the example below.



STEP 33 Press <F2> to store the data point. If this is the first data point in the link, you may be prompted to enter a new label.

STEP 34 Press <F3> to save the data point.

STEP 35 Disconnect the patch cables from the patch panels and move them to the next port in the patch panel, then repeat steps 33 through 35 until all fibers in the link have been tested at 850nm.

STEP 36 If also testing at 1300nm, repeat steps 32 through 35, but this time use the mandrel-wrapped patch cable attached to the 1300nm port. Also, make sure that you set the Micro OWL 2 and the Dual OWL to 1300nm.