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FR1-M6-150-SC-ST



FR1-SM-1000-SC-ST



FR1-SM-150-SC-SC

## **OTDR Fiber Rings**

Measuring an insertion loss of the near-end and/or far-end connection of a fiber optic link with an OTDR requires a launch and/or receive test cable. A launch cable, which connects the OTDR to the link under test, reveals the insertion loss and reflectance of the near-end connection. A receive cable, which connects to the far-end of the link, reveals the insertion loss and reflectance of the far-end connection. Launch and receive test cables can range from 150 m to 1 km (or longer) in length. Because very long test cables are impractical to transport and use, AFL offers coiled lengths of 50  $\mu$ m multimode, 62.5  $\mu$ m multimode, or single-mode fiber packaged in compact rings.

Fiber Rings of 150 m of fiber are ideal for premises fiber network test applications. Fiber Rings of 500 m and 1 km of single-mode fiber are designed for broadband, long haul fiber network test applications.

#### **Fiber Ring Models**

CONFIGURATION	FIBER TYPE	FIBER LENGTH	AFL NO.
Standard, one fiber	Multimode, 50 µm, OM2	150 m (492 ft)	FR1-M5-150- x1- x2
Standard, one fiber, Laser Optimized	Multimode, 50 µm, OM3	150 m (492 ft)	FR1-OM3-150-x1-x2
Standard, one fiber, Laser Optimized	Multimode, 50 µm, OM4	150 m (492 ft)	FR1-OM4-150-x1-x2
Standard, one fiber	Multimode, 62.5 µm	150 m (492 ft)	FR1-M6-150- x1- x2
Standard, one fiber	Single-mode	150 m (492 ft)	FR1-SM-150-y1-y2
Standard, one fiber	Single-mode	500 m (1640 ft)	FR1-SM-500-y1-y2
Standard, one fiber	Single-mode	1000 m (3280 ft)	FR1-SM-1000-y1-y2
Standard, one fiber, Bend Insensitive	Single-mode, G.657.A2 BIF	150 m (492 ft)	FR1-BIF-150-y1-y2
Standard, one fiber, Bend Insensitive	Single-mode, G.657.A2 BIF	500 m (1640 ft)	FR1-BIF-500-y1-y2
Standard, one fiber, Bend Insensitive	Single-mode, G.657.A2 BIF	1000 m (3280 ft)	FR1-BIF-1000-y1-y2

x1, x2 — connectors for multimode cables, specify type [ST, SC, ASC (angled SC), FC, AFC (angled FC), LC] y1, y2 — connectors for single-mode cables, specify type [ST, SC, ASC (angled SC), FC, AFC (angled FC), LC] Other connector types, fiber types, and fiber lengths will be quoted upon request.







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### How to Generate a Baseline Trace Using Fiber Rings

- Use the Fiber Ring as a launch cable. Connect the Fiber Ring between your OTDR and the fiber link under test. This will allow you to measure the loss of the near-end connection.
- Use the Fiber Ring as a receive cable. Connect the Fiber Ring to the far-end connector of your fiber link under test. This will allow you to measure the loss of the far-end connection.
- By using Fiber Rings as both launch and receive cables, as shown in the diagram below, you can measure total insertion loss of the fiber link under test.



#### Example OTDR Test Configuration with Launch and Receive Cables



OTDR Trace Made using Launch and Receive Cables

