



FIBER OPTIC CABLE ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

ECN: 04877	REV: 01	DATE: 3/6/2013	SHT: 1 of 3	DOC #: OR-71800079C
DWN. BY: AR	CHK BY: RAM	DATE: 3/7/2013	APP BY: AM	DATE: 3/8/2013

1.0 SCOPE

The scope of this document outlines the performance criteria met by an Ortronics fiber optic cable assembly. Each Ortronics fiber optic cable assembly is certified to meet or exceed the conditions specified herein. Detailed product specifications may supercede this document.

2.0 STANDARDS REFERENCED

This document makes specific reference to the following. Latest publications of referenced standards are used:

TIA/EIA-455-21	Mating Durability For Fiber Optic Interconnecting Devices
TIA/EIA-455-107	Fiber Optic Test Procedure: Return Loss
TIA/EIA-455-171	Fiber Optic Test Procedure: Insertion Loss
ANSI/TIA-568-C.3	Optical Fiber Cabling Components Standard
TIA/EIA-604-2	Optical Fiber Connector Intermateability Standard
TIA/EIA-604-3	Optical Fiber Connector Intermateability Standard
TIA/EIA-604-4	Optical Fiber Connector Intermateability Standard
TIA/EIA-604-5	Optical Fiber Connector Intermateability Standard
TIA/EIA-604-10	Optical Fiber Connector Intermateability Standard
TIA/EIA-604-12	Optical Fiber Connector Intermateability Standard

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Pigtail assembly: a fiber cable assembly that is 6 meters or less in length, having the connector termination on only one end of the fiber(s), and having the connector(s) at only one end of the cable assembly.
- 3.2 Patchcord assembly: a fiber cable assembly that is 6 meters or less in length, having one or two fibers, and with connectors at both ends of each fiber.
- 3.3 Trunk assembly: a fiber cable assembly that either has three or more fibers and connectors at both ends of each fiber or is over 6 meters in length.

4.0 CABLE ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 OPTICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS:

Performance tier levels are defined in Tables 1a, 1b, and 1c for singlemode assemblies (by endface polish style) and in Table 2 for multimode assemblies. In cases where multiple tier levels are defined, the assembly shall be in accordance with Tier 1 unless explicitly indicated otherwise in the detail specification.

4.1.1 Singlemode Cable Assemblies

- 4.1.1.1 Tests are performed at wavelengths of $1310\pm 30\text{nm}$ and $1550\pm 30\text{nm}$.
- 4.1.1.2 Acceptable Insertion Loss for a singlemode fiber shall not exceed the value specified in the appropriate table (Table 1a, 1b, or 1c). Tests are performed in accordance with TIA/EIA-455-171 Method D3. A data card for a pigtail assembly or patchcord assembly reports the test results for 1310nm. A data card for a trunk cable assembly reports test results for both wavelengths.
- 4.1.1.3 Acceptable Return Loss for a singlemode fiber shall be in accordance with the appropriate table (Table 1a, 1b, or 1c). Tests are performed in accordance with TIA/EIA-455-107.

FIBER OPTIC CABLE ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

ECN: 04877	REV: 01	DATE: 3/6/2013	SHT: 2 of 3	DOC #: OR-71800079C
------------	---------	----------------	-------------	---------------------

4.1.2 Multimode Cable Assemblies

- 4.1.2.1 Tests are performed at wavelengths of 850±30nm and 1300±30nm.
- 4.1.2.2 Acceptable Insertion Loss for a multimode fiber shall not exceed the value specified in Table 2. Tests are performed in accordance with TIA/EIA-455-171 Method D1. A data card for a pigtail assembly or patchcord assembly reports the test results for 850nm. A data card for a trunk cable assembly reports the test results for both wavelengths.
- 4.1.2.3 Acceptable Return Loss for a multimode fiber shall be in accordance with Table 2. Tests are performed in accordance with TIA/EIA-455-107.

	Tier 1		
	IL (typical dB)	IL (max dB)	RL (min dB)
LC	0.30	0.50	40
SC	0.30	0.50	40
ST	0.30	0.50	40
FC	0.30	0.50	40
MTRJ	0.30	0.50	40

Table 1a Singlemode Optical Performance, "PC" Endface Polish Style

	Tier 1		
	IL (typical dB)	IL (max dB)	RL (min dB)
LC	0.10	0.40	65
SC	0.10	0.40	65
ST	0.10	0.40	65
FC	0.10	0.40	65
MTP [†] /MPO	0.30	0.75	55

Table 1b Singlemode Optical Performance, "APC" Endface Polish Style

	Tier 1		
	IL (typical dB)	IL (max dB)	RL (min dB)
LC	0.10	0.30	55
SC	0.10	0.30	55
ST	0.10	0.30	55
FC	0.10	0.30	55

Table 1c Singlemode Optical Performance, "UPC" Endface Polish Style

[†]MTP is a registered trademark of US Conec Ltd.

FIBER OPTIC CABLE ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

ECN: 04877

REV: 01

DATE: 3/6/2013

SHT: 3 of 3

DOC #: OR-71800079C

	Tier					RL (min dB)
	1		3		4	
	IL (typical dB)	IL (max dB)	IL (typical dB)	IL (max dB)	IL (max dB)	
LC	0.10	0.50	0.10	0.15	0.10	26
SC	0.25	0.50	0.10	0.15	0.10	26
ST	0.25	0.50	0.10	0.15	-	26
FC	0.25	0.50	0.10	0.15	-	26
MTRJ	0.30	0.50	-	-	-	26
MTP [®] /MPO	0.30	0.75	0.30	0.35	0.25	30

Table 2 Multimode Optical Performance

4.1.3 General Performance Characteristics

4.1.3.1 Reference quality launch cables and connectors are optional.

4.1.3.2 A loss value (dB) attributed to cable length is added to the insertion loss values reported per Section 4.1.1 and Section 4.1.2. The added loss value due to cable length is equal to the fiber attenuation value in dB/m multiplied by the cable length in meters as measured from ferrule tip to ferrule tip. The fiber attenuation value applied is dependent on cable structure since fiber type, core/cladding diameter, cable construction, and test wavelength can contribute to the value.

4.1.3.2.1 Typical singlemode 9µm/125µm diameter fiber within a loose tube buffer exhibits 0.0005 dB/m at a test wavelength of 1310nm and 1550nm.

4.1.3.2.2 Typical singlemode 9µm/125µm diameter fiber within a tight tube buffer exhibits 0.0010 dB/m at a test wavelength of 1310nm and 1550nm.

4.1.3.2.3 Typical multimode 50µm/125µm diameter fiber exhibits 0.0030 dB/m at a test wavelength of 850nm and 0.0010 dB/m at a test wavelength of 1300nm.

4.1.3.2.4 Typical multimode 62.5µm/125µm diameter fiber exhibits 0.0035 dB/m at a test wavelength of 850nm and 0.0015 dB/m at a test wavelength of 1300nm.

4.2 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

4.2.1 The entire fiber optic assembly shall conform to ANSI/TIA-568-C.3.

4.2.2 Connector durability shall be in accordance with ANSI / TIA-568-C.3 and a maximum change in insertion loss of 0.3dB @ 200 cycles when tested in accordance with TIA / EIA-455-21.

4.2.3 Fiber connectors shall meet applicable TIA/EIA intermateability standard as listed below:

- ST; TIA/EIA-604-2
- FC; TIA/EIA-604-4
- LC; TIA/EIA-604-10
- SC; TIA/EIA-604-3
- MPO; TIA/EIA-604-5
- MTRJ; TIA/EIA-604-12

4.2.4 A protective dust cap shall cover every fiber connector ferrule upon satisfactory completion of testing.

4.2.5 Test results for the fiber optic assembly are reported on a data card enclosed with the product.