FTB-5600
DISTRIBUTED PMD ANALYZER

The only distributed polarization mode dispersion (PMD) analyzer on the market, offering simplified PMD assessment for identification of faulty sections on links.

KEY FEATURES
Locates fiber sections that are large contributors to the total PMD of a link

Makes it possible to isolate and repair only the worst PMD sections of the fiber cable

Allows the cost-effective upgrade of a fiber network otherwise limited in speed by PMD

Helps identify small changes that can boost the entire network’s performance

INCLUDES
One-day, on-site training

PLATFORM COMPATIBILITY

Platform
FTB-4 Pro

Platform
FTB-500

Feature(s) of this product is/are protected by one or more of: US patent 8,373,852; US patent 7,957,436 and equivalent patent(s) pending in other countries; and US patent 9,829,429 and equivalent patent(s) pending in other countries.
OPTIMIZING INSTALLED FIBER INFRASTRUCTURES

With the prohibitive cost of installing new fiber, service providers often prefer to use installed fiber rather than build new infrastructures. Sometimes, older fibers might have been deemed unusable because of poor performance, in particular due to PMD. In other cases, a lower data rate might have been chosen (e.g., 2.5G) because a fiber with high PMD was considered unsuitable for fast data rates (e.g., 10G). That was before distributed PMD analysis. This innovative PMD measurement method enables service providers to leverage the installed fiber infrastructure to its full potential.

Since traditional PMD measurement techniques only provide a total end-to-end value compared against pass/fail thresholds, it used to be impossible to determine what caused a link to “fail” its PMD test, i.e., the whole link, or only localized sections. The distributed PMD analysis approach was developed to avoid such grey areas, and to help network operators tackle the PMD assessment challenge.

Measuring PMD as a function of the distance

EXFO’s FTB-5600 is the very first quantitative distributed PMD analyzer on the market. The technological breakthrough on which it is based provides operators with a cost-effective, time-efficient alternative to costly network upgrades. By breaking down the PMD measurement results, distributed PMD analysis pinpoints high-PMD sections and accurately qualifies them.

The example to the right details a real-world network upgrade scenario, and shows the type of results generated by the FTB-5600 in such situations.

One-day, on-site training

To ensure that this powerful tool is used to its maximum capacity, EXFO offers a one-day, on-site training provided by one of our certified trainers.
Better insight, better decisions

When confronted by the high costs involved in deploying high-PMD-tolerant systems or new fiber, network operators often hesitate before making the move toward high-speed transmission. But now, thanks to distributed PMD analysis, they can choose another path: identifying the high-PMD spans and performing local face-lifts on the link to effectively extend the life of their legacy networks.

PMD contribution histogram

The FTB-5600’s PMD contribution histogram immediately reveals whether one or several sections account for the bulk of the PMD. In the example to the right, the faulty 5 km section accounts for more than 96 % of the total PMD.

PMD estimation feature

The estimation feature enables you to simulate the effect that replacing any of the high-contributing sections would have on total PMD directly from the interface, helping you make better decisions in less time.

Value tools

› Bidirectional analysis
  Bidirectional traces are analyzed automatically to increase the usable dynamic range or boost the accuracy of the measurement.

› Import sections
  Create section templates with either another POTDR trace, a standard OTDR trace, or a text file.

› Intermediate data remover
  Test and save in full Data Keeping mode to facilitate intervention by our experts in the event of odd fiber behavior. Then, use this tool to “shrink” the data to smaller sizes.

› Export OTDR trace
  For in-depth OTDR analysis in any of our off-line viewers such as FastReporter, save only the OTDR trace shot of the FTB-5600.

› Export to .csv
  Use comma-separated value files to create your own custom analysis in tabular software such as Excel. As an example, this will enable you to compare fibers within the same cable.
All specifications valid at 23 °C ± 2 °C with an FC/APC connector, unless otherwise specified.

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

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<td>Maximum cumulative PMD (ps)</td>
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<td>Minimum measurable cumulative PMD (ps)</td>
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<td>Cumulative PMD uncertainty (ps)</td>
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<td>PMD dynamic range (dB)</td>
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<td>Distance uncertainty (OTDR) (m)</td>
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**GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

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<td>Relative humidity</td>
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**LAGER SAFETY**

![Laser Safety](image)

**ORDERING INFORMATION**

FTB-5600-XX

- Connector *
  - EI-EUI-28 = UPC/DIN 47256
  - EI-EUI-76 = UPC/HMS-10/AG
  - EI-EUI-89 = UPC/FC narrow key
  - EI-EUI-90 = UPC/ST
  - EI-EUI-91 = UPC/SC
  - EI-EUI-99 = UPC/E-2000
  - EA-EUI-28 = APC/DIN 47256
  - EA-EUI-89 = APC/FC narrow key
  - EA-EUI-91 = APC/SC
  - EA-EUI-95 = APC/E-2000

Example: FTB-5600-EI-EUI-89

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