

What is the power of the telecommunications optical splitter



Article Overview

The optical power output of a splitter is determined by its split ratio and insertion loss, with each output receiving a fraction of the input power, typically reduced by 3 dB for every doubling of the split ratio.

How Splitters Affect Optical Power

Optical splitters are passive devices that divide a single input optical signal into multiple outputs without requiring external power. The split ratio defines how many outputs the input signal is divided into, such as 1x2, 1x4, 1x8, 1x16, 1x32, or 1x64. For example, a 1x32 splitter divides the input power among 32 outputs, meaning each output receives roughly 1/32 of the input power, adjusted for insertion loss.

Insertion Loss and Power Reduction

Insertion loss is the natural attenuation of the optical signal caused by the splitting process. In general, for every doubling of the split ratio, the output power decreases by approximately 3 dB. For instance:

- A 1x2 splitter reduces each output by ~3 dB relative to the input.
- A 1x4 splitter reduces each output by ~6 dB.
- A 1x8 splitter reduces each output by ~9 dB, and so on. This means that higher split ratios result in lower optical power per output, which can limit the maximum distance or require higher input power from the Optical Line Terminal (OLT)....

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Type of Splitters for FTTH

Each optical splitter will be available as a unit or modular configuration, with or without pre-installed input and output

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