

Extinction Ratio Meter Calibration in Northern Europe

Article Overview

Extinction ratio meters can be calibrated using traceable procedures to ensure accurate polarization measurements, with methods applicable across Northern Europe.

Overview of Extinction Ratio Meters

Extinction ratio (ER) meters, such as the Thorlabs ERM2xx series, measure the polarization extinction ratio (PER) and polarization angle of polarization-maintaining (PM) fibers. These benchtop devices use a rotating polarizer and photodiode to provide fast, accurate measurements across wavelengths from 400 nm to 2500 nm, depending on the model (ERM210, ERM200, ERM220) and support various fiber connectors like FC/PC, FC/APC, LC/PC, and SC/PC. The ERM100 model also offers precise measurements suitable for research and production environments.

Calibration Principles

Calibration ensures that the ER meter provides traceable and repeatable measurements. The process typically involves:

- **Reference Transmitters:** Using a high-extinction-ratio optical transmitter to generate a known polarization signal.
- **Receiver Calibration:** Measuring the ER of the device under test and correcting for the receiver's non-ideal response using a calibration factor (CF), often determined fr...

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Polarization Extinction Ratio Meter (ERM-202) The ERM-202 is a dual channel polarization extinction ratio (PER) meter specifically

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The PEM-400 is an instrument developed for high-volume testing of the polarization extinction ratio (PER) of polarization maintaining

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Extinction ratio

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Thorlabs · Extinction Ratio Meters

The ERM2xx Extinction Ratio Meters measure the polarization angle and extinction ratio (ER) of polarization-maintaining (PM) fibers

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National Calibration Guidelines

The tables below provide an overview on existing guidelines with options for download, and short information on the organisations

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The ERM100 Extinction Ratio Meter utilizes a rotating polarizer. This benchtop device offers a fast and simple way to measure the

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Polarization Extinction Ratio Meter

Polarization Extinction Ratio Meter The ERM-101 is a high performance polarization extinction ratio (PER) meter designed

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A polarisation extinction ratio meter calculates the PER value from measurements of the amount of light in two orthogonal

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ThorLabs ERM100 | OptoMechs

The ERM100 by ThorLabs is a highly efficient and easy-to-use extinction ratio meter benchtop that enables fast and accurate

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Benchtop Polarization Extinction Ratio Meters | OZ Optics Ltd.

The Polarization Extinction Ratio (ER) Meter analyzes light from a fiber, and reports the polarization extinction ratio of

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