How to calibrate a pad optical power meter

Article Overview

Calibrating a pad optical power meter requires using a stable reference light source, following traceable standards, and verifying readings against a known-good meter to ensure accurate measurements.

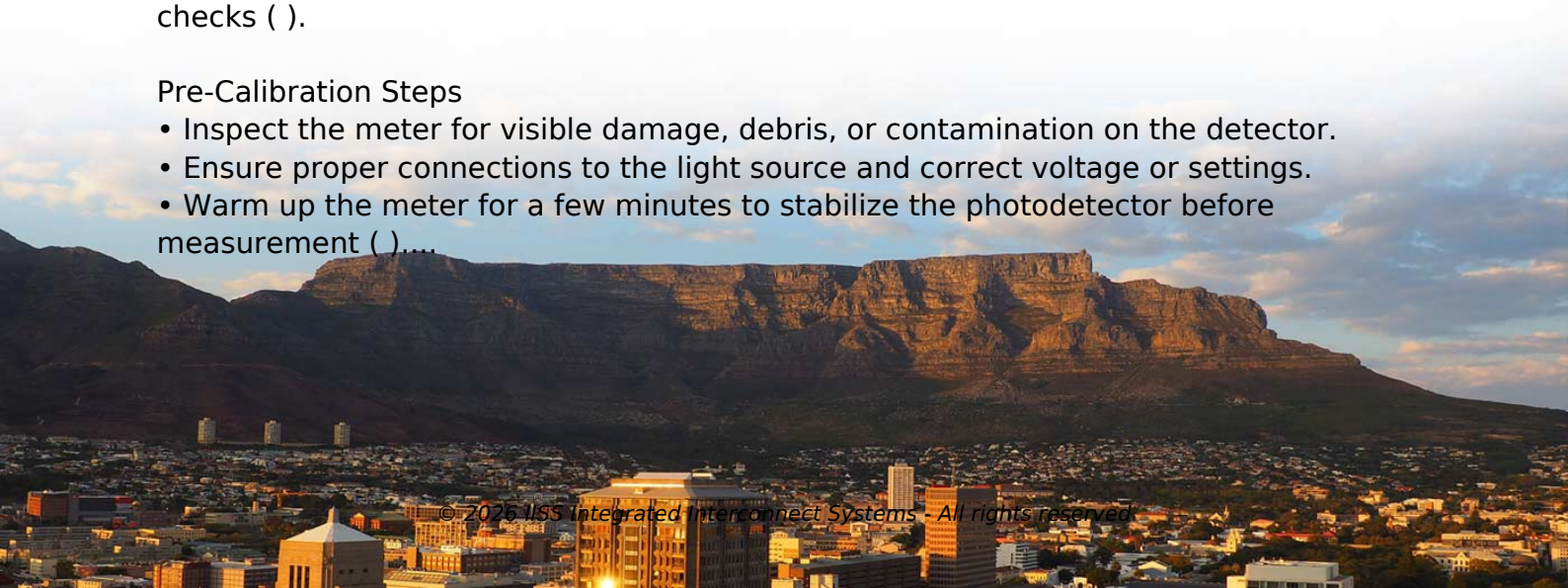
Why Calibration is Important

Optical power meters rely on photodetectors whose response can drift over time due to aging, temperature changes, or humidity exposure. Regular calibration ensures that the meter's readings remain accurate, preventing measurement errors that could affect system performance or testing results ( ).

Calibration Frequency

• Standard practice is annual calibration for most meters.
• Heavy field use, extreme conditions, or visible damage may require more frequent checks ( ).

Pre-Calibration Steps
• Inspect the meter for visible damage, debris, or contamination on the detector.
• Ensure proper connections to the light source and correct voltage or settings.
• Warm up the meter for a few minutes to stabilize the photodetector before measurement ( )....



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