

How to calibrate a round-head optical power meter

Article Overview

Calibrating a round-head optical power meter requires using a NIST-traceable reference standard, stable light sources, and following a controlled laboratory procedure to ensure accurate and repeatable measurements.

Preparation and Warm-Up

Before calibration, turn on the optical power meter and allow it to warm up for several minutes to stabilize the detector and electronics . Ensure the meter is clean, free of dust, and that the photodetector surface is intact. Set the meter to the wavelength and power range corresponding to the light source you will use for calibration .

Calibration Standards and Reference

Calibration is performed by comparing the meter's readings to a working standard that is itself calibrated against a reference standard, which is traceable to a national metrology institute such as NIST, PTB, or NPL . The working standard should have higher accuracy than the device under test (DUT). For round-head meters, the calibration should ideally use the same fiber type or connector configuration as the meter will encounter in actual use, because reflected power from the detector surface can introduce errors .

Calibration Procedure...

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