

Optical Module Testing Techniques

Article Overview

Optical module testing involves a series of performance, environmental, and compliance checks to ensure reliable signal transmission and interoperability.

1. Pre-Testing Preparation

Before testing, the optical module (Device Under Test, DUT) is mounted on a test board compatible with its form factor (SFP, QSFP, XFP, etc.) and connected to the necessary electrical and optical interfaces. Ensure proper grounding, temperature control, and clean fiber connections to avoid measurement errors .

2. Optical Performance Testing

- **Optical Power Measurement:** Use an optical power meter to verify transmit and receive power levels, ensuring they meet specifications .
- **Receiver Sensitivity:** Measure the minimum optical power at which the receiver can correctly decode signals.
- **Eye Diagram Validation:** Capture the eye diagram using an oscilloscope to assess signal clarity, jitter, and mask margins, particularly for high-speed modules like QSFP28 or PAM4 .
- **Extinction Ratio and Optical Modulation Amplitude (OMA):** Determine the optimal bias point and modulation efficiency of the transmitter .
- **Bit Error Rate Testing (BERT):** Send PRBS patterns to detect transmission errors and verify signal integrity .

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