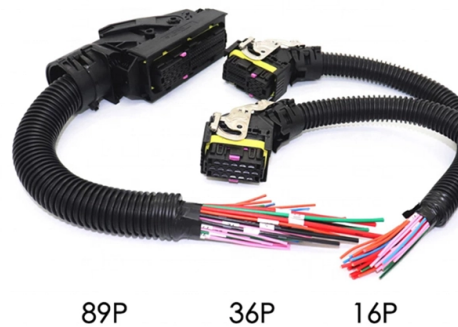


Fiber Optic Cable Sampling Standards



Summary of Content

Fiber optic cable sampling requirements depend on the type of testing—type testing for new designs requires full battery tests on representative samples, while routine production testing involves sampling every cable length or batch to verify compliance with IEC 60794 and other standards.

Type Testing (Qualification)

Type testing is performed on new cable designs or when a design change occurs (e.g., material substitution, geometry change, or manufacturing process modification). It involves a full set of mechanical, environmental, and optical tests to validate the cable design before production. Typical type tests include:

- Fibre attenuation and bandwidth measurements at multiple wavelengths (e.g., 1310/1550 nm)
- Thermal cycling to detect micro-bending losses due to expansion mismatches
- Water penetration tests for water-blocked designs
- UV resistance and damp heat tests for outdoor or gel-filled cables
- Mechanical stress tests such as tensile, crush, and bend tests

A minimum of 10 complete thermal cycles is standard for environmental testing, and UV or damp heat tests simulate long-term exposure to ensure durability. Type testing is usually conducted on representative cable samples and can take 8-12 weeks, costing \$15,000-\$40,000 per design. Results remain valid as long as the design and manufacturing process remain unchanged, with periodic re-testing every 3-5 years recommended to verify long-term consistency.

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Standard for Installing and Testing Fiber Optics

Although most fiber optic cables are not conductive, any metallic hardware used in fiber optic cabling systems (such as wall-mounted

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