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Quick Card

T-BERD®/MTS 5800 Modular Test Set

Real Time Testing with Expert OTDR

This quick card describes how to connect to a fiber under test, configure **Expert OTDR** settings, run Real Time tests, and analyze results with a VIAVI T-BERD/MTS 5800 and 4100-series OTDR module.

Equipment Requirements:

- T-BERD/MTS-5800 with Fiber Optics Software Release V21.04 or greater
- E4100 Series OTDR Module
- Fiber optic cleaning and inspection tools
- Launch Cable with connectors matching the OTDR port and Fiber Under Test (a minimum 20-meter Fiber optic patch cable or leash is recommended)
- Optical Coupler to connect Launch Cable to Fiber Under Test

Figure 1: Equipment Requirements

The following information is required to complete the test:

- Type of Fiber (Multimode or Single Mode)
- Type of Connectors (SC UPC, SC APC, LC UPC, etc.)

Fiber Inspection Guidelines:

- Use the VIAVI P5000i or FiberChek Probe microscope to inspect both sides of every connection being used (OTDR Port, Launch Cable, bulkhead connectors, patch cords, etc.)
- Focus fiber on the screen. If dirty, clean the end-face.
- If it appears clean, run inspection test.
- If it fails, clean the fiber and re-run inspection test. Repeat until it passes.

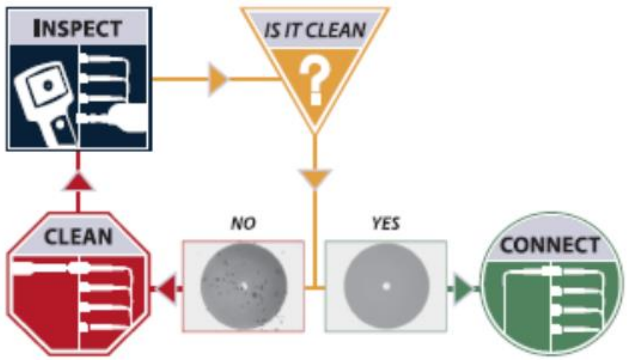

Figure 2: Inspect Before You Connect (IBYC)

Connect Launch Cable to OTDR port:

1. Inspect the OTDR port on top of the test set.
2. Inspect the fiber end face of Launch Cable.
3. Connect Launch Cable to the OTDR port.

Figure 3: OTDR Port Inspection

Connect to Fiber Under Test (FUT):
The Launch Cable may be connected to the FUT via an optical patch panel (OPP) or an optical coupler:

1. If the interface to the FUT is a patch cord, connect the patch cord to an optical coupler with the same connector type.
2. Inspect the FUT connected to the coupler or OPP.
3. Inspect the other fiber end face of the Launch Cable.
4. Connect the Launch Cable to the coupler or OPP.

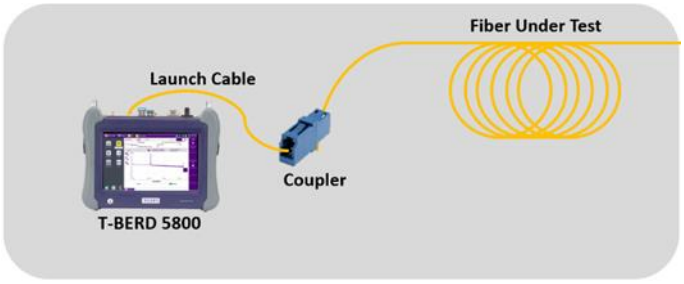

Figure 4: Connecting the Launch Cable to the FUT with a coupler

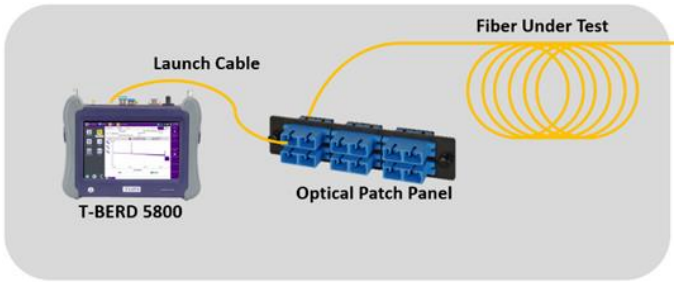

Figure 5: Connecting the Launch Cable to an OPP

Launch and Configure Expert OTDR:

1. Press the Power button to start the test instrument.
2. Tap the **Fiber Optics** icon Fiber Optics in the Status Bar at the top of the screen.
3. Tap the purple **>** on the left screen side to display the Fiber Optics Home screen.
4. Tap the **EXPERT OTDR** icon until it is yellow and highlighted EXPERT OTDR.
5. Tap the Setup soft key Setup
6. Tap **Display** and set **Distance Unit** to your desired unit of measure.
7. Tap **Auto-set** to configure the OTDR to auto-configure range, pulse width, and resolution.

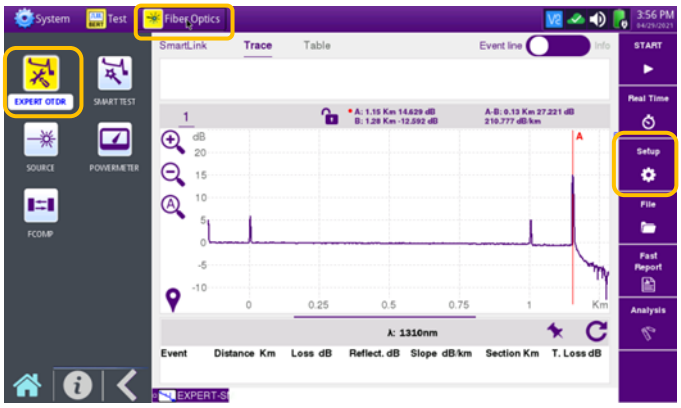

Figure 6: Fiber Optics Home screen

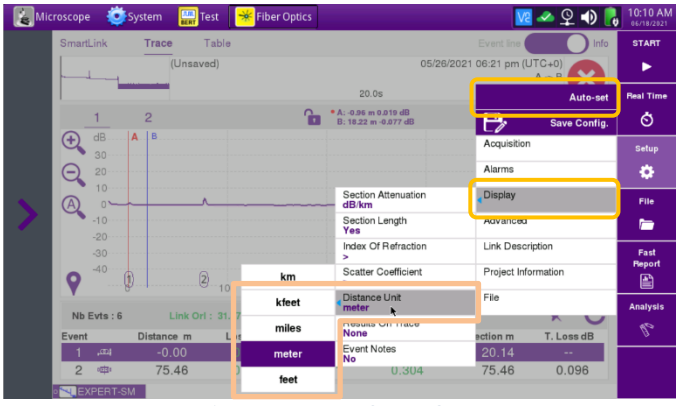

Figure 7: Expert OTDR Setup

Run Test:

1. Tap the **Real Time** soft key

to start the test.
2. After auto-configuration, the OTDR will perform a connection check to ensure that the connection is **Good**. If the Connection is **Bad**, disconnect the launch cable, and reconnect as described on pages 1 and 2, cleaning every end-face that fails the inspection test.
3. The OTDR will perform real-time acquisitions at the configured wavelength.

4. Tap the magnifying glass icons to zoom in , zoom out , or auto-zoom the display. You can also pinch and zoom with your fingers.

5. Tap the **Measurements** soft key

to start Loss, ORL, or Reflectance measurements.

6. Tap the **Test** roll up menu at the bottom left screen to select a measurement type: **Loss**, **ORL**, or **Reflectance**.

7. Tap and move the **A** and **B** cursors to change measurement values.
   - **Loss** and **ORL** are measured between the two cursor positions.
   - **Reflectance** is measured at the position of the **B** cursor.

8. ***Figure 10*** shows **Loss** measurement, ***Figure 11*** shows **ORL** measurement, and ***Figure 12*** shows **Reflectance** measurement.

9. Tap the **STOP** soft key

to stop the Real Time measurement.

10. Tap the **Real Time** soft key

to restart real time measurement.

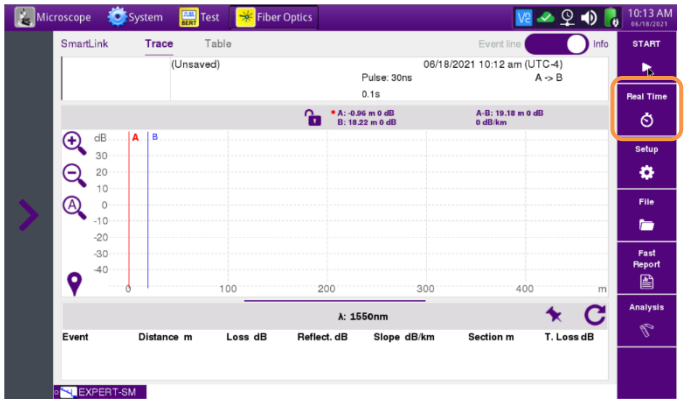

Figure 8: Expert OTDR

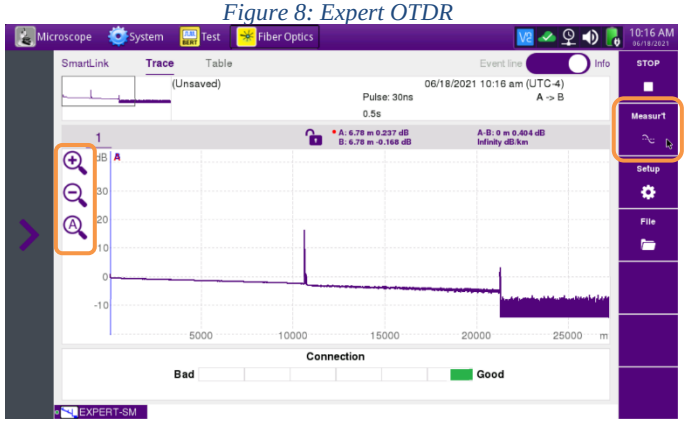

Figure 9: Connection Check & Real-Time Acquisition

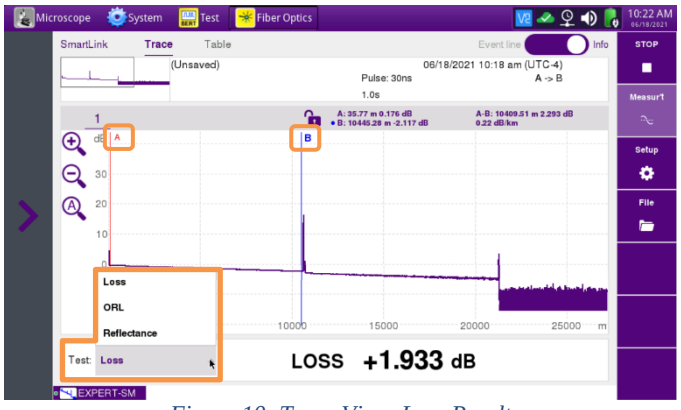

Figure 10: Trace View, Loss Result

Figure 11: Trace View, ORL result

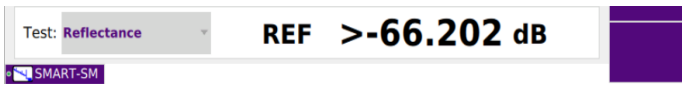

Figure 12: Trace View, Reflectance Result

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