FTS-1 Optical Time Domain Reflectometer (OTDR) Manual
Foreword

Thank you for purchasing FTS-1 OTDR (Optical Time Domain Reflectometer). This user’s manual contains useful information about the instrument’s functions and operating procedures and the handling precautions of FTS-1 OTDR. To ensure correct use, please read this manual thoroughly before beginning operation. After reading the manual, keep it in a convenient location for quick reference whenever a question arises during operation.

Note

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E1100
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Safety Precautions

To use the instrument safely and effectively, be sure to observe the precautions given in the user’s manual. Not complying might result in injury or death.

Before test with OTDR module please ensure there is no active signal in optical network under test, any signal which power is higher than 0dBm will permanently damage this meter and this kind of damage are not within the scope of free warranty!
Warning

Use the Correct Power Supply
Before connecting the power cord, ensure that the source voltage matches the rated supply voltage of the AC adapter and that it is within the maximum rated voltage of the provided power cord.

Use the Correct Power Cord
Use only the power cord that comes with the instrument. Do not use it for other devices.

Use the Correct AC Adapter
Use only the AC adapter specified for the instrument. Do not use it for other devices.

Use Only the Designated Battery pack
Use only the battery pack specified for the instrument. Do not use it for other devices.

Do Not Look at the Laser Light
Do not look at the laser’s direct ray, reflected ray from a mirror, or indirect ray without the proper protective eyewear. In addition, avoid being exposed to the laser light. It can cause blindness or damage to the eye.

Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere
Do not use the thermocouple in a location where any flammable or explosive gas/vapor is present. Operation in such an environment constitutes a safety hazard.

Do Not Remove Covers
The covers should be removed by qualified personnel only. Opening the cover is dangerous, because some areas inside the instrument have high voltages.

Carrying and Moving the Instrument
Remove all power cords and connection cables from the main unit before moving the instrument. When carrying the instrument, hold it firmly by the handle. Also, if storage media is inserted into the instrument, always remove the storage media before carrying or moving the instrument. Never leave the media inserted when carrying or moving. The storage media can become damaged.
Symbol

Icons on the main body or in manual

Warning: handle with care. Refer to the user’s manual or service manual. This symbol appears on dangerous locations on the instrument which require special instructions for proper handling or use. The same symbol appears in the corresponding place in the manual to identify those instructions.

Direct current

Stand-by (power)

Recycle

Hazard, radiation of laser apparatus

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1.1 Names and Functions of Parts

1.2 Front Panel

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<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>Tag select button (F1-</td>
<td>Enter relevant menu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>II</td>
<td>F5) Direction key</td>
<td>Move cursor and confirm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>III</td>
<td>FILE</td>
<td>Open Database</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IV</td>
<td>SETUP</td>
<td>Proceed quick set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V</td>
<td>ON/OFF</td>
<td>Turn on/off OTDR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VI</td>
<td>ESC</td>
<td>Cancel current menu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VII</td>
<td>MENU</td>
<td>Back to menuReal-time</td>
</tr>
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<td>VIII</td>
<td>REAL TIME</td>
<td>time test mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>IX</td>
<td>TEST</td>
<td>Averaging test mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td>Test State Indicator</td>
<td>Indicate test state (green-averaging mode, red-real-time mode)</td>
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<tr>
<td>XI</td>
<td>Power Indicator</td>
<td>Indicate working state and charging state (Green-working state or fully charged, Red-charging)</td>
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1.3 Top Panel

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<td>AC-DC port</td>
<td>Connect to AC adapter</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Main USB</td>
<td>Connect external device like U disk, keyboard and mouse</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Internet Access</td>
<td>Connect to internet</td>
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<tr>
<td>IV</td>
<td>Sub USB (mini USB)VFL</td>
<td>Remote control through PC</td>
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<td>V</td>
<td>(visual fault locator) port</td>
<td>VFL module port</td>
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<td>VI</td>
<td>OTDR port</td>
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<td>OTDR2 portOPM</td>
<td>1625nm testing port</td>
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<td>(Power Meter) port</td>
<td>Power meter module port</td>
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1.4 Back Panel

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<td>Warning label</td>
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<td>Battery compartments</td>
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<td>Handle belt buckle</td>
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<td>Fenders</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Side menu</td>
<td>Enter relevant interface</td>
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<tr>
<td>II</td>
<td>Function Modules Area</td>
<td>Enter relevant module</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>III</td>
<td>Basic State Information Area</td>
<td>Display information of date, time and power</td>
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1.7 OTDR Module Interface

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<td>I</td>
<td>Thumbnail of current curve</td>
<td>For user’s reference to the integrated curve.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>II</td>
<td>Curve display and operating area</td>
<td>Display events and curves.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>III</td>
<td>Event list area</td>
<td>Display event information including: “Type”, distance(Km), “Loss(dB)”, “T.Loss(dB)”, “Slope (dB/km)” and “Reflection(dB)”.</td>
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<tr>
<td>IV</td>
<td>Test condition information area</td>
<td>Display condition information of test including “PW” (Pulse width), “WL” (wavelength), resolution of X axis and Y axis (dB/div), distance, averaging and total loss from cursor A to cursor B.</td>
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1.8 VFL Module Interface

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<td>Display current wavelength</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Display reference value</td>
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1.1 Preparation
1.2 Attaching the Belt

Procedure:
1. Introduce belt through the buckle.
2. Put on the sheath.
3. Introduce belt through another buckle.
4. Fix the belt.
1.3 Connecting the Power Supply

Using AC adapter

Once connect to AC adapter, power indicator turns red (if it is not fully charged), adapter is charging the battery, after fully charged power indicator turns green.

Installing Battery

1. Rotate buckle anticlockwise to open.
2. Install battery.
3. Close the cover, rotate buckle clockwise to close.

Caution

- Proper charging temperature is: -10~50°C, high charging temperature may shorten battery life.
- Charging time is about 5 hours with power on, about 3 hours with power off.
- Don't charge battery more than 8 hours.
1.4 Turning on

Press power button (>2s) to turn on OTDR, power state indicator turns green. When power is low some warning information will display on the screen.

**Power state indicator**
- Green light: Working state or fully charged
- Red light: Charging state

**Launching state indicator**
- Green light: Proceed realtime test
- Red light: Proceed averaging test

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<th>Full</th>
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<td></td>
<td>80% Power</td>
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<td></td>
<td>60% Power</td>
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<td>40% Power</td>
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<td>20% Power</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Less than 20%</td>
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**Caution**
- In case of low power, special icon will appear, and after that for a while FTS-1 will turn off automatically.
- If it has not been used for an extended period of time, FTS-1 will turn off immediately after turned on to protect the internal battery. Please connect the AC adapter adapter.
1.5 Connecting the Fiber

Before connect fiber to FTS-1, clean fiber end first, the dust which on the end of connector may damage the optical port or reduce test quality.

Procedure:
1. Put connector against the cleaner.
2. Rotate the handle of cleaner.
3. Rub each other carefully to clean the contaminant.
4. Repeat procedure 1 and 3.
5. Open the protecting cover of optical port.
6. Insect connector into optical port carefully.

Caution
Insect connector carefully into optical port, improper operation may cause the damage of optical port.

Warning
Before connection with OTDR module, make sure that there is no optical signal exist inside the fiber.
2.1 Introduction of OTDR

2.2 Purpose of Measurement

OTDR shows the back-scatter light power of the optical signal relative to the distance. With this information, the OTDR could measure a series of important information of an optical fiber such as the quality of the line, distance of the line and etc.

2.3 Content of Measurement

- Event position—a broken point or the end of the tested fiber.
- Optical attenuation coefficient of a optical fiber.
- Single event loss, such as the loss of a connection or a macro bending. Or the loss of a end-to-end line on the tested optical fiber.

2.4 Analyze of Curve

OTDR can auto analyze a tested trace, the position process shows below:

- Get the reflection events generated by connectors or mechanical splicer.
- Non-reflection events(usually it is splicing points or macro bending).
- End: the first point which the loss of it is over the threshold would be scanned as the end of a trace.
- Events list: event type, loss, reflection and distance.
Normal Curve

A normal trace shows as above, the A mark is a start-peak and the B mark is an end-reflection-peak. The tested trace is oblique, the total loss will become bigger with the increasing of the fiber length. The total loss(dB) divides total length is the average loss(dB/km) of a fiber.

Curve with Jumper Connected

If there is additional reflection peak in a tested trace, this may be caused by a connection point or some other reasons. Anyway, appearance of the reflection peak shows that the two connecting surfaces of the connection are smooth. The smoother the connection surfaces are, the higher the reflection peak is.

For an instance, if a broken optical line is under test, the OTDR trace will show a broken point. After a maintenance of this line, use the OTDR test it again, we may see a reflection peak replacing the broken point on the OTDR trace, this shows the maintenance is done.
Curve with Broken Point

If the tested trace is just like the figure shows above, this might be caused by several reasons like: a bad connection between the connector and the lunching port, the optical pulse cannot be launched into the optical fiber or a short distance broken point of the tested fiber from the initial connection and the preset testing distance and pulse width is larger.

**To fix this problem, we should:**
1. Check the connection of the connector and the launching point
2. Reset the test parameters, decrease the preset distance and the pulse width.

**If the problem still exists, we could estimate:**
1. The connector of the test fiber is broken or polluted.
2. The launching port on the OTDR is broken or polluted.
3. The distance of the broken point of the from the initial connection is too close.

Curve with Non-reflective Event

There is a common phenomenon that an obvious step is on the middle of a tested trace, it often caused by a fiber bending, fiber knot, being pressed by something heavy or a fuse splicing point. The step means a bigger loss of a fiber, it is also called event point. If the direction of it is downward, it could be called non-reflection event. If the direction is upward, we can call it reflection event.

Sometimes, the loss value could be a negative value, it does not means the loss does not exist. It is common phenomenon called pseudo gain, it is by a connection of two fibers with different back scatter coefficient, the scatter coefficient of the back fiber is large than the front one's. In addition, the different refract ratio also can cause the phenomenon. To avoid it, we could test a fiber bi-directionally.
Abnormal Condition

The situation that there is no reflection peak at the end of a trace shows above should be paid attention on. If the distance of the tested fiber is available and the distance shown on OTDR is not equal to the original distance, this shows that the fiber might be broken down or twisted and the bending radius of it is over limited. The distance shown on OTDR is the position of the fault point.

This phenomenon is often used in maintenance. If a fiber is uncertain, we can bend a fiber and make sure the bending radius is over limited, then use real time testing function of the OTDR to confirm the fiber.

Distance is Too long

This situation often happened in a long distance testing, caused by under-range dynamic range of the OTDR that the energy of it can not support a long distance transmission or caused by a under-range preset testing range of distance or pulse width corresponding to the actual fiber length. To avoid this situation, adjust the testing distance and the pulse bigger and extend the sampling time.
2.5 Fundamental of OTDR

OTDR—Optical Time Domain Reflector is a high precision optical testing meter that use the theory of Rayleigh scattering and Fresnel reflection. It is widely used in the maintenance, construction and monitoring of an optical line. All the important parameters like fiber length, optical loss, connection loss, broken or twisted point and etc. of a fiber can be shown on the OTDR. When the light transmits along a fiber, it would be scattered to various directions caused by the difference of some properties of the transmission medium, this phenomenon called Rayleigh scattering. During the scattering process, some of the light will be scattered along the absolutely reverse direction, this phenomenon is called Rayleigh back-scattering. It provides some details about the fiber length. The parameters about fiber length can be got by calculation with the parameter of time (This is the derivation of TD in OTDR—Time Domain optical Time Domain Reflectometer).

These back-scattering signals shows the loss level of a fiber and through these information, OTDR can generates a backward oblique trace which reflects several important attributes of a optical fiber. When the light, transmitting downward along the fiber, meet a different density medium, a part of the light will be reflected, this phenomenon is called Fresnel reflection. There are many reasons can cause the changing of the medium density like a little slot at the splicing point, a broken of fiber or etc. This phenomenon is usually used to locate the discontinuous point. Compare to the Rayleigh scattering, the consuming amount of the light in Fresnel reflection is much more then it is in Rayleigh scattering. The power of Fresnel reflection is tens of thousands times to the back-scattering’s. The reflection level depends on the changing grade of refraction ratio.
Formula of the distance: distance = \((c/n)*\frac{t}{2}\).

Here: \(c\) is the light speed traveled in vacuum\((2.998*10^8 m/s)\).

\(T\) is the delay between launching pulse and receiving pulse.

\(N\) is the refraction ratio of the testing fiber\(\) specified by manufacturer\(\).

When display the whole trace, each point of the trace represents the average value of several sampling points. By zoom in and zoom out function, the value of each sampling point can be got.

**Working Principle of OTDR**
2.6 Event Type

The events on trace are all the points that the value of power loss fluctuates abnormally. It usually contains various types of connection and bending, crack, broken and etc. The event points marked on trace with special marks are the abnormal points in a fiber that cause the excursion of a normal trace.

The events can be divided into Reflection-event and Non-reflection-event

Start event
The Start-Event on a OTDR trace is the initial point. Under the default setup, Start-Event is located on the first event (usually it is a connection between the OTDR launching port and the connector of a fiber) of a fiber. It is a Reflection-event.

End event
The End-Event on a OTDR trace is the end point of a fiber. Under the default setup, End-Event is located on the last event (usually it is an end face or a broken down point of a fiber). Usually, it is a Reflection-event.

Reflection-event
The phenomenon on a trace that some power of the optical pulse is reflected called a reflection event. Reflection-event is displayed as a peak signal on a trace.

Non-reflection-event
The phenomenon on a trace that there exists some abnormal loss in a optical line, but no reflection occurred is called a Non-reflection-event. It is displayed as a drop with no peak on a trace.

Event detection
OTDR launches a bunch of optical pulse into a under-test fiber, receives the returned optical signal and starts calculating the distance from an event. The more the distance from the event is, the longer the returning time is cost. According to the receiving time, distance can be calculated. By detecting the trace generated by the returned optical signal, the attributes of the fiber itself, the connector of the fiber, adaptor in the fiber and splicing point in the fiber can be confirmed.
3.1 Setting Measurement Conditions

Press 【SETUP】 button on the panel to enter test setting interface.

The meaning of items indicated in the following table:

| Test Wave | Test Wavelength of OTDR, including 1310nm, 1550nm and 1310nm&1550nm 3 kinds of mode. |
| Test Mode | Auto Mode: FTS-1 will set best parameters for current test Manual Mode: set parameters manually. | Under averaging test mode (TEST), longer test time has better SNR (Signal Noise Ratio) but takes more time. |
| Test Time | Test distance of OTDR adjust only in manual mode, in auto mode this item set as "Auto". |
| Test Range | Wider pulse has stronger backward signal, OTDR has longer detecting distance but wide pulse width will cause the saturation of backward signal, make blind area bigger. so the selection of pulse width has close relationship with the length of fiber. Long fiber has wide pulse width. pulse width could only modified in "Manual" mode. |
| Pulse Width | Sampling resolution of test. High resolution has more sample point and high precision, but take more memory space. |
| Resolution | Unit of test result, including km/kfeet/miles. |
| Unit | |
3.2 Setting to Auto Mode

In Auto mode, you could just proceed test by setting proper wavelength.

Procedure:
1. Press 【SETUP】 button to enter "Test Setting" interface.

2. Set "Auto" mode.

3. Set test wave.

Caution

Auto test mode is not suitable to proceed Blind area test, user should enter "Manual" mode and choose "Blind area test" to proceed blind area test.
### 3.3 Setting to Manual Mode

In manual mode, user could set proper range and pulse width manually.

**Procedure:**
1. Press 【SETUP】 button to enter “Test Setting” interface.


3. Set test wave.

4. Set range and pulse width.

**Caution**
- When "Pulse width" set to "Auto", test will choose proper pulse width automatically.
- When "Test Range" set to "Auto", test will choose proper range automatically.
- Once you set the “Test range”, "Pulse width" item will adjust automatically you could also adjust manually.
Proper relationship between Range(MR) and pulse width(PW)(For user's reference only):

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4.1 Making Measurements

FTS-1 has two test modes: averaging test mode and realtime test mode.

4.2 Averaging Test Mode

Averaging test mode can calculate the data of curve over a period of time and display as a averaging one ,test time could set "Test Time" in "Test Setting".

Press 【TEST】 button on the control panel, test state indicator turns red, enter averaging test interface.
4.3 Realtime Test Mode

Realtime test mode could check network, adjust test range and pulse width in real-time.

Press 【REALTIME】 button on control panel, test state indicator turns green, enter realtime test interface.
4.3.1 Setting Wavelength

Procedure:
1. Select wavelength (WL) tag to set wavelength (1310nm or 1550nm).
2. Confirm by 【OK】 button.

4.3.2 Setting Test Range and Pulse Width

Procedure:
1. Select tag "Params" to set Test range (MR) and Pulse width (PW) button.
2. Confirm by 【OK】 button.

4.4 Event List

After test, event list will appear immediately at the bottom of the window, user could get detail information about this test from the list.
Description of items showed in chart below:

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<td>Type of event (Attenuation events, Reflection events and End event)</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>Distance from start point to event</td>
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<td>Section</td>
<td>Distance from this event to last event.</td>
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<td>Loss</td>
<td>Loss of this event (dB)</td>
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<td>T. Loss</td>
<td>Total loss from start event to this event (dB)</td>
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<td>Slope dB/km</td>
<td>Ratio of event loss value (dB) (from this event to last event) to distance (Km) (distance from this event to last event)</td>
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<td>VII</td>
<td>Reflect dB</td>
<td>Return loss of this event (dB)</td>
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4.5 **Distance Measurement**

Measure the distance from one point to another.

**Procedure:**

1. Press 【F1】 button to active cursor function.
2. Control 【◀】 / 【▶】 to move cursor A or B. 【◀】: move left 【▶】: move right
3. Get information by following the guide below:
4.6 OTDR Optimizing Tool

1. Guide fiber
   Use an guide fiber to figure out the character of connector. By adding this fiber we could move the fist connector out of the blind area. In the same way we could use this way to figure out the character of last connector.

2. About guide fiber
   Proper length of Guide fiber is 100~1000m, it depends on the blind area of OTDR. In theory, minimum length of guide fiber should be two times longer than attenuation blind area, but it should be longer in practice.
4.7 Setting Proper Parameters

At the first time using OTDR, if user choose some testing parameter which is not suitable to the real condition may cause the bad result. User should take Testing range, pulse width and wavelength into consideration.

Setting proper testing range

Testing range means maximum display range. This parameter will indicate how long will OTDR display on its screen. this range must longer than testing fiber. Usually we choose range which is 20% longer than testing fiber. Take note that testing range should not has large difference with testing fiber, Otherwise it will affect the effective resolution and overlarge testing range will result in the generation of huge and useless data(see Figure 1).

Setting proper pulse width

Pulse width and blind area, dynamic range are directly related to the maximum length ,in below picture, use ten different pulse width to test one testing fiber.the smallest pulse width result in the smallest blind area and the most terrible noise. The longest pulse width result in the smoothest curve and almost 1km blind area(see Figure 2).

It is obviously at the top of testing fiber influence on Pulse width , in below chart,we cant detect the first connecting point locate in the 540m by large pulse width(see Figure 3).

Dynamic range decided by Pulse width, larger pulse width will spend more optical power, but it reach further(see Figure 4).
Setting proper wavelength

Proceed test with same fiber but different wavelength we will get different result. Longer the testing wavelength is, more sensitive of the bending, in below chart, first splicing point has bending problem, splicing loss value under 1550nm is bigger than that under 1310nm. the other points are similar with 1310nm and 1550nm. This phenomenon indicate that this fiber is just bended at the first point. If it’s possible please always compare the point state under 1310nm and 1550nm and judge whether it’s bended or squashed (see Figure 5).

Setting proper test time

In averaging mode, long testing time could reduce noise during the data sampling and improve precision to get better and smoother curve (see Figure 6).
5.1 Expanding the Waveform and Moving the Display Area

5.2 Switching between Event List and Display Window

In "current test" interface, press 【F4】 button to switch between "Curve" and "Event", expend each section after switch, this function could also switch between cursor("Curve") and selection tag("Event").

Procedure:
In test interface,
1. Press 【F4】 button to switch from curve to event windows.
2. Control 【▶】 / 【◀】 or 【▲】 / 【▼】 to move selection tag.
Every time move selection bar to an event in event list, cursor will move synchronously to relevant event on curve. User could use "Zoom","Move","Switch"function to adjust curve to a better position, for more information please refer next sections.

5.3 Cursor Operation

5.2.1 Activating Cursor

In "Current Test" interface, press 【F1】 button,"cursor" tag turns yellow, means it has been activated.

Switch to "Event", move selection tag to choose event.
5.2.2 Moving Cursor

Set proper cursor, press 【▶】/【◀】 button to move current cursor, long press to move cursor faster.

5.3 Curve Operation

5.3.1 Horizontal Zoom

Procedure:
In "Current Test" interface,
1. Press 【F2】 button to activate "Zoom" function.
2. Control 【▶】/【◀】 button to zoom in or zoom out curve.
   【▶】: Zoom in curve 【◀】: Zoom out curve
5.3.2 Vertical Zoom

Procedure:
In "Current Test" interface,
1. Press 【F2】 button, activate "Zoom" function.
2. Control 【▶】/【◀】 button to zoom in or zoom out curve.
   【▶】: Zoom out  【◀】: Zoom in
3. Press 【OK】 button to reset curve.

5.3.3 Horizontal Shift

Procedure:
In "Current Test" interface,
1. Press 【F3】 button, activate "shift " function.
2. Control 【▶】/【◀】 button to move right or left.
   【▶】: move right  【◀】: move left
3. Press 【OK】 button to reset curve.
5.3.4 Vertical Shift

Procedure:
In "Current Test" interface,
1. Press 【F3】 button, activate "shift" function.
2. Control 【▲】/【▼】 button to move up or down.
   【▲】: move up    【▼】: move down.
3. Press 【OK】 button to reset curve.

5.4 Elaborating Event

This section we will introduce how to elaborate an event on curve, example as event 2 in right curve.

Procedure:
In "Current Test" interface,
1. Press 【F1】 button to activate cursor function.
2. Control 【▶】/【◀】 button to move cursor (A or B) left or right.
3. Move to event 2.
4. Press 【F2】 button to activate Zoom function.
5. Control 【▶】 button to zoom out event (cursor as the center).
6. Press 【F3】 button to activate "shift" function.
7. Control 【▲】/【▼】/【▶】/【◀】 button to adjust to a proper position.
5.5 Switching between Curves

This function could be used to switch between several curves, current curve displayed in yellow.

Procedure:
In "Current Test" interface,
1. Press 【F2】 button, active "switch" function.
2. Control 【▲】/【▼】 button to switch between curves.
   【▲】: Switch to above curve 【▼】: switch to below curve
3. Press 【OK】 button to reset all curves

Caution
Display maximum 8 curves at one time, if load more than 8 curves last curve will recover the former one, please refer 6.2 "Loading Curve(S)" for learning how to load curve(s).

5.5.1 Removing Curve(s)

User could remove one or several curves.
Press 【F3】 "Overlay" tag menu:
- Remove Current Trace: Remove the Curve which has been selected.
- Remove Other Trace: Remove the Curve(s) which has not been selected.
- Remove All: Remove all the Curves.
5.6 Removing an Event

Procedure:
In current Test interface,
1. Press 【F1】 button to activate tag, move cursor to the target event
2. Press 【F5】 button to select"Next Page" tag.
3. Press 【F4】 "Remove Event" tag to remove event(S).

After operation this event in the event list disappear
After operation cursor jump to next event
Appear by pushing "Next page" tag
5.7 Adding an Event

Procedure:

In current Test interface,

1. Press 【F1】 button to activate tag, move cursor to the target event
2. Press 【F5】 button to select "Next Page" tag (Please refer last section 5.6 "Remove an Event").
3. Press 【F3】 to add event.

Caution

Event addition may not operate successfully for too close to another event, user could move cursor a bit away from near event and have another try.

After operation, this event will appear in the event list sequence will be rearranged.
6.1 File Operation

In “Current Test” interface Save the current curve, press 【FILE】 button on the board, open “File Operation” interface, showed as follow:

6.2 Saving Curve

Procedure:
In "Device Directory" window,
1. Press 【▲】 / 【▼】 to choose file and subfile then press 【OK】.
2. Press 【F5】 button to enter "File Operation" interface, user can change way of saving, decide way of naming and check storage state.
3. Press 【F2】 "Save" tag to save current curve as default name(set in "Filename Type" under "File Setting" interface).
4. If user want to change a name before saving, press 【F3】 "Save As" tag to input your ideal name(refer section "Entering Characters" to learn how to input characters) and confirm by 【OK】 button.
6.3 Loading Curve(s)

Procedure:
In "Device Directory" window,
1. Press 【▲】/【▼】 to choose relative file and subfile press 【OK】.
2. Press 【▶】 switch to "File list" window.
3. Control 【▲】/【▼】 button to select relevant file curve file(s), press 【OK】 button to select the relevant file(s).
4. Press 【F4】 "Load" tag to load curve(s).

6.4 Deleting Curve(s)

Procedure:
In "File Operation" interface,
1. Select the curve file(s) which you want to remove.
2. Press 【F1】 "file operation" select "delete" sub menu to delete curve file(s).

6.5 Copying/Moving Curve(s)

Procedure:
In "File Operation" interface,
1. Select the curve file which you want to remove.
2. Press 【F1】 "File operation" select "Cut" or "Copy" to move or copy curve file(s).
3. Choose the target folder, press 【F1】 "File Operation".
4. Select "Paste" tag to finish this operation.
## 6.6 File Setting

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![File Setting Interface Diagram](image-url)
6.7 Print Screen

FTS-1 could capture current screen and save as ".BMP" format file.

Procedure:
1. Press "Next page" tag, under test interface.
2. Press 【F1】 button to capture.

User could check captured screen in "File Operation" by pushing 【FILE】 button.

Caution
User could change save path under "File Setting" (refer section 6.5).
7.1 Entering Characters

You can enter file names and comments from the character input screen shown below when saving the measured waveforms.

7.2 Renaming

Next guide will teach you how to change the name of file.

Procedure:
1. Select your target file.
2. Press 【F1】"File Operation", select "Rename".
3. Input name.
4. Confirm by "OK".

7.3 Creating Directory

Before create a folder system will inquire you to input a name.

Procedure:
1. Select your target folder or root directory.
2. Press 【F1】"File Operation", select "Create Directory".
3. Input name and confirm by "OK" on visual keyboard.
8.0 VFL (Visual Fault Locator) Module

VFL module could launch visible light to identify the fiber, locate fault of SM or MM fibers. It is the supplementary to the testing of blind area and basic tool of optical network, LAN, ATM fiber system and telecommunication network maintenance.

VFL module has two modes:

**CW**
Launching continuous wave (650nm)

**2Hz**
Launching 2Hz modulated wave (650nm)

Press "Quit" to quit VFL interface

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**Warning**

Don't direct the optical port to human eyes!

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**Specification**

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9.0 Optical Power Meter Module (Optional)

User could use OPM module to measure the power value in optical network and get the loss of the line with optical light source.

Setting
- Set offset value and Display precision

Reference value
- Press "REF" to set current power value as reference value

Wavelength switch
- Press "WL switch" to switch wavelength

Mode switch
- Press "Common/WL Recognize" to switch between normal mode and WL recognizing mode.

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10.0 1310nm/1550nm Laser Source Module (Optional)

11.0 OTDR2 Module (Optional)
12.0 Waterproofing work (Optional)

Through special process, FTS-1 can comply with IPX5 protection level. This could make FTS-1 withstand harsher environments. Test for the ratings IPX5 address the possibility of water ingress from a jetting stream. They are conducted using a jet nozzle kit.

13.1 Touch Screen (Optional)

After select this optional module, a Resistance Screen will be added to FTS-1, user could select item or input words by just touch the relevant area, a specialized pen is attached.

**Calibration**

Once you can’t touch the certain point you want on screen that means you need to calibrate the touch screen.

Please follow next procedure to proceed calibration:

1. Open "system setting" interface and select "Touch Screen Calibration" area, enter calibration interface.

2. Follow the direction, press "+" icons on the screen, then calibration done.

**Warning**

Press gently on the screen, any strike or crash may damage it.
14.1 Software Update

FTS-1 could proceed update by one U disk(with patch storage in root directory).

Procedure:
1. Download patch from PC and storage into U disk (must storage in root directory).
2. Insert U disk into USB port.
3. Turn on FTS-1, press 【F5】 to enter system setting, press 【F2】 to proceed upgrades.

![Upgrades interface1](image1)

![Upgrades interface2](image2)
15.1 Background Information on Measurements

15.2 Viewing the Optical Pulse Measurement Waveform

*See the next page for the definitions of terminology
### 15.3 Terminology

**Near-end reflection**
A reflection occurs in the gap between the AQ7270 and the connector for the optical fiber cable. Losses and reflections of the connection points cannot be detected in the section in which this reflection is detected. This section is called a dead zone.

**Backscattering light**
When light propagates through the optical fiber cable, a phenomenon called Rayleigh Scattering occurs due to the nonuniformity of the density or constituents of materials smaller than the wavelength unit. The scattered light that is transmitted opposite to the direction of propagation is called backscattering light.

**Splice loss due to fusion**
A splice loss occurs at the fused section mainly due to axis offset and angle offset.

**Reflection due to connector connection**
Unlike the fused section, a slight gap occurs in the connection section of connectors. Because the group refraction index changes in this gap, a reflection occurs causing a loss.

**Fresnel reflection at the far end of the optical fiber cable**
Fresnel reflection occurs at the location where the optical fiber cable is broken or a location where the group refraction index changes such as the far end of the cable (glass and air) when light enters the cable. If the end face of the optical fiber cable is vertical, approximately 3.4 % (~14.7 dB) of the incident light power is reflected.

**Dynamic range**
Dynamic range refers to the difference between the backscattering light level at the near end and the noise (RMS = 1).

**Dead zone**
The locations where measurements cannot be made due to the effects of Fresnel reflection, connection point of connectors, etc.
16.1 Maintenance

16.2 Notice

FTS-1 OTDR Use rechargeable Li-ion battery.

Pay attention to the following:
- Keep OTDR dry and clean store at room temperature(15°C~30°C).
- Charge it monthly if you don't use it for a long time(more than one month).
- Keep Optical port clean by alcohol soaked cotton and recover dust cap after use.
- Clean optical port and connector at fixed period.

Follow the principles below before cleaning:
- Shut off before cleaning.
- Any operations contrary to the instructions may result in dangerous laser injuries.
- Disable laser launching before cleaning.
- When the instrument is in operation, please always avoid looking directly into optic output. Although laser radiation is invisible, it may do serious injury to eyesight.
- Be cautious of electric shock and make sure AC power is disconnected from the instrument before cleaning. Always use dry or moist soft cloth to clean the outside of the instrument, and never touch inside.
- Don't proceed any modification on OTDR.
- For maintenance, please always operated by qualified worker.
16.3 Cleaning Tools

- Optic fiber cleaner (for cleaning of optic connectors)
- Optic fiber cleaning rod (for cleaning of optic outputs)
- Optic fiber cleaning tissue (for cleaning optic interfaces)
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Cotton ball
- Paper tissue
- Cleaning brush
- Compressed

16.4 Cleaning of Optical Port

Procedure:
1. Screw down the cap.
2. Pull out ceramic core by fingers.
3. Clean port carefully.
4. Recover ceramic core.
5. Screw on the cap.

16.5 Calibration

We suggest to calibrate FTS-1 OTDR twice a year, for more information please contact us(check section 17.4 "Customer Service and Support" to find our contact information).

Caution

Be careful, don't use tools like plier, it may cause permanent damage to optical port.
# 17.1 Diagnosis Center

## 17.2 FAQ

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<td>Can't turn on</td>
<td>1. Holding time on power button is not enough (&gt;2s).</td>
<td>1. Long press on ON/OFF key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Run out of power / battery has broken.</td>
<td>2. Connect external power/ Replace a new battery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3. No battery.</td>
<td>3. Install battery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4. Too cold there.</td>
<td>4. Change another environment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display shows nearly nothing after turned on</td>
<td>1. Brightness need to be adjusted.</td>
<td>1. Adjust brightness.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Connection between display and motherboard is not good.</td>
<td>2. Open and reconnect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Battery does not work properly</td>
<td>1. Temperature is too high.</td>
<td>1. Try to decrease temperature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Connection is not proper.</td>
<td>2. Reconnect battery.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3. Battery is nearly broken.</td>
<td>3. Replace a new one.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power state indicator turns yellow</td>
<td>Battery has broken</td>
<td>Replace a new one</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Measuring graphic only has front end reflection</td>
<td>1. Connector loose, polluted, damaged or unmatched.</td>
<td>1. Clean and reconnect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Locating pin has broken.</td>
<td>2. Change a new adapter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No response</td>
<td></td>
<td>Restart</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Find Ghost</td>
<td>1. Often happened in large plus width, long range and short link condition.</td>
<td>1. Use proper measuring range and pulse width setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2. Common ghost caused by continuous reflection of connector.</td>
<td>2. Reconnect fault point of Reflection event, reduce reflection strength.</td>
</tr>
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17.3 Help Information

FTS-1 has an build-in manual with essential information.

Procedure:
1. Turn on OTDR,
   1. Press 【F5】 enter system setting, press 【F4】 to read manual
      Control 【▲】 / 【▼】 button to flip over.
   2. Press 【Esc】 to quit.

18.1 Specification

18.2 Physical Parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Display</th>
<th>7inch TFT-LCD (touch screen is optional)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Working temperature</td>
<td>-10～+50°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage temperature</td>
<td>-20～+75°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Humidity</td>
<td>&lt;95%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dimension</td>
<td>253X168X73.6mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>1.5kg (with battery)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Battery</td>
<td>7.4V/4.4Ah lithium battery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Battery working temperature</td>
<td>-10～+50°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Battery storage temperature</td>
<td>-20～+70°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working hours</td>
<td>6hours (Condition: Full power, 70% brightness, realtime mode)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Battery life time</td>
<td>&gt;500times</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>DC9～12V 4A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charging time</td>
<td>4-5 hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shock resistance</td>
<td>Bear 1.2m free fall</td>
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## 18.3 Test Parameters

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Testing wavelength</th>
<th>Dynamic range</th>
<th>Event/Attenuation dead-zone</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FTS-1-D35</td>
<td>1310/1550nm</td>
<td>35/33dB</td>
<td>0.8/4m</td>
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<tr>
<td>FTS-1-D40</td>
<td>1310/1550nm</td>
<td>40/38dB</td>
<td>1/4m</td>
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<tr>
<td>FTS-1-D43</td>
<td>1310/1550nm</td>
<td>43/41dB</td>
<td>1/5m</td>
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<tr>
<td>FTS-1-T40/T40F</td>
<td>1310/1550/1625nm (“F” means with filter)</td>
<td>40/38/38dB</td>
<td>1/4m</td>
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<tr>
<td>FTS-1-T43/T43F</td>
<td>1310/1550/1625nm (“F” means with filter)</td>
<td>43/41/41dB</td>
<td>1/5m</td>
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### OTDR

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<tr>
<th>Test mode</th>
<th>Auto mode and Manual mode</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pulse width</td>
<td>3ns,5ns,10ns,20ns,50ns,100ns,200ns,500ns,1us,2us,5us,10us,20us</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test range</td>
<td>100m (blind zone test),500m,2km,5km,10km,20km,40km,80km,120km,160km,240km</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sample point</td>
<td>128000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>&gt;25cm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Precision</td>
<td>±(1+sampling resolution+distance×0.003%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loss resolution</td>
<td>0.001dB</td>
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</table>

### VFL

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Wavelength</th>
<th>Power</th>
<th>Modulation</th>
<th>Adapters</th>
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<tr>
<td>650nm</td>
<td>10mw</td>
<td>CW/2Hz</td>
<td>FC</td>
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### OPM(optional)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sensor Type</th>
<th>Wavelength Range</th>
<th>Calibrated Wavelength</th>
<th>Testing Range</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
<th>Accuracy</th>
<th>Adapt</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>InGaAs</td>
<td>800~1700nm</td>
<td>850/1300/1310/1490/1550/1625nm</td>
<td>-70~+10dBm</td>
<td>0.01dB</td>
<td>±0.35dB±1nW</td>
<td>FCer</td>
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</table>
18.4 Dimension

Unit:mm
Except where noted, tolerance default as:±3%
(if size<10mm, tolerance:±0.3mm)