Optical Module Reliability Test Plan

Overview

Carrier-grade Optical Modules Reliability Implementation AgreementThe current TELCORDIA GR-468-CORE standard (Issue 2) stipulates module-level reliability.

Key Takeaways

Optical module reliability performance testing ensures that modules meet specifications, maintain stable operation, and perform reliably under real-world conditions.

Purpose of Reliability Testing

Optical module testing is essential to verify transmission and reception performance, confirm compliance with industry standards, and identify potential manufacturing defects before deployment. It ensures modules can operate stably in various network environments, improving overall network efficiency and reducing downtime caused by module failures.

Key Performance Parameters

Optical Output Power and Receiving Sensitivity: Measures whether the module can transmit and receive signals within required ranges using optical power meters and attenuators. Bit Error Rate (BER) Testing: Evaluates data integrity by sending pseudo-random bit sequences (PRBS) to detect transmission errors and jitter, ensuring signal quality. Eye Diagram Analysis and Extinction Ratio: Provides a visual assessment of signal integrity, timing margin, and noise tolerance, reflecting transmitter performance.

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Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM): Monitors real-time parameters such as temperature, voltage, and optical power to ensure operational stability. Forward Error Correction (FEC) and Optical Signal-to-Noise Ratio (OSNR): Metrics that indicate the module's ability to maintain accurate data transmission in noisy environments.

Environmental and Durability Tests

Reliability testing also includes stress tests to simulate real-world conditions: Temperature Cycling: Evaluates performance across extreme temperatures. Vibration and Shock Tests: Ensures mechanical stability during transport and operation. Humidity and Hot Environment Tests: Confirms module functionality under high moisture and heat conditions.

Aging Tests: Long-term operation tests to detect performance degradation over time.

Compatibility and Interoperability

Modules are tested for interoperability with switches, routers, and other optical modules from different vendors. This ensures seamless integration and prevents network failures due to incompatibility.

Test Equipment

Commonly used equipment includes: Optical Power Meters (e.g., EXFO FPM-300, Agilent 8153A/B)Bit Error Rate Testers (BERT) (e.g., Anritsu MP2100A, Keysight 86100D)Fiber Optic Attenuators (e.g., JDSU HA9, Agilent 8156A)Environmental Chambers for temperature and humidity simulationSpectrometers and Wavelength Meters for optical signal characterization.

Summary

Optical module reliability performance testing is a critical quality assurance step that evaluates signal integrity, environmental resilience, and long-term stability. By combining electrical, optical, and environmental tests, manufacturers and network engineers can ensure modules meet specifications, maintain network reliability, and prevent costly operational failures.

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Qualification Report

Failure will mean any qualification sample failing the module test plan test limits or Tx LOP/Rx OMA center-of-the-eye sensitivity (OMA Csens) drift of greater than ± 1.0 dB. Fibers used in all optical

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