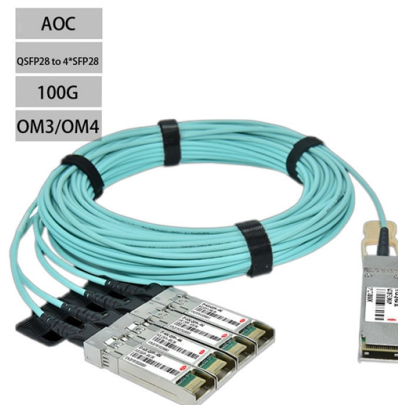


# How to interpret the positive and negative values of an optical cable connector



## Overview

A positive value, is normally used to define the return loss of a connection (two mated connectors). Fiber Optic Measurement Units: "dB" and "dBm" Whenever tests are performed on fiber optic networks, the results are displayed on a power meter, OLTS or OTDR readout in units of "dB. " Optical loss is measured in "dB" which is a relative measurement, while absolute optical power is measured in "dBm,". In optical communications, dB (decibel) is a logarithmic unit used to quantify signal strength, power gain, or loss. When the power emitted by a light source is transmitted through a fiber optic line and the power at the. Optical loss (for connectors), sometimes called attenuation, is simply the reduction of optical power induced by transmission through a medium such as a pair of fiber optic connectors. Return loss is the amount of light reflected from a single discontinuity in an optical fiber link such as a. Well the real problem is that to understand this you need to understand logarithms and that's Algebra II\*, way beyond fourth grade addition and subtraction.

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However, many people find it confusing that, with a power meter, decibel loss is a negative number, while, with an OLTS or OTDR, it is a positive number. The

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It's understandable if all these positive and negative dB readings have you feeling a bit confused. The interplay of these positive, negative, high

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A positive value, is normally used to define the return loss of a connection (two mated connectors). A negative value is used to define a reflectance of a connection.

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Notably,  $0 \text{ dBm} = 1 \text{ mW}$ , which means positive dBm values represent power levels greater than 1 mW, while negative dBm values represent power

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### Are You Positive It's Negative?

The lower the number (remember we're talking negative here), the better the reflectance – reflectance of -60dB is better than -30dB. OTDR's typically use a negative value for connection reflectance. It's not

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Insertion loss and return loss are two of the most critical performance parameters for twisted pair copper and fiber optic cabling links. They represent

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But because of convention, we sometimes drop the signs when we report the values because loss always means the optical power measurement was negative and

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Insertion loss, or the loss of signal that happens along the length of a fiber optic link, is expressed in dBs and should always be a positive number. But it can be a negative number (which isn't a good thing).

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It is important to note that when ORL/Reflection is tested, the test will show a negative value. In the chart below, you can see reflection values. The

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In summary, dB measures loss, dBm measures power, and the more negative the dB value, the higher the loss. It's crucial to set the zero

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An optical power meter is a professional testing device used to measure the power of optical signals accurately. It is widely used in fiber optic

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Optical Return Loss (ORL) is generally used to combine the reflectance from connectors or splices with the backscatter from the fiber, so the term is primarily used for longer cable runs.

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Measuring Reflectance or Return Loss Reflectance Reflectance (which has also been called "back reflection" or optical return loss) of a connection is the amount

Optical power

Optical power or loss? ("absolute" vs "relative") Practically every measurement in Fibre optics refers to optical power. The power output of a transmitter or the input to receiver are "absolute" optical power

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The same article/blog post goes on to discuss optical return loss and reflectance, which has similar issues but they get it more or less right, which is confusing.

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In fiber optic testing, you often see power levels given in dBm or mW. Understanding the difference between them is crucial. These two units measure optical power, but they operate

Insertion loss: Are you positive it's negative?

All of these positive, negative, higher and lower dB results cause plenty of confusion (and disagreement) among even the most experienced professionals in our

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