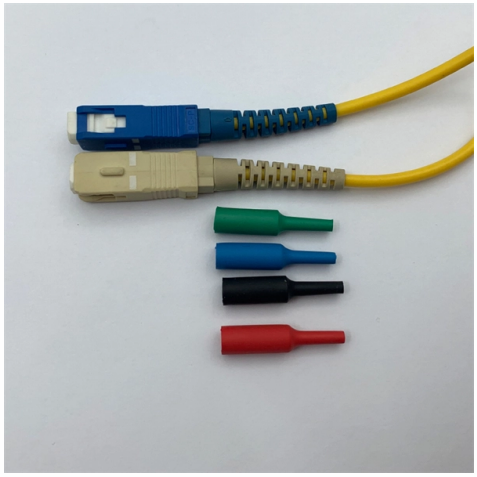
Caliper Measurement of Optical Cable



Overview

After analyzing the current industry methods for non-invasive measurement of caliper, ABB brings a new optical method to measure caliper with unrivaled measurement accuracy.

Key Takeaways

Optical caliper measurement provides precise, non-contact determination of optical cable thickness or diameter, ensuring quality control and uniformity in fiber production.

Overview of Optical Caliper Measurement

Caliper measurement of optical cables involves determining the thickness or diameter of the cable or fiber. Traditional mechanical calipers can physically touch the cable, but modern optical calipers use non-contact optical sensors to measure caliper with high accuracy, avoiding potential deformation of delicate fibers during measurement. These systems are widely used in manufacturing and quality control to ensure consistent cable dimensions.

How Optical Calipers Work

Optical calipers operate by projecting a light beam or laser onto the cable surface and detecting the reflected or transmitted light to calculate the distance between surfaces. The measurement is typically continuous and real-time, allowing for online monitoring during production. This method provides unrivaled accuracy compared to mechanical methods and is suitable for delicate or high-speed production lines.

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Applications in Optical Fiber and Cable

Quality Control: Ensures that fiber diameters meet strict tolerances, which is critical for splicing, connectorization, and optical performance. Manufacturing Monitoring: Detects variations in coating thickness or buffer layers during fiber drawing or cable extrusion. Calibration and Standards Compliance: Optical calipers can be calibrated against reference standards to maintain measurement accuracy, similar to calibration methods used for strain coefficients in optical fiber sensing cables.

AdvantagesNon-contact measurement prevents fiber deformation. High precision suitable for micrometer-level tolerances. Real-time monitoring allows immediate detection of deviations.

Integration with automated systems for continuous production feedback.

Considerations

Proper alignment and calibration are essential to ensure accurate readings. Environmental factors like vibration, temperature, and dust can affect optical measurements. For sensing cables, the buffer and coating layers must be considered, as they influence the effective diameter measured.

In summary, optical caliper measurement is a critical tool in optical cable production and testing, providing precise, non-invasive, and real-time measurement of fiber and cable diameters to ensure quality, performance, and compliance with industry standards.

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