

POWER METER/LIGHT SOURCE/ OPTICAL LOSS TEST SET

EPM-500/ELS-500/EOT-500

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USER GUIDE



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Electronic test equipment is exempt from Part 15 compliance (FCC) in the United States. However, compliance verification tests are systematically performed on most EXFO equipment.

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Electronic test equipment is subject to the EMC Directive in the European Union. The EN61326 standard prescribes both emission and immunity requirements for laboratory, measurement, and control equipment. This unit has undergone extensive testing according to the European Union Directive and Standards.

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Trade Name/Model No.:	EPM-500 Power Meter, ELS-500 Light Source, EOT-500 OLTS

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EN 61326: 1997/ A2: 2001	Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use - EMC Requirements
EN 55022: 1998/ A1: 2000	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of information technology equipment

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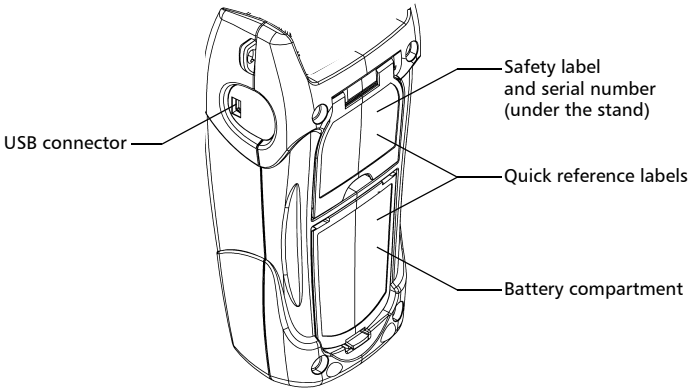
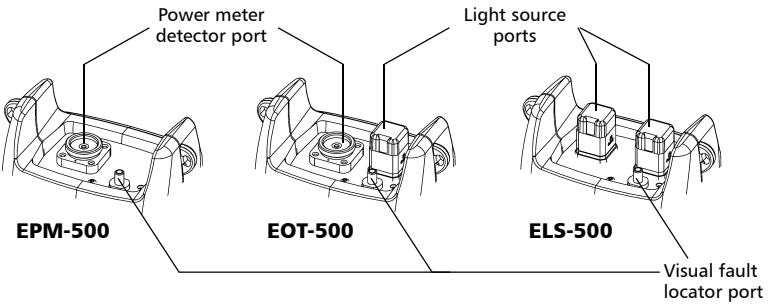
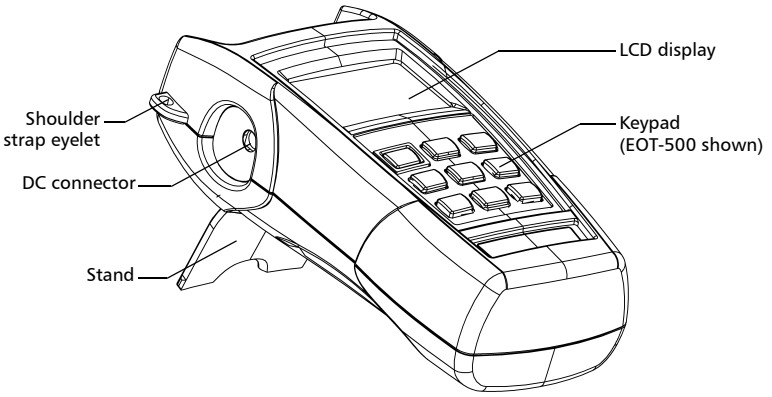
1 Introducing the EPM-500/ELS-500/EOT-500

This user guide covers the following products (unless otherwise specified, descriptions apply to all):

- EPM-500 Power Meter
- ELS-500 Light Source
- EOT-500 Optical Loss Test Set: combines both a power meter and a light source



Main Features

	EPM	ELS	EOT
Ge or GeX detector with 6 calibrated wavelengths	X		X
Absolute power and link loss measurements	X		X
Automatic wavelength detection	X		X
No offset nulling of detectors required in normal operation	X		X
Multiple source configurations on a single port [EOT-500] or on one or two ports [ELS-500]		X	X
Optional visual fault locator	X	X	X
Transmission of editable power value with source's signal for automatic reference with compatible power meter		X	X
Transmission of wavelength to compatible power meter in automatic wavelength or auto-switching mode		X	X
Modulated signal emission or detection (270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz) compatible with other EXFO units	X	X	X
Data storage on unit and USB transfer to a computer	X		X
User-configurable pass/fail thresholds with LED indicator	X		X
Automatic shutdown after 10 minutes of idle time (auto-off)	X	X	X



Power Sources

The units operate with the following power sources:

- ▶ AC adapter (connected to standard power outlet—indoor use only) 
Compatible car outlet adapter available upon request.
- ▶ Li-Ion rechargeable battery (automatically takes over if you unplug the AC adapter) 



IMPORTANT

If the battery level becomes too low, the unit turns itself off.

Typical Applications

- ▶ Transmitter power measurements (dBm and W)
- ▶ Fiber-link loss testing (dB)
- ▶ Component insertion-loss testing (dB)
- ▶ Fiber identification with 270-Hz, 1-kHz and 2-kHz signals
- ▶ Fiber installation and maintenance applications
- ▶ FTTx: testing of passive optical networks (PONs)

Conventions

Before using the product described in this manual, you should understand the following conventions:



WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in *death or serious injury*. Do not proceed unless you understand and meet the required conditions.



CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in *minor or moderate injury*. Do not proceed unless you understand and meet the required conditions.



CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in *component damage*. Do not proceed unless you understand and meet the required conditions.



IMPORTANT

Refers to information about this product you should not overlook.

2 Safety Information

Electrical Safety Information



WARNING

Use the AC adapter provided with this product *indoors only*.



Laser Safety Information (ELS-500 and EOT-500 without VFL)



WARNING

Do not install or terminate fibers while a laser source is active. Never look directly into a live fiber and ensure that your eyes are protected at all times.



WARNING

Use of controls, adjustments and procedures for operation and maintenance other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

Your instrument is a Class 1M laser product in compliance with standards IEC 60825-1 Amendment 2: 2001 and 21 CFR 1040.10. Invisible laser radiation may be encountered at the output port.

The product is safe under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation but it may be hazardous if you use optics within a diverging or collimated beam. *Do not view directly with optical instruments.*



Note: *Label shown for information purposes only. It is not affixed to your product.*

Note: *Units without VCSEL sources are Class 1 products.*

Laser Safety Information (Units with VFL)

Your instrument is a Class 3R laser product in compliance with standards IEC 60825-1 Amendment 2: 2001 and 21 CFR 1040.10. It is potentially harmful in direct intrabeam viewing.

The following label(s) indicate that the product contains a Class 3R source:



Affixed to back
(under the stand)

VFL LASER APERTURE

Indicated on
connector panel

3 Getting Started

Turning the Unit On and Off

When you turn off the EPM-500 or the EOT-500, it saves the current wavelength, unit and reference power.




IMPORTANT

If you remove batteries (and the AC adapter is unplugged), the unit will turn off *without saving the above values*.


If batteries are low (and the AC adapter is unplugged), the unit will save the above values and turn off.

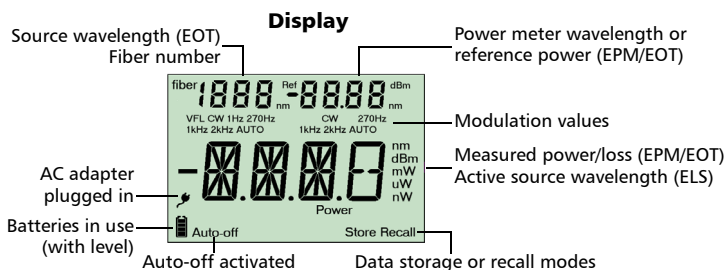
Note: Offset nulling values are always returned to factory settings.

To turn on the unit:

Press . The unit displays **EXFO** for a few seconds. You may use it immediately under normal conditions.

To turn off the unit:

From normal operating mode, hold down  a few seconds.




Activating Automatic Shutdown (Auto-Off)

When auto-off is activated, the unit will turn off after 10 minutes of idle time.

Auto-off is activated by default when you turn on the unit.

To deactivate/reactivate auto-off:

When unit is on, press .




Activating the Backlight

When operating the unit in the dark, use the backlight to make data on the display more visible. The keypad buttons will also lighten for about 10 seconds.




Note: When backlight is activated, you must always press a button once to lighten the keypad, then press the actual button you want.

To activate/deactivate the backlight:

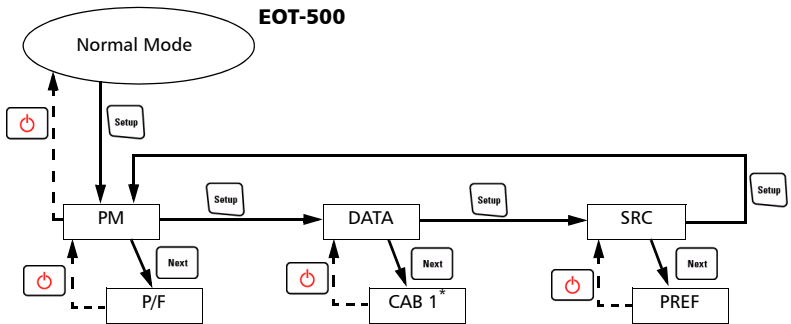
From normal operating mode, press .

Accessing and Navigating Setup Menus

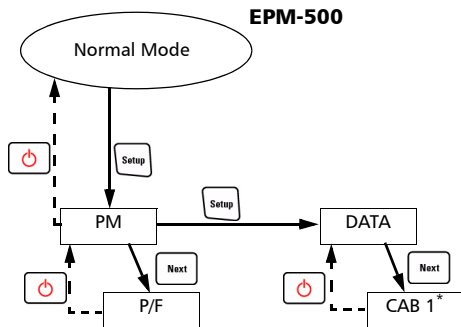
Setup menus differ in each model. You may access and navigate menus as follows:

- Press  repeatedly to switch between options in a menu level.
- Press  once to access a submenu from the main level.
- Press  to exit menus (one level at a time).

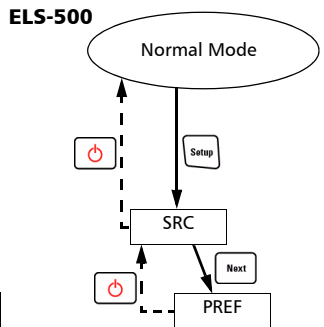
Note: Details about each menu option are given in this user guide.



*: Default cable name



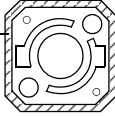
*: Default cable name



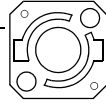
Installing the EXFO Universal Interface (EUI)

The EUI fixed baseplate is available for connectors with angled (APC) or non-angled (UPC) polishing. A green border around the baseplate indicates that it is for APC-type connectors, as shown below:

Green border
indicates APC
option

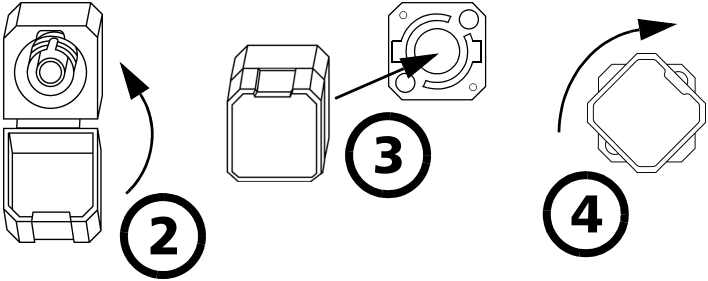


Bare metal
(or blue border)
indicates UPC option



To install an EUI connector adapter onto the EUI baseplate:

1. Hold the EUI connector adapter so the dust cap opens downwards.



2. Close the dust cap in order to hold the connector adapter more firmly.
3. Insert the connector adapter into the baseplate.
4. While pushing firmly, turn the connector adapter clockwise on the baseplate to lock it in place.

Cleaning and Connecting Optical Fibers



IMPORTANT

To ensure maximum power and to avoid erroneous readings:

- Always clean fiber ends as explained below before inserting them into the port. EXFO is not responsible for damage or errors caused by bad fiber cleaning or handling.
- Ensure that your patchcord has appropriate connectors. Joining mismatched connectors will damage the ferrules.

To connect the fiber-optic cable to the port:

1. Clean the fiber ends as follows:
 - 1a. Gently wipe the fiber end with a lint-free swab dipped in isopropyl alcohol.
 - 1b. Use compressed air to dry completely.
 - 1c. Visually inspect the fiber end to ensure its cleanliness.
2. Carefully align the connector and port to prevent the fiber end from touching the outside of the port or rubbing against other surfaces. If your connector features a key, ensure that it is fully fitted into the port's corresponding notch.
3. Push the connector in so that the fiber-optic cable is firmly in place, thus ensuring adequate contact.

If your connector features a screwsleeve, tighten the connector enough to firmly maintain the fiber in place. Do not overtighten, as this will damage the fiber and the port.

Note: *If your fiber-optic cable is not properly aligned and/or connected, you will notice heavy loss and reflection.*

4 Measuring Power or Loss (EPM-500 and EOT-500)

Nulling Electrical Offsets

Temperature and humidity variations affect the performance of electronic circuits and optical detectors. Nulling the electrical offsets eliminates these effects. *Your unit has been designed not to require offset nulling under normal operation*, but you should perform it whenever environmental conditions change significantly or when measuring very low power values.




IMPORTANT

If light reaches the detector when nulling offsets, LIGH appears on the display and the nulling is not performed. You will need to press a key to return to the previous display.

Note: *Factory-defined values will be reinstated when you turn off the unit.*

To perform an offset nulling:

Hold down  a few seconds. The unit displays NULL while nulling the offsets, then returns to normal mode.

Note: *Keypad is disabled during the operation.*



Referencing Your Power Meter to a Source

In reference mode, your unit displays the loss created by the fiber under test only, since a reference value is subtracted from the measured power.

Note: You must set a reference value separately for each wavelength.

Compatible sources (such as EOT-500 and ELS-500) can transmit a power value to your power meter, avoiding the need for manual referencing.



IMPORTANT

The value sent is not the source's actual power. It is a user-defined value that may not take the optical link's loss into account.

To receive the reference power value from a compatible source:

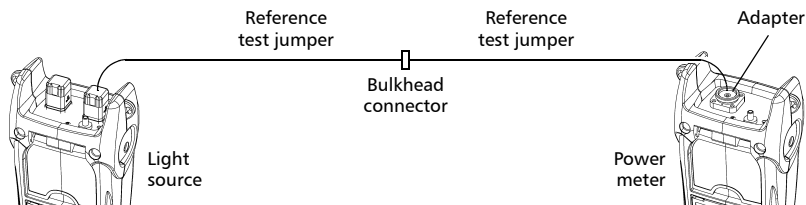
1. Connect a compatible source to your power meter (as shown below, with or without a fiber under test).
2. Use the source to emit the signal that contains its power value (see *Sending Source Power Value with Signal* on page 18).
 - If reference value or units change, the power meter beeps.
 - The new reference power is displayed in the top right corner (in dBm) and current loss reading is automatically switched to dB.



Note: When using this feature, you cannot change the power meter's wavelength manually. The power meter behavior is totally determined by the source.

To reference the power meter to a source manually:

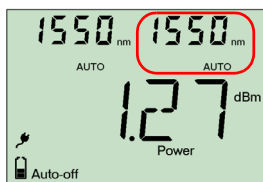
1. Using the proper adapter, connect a light source (such as ELS-500 or EOT-500) to the detector port of your power meter.



2. Activate the source at the desired wavelength.

3. Match the source and power meter wavelengths:

- If the source emits an auto-wavelength signal or is in auto-switching mode (see *Automatically Detecting Wavelength* on page 14 and *Using Auto-Switching Mode* on page 17), the power meter automatically matches the source wavelength.



- Press λ to switch between calibrated wavelengths.

4. Hold down $\frac{dBmW}{dB}$ a few seconds. The power meter stores the currently detected power as the new reference power.

Reference power is displayed in the top right corner (in dBm) and current loss reading is automatically switched to dB.



5. Repeat the procedure for each wavelength you want to reference (if you use auto-switching mode, the power meter automatically references wavelengths one at a time).

Note: When using dB units, press λ to display the current wavelength for a few seconds. To change this wavelength, press λ again while it is displayed.

Measuring Power or Loss

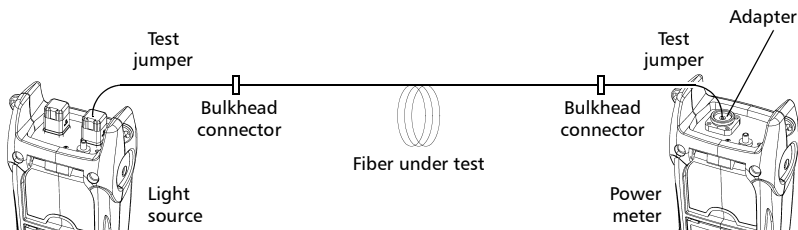
Measuring absolute power or link loss is done the same way, except for the referencing step.

To perform power or loss measurements:

1. If necessary, perform an offset nulling (see *Nulling Electrical Offsets* on page 10).
2. Check and clean your fibers appropriately for optimum performance (see *Cleaning and Connecting Optical Fibers* on page 9).
3. For loss measurements, reference your power meter to a light source (see *Referencing Your Power Meter to a Source* on page 11), then deactivate the light source.

- Using the proper adapter and test jumpers, connect a fiber under test to a light source (such as ELS-500 or EOT-500) and to the detector port of your unit.

Note: If you have referenced your power meter to a source, simply connect a fiber under test to the test jumpers used for referencing.



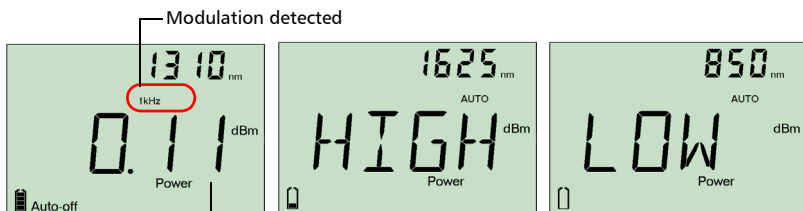
- Activate the source at the desired wavelength.
- Match the source and power meter wavelengths:

- If the source emits an auto-wavelength signal or is in auto-switching mode (see *Automatically Detecting Wavelength* on page 14 and see *Using Auto-Switching Mode* on page 17), the power meter automatically matches the source wavelength.



OR

- Press λ to switch between calibrated wavelengths.



Actual power or loss of fiber under test

When power or loss is outside power limits (see *Technical Specifications* on page 38)

When the unit detects a modulated signal, it beeps and displays the modulation value and *average* measured power or loss (see left illustration above). You may notice a slightly unstable last digit.

- If necessary, change the displayed units by pressing $\frac{dBm/W}{dB}$.
- Repeat the procedure for other wavelengths.

Automatically Detecting Wavelength

Compatible sources (such as EOT-500 and ELS-500) can transmit their wavelength value through the fiber, avoiding the need to manually match the source and power meter wavelengths.

Note: *When you receive an auto-wavelength signal or when the source is in auto-switching mode, you cannot manually change the power meter wavelength. The power meter behavior is totally determined by the source.*

To receive the auto-wavelength signal or detect the source's auto-switching mode:

1. Connect a compatible source to your power meter.
2. Activate the source in Auto mode (EOT-500 and ELS-500: see *Modulating the Source Signal* on page 17) or in auto-switching mode (see *Using Auto-Switching Mode* on page 17).

Your power meter automatically matches the source wavelength. If the wavelengths differ, it also beeps and returns you to normal operating mode.



Setting Pass/Fail Thresholds

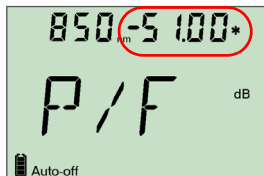
You can define thresholds to specify acceptable power (dBm) or loss (dB) values for each wavelength. Thresholds are often supplied by system manufacturers and depend on the system deployed.

When a threshold is activated, the PASS/FAIL LED is turned on. If it is green, the threshold succeeded, if the PASS/FAIL LED is red, the threshold failed.



To set pass/fail thresholds:

1. From normal operating mode, press repeatedly until you reach **PM**.
2. Press to access the first submenu, then press repeatedly until you reach the **P/F** menu.
3. Press to switch between power (dBm) and loss (dB) values.
4. Press to switch between available wavelengths. An asterisk (*) appears beside activated thresholds. If no threshold is set for a wavelength, the unit indicates “----”.
5. Press to activate/deactivate the displayed threshold. The PASS/FAIL LED will lighten (green or red) when you return to normal mode.
6. Edit the pass/fail threshold as follows:
 - 6a. Hold down a few seconds. The first digit of the threshold blinks.
 - 6b. Clear all digits by holding down a few seconds.
AND/OR
Select a digit to change by holding until it blinks, then increase its value by pressing (it returns to 0 after 9). After the last digit, all digits blink: you may add/remove the “-” sign by pressing .
 - 6c. While a digit blinks, hold down a few seconds to save the modified value (it remains in memory even when you turn off the unit) or press to return to the previous value without saving.
7. Press twice to exit setup menus.



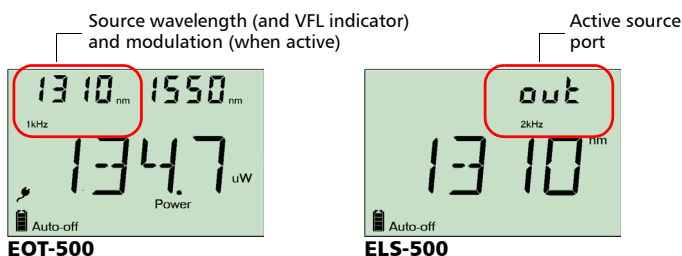
5 Using a Light Source (ELS-500 and EOT-500) or VFL

The ELS-500 may contain up to three sources (one-port models) or up to four sources (two-port models). The EOT-500 may contain up to three sources.

Note: The VFL option may also be present on the EPM-500.

Activating/Deactivating a Light Source or VFL

Only one source may be active at a time. When no source is active, the unit displays OFF.



To activate a light source (or VFL) and change the wavelength:

Press to activate each available source in turn, including the VFL. The unit displays the wavelength and modulation.

To deactivate the light source:

Press until you get past the last source.

Modulating the Source Signal


When you activate the first source (after turning on the unit), the signal is always CW (unmodulated). When you switch sources, the modulation remains the same (VFL remembers its own modulation). Modulation is indicated in the top left (port #1) or top right (port #2) corner.

Available modulation values are: CW, Auto, auto-switching mode, 270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz (VFL: CW and 1 Hz only).

Note: *Auto is a modulated signal detected by compatible units (see Automatically Detecting Wavelength on page 14). It provides greater autonomy than CW, but covers a reduced power range.*

Note: *Auto-switching mode is a special signal detected by compatible units (see Using Auto-Switching Mode on page 17).*

To change the signal modulation:



1. Activate the source.
2. Press  to switch between available modulations.

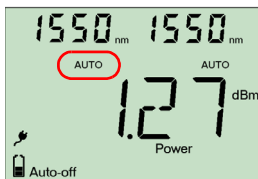


Using Auto-Switching Mode

In auto-switching mode, your source automatically switches from one wavelength to another. The power meter connected to this source displays the power value for each wavelength one at a time. The wavelength value appearing on the display changes every two seconds.

To activate auto-switching mode:

1. Press  to activate the source.
2. Press  to switch between available modulations until the **Auto** indicator blinks on your display.



Sending Source Power Value with Signal

Your source can transmit a user-defined power value to compatible power meters (such as EOT-500 and EPM-500) through the fiber. If the reference source is far from the power meter, you can connect your source to the power meter to send the reference value. With this feature you can also correct for power variations.

Note: *If you connect a fiber between EOT-500's source and detector ports, the unit can use the actual source output power as reference power.*













Note: *For details about how compatible power meters receive this power value, see Referencing Your Power Meter to a Source on page 11.*



IMPORTANT

The value sent is not (and will not affect) the source's actual power. It is a user-defined value that may not take the optical link's loss into account.

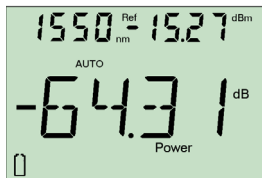
To define the source power value to use as reference:

1. From normal operating mode, press  repeatedly until you reach **SRC**.
 2. Press  to access the first submenu, then press  repeatedly until you reach the **PREF** menu.
 3. Press  to switch between available source wavelengths and select one. The unit displays the currently defined power value for this wavelength.
 4. Edit the power value as follows:
 - 4a. Hold down  a few seconds. The first digit of the power value blinks.
 - 4b. Revert all digits to 0 by holding down  a few seconds.
AND/OR
Select a digit to change by pressing  until it blinks, then increase its value by pressing  (it returns to 0 after 9). After the last digit, all digits blink: you may add/remove the “-” sign by pressing .
 - 4c. While a digit blinks, hold down  a few seconds to save the modified value (it remains in memory even when you turn off the unit) or press  to return to the previous value without saving.
5. Press  twice to exit setup menus.

To use the actual source output power as reference (EOT-500 only):

1. Connect a fiber between the source and power meter of same unit.
2. Activate the source at the desired wavelength.
3. Match the source and power meter wavelengths:

- If the source emits an auto-wavelength signal or is in auto-switching mode (see *Automatically Detecting Wavelength* on page 14 and *Using Auto-Switching Mode* on page 17), the power meter automatically matches the source wavelength.



OR

- Press λ to switch between calibrated wavelengths.
4. From normal operating mode, hold down **Source** and **dBm/W dB**. The unit displays **PREF** for a few seconds while saving the value, then returns to normal mode.

To send the source power value:

1. Activate the source.
2. Change the modulation signal to AUTO or auto-switching.

If you use auto-switching mode, the power value of each wavelength will automatically be sent.

3. Hold down **Source** and **CW** to send the power value with an auto-wavelength signal. The unit displays **Send** for a few seconds, then returns to normal mode.









6 Saving and Recalling Power/Loss Values

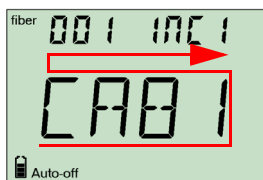
You can save 1000 power/loss values in your unit, along with references. You will save and recall this data according to cable names and fiber numbers. To free up memory, you can transfer saved data to a computer or simply delete all.

Setting Autonaming Scheme

When saving data, the unit suggests fiber IDs based on autonaming settings. After saving a value, the unit prepares the next fiber ID according to the selected increment (0, 1 or 2).

To define the cable name and the starting fiber ID and increment value:

1. From normal operating mode, press  repeatedly until you reach **DATA**.
2. Press  to access **CAB1** or the last cable name edited.
3. Hold down  until the first character of the cable name blinks.
4. Select a character to change by pressing  until it blinks, then increase its value by pressing  (it returns to 0 after Z).
5. While a digit blinks, hold down  a few seconds to save the modified value (it remains in memory even when you turn off the unit) or press  to return to the previous value without saving.
6. Press  twice to exit setup menus.








Saving, Recalling and Deleting Data

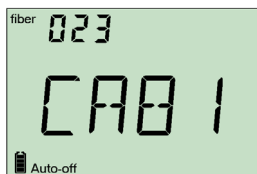


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







- You cannot recover deleted data. Ensure that you transfer your data to a computer if you intend to use it later.
- Deleting a single value does not free memory. To free memory, you must delete all data at once.

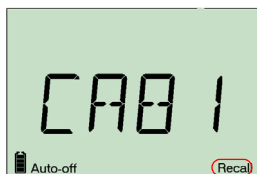
To save a power/loss value:

1. If you want to view or change the fiber ID before saving:
 - 1a. From normal operating mode, press  or  to view the fiber ID that will be used next.
 - 1b. Change the fiber ID by using  and  to move forward or backward in the list.
2. Hold down  a few seconds to save the measured value under the selected fiber ID.











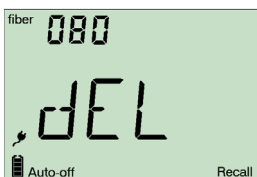
To recall saved data:

1. From normal operating mode, hold down  a few seconds. The **Recall** indicator is displayed with the cable name, then the last saved value and its fiber ID.
2. When fiber ID is displayed, hold down  a few seconds to return to the cable name list. Select the cable in which you want to recall saved data by using  and  to move forward or backward. The last saved value in the selected cable and its fiber ID will be displayed after 3 seconds.
3. View values you want by using  and  to move forward or backward in saved data. You can also change the units by pressing .
4. Press  to return to normal mode.









To delete a single saved value from the unit:

1. From normal operating mode, hold down  a few seconds. The **Recall** indicator is displayed with the cable name, then the last saved value and its fiber ID.
2. When fiber ID is displayed, hold down  a few seconds to return to the cable name list. Select the cable in which you want to recall saved data by using  and  to move forward or backward. The last saved value in the selected cable and its fiber ID will be displayed after 3 seconds.
3. Select the value to delete by using  and  to move forward or backward in saved data.
4. Hold down  a few seconds. The unit displays "dEL", then displays another saved data.
5. Press  to return to normal mode.






To delete a cable name:

1. From normal operating mode, hold down  a few seconds. The **Recall** indicator is displayed with the last cable name, then the last saved value and its fiber ID.
2. When fiber ID is displayed, hold down  a few seconds to return to the cable name list, then, select the cable you want to delete by using  and  to move forward or backward.
3. Hold down  a few seconds. The unit displays “dEL”, then displays another cable name.
4. Press  to return to normal mode.



To delete all saved data from the unit:

1. From normal operating mode, hold down  a few seconds. The **Recall** indicator is displayed with the last cable name, then the last saved value and its fiber ID.
2. When fiber ID is displayed, hold down both  and  a few seconds. The unit displays “dEL” and “ALL”, then automatically returns to normal mode.



Transferring Data to a Computer

Using an appropriate USB cable and the Handheld Data Transfer software, you can transfer saved data from your handheld unit to a computer. This way, you can increase storage capacity, perform better analyses on your data and create reports.

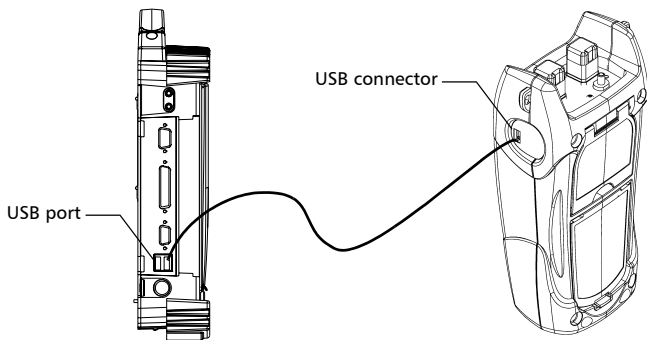


IMPORTANT

Transferred data is not automatically deleted from your unit.

To transfer data to a computer:

1. Using a USB cable, connect your unit to an available USB port of the computer.



2. Turn on both the computer and your handheld unit. Connect your unit to a power outlet to ensure that your unit will remain on during the transfer.
3. On the computer, launch the Handheld Data Transfer application and start the operation.

The unit displays “REM” and temporarily deactivates the keyboard and auto-off.

Note: For details about setting up the software and transferring data, refer to the Handheld Data Transfer online help.

7 Maintenance

This product contains no user-serviceable parts. However, it contains sensitive electronic and optical components, and should be handled carefully and stored in its carrying case when not in use.

To help ensure long, trouble-free operation:

- Always clean fiber-optic connectors before using them.
- Keep the unit free of dust.
- Clean the unit casing and front panel with a cloth slightly dampened with water.
- Store unit at room temperature in a clean and dry area. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight.
- Avoid high humidity or significant temperature fluctuations.
- Avoid unnecessary shocks and vibrations.
- If any liquids are spilled on or into the unit, turn off the power immediately and let the unit dry completely.



WARNING

Use of controls, adjustments and procedures for operation and maintenance other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

Cleaning EUI Connectors

Regular cleaning of EUI connectors will help maintain optimum performance. There is no need to disassemble the unit.

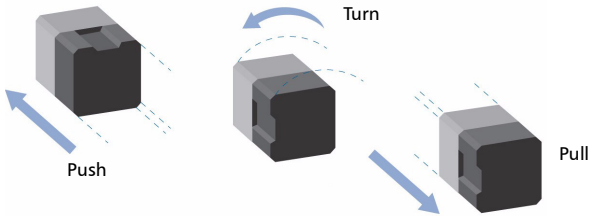


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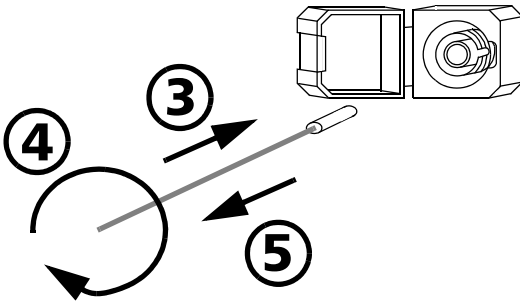
If any damage occurs to internal connectors, the module casing will have to be opened and a new calibration will be required.

To clean EUI connectors:

1. Remove the EUI from the instrument to expose the connector baseplate and ferrule.



2. Moisten a 2.5 mm cleaning tip provided by EXFO with *one drop* of isopropyl alcohol (alcohol may leave traces if used abundantly).
3. Slowly insert the cleaning tip into the EUI adapter until it comes out on the other side (a slow clockwise rotating movement may help).



4. Gently turn the cleaning tip one full turn, then continue to turn as you withdraw it.
5. Repeat steps 3 to 4 with a dry cleaning tip.

Note: *Make sure you don't touch the soft end of the cleaning tip.*

6. Clean the ferrule in the connector port as follows:
 - 6a. Deposit *one drop* of isopropyl alcohol on a lint-free wiping cloth.



IMPORTANT

Since isopropyl alcohol is not absolutely pure, it may leave residues if used abundantly or left to evaporate (about 10 seconds).

Avoid contact between the tip of the bottle and the wiping cloth, dry the surface quickly, and use a bottle that distributes only a drop of alcohol at a time.

- 6b. Gently wipe the connector and ferrule.
- 6c. With a dry lint-free wiping cloth, gently wipe the same surfaces to ensure that the connector and ferrule are perfectly dry.
- 6d. Verify connector surface with a portable fiber-optic microscope (e.g., EXFO's FOMS) or fiber inspection probe (e.g., EXFO's FIP).



WARNING

Verifying the surface of the connector **WHILE THE UNIT IS ACTIVE** **WILL** result in permanent eye damage.

- 7. Put the EUI back onto the instrument (push and turn clockwise).
- 8. Throw out cleaning tips and wiping cloths after one use.

Cleaning Detector Ports

Regular cleaning of detectors will help maintain measurement accuracy.



IMPORTANT

Always cover detectors with protective caps when unit is not in use.

To clean detector ports:

1. Remove the protective cap and adapter (FOA) from the detector.
2. If the detector is dusty, blow dry with compressed air.
3. Being careful not to touch the soft end of the swab, moisten a supplied cleaning tip with *only one drop* of isopropyl alcohol.



IMPORTANT

Alcohol may leave traces if used abundantly. Do not use bottles that distribute too much alcohol at a time.

4. While applying light pressure (to avoid breaking the detector window), gently rotate the cleaning tip on the detector window.
5. Repeat step 4 with a dry cleaning tip or blow dry with compressed air.
6. Discard the cleaning tips after one use.

Recharging the Battery

The Li-Ion battery will last about 70 hours (power meter) or 50 hours (source in Auto mode) in normal operation. The charge status is shown on the unit display (lower left corner).



IMPORTANT

- The battery is not charged at the factory. Fully charge it (about 4 hours) before using it for the first time.
- The battery functions and charges properly between 0 °C and 45 °C (32 °F and 113 °F). It will not charge if the temperature is below -10 °C (14 °F) or above 45 °C (113 °F).
- Never store battery at temperatures above 60 °C (140 °F).
- Charge only with specified charger.

To recharge the Li-Ion battery:

Connect the unit to a power outlet (or car outlet) using the AC adapter/charger. The charge cycle will start and end automatically.

Note: While charging, the battery indicator animates continuously. It does not reflect the actual charge status until charging is complete.

Replacing Battery

Your unit requires one Li-Ion battery.

To replace the battery:

1. Turn off the unit (if the AC adapter is plugged in, you may replace the battery while unit is on).
2. Open the battery compartment door located at the back of the unit.
3. Replace the battery, respecting the polarity.
4. Close the battery compartment door.



WARNING

Do not throw batteries into fire or water and do not short-circuit the batteries' electrical contacts. Do not disassemble.

Recalibrating the Unit





Manufacturing and service center calibrations are based on the ISO/IEC 17025 Standard, which states that calibration documents must not contain a recommended calibration interval, unless this has been previously agreed upon with the customer.

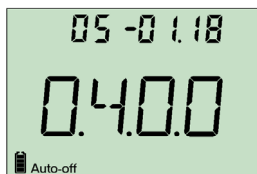
Validity of specifications depends on operating conditions. For example, the calibration validity period can be longer or shorter depending on the intensity of use, environmental conditions and unit maintenance. You should determine the adequate calibration interval for your unit according to your accuracy requirements.

Under normal use, EXFO recommends calibrating your unit every year.

Note: *The FlexCare warranty program includes Calibration/Verification packages (see Service and Repairs on page 38).*

To view the last calibration date (EOT-500 and EPM-500 only):

1. From normal operating mode, hold down  and  for a few seconds. The unit displays the first embedded software version.
2. Press  until you reach the calibration date (and version) of the power meter.
3. Press  to return to normal mode.



Recycling and Disposal (Applies to European Union Only)



Recycle or dispose of your product (including electric and electronic accessories) properly, in accordance with local regulations. Do not dispose of it in ordinary garbage receptacles.



This equipment was sold after August 13, 2005 (as identified by the black rectangle).

- ▶ Unless otherwise noted in a separate agreement between EXFO and a customer, distributor or commercial partner, EXFO will cover costs related to the collection, treatment, recovery and disposal of end-of-lifecycle waste generated by electronic equipment introduced after August 13, 2005 to an European Union member state with legislation regarding Directive 2002/96/EC.
- ▶ Except for reasons of safety or environmental benefit, equipment manufactured by EXFO, under its brand name, is generally designed to facilitate dismantling and reclamation.

For complete recycling/disposal procedures and contact information, visit the EXFO Web site at www.exfo.com/recycle.

8 Troubleshooting

Solving Common Problems

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
The unit does not turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ You did not press  long enough.▶ AC adapter/charger not connected.▶ Main battery discharged.▶ Weather too cold.	Press  for 2 seconds. Connect AC adapter/charger and charge battery.
The unit takes very long to turn on.	Too many values saved in memory.	Delete all data from the unit.
Battery does not charge as expected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Temperature too high.▶ Battery incorrectly connected.▶ Incorrect charger used.	Ensure temperature is within specifications. Ensure battery is connected properly. Use the required charger.
Unable to change power meter wavelength.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Unit receiving Auto (or REF) signal from source.▶ Only one wavelength in list.	Change source mode (see <i>Modulating the Source Signal</i> on page 17), then retry. Add wavelengths.
Unable to change power meter dB unit or reference power. OR Changed unit or reference value are replaced by other values after a while.	Unit receiving REF signal from source. See <i>Sending Source Power Value with Signal</i> on page 18.	Wait a few seconds until power value is received, then retry.
Many beeps, unstable optical power and blinking Auto (or modulation) indicator.	Power too low to recognize Auto mode (or modulation).	Increase source power or switch source to CW.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Reference power different than source output power.	Received power outside detector's range.	Change source output power.
Unit displays FULL even after you deleted a few values.	You must delete <i>all</i> values from the unit to free memory.	Delete all values as explained in <i>Saving, Recalling and Deleting Data</i> on page 21.
Going from the first value to the last value in recalled data is very slow.	Too many values saved in memory.	Delete all data from the unit.

Reverting Unit to Factory Settings

You can revert most parameters on your unit to their factory state. *When you perform this operation, you will lose all customized parameters.*

To revert unit to factory settings:

1. Turn off your unit.
2. While holding down , press . When your unit beeps, release .

Error Codes and Descriptions

- ER: error code displayed until you press a key.
- WR: warning code displayed for 3 seconds, then unit returns to normal.

Error Code	Description	Solution
LIGH	Light detected while nulling offsets. Nulling is not performed.	Correctly place protective cap on detector port, then retry.
FULL	Storage memory full.	Delete data.
EMPT	Storage memory empty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You pressed Recall but no data was saved. ➤ Last saved data deleted. ➤ All data deleted. 	Add data.
29/30/ 34/36/ 56/57	Calibration errors.	Contact EXFO.
18/52	Incompatible wavelengths or power too low in PREF on EOT-500.	Match source and power meter wavelengths or increase source power.

Contacting the Technical Support Group

To obtain after-sales service or technical support for this product, contact EXFO at one of the following numbers. The Technical Support Group is available to take your calls from Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time in North America).

Technical Support Group

400 Godin Avenue
Vanier (Quebec) G1M 2K2
CANADA

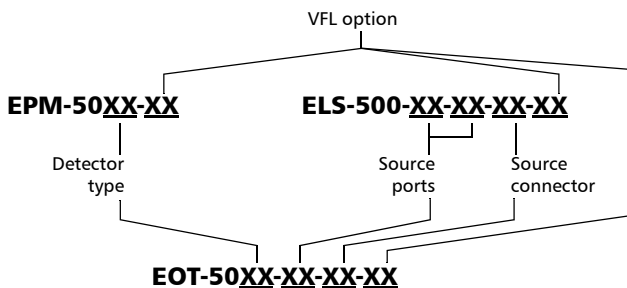
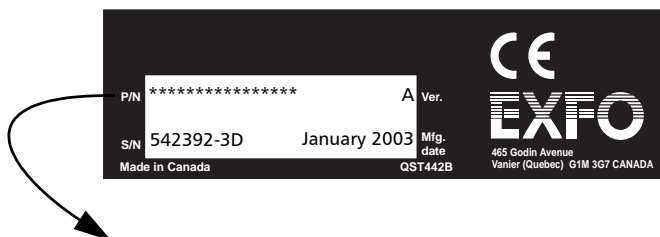
1 866 683-0155 (USA and Canada)

Tel.: 1 418 683-5498

Fax: 1 418 683-9224





support@exfo.com

To accelerate the process, please have information such as the name and the serial number (see the product identification label—an example is shown below), as well as a description of your problem, close at hand.



You may also be requested to provide the embedded software's version numbers.

To display the embedded software version:

1. From normal operating mode, hold down  and  for a few seconds. The unit displays the first software version.
2. Press  to switch between the software and hardware versions.
3. Press  to return to normal mode.



Finding Information on the EXFO Web Site

The EXFO Web site provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the use of your Power Meter/Light Source/Optical Loss Test Set.

To access FAQs:

1. Type <http://www.exfo.com> in your Internet browser.
2. Click on the **Support** tab.
3. Click on **FAQs** and follow the on-screen instructions. You will be given a list of questions pertaining to your subject.

The EXFO Web site also provides the product's most recent technical specifications.

Transportation

Maintain a temperature range within specifications when transporting the unit. Transportation damage can occur from improper handling. The following steps are recommended to minimize the possibility of damage:

- Pack the unit in its original packing material when shipping.
- Avoid high humidity or large temperature fluctuations.
- Keep the unit out of direct sunlight.
- Avoid unnecessary shock and vibration.

9 Warranty

General Information

EXFO Electro-Optical Engineering Inc. (EXFO) warrants this equipment against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of original shipment. EXFO also warrants that this equipment will meet applicable specifications under normal use.

During the warranty period, EXFO will, at its discretion, repair, replace, or issue credit for any defective product, as well as verify and adjust the product free of charge should the equipment need to be repaired or if the original calibration is erroneous. If the equipment is sent back for verification of calibration during the warranty period and found to meet all published specifications, EXFO will charge standard calibration fees.



IMPORTANT

The warranty can become null and void if:

- unit has been tampered with, repaired, or worked upon by unauthorized individuals or non-EXFO personnel.
- warranty sticker has been removed.
- case screws, other than those specified in this guide, have been removed.
- case has been opened, other than as explained in this guide.
- unit serial number has been altered, erased, or removed.
- unit has been misused, neglected, or damaged by accident.

THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES EXPRESSED, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN NO EVENT SHALL EXFO BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

Liability

EXFO shall not be liable for damages resulting from the use of the product, nor shall be responsible for any failure in the performance of other items to which the product is connected or the operation of any system of which the product may be a part.

EXFO shall not be liable for damages resulting from improper usage or unauthorized modification of the product, its accompanying accessories and software.

Exclusions

EXFO reserves the right to make changes in the design or construction of any of its products at any time without incurring obligation to make any changes whatsoever on units purchased. Accessories, including but not limited to fuses, pilot lamps, batteries and universal interfaces (EUI) used with EXFO products are not covered by this warranty.

This warranty excludes failure resulting from: improper use or installation, normal wear and tear, accident, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature, causes external to the product or other factors beyond EXFO's control.



IMPORTANT

EXFO will charge a fee for replacing optical connectors that were damaged due to misuse or bad cleaning.

Certification

EXFO certifies that this equipment met its published specifications at the time of shipment from the factory.

Service and Repairs

EXFO commits to providing product service and repair for five years following the date of purchase.

To send any equipment for service or repair:

1. Call one of EXFO's authorized service centers (see *EXFO Service Centers Worldwide* on page 37). Support personnel will determine if the equipment requires service, repair, or calibration.
2. If equipment must be returned to EXFO or an authorized service center, support personnel will issue a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number and provide an address for return.
3. If possible, back up your data before sending the unit for repair.
4. Pack the equipment in its original shipping material. Be sure to include a statement or report fully detailing the defect and the conditions under which it was observed.
5. Return the equipment, prepaid, to the address given to you by support personnel. Be sure to write the RMA number on the shipping slip. *EXFO will refuse and return any package that does not bear an RMA number.*

Note: *A test setup fee will apply to any returned unit that, after test, is found to meet the applicable specifications.*

After repair, the equipment will be returned with a repair report. If the equipment is not under warranty, you will be invoiced for the cost appearing on this report. EXFO will pay return-to-customer shipping costs for equipment under warranty. Shipping insurance is at your expense.

Routine recalibration is not included in any of the warranty plans. Since calibrations/verifications are not covered by the basic or extended warranties, you may elect to purchase FlexCare Calibration/Verification Packages for a definite period of time. Contact an authorized service center (see *EXFO Service Centers Worldwide* on page 37).

EXFO Service Centers Worldwide

If your product requires servicing, contact your nearest authorized service center.

EXFO Headquarters Service Center

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1 866 683-0155 (USA and Canada)
Tel.: 1 418 683-5498
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A Technical Specifications



IMPORTANT

The following technical specifications can change without notice. The information presented in this section is provided as a reference only. To obtain this product's most recent technical specifications, visit the EXFO Web site at www.exfo.com.

EPM-500 Specifications

Model	EPM-502	EPM-502X
Detector*	Ge	GeX
Power range* (dBm)	10 to -70	26 to -55
Wavelength range (nm)	800 to 1650	800 to 1650
Number of calibrated wavelengths	6	6
Power uncertainty*	± 5 % ± 0.1 nW	± 5 % ± 3 nW
Automatic offset nulling*	Yes	Yes
Display units	dB, dBm, W	dB, dBm, W
Tone detection	270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz
Automatic wavelength recognition*	Yes	Yes
Warm-up period* (min)	0	0
Data storage (items)	up to 1000	up to 1000
Battery life (hours) (typical)	70	70
Warranty and recommended recalibration interval (years)	1	1

VFL Option Specifications*

Emitter type	Laser
Wavelength (nm)	650
Output power (dBm)	3

Notes

1. Guaranteed unless otherwise specified.
2. All specifications valid at 23 °C ± 1 °C, with an FC connector.
3. rms for FP lasers and VCSEL; -3 dB width for LEDs (typical values for LEDs and VCSEL).
4. All specifications valid at 1550 nm and 23 °C ± 1 °C, with an FC connector.
5. In CW mode; sensitivity defined as 6 x rms noise level.
6. For calibration wavelengths. Valid up to 20 dBm for EOT/EPM-502X.
7. For power > -40 dBm for EOT/EPM-502, and > -25 dBm for EOT/EPM-502X.
8. At 850 nm, 1300 nm, 1310 nm, 1490 nm, 1550 nm and 1625 nm; for power > -50 dBm for EOT-502/EPM-502, and > -40 dBm (typical) for EOT/EPM-502X.
9. For a variation of ≤ 0.06 dB at power levels ≥ -40 dBm for EOT/EPM-502 and ≥ -25 dBm for EOT/EPM-502X.
10. Typical values for 62.5/125 μm fiber.

ELS-500 Specifications

Model†	12D	23BL	235BL	01-VCL
Central wavelength (nm)	850 ± 25	1310 ± 20	1310 ± 20	850 ± 20
	1300 +50/-10	1550 ± 20	1490 ± 10	
			1550 ± 20	
Spectral width‡ (nm)	50/135	≤ 5	≤ 5	≤ 1
Output power (dBm)	≥ -18/≥ -18 (62.5/125 μm)	≥ 1/≥ 1	≥ 1/≥ -4.5/≥ -3	≥ -3 (50/125 μm)
Automatic wavelength recognition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tone generation	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz
Battery life (hours) (typical in Auto mode)	50	50	50	60
Warranty and recommended calibration interval (year)	1	1	1	1

EOT-500 Specifications

Model	EOT-502	EOT-502X	GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Detector^a	Ge	GeX	Size (H x W x D)	19.0 cm x 10.0 cm x 6.2 cm (7 1/2 in x 4 in x 2 1/2 in)
Power range ^b (dBm)	10 to -70	26 to -55	Weight	0.48 kg (1.1 lb)
Wavelength range (nm)	800 to 1650	800 to 1650	Temperature operating	-10 °C to 50 °C (14 °F to 122 °F)
Number of calibrated wavelengths	6	6	storage	-40 °C to 70 °C (-40 °F to 158 °F)
Power uncertainty ^c	± 5 % ± 0.1 nW	± 5 % ± 3 nW	Relative humidity	0 % to 95 % non-condensing
Automatic offset ruling ^d	Yes	Yes	STANDARD ACCESSORIES	
Display units	dB, dBm, W	dB, dBm, W	User guide, Certificate of Calibration, instrument stickers in six languages, AC adapter/charger, lithium ion battery, shoulder strap, alcohol cleaning pads, soft carrying case.	
Tone detection	270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz		
Automatic wavelength recognition ^e	Yes	Yes		
Warm-up period ^f (min)	0	0		
Data storage (items)	more than 1000	more than 1000		
Battery life (hours) (typical)	70	70		
Warranty and recommended calibration period (year)	1	1		

Model ^g	12D	23BL	235BL	01-VCL
Central wavelength (nm)	850 ± 25 1300 +50/-10	1310 ± 20 1550 ± 20	1310 ± 20 1490 ± 10 1550 ± 20	850 ± 20
Spectral width ^h (nm)	50/135	≤ 5	≤ 5	≤ 1
Output power (dBm)	≥ -18 (62.5/125 μm) ≥ -18 (62.5/125 μm)	≥ 1	≥ 1 ≥ -4.5 ≥ -3	≥ -3 (50/125 μm)
Tone generation	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz	270 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz
Automatic wavelength recognition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Battery life (hours) (typical in Auto mode)	50	50	50	60
Warranty and recommended calibration period (years)	1	1	1	1



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