256A
1550nm LED Source

Features

- 1550nm wavelength
- Stable calibrated output
- Proven, reliable, and compact design
- Easy to use—two buttons control all essential functions
- Continuous wave and modulated output modes
- Precision Universal Connector Interface (UCI) adapts to all industry standard fiber optic connectors
- Long battery life—more than 24 hours of continuous operation
- User-selectable auto-shutoff
- AC power converter and adapter available for prolonged or benchtop use
- Rugged and splashproof

Key Specifications

Nominal wavelength	1550nm
Wavelength range	1530-1570nm
Max. spectral width	210nm
Stability, 1 hour	±0.08dB
Power output into:	
100/140µm GI MM	-20dBm
62.5/125µm GI MM	-20dBm
50/125µm GI MM	-21dBm
9/125 SM	-38dBm
Power output uncertainty	±0.5dB

Applications

Insertion Loss and Link Loss Testing

Paired with a RIFOCS 555B or 557B optical power meter, the 256A serves as an ideal 1550nm LED source for testing the insertion loss of multimode and single-mode fiber optic cables and connectors. The 256A can also be used with an optical power meter for link loss testing of installed cable plants.

With a calibrated launch optimized for 62.5/125µm graded-index multimode fiber, the 256A LED source is particularly useful for testing and maintaining local area networks (LANs), premises networks, fiber distributed data interfaces (FDDI), and some telecommunications systems. The 256A may also be used for other multimode and single-mode fiber types.

The 256A LED source is fitted with a precision Universal Connector Interface (UCI), which ensures maximum accuracy and repeatability when performing critical measurements on fiber optic systems. A comprehensive range of UCI adapters is available for all industry standard fiber optic connectors.

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Ordering Information

One Universal Connector Interface (UCI) adapter is included with the 256A LED source. Please specify the desired connector adapter type when ordering using the UCI Adapter Table, below. Additional UCI adapters may also be ordered separately.

Part No.	Description
256A	256A 1550nm LED source
90AC	AC power converter

UCI Adapter Table

Adapter Code	Connector Type
AD-234	DIN 47256
AE2-10	Diamond E-2000
APC-10	NTT/FC-PC
AMS-00	Diamond HMS-0 (3.5mm)
AMT-10	Diamond HMS-10A (SMA-2.5)
ASM-90	SMA-905/906
AHP-10	HMS-10/HP (2.5mm)
AML-38	MIL-T-29504/4 and /5
ASC-10	NTT/SC-PC
ATS-16	AT&T/ST-PC

Specifications[1]

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Center wavelength:	
Nominal	1550nm
Range (typical)	1530nm to 1570nm
Max. spectral width (FWHM)	210nm
Stability, 1 hour	±0.08dB
Power output into:	
100/140µm GI MM	-20dBm
62.5/125µm GI MM	-20dBm[2]
50/125µm GI MM	-21dBm
9/125 SM	-38dBm
Power output uncertainty	±0.5dB
Modulation frequencies	270Hz, 1kHz, and 2kHz ±0.5%
Power requirements	Two AA-size 1.5V alkaline batteries provide more than 24 hours of continuous operation
Connector interface	Universal Connector Interface (UCI)
Environmental:	
Operating temp.	-15°C to +55°C
Storage temp.	-35°C to +70°C
Humidity	0 to 95% RH, non-condensing
Dimensions	7.2 x 14.2 x 3.5 cm (2.8 x 5.6 x 1.4 in.)
Weight	215g (7.6 oz.)
CE	EN61010; EN50081-1: 1992; EN55011, Group 1, Class A; EN50082-1: 1992; IEC 801-2, -3, -4

[1] Within specified ambient environment of +20°C to +25°C.
[2] Calibrated launch level, Equilibrium Modal Distribution (EMD).

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