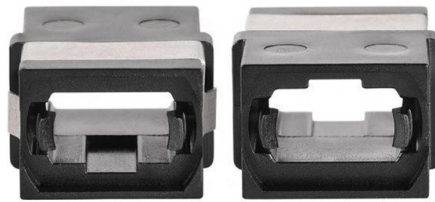


## Determining if there is a light source in the optical cable



### Overview

Connect a visible light source (such as a fiber optic flashlight) to one end of the cable. Since fiber optic transmissions typically operate in the infrared spectrum (invisible to the naked eye), visible light sources such as visual fault finders or visible fault locators can be used to. The three main methods for fiber optic testing include visible light sources, power meters with light sources, and optical time domain reflectometers (OTDR), each tailored for specific applications. Regular testing and maintenance of fiber optic cabling using the right tools and techniques are. FOA "Quickstart Guides" are short, simple guides to basic fiber optic tests. All are written in the same straightforward format: what equipment do you need, what are the procedures for testing, options in implementing the test, measurement errors and documenting the results.



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