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IQS-3150 Variable Attenuator



40G
100G

Ideal for BER testing and system verification of EDFAs in demanding 24/7 production environments.

KEY FEATURES

Outstanding spectral uniformity (± 0.03 dB)

Ideal for BER testing and system verification

Integrated power monitoring options (on both singlemode and multimode models), for easy power setting and improved stability

Designed for 24/7 production, with minimal maintenance

Fast settling time for optimized efficiency

PLATFORM COMPATIBILITY



Integrated Qualification System
IQS-600

A FULLY PROGRAMMABLE SOLUTION

Optical system vendors and transceiver manufacturers know that variable attenuators are essential to keeping their test systems running smoothly. They look for performance, user-friendliness, complete control of test parameters and advanced programming capability. EXFO's IQS-3150 Variable Attenuator combines innovative design techniques, high-quality components and meticulous calibration procedure.

Option: automatic power monitoring

The power monitoring option allows the attenuator output power level to be set directly. When enabled, this function ensures power stability, even if the source power fluctuates. This option also simplifies test setups, eliminating the need for an external power meter.

Rugged and reliable

Flexible, fully programmable and built for both singlemode and multimode applications, the IQS-3150 features an extremely rugged design that only uses two moving parts—a rotating motor for the shutter and a linear motor for the filter—and state-of-the-art electronics.

The attenuator's optomechanical assembly was tested at its highest operating temperature, at a very high relative humidity level, and with a continuous incident optical power of 23 dBm at 1550 nm—the equivalent of eight years of operation in typical BER testing conditions. Results demonstrated that the IQS-3150 can endure 24/7 operation for years without requiring maintenance.

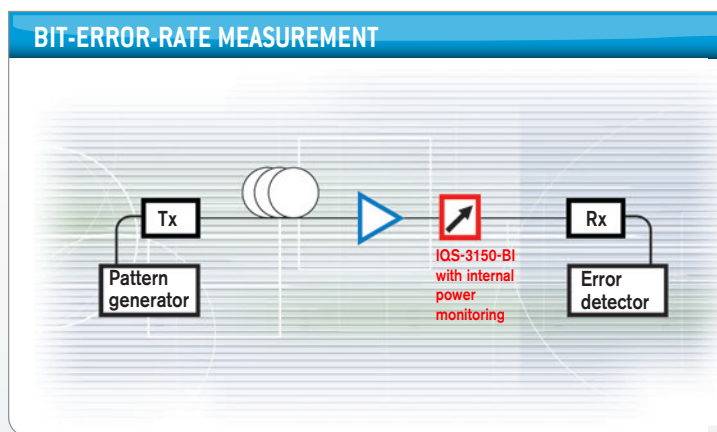
Attenuation modes

Choose from three attenuation modes: absolute, relative and X+B (complete user calibration offset features). Cycle through a repeatable sequence of customized attenuation steps. These modes apply to both singlemode and multimode fiber applications. What's more, the IQS-3150 offers a user-friendly Windows environment, making for a first-class variable attenuator.



With or without the power monitoring option, the IQS-3150 module occupies just a single slot.

APPLICATIONS		
BER testing	Accurate power-level monitoring	High-precision variable optical source output
EDFA characterization	Instrument calibration	Optical margin analysis
System or component loss simulation	Linearity measurement	



Typical BERT setup.

Featuring integrated power monitoring, the IQS-3150-BI allows you to precisely control the amount of power your receiver (Rx) under test detects, thereby enabling you to achieve proper BER measurements. The IQS-3150-CI or IQS-3150-DI enable similar characterization for multimode applications.

When calibrating your system, you can choose between two offsets. The first is wavelength-independent and can be used to account for loss in the test setup, if applied to the attenuation or power setting. The second offset acts as a calibration factor, ensuring wavelength-specific correction levels and compensating for loss due to patchcords and connectors.



A SIMPLE, FLEXIBLE AND USER-FRIENDLY GUI

- › Windows-based environment
- › Easy control with software buttons, front panel keys or the keyboard
- › Possibility to program and save multiple configurations
- › True multitasking
- › Online help
- › Ideal for standard or custom multimodule applications

Customized parameters

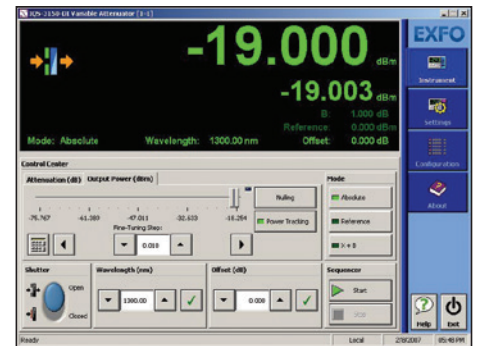
Easily customize wavelength and step-size parameters according to specific requirements.

High-isolation shutter

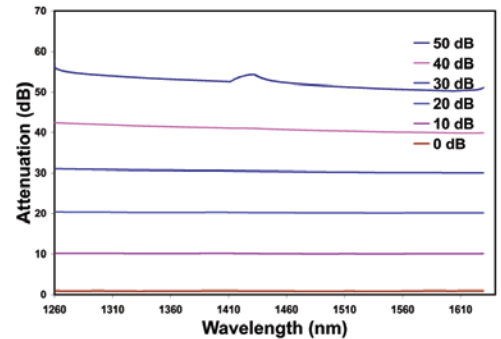
Protect personnel and sensitive components from unnecessary exposure with a > 100 dB attenuation.

Fine-tuned attenuation/power settings

Scroll up or down the attenuation or power setting range.



The IQS-3150's graphical user interface.



The spectral flatness of the IQS-3150-B is well suited to any CWDM or DWDM transmitter testing.

SPECIFICATIONS ^a		
Singlemode configurations		
Description	Without power monitoring	With power monitoring
Models	IQS-3150-B	IQS-3150-BI
Fiber type (μm)	9/125	9/125
Wavelength range (nm)	1250 to 1650	1250 to 1650
Max. attenuation ^b (dB)	≥ 65	≥ 65
Insertion loss ^{c,d} (dB)		
Typical	1.0	1.5
Max.	1.5	2.2
Attenuation setting resolution (dB), typical	0.002	0.002
Attenuation linearity ^e (dB)	±0.1	±0.1
Attenuation repeatability ^f (dB), 2σ	±0.01	±0.01
Spectral uniformity, 1510 nm to 1605 nm ^g (dB)	±0.05	±0.05
Spectral uniformity, 1450 nm to 1630 nm ^g (dB), typical	±0.09	±0.09
Power meter linearity ^h (dB)	N/A	±0.03
Power setting repeatability ⁱ (dB), 2σ	N/A	±0.015
PDL ^j (dB) peak-to-peak	0.15	0.2
Return loss ^{c,i} (dB), typical	60	60
Max. input power (dBm)	23	23
Transition speed (dB/s), typical	up to 23	up to 23
Shutter isolation (dB)	> 100	> 100
Multimode configurations		
Description	Without power monitoring	With power monitoring
Models	IQS-3150-C; D	IQS-3150-CI; DI
Fiber type (μm)	50/125, 62.5/125	50/125, 62.5/125
Wavelength range (nm)	700 to 1350	700 to 1350
Max. attenuation (dB)	≥ 60	≥ 60
Insertion loss ^{c,d} (dB)		
Typical	1.3	1.5
Max.	2.0	3.0
Attenuation setting resolution (dB), typical	0.002	0.002
Attenuation linearity ^e (dB)	±0.1	±0.1
Attenuation repeatability ^f (dB), 2σ	±0.01	±0.01
Power meter linearity ^k (dB)	N/A	±0.03
Power setting repeatability ⁱ (dB), 2σ	N/A	±0.015
Return loss ^{c,d} (dB), typical	40	40
Max. input power (dBm)	20	20
Transition speed (dB/s), typical	up to 23	up to 23
Shutter isolation (dB), typical	> 90	> 90

Notes

- a. At 23 °C ± 1 °C.
- b. At 1550 nm and below.
- c. Measured at 1310 nm and 1550 nm for singlemode units, measured at 850 nm for multimode units.
- d. Excluding connectors.
- e. Measured at 1310 nm and 1550 nm (up to 60 dB) for singlemode units and at 850 nm and 1300 nm (up to 50 dB) for multimode units, with non-polarized light.
- f. Up to 45 dB attenuation.
- g. For 20 dB attenuation relative to 0 dB attenuation.
- h. At 1550 nm, after a 30-minute warm-up and an offset nulling, for an input power between 15 dBm and -45 dBm.
- i. Up to 20 dB attenuation. At 1550 nm.
- j. For FC/APC connectors.
- k. At 1300 nm, after a 30-minute warm-up and an offset nulling, for an input power between 15 dBm and -50 dBm.



GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Size (H X W X D)	125 mm X 36 mm X 282 mm	(4 ¹⁵ / ₁₆ in X 1 ⁷ / ₁₆ in X 11 ¹ / ₈ in)
Weight	0.7 kg	(1.6 lb)
Temperature		
Operating	0 °C to 40 °C	(32 °F to 104 °F)
Storage	-40 °C to 70 °C	(-40 °F to 158 °F)
Relative humidity	0 % to 80 % noncondensing	
Instrument drivers	LabVIEW™ drivers and SCPI commands	
Remote control	With IQS-600: GPIB (IEEE 488.1, IEEE488.2), Ethernet and RS-232	
Standard accessories	User guide, Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Calibration	

ORDERING INFORMATION

IQS-3150-XX-XX

Model

IQS-3150-**B** = Singlemode 9/125 µm
 IQS-3150-**BI** = Singlemode 9/125 µm with power monitoring
 IQS-3150-**C** = Multimode 50/125 µm
 IQS-3150-**CI** = Multimode 50/125 µm with power monitoring
 IQS-3150-**D** = Multimode 62.5/125 µm
 IQS-3150-**DI** = Multimode 62.5/125 µm with power monitoring

Connector adapter

EI-EUI-**28** = UPC/DIN 47256
 EI-EUI-**76** = UPC/HMS-10/AG
 EI-EUI-**89** = UPC/FC narrow key
 EI-EUI-**90** = UPC/ST
 EI-EUI-**91** = UPC/SC
 EI-EUI-**95** = UPC/E-2000
 EI-EUI-**98** = UPC/LC
 EA-EUI-**28** = APC/DIN 47256 ^a
 EA-EUI-**89** = APC/FC narrow key ^a
 EA-EUI-**91** = APC/SC ^a
 EA-EUI-**95** = APC/E-2000 ^a
 EA-EUI-**98** = APC/LC ^a

Example: IQS-3150-CI-EI-EUI-95

Note

a. Only available for singlemode models.

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