



FX180X

Optical Channel Checker

Compact Channel Checker Verifying CWDM or DWDM Channels and Power

Simultaneously test all 18 CWDM channels or 96 DWDM channels C14 to 62 in a single test. This compact, robust tester measures individual channel peak wavelength/frequency and power. An optional fiberscope is also available to inspect connectors.



Platform Highlights

- Robust, handheld design for field environments
- High resolution, 5" TFT color touch-screen for easy viewing
- Fast boot-up time
- Basic function keys and touch-screen for easy operation and fast testing
- Internal data storage with 8G memory
- Micro-USB OTG interface for flash drives, fiber inspection probe connection and test data transfer
- Rechargeable Lithium Polymer battery with capacity indicator, low voltage alarm and Auto-off function
- > 9 hours continuous operation without recharging batteries
- Optional Built-in WiFi option to perform software upgrades
- Optional Built-in Bluetooth option for pairing mobile devices
- Optional OTG to Ethernet for network connection

Key Features

- Easy operation
- Fast bootup time, 30 seconds
- Fast <3 seconds measurement time
- DWDM ITU-T G.694.1 Channels 14-62 or CWDM ITU-T G.694.2 from 1271 to 1611 nm
- Bar Graph or Table View modes
- Supports DWDM channel grid down to 50 GHz
- Ideal for Remote PHY Deployments
- Active Channel Pass/Fail detection
- Pass/Fail Level threshold
- A/B channel markers
- Built-in wavelength reference
- Continuous Testing
- Generate and save test results in HTML file format
- High wavelength accuracy
- Dynamic Measurement range: ≥ 65 dB
- Low Polarization Dependent Loss (PDL)

Applications

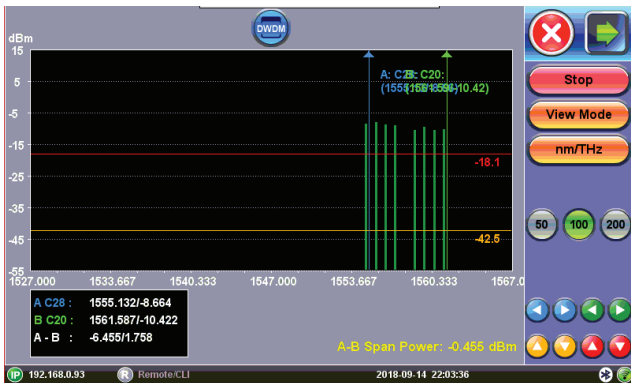
The FX180X channel checker is a rugged, handheld, easy-touse measurement tool for CWDM or DWDM fiber networks. The test set will simultaneously display all channels results using vertical bars or in a table format within 3 seconds.

CWDM and DWDM Technology

DWDM technology is used by cable operators deploying Remote PHY networks or for long-haul transmission systems. The FX180X designed to measure either ITU-T G.694.1 wavelengths ranging from 1527 to 1567 nm with channel plans using 50 GHz, 100 GHz or 200 GHz grid or ITU-T G.694.2 CWDM to verify signal levels are acceptable and no routing issues exist.

Bar Graph

The bars are color coded to indicate pass or fail. The two markers allow you to quickly and easily obtain channel details as well as compare one channel against another.



Toggle Channel units between wavelength or frequency. An active channel threshold is available to allow users to control which channels to display in the table.

Table View

Test results are summarized in terms of ITU-T channel, channel peak wavelength or frequency, signal level and color coded to indicate failures in red.

ITU#	Peak (nm)	Power	Pass/Fail	ITU#	Peak (nm)	Power	Pass/Fail
C29	1554.145	-0.836	PASS				
C28	1554.929	-0.527	PASS				
C27	1555.752	-0.219	PASS				
C26	1556.557	-0.008	PASS				
C25	1557.381	-0.246	PASS				
C24	1558.197	-1.504	PASS				
C23	1558.985	-2.145	FAIL				
C22	1559.802	-1.234	PASS				
C21	1560.611	-2.191	FAIL				
C20	1561.430	-2.039	PASS				

HTML Test Report

Save test results using auto or custom filename in HTML file format.

Fiberscope Option

An optional Fiber microscope can be used to assess the cleanliness of the optical connector's surface and is perfectly suited for bulkhead adapter or male connector inspection. The probe connects directly to the unit's micro-USB OTG port to obtain its power and to transfer images. Single finger focusing with an automatic image focus and capture feature simplifies operation.

The probe features inter-changeable heads and is supplied with bulkhead adapter tips for FC/PC, SC/PC, and LC/PC connector style, including male connector adapters.

Software for viewing connector end-face images which have been transferred and saved on a Windows® PC is available as an option.

Optional software automatically captures the focused image and analyzes the connector condition and provides a report with Pass/Fail criteria according to the IEC 61300-3-35 Sect 5.4 standard.



Simple Software Upgrades

Firmware upgrades are performed easily via the micro USB port connected via an OTG to a USB memory stick. Updates are available at no charge for registered users.

Extended Battery Operation

The micro OSA provides over 9 hours of operation on a single charge. A low voltage indicator warns the user when the device power reaches critical levels.

Optical Connector Protector (Hardware Option)



Optical Connector Protector



Replaceable Ferrule



Optical Protector Cover
(optional)

1 Patent pending
2 Spare ferrules available in
pack of 4 for APC or UPC

The innovative, patent pending field-replaceable optical ferrule system¹ adds an extra layer of protection to the internal end-face of calibrated optical test ports, preventing contamination and accidental damage.

Users can quickly replace the ferrule² without the need for any tool while maintaining the integrity of the instrument's factory calibration. This novel approach eliminates the downtime, logistical hurdles and high cost associated with sending test sets to a service center for repair and recalibration.

All components in the system are reusable, with the exception of the small replaceable ferrule, helping to reduce environmental waste.

Field-Replaceable Optical Ferrule System

Universal Adapter

The universal connector adapter allows users to change the optical connector type conveniently whenever needed. Available in FC, SC, ST and LC.

Locking Ring

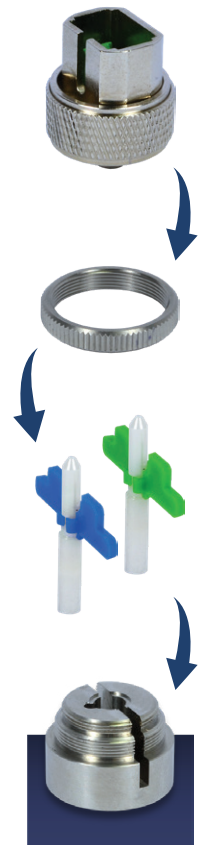
To secure the replaceable ferrule at its optimum location for the best performance.

Replaceable Ferrule with APC or UPC End-face

The self-aligned field-replaceable ferrule can be changed out in seconds. Users can select between APC or UPC end-face, ensuring compatibility with any test application requirement.

Optical Connector Protector Base

The panel mount protector base is made from high-grade stainless steel using a precision CNC process. This achieves proper alignment of the replaceable ferrule, minimizing insertion loss.



Optical Specifications^{1,4}

Parameters	Unit	CWDM	DWDM C Band
Operational Wavelength Range	nm	1260-1650	1527.994 - 1566.314
Number of Channels	#	up to 18	up to 96
Channel Spacing	GHz/nm	20 nm	50 GHz
Input Power Range ³	dBm	-50 to +15	
Maximum Input Power	dBm	30	
Absolute Wavelength Accuracy ³	pm	±500	±75
Wavelength Repeatability ³	pm	±100	±15
Absolute Channel Power Accuracy ^{3,4}	dB	±1.0	±0.5
Relative Power Accuracy ^{3,4}	dB	±0.8	±0.4
Power Measurement Repeatability ³	dB	±0.1	
Polarization Dependent Loss (PDL)	dB	<0.5	<0.3
Noise Floor ⁶	dBm	-55	
Wavelength Readout	pm	1	
Optical Return Loss	dB	>30	
Sweep Time	sec	<3	
Optical Interface		Fixed or Universal base with interchangeable adapters	

Notes:

- Unless noted, all specifications are valid at 23°C ± 2°C (73.4°F ± 3.6°F) using FC/UPC connectors.
- Detect 18 CWDM channels 1271 - 1611nm
- Specifications guaranteed for input power range from -40 to -0 dBm.
- Does not include PDL.
- Signal Conditions:
 - Channel spacing: DWDM ≥ 42 GHz; CWDM ≥ 15nm
 - Power difference between adjacent channels ≤ 6dB
 - Power difference between non-adjacent channels ≤ 12dB
- Electronic noise (no injected light)

General Specifications

Dimensions	150 x 150 x 70 mm
Weight	0.7 kg nominal
Battery	Lithium Polymer battery, 10 Ah with low voltage indication
Battery Autonomy	>9 hours continuous operation
Power Usage	<2 Watts
Operating Temperature	0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F)
Storage Temperature	-40°C to 60°C (-40°F to 140°F)
Humidity	5% to 80%, non-condensing
Display	5" high resolution TFT color touchscreen LCD
Interfaces	Micro-USB with On The Go (OTG) support
AC Adaptor	Input: 100-240 VAC (50/60 Hz), 1.5A max Output: 12 VDC
Memory	Internal 8 Gbyte micro SD card
Connectivity	WiFi 802.11 b/g/n (optional), Bluetooth (optional)
Languages	English (others available on demand)
Certifications	CE & ROHS compliant
Safety Standards	AC adaptor - IEC 61010-1, Class II (GOST 12.2.091)

Ordering Information

Handheld Optical Channel Analyzer Models
Description
CWDM Channel Checker
DWDM C Band C14-62 Channel Checker
Additional Options
Bluetooth + WiFi Option
Fiber Scope Option
OTG to Ethernet cable option



VeEX Inc.
2827 Lakeview Court
Fremont, CA 94538 USA
Tel: +1.510.651.0500
Fax: +1.510.651.0505
www.veexinc.com
customercare@veexinc.com

© 2025 VeEX Inc. All rights reserved.
VeEX is a registered trademark of VeEX Inc. The information contained in this document is accurate. However, we reserve the right to change any contents at any time without notice. We accept no responsibility for any errors or omissions. In case of discrepancy, the web version takes precedence over any printed literature.
D05-00-157P D00 2025/07