EVT Test Cases for Optical Modules



Overview

Use this electronic product development testing checklist to plan design reviews, EVT, DVT, PVT, test fixtures, and production release.

Key Takeaways

EVT (Engineering Validation Test) for optical modules focuses on validating core functionality, early performance, and key component compliance in a lab environment.

Core Objectives of EVT

The primary goal of EVT is to “make it work”, ensuring that the optical module design functions as intended before moving to reliability and production validation. This stage typically uses small prototype builds and emphasizes lab-based testing rather than large-scale production.

Typical EV

T Test Cases1.

Basic Function Validation

Verify the TX/RX optical chain to ensure proper signal transmission and reception. Confirm electrical signal processing works according to design specifications. Check power supply and interface signals for correct operation.

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Early Performance Characterization

Signal Integrity (SI): Measure eye diagrams, jitter, and bit error rates to assess data fidelity. Power Integrity (PI): Evaluate voltage stability and current draw under nominal conditions. Thermal Behavior: Record baseline temperature profiles of the module under normal operation.

3.

Key Material and Component Verification

Validate critical ICs and optical devices for compliance with initial specifications. Confirm high-speed PCB materials meet electrical and thermal requirements. Perform First Article Inspection (FAI) to ensure the prototype matches the BOM and design drawings.

4.

Functional Stress Tests

Apply corner-case voltage and temperature conditions to identify early design weaknesses. Test basic optical KPIs such as output power, extinction ratio, and sensitivity. 5.

Integration and Subsystem Testing

Evaluate module-level integration, ensuring all components work together. Check mechanical fit and connector alignment for proper assembly. Standards and GuidelinesEVT testing often references Telcordia GR-468-CORE and IEC standards for optical module reliability, covering optical, electrical, thermal, and mechanical stresses.

While EV

T focuses on functionality, these standards guide the selection of test conditions and measurement criteria.

Documentation

Maintain a detailed EVT report including test procedures, results, and deviations. Document lessons learned for design improvements before DVT.

EV

T is a critical step in the NPI (New Product Introduction) flow, providing a baseline for engineering debug and ensuring that the optical module is ready for more rigorous reliability testing in the DVT stage.

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