

Performance Comparison of Handheld Optical Communication Bit Error Rate Analyzers

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Overview

It incorporates a pattern generator, clock recovery circuits, and a bit-error-ratio analyzer in one compact module that provides both electrical and optical interfaces at data rates up to 3.2Gb/s.

Key Takeaways

Handheld optical BER analyzers vary in data rate, channel support, portability, and application focus, with VIAVI, OPTELLEN, Dimension, and Semight offering distinct advantages for field and lab testing. Key Devices and Features¹.

VIAV

I T-BERD/MTS-5800-100G
Data Rate: Up to 100G
Portability: Handheld, field-ready
Applications: Field testing, service activation, network verification
Features: Multi-protocol support, easy-to-use interface, PRBS pattern generation, real-time BER calculation, suitable for Ethernet and fiber optic networks
Strengths: Compact size, ideal for remote or on-site testing, supports end-to-end network performance verification ².

OPTELLEN

T OptoBERT Series
 OPB-BERT-400G-P8: 8-channel, 30 Gbaud/s
 OPB-100G: 4-channel, 32 Gbps
 OPBX280: Single/compact module, up to 28 Gb/s
 Applications: R&D, manufacturing, component and subsystem testing
 Features: Integrated pattern generators, BER analyzers, clock recovery, input equalization, GUI for point-and-click operation, LabVIEW integration
 Strengths: High channel density, cost-effective, versatile for lab and production environments, supports automated testing 3.

Dimension Technology BERT800
 Data Rate: 100G–800G
 Portability: Available in portable and production-grade models
 Applications: Mass production, performance verification, reliability testing of optical transceivers
 Features: Modular design with interchangeable interface boards, supports NRZ/PAM4, multiple PRBS codes, FEC, and equalization methods
 Strengths: Flexible configuration for different transceiver packages, robust heat dissipation, long-term stability, suitable for high-speed optical module testing 4.

Semight Burst Mode BER Tester

Specialty: Burst-mode testing for PON systems
 Applications: Verifying OLT receiver performance in TDMA upstream data scenarios
 Features: Burst error analysis, essential for PON upstream verification
 Strengths: Unique capability for burst-mode optical networks, not typically available in standard continuous-mode handheld BER analyzers
 Comparative Insights
 Data Rate & Channels: OPTELLENT offers multi-channel high-speed testing (up to 8 channels), while VIAVI focuses on field portability with up to 100G. Dimension BERT800 supports ultra-high-speed modules (up to 800G) with flexible modularity. Portability: VIAVI and OPTELLENT devices are compact and field-friendly; Dimension offers both portable and lab-grade options.

Application Focus: VIAVI excels in field deployment and service activation; OPTELLENT is optimized for R&D and manufacturing; Dimension targets high-speed transceiver production and verification; Semight specializes in burst-mode PON testing. Usability & Integration: OPTELLENT and VIAVI provide intuitive GUIs and automation support, while Dimension emphasizes modularity and protocol compliance. Semight is specialized for TDMA burst-mode analysis.

Error Pattern & Measurement: All devices support PRBS patterns; some (Dimension, OPTELLENT) offer multiple PRBS types and FEC support for advanced testing scenarios.

Conclusion

For field deployment and handheld convenience, VIAVI T-BERD/MTS-5800-100G is ideal. For multi-channel lab testing and automation, OPTELLENT OptoBERT series provides high flexibility and cost efficiency. For high-speed optical transceiver production and verification, Dimension BERT800 offers modularity and ultra-high-speed support.

For PON-specific burst-mode testing, Semight provides unique capabilities not found in standard continuous-mode analyzers. Selecting the right handheld BER analyzer depends on data rate requirements, channel count, portability, and network type.

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Bit Error Rate – tester, BERT, data transmission

Bit error rates are typically measured with complex devices, called bit error rate testers (BERT), generating a pseudo-random bit sequence and comparing the sent and received data.

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