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News Release

OFS INTRODUCES FITEL® RIGHT-BEND™ Fiber Identifier

Identifies signal on bend-insensitive fiber

2013 FTTH Conference & Expo, Booth 703, Tampa, Florida, September 30, 2013 - OFS, a leading designer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative fiber optic network products, has introduced the Furukawa Electric FITEL® Right-Bend™ Fiber Identifier.

The FITEL Right-Bend Fiber Identifier is a rugged, user-friendly tool that identifies bend insensitive optical fibers by using local detection technology to detect the optical signals passing through the fiber. Unlike some similar products on the market, the FITEL Right-Bend Fiber Identifier can identify the signal in bend-insensitive fibers such as OFS' EZ-Bend® fiber, which is normally difficult because the fiber is designed to prevent loss in tight bend situations.

The fiber identifier works by clamping onto a fiber and inducing a safe macrobend, enabling a small amount of light to escape. By collecting and analyzing the light, the instruments detect the presence of network traffic, test tones and continuous wave signals and can determine the direction of signal flow.

This instrument's rugged construction is designed for ease of use in inside plant and outside plant applications. For maximum battery life, the instrument features an automatic power-down circuit that enables numerous fibers to be tested before battery replacement is necessary. This allows technical personnel to unambiguously identify a specific fiber and help eliminate the risk of accidental disruption of service.

About OFS

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, optical fiber cable, connectivity, FTTx and specialty photonics solutions. Our marketing, sales, manufacturing and research teams provide forward-looking, innovative products and solutions in areas including Telecommunications, Medicine, Industrial Automation, Sensing, Government, Aerospace and Defense applications. We provide reliable, cost effective optical solutions to enable our customers to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's digital and energy consumers and businesses.

OFS' corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and includes technology powerhouses such as AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

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