Multi-Wavelength Meter
AQ6140

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General

Practical application in recent years of Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) transmission technology for high-volume optical communication has led to the current situation in which we’re on the verge of producing 50 GHz-wavelength systems. Accordingly, demand for a higher-specification wavelength parameter tester is increasing. Such a tester can go a long way toward improving evaluation of transmission systems and optical devices. The AQ6140 Multi-Wavelength Meter, providing excellent wavelength accuracy and resolvable separation in measurement, surpasses this demand, making it ideal for all applications from D-WDM system development to manufacturing.

Features

- **Highly accurate wavelength measurement**
  Realizes high accuracy measurement of ±0.003 nm. (at 1310 nm, 1550 nm)
- **High resolvable separation**
  Minimum resolvable separation: 10 GHz or less (1550 nm: 80 pm)
- **Capable of measurement for up to 256 channels**
  Wavelength and power measurement for up to 256 channels
- **Simple operation**
  Three-step (maximum) operation saves you from complicated operation.
- **Enlarge display of peak list**
  Can display enlarged data of one channel in the area normally displaying data of 5 channels.
- **Drift measurement**
  Refers to measuring the time-passage changes wavelength and power. (up to 256 channels)
- **Grid monitoring function**
  Useful function for checking wavelength shift of each grid
- **Complete functions for monitoring WDM light source**
  Complete functions for stability analysis of light source such as 3D display of variable rate, time displacement display, variable rate trap function, etc.
- **Complete memory functions**
  Can record measurement data and measurement conditions in floppy disk and internal memory.
- **Large-size (6.5-inch) color display**
  Can check waveform data and peak wavelength at a time by displaying waveforms and measurement data simultaneously.
**Principle of Measurement**

### Basic Configuration

The frequency of the input light is converted to an electrical signal, proportional to the optical wavelength.

Break down the electrical signal into frequency components.

Calculates optical frequency (optical wavelength).

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**Interferometer**

The light reflected from the fixed mirror interferes with that reflected from the movable mirror.

Interference strips waveform shows distortion waveform with period.

Shows spectrum of each periodic component number after FFT.

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### Conversion to Optical Frequency (wavelength)

- \( \text{Flot-in} = \frac{\text{Fint-in}}{\text{Fint-ref}} \times \text{optical Flot-ref} \)
- \( \lambda_{\text{opt-in}} = \frac{c}{\text{Flot-in}} \)

- Flot-in: optical frequency of input light frequency of input light interference wave
- Fint-in: frequency of reference light interference wave
- Fint-ref: frequency of reference light
- \( \lambda_{\text{opt-in}} \): optical wavelength of input light speed of light

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**WDM Transmission Concept**

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Applications

Characteristic evaluation of light source for WDM

Measures both wavelength and power up to 256 channels, and displays waveform and measurement result at a time. Capable of checking if it's matched to advice of ITU-T and severe monitoring of grid. Also capable of displaying the list of peak wavelength and power.

Long-term function

Displays changes of peak wavelength and power of one channel. Below waveforms, displays not only current measurement result but also maximum rate, minimum rate or balance of maximum rate and minimum rate.

Grid monitoring function

Analyzes peak wavelength of set grid. Searches peak wavelength, or analyzes wavelength gap and changes of power within the grid.
Screen examples

**Standard screen**
The waveform and the peaks are display simultaneously on this standard screen. It is used to monitor WDM system temperature characteristics and evaluate laser oscillators.

**List screen**
This mode displays a list of the peak wavelengths, up to 14 at a time.

**3D display screen**
Displays 3D waveforms and peak lists at a time. It helps to check the change of measurement result by time.

**Marker screen**
The marker function simplifies tasks such as analysis of wavelength and power level difference.
**Label input screen**

Label can be input up to 36 characters, so that file management can be easy.

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**File screen**

Measured waveform data can be saved in a variety of file formats. The file recall function makes it possible to make new measurement with the same measurement conditions as saved data, which is ideal for WDM system maintenance.

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**Operation panel**

1. **6.5-inch color LCD**
   Displays measured waveforms, measurement conditions, measurement results, etc.

2. **Soft key**
   For selecting and proceeding functions corresponding to Function keys

3. **Function key (Switch for selecting main function)**
   Selects from 12 functions

4. **Data entry key**
   For inputting data through ten-key, rotary encoder, cursor key, etc.

5. **Optical input connector**
   Connector for connecting measured optical fiber cable

6. **Brightness adjustment**
   Adjust the brightness of LCD

7. **3.5-inch floppy disk drive**

8. **Power switch**
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Notes:
1) After 30 minutes warming up, line spacing: 30 GHz or more, multiple-line input
2) Characteristics data may be varied depending on equipment.
3) In REPEAT measurement
4) PC: standard. Also compatible with SC, ST, DIN and DIA.