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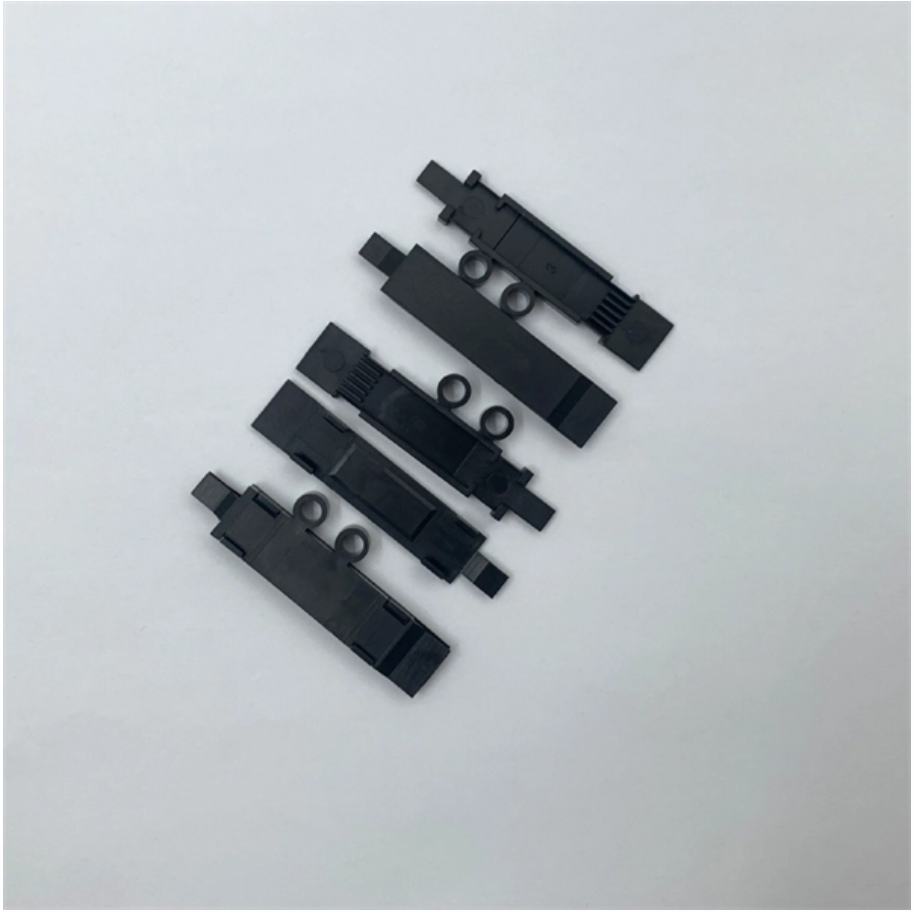

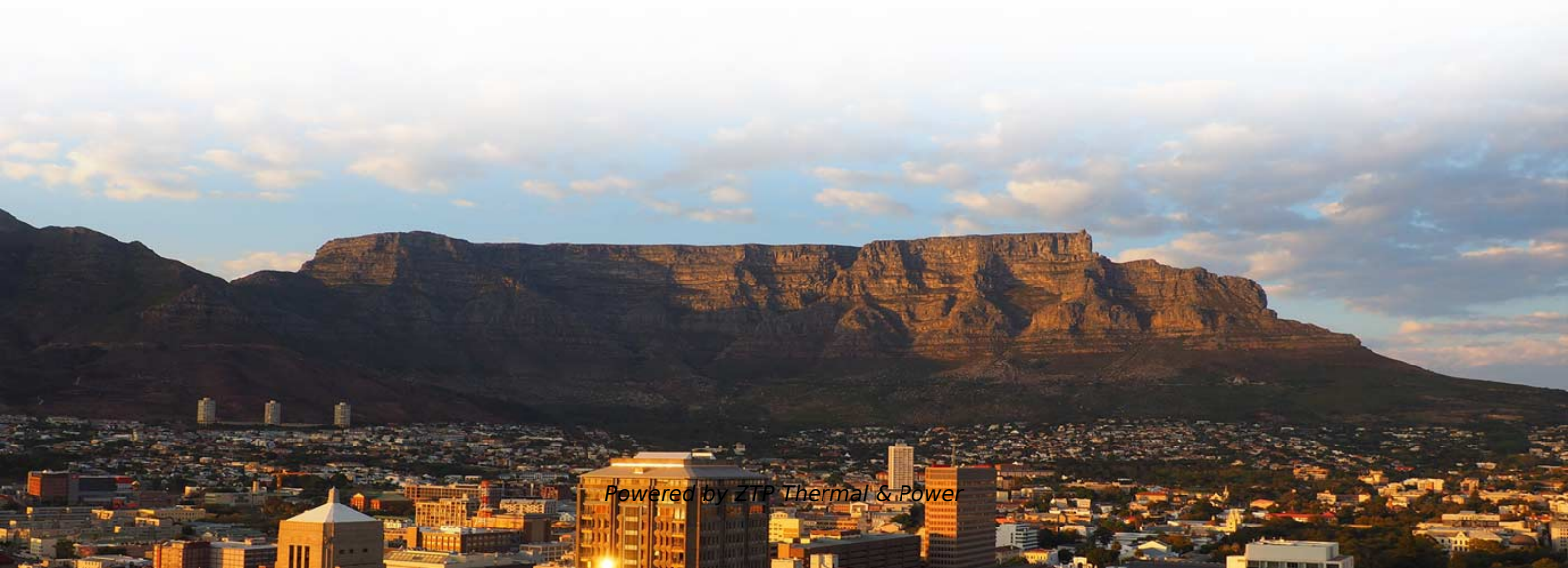

Overview

Insertion loss (IL) and return loss (RL) are key performance indicators of fiber optic patch cords. This article explains their concepts, standards, testing methods, and FiberMania's quality assurance workflow to ensure optimal network performance. Fiber optic patch cords are often treated as low-risk consumables, yet a large percentage of optical link failures originate at the patch cord level. While this was only a minor issue, it greatly affected both the optical alignment and, as indicated by test results in the field, return loss, which ideally should be approximately -65 dB, increased to 20 dB or more because of light reflecting into transceiver modules.

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