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# **OMNIScanner™**

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OMNI*Scanner*2™  
OMNI*Scanner* LT™  
OMNI*Fiber*™

**User Guide**

**ENGLISH**

A Guide to using the Microtest OMNI*Scanner* to install, manage, and troubleshoot high performance cabling systems as well as multi- and single-mode fiber.

OMNI*Scanner* verifies installed links against all common cabling and network standards including Category 6/Class E and Gigabit Ethernet.

OMNI*Fiber* verifies installed links against TIA and ISO standards, as well as other fiber network application requirements.



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## **Chapter 1 - Introduction**

### *The Digital Solution for Fiber and Copper*

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OMNI*Scanner* is the most advanced hand-held certification and diagnostic tool for the verification of copper links. The Category 7, 6, 5E (Enhanced), 5 and ISO Class F, E, D, and C tester has an extended frequency range of 300 MHz. OMNI*Scanner* provides full software compliance with TIA and ISO/IEC requirements for measurement reporting and analysis (including Length, Delay, ACR, NEXT, ELFEXT, Return Loss, Resistance, PSNEXT, PSACR, PSELFEXT and Attenuation). In addition, OMNI*Scanner* measures Length, Delay, Impedance, and Resistance on coaxial cabling.

OMNI*Fiber*MM (multimode) and OMNI*Fiber* SM (single-mode) expand the tester's capabilities to certify installed fiber links against TIA and ISO standards. Fiber cabling can be verified at 850, 1300, 1310, and 1550 nm wavelengths.

### *The Graphical User Interface*

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OMNI*Scanner's* graphical user interface consists of a backlit LCD display, quick access menus, arrow keys, and descriptive menu options that guide you through certifying or troubleshooting cabling systems.

### *OMNIRemote*

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For test and certification of twisted pair cabling, the OMNI*Scanner* requires the OMNI*Remote* unit at the opposite end of the cabling link under test. OMNI*Scanner* communicates with OMNI*Remote* to obtain status and perform measurements from both ends of the link.

OMNI*Remote* is equipped with a speaker to generate tones, and several colored LEDs to indicate overall test results and status.

### OMNIFiber™

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OMNIFiber transforms OMNIScanner and OMNIScanner2 into a fiber optic tool for testing and certification of multimode and single-mode fiber premise networks. OMNIFiber consists of two test heads that attach directly onto OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote to become a part of each unit. Using the 1-Button Autotest feature, OMNIFiber measures loss and length over two fibers simultaneously. The measurements are compared against the selected LAN standard for instant PASS/FAIL analysis. OMNIFiber measures loss at 850 and 1300 nm over multimode fiber and at 1310 and 1550 nm over single-mode fiber.

Up to 1000 Autotests can be saved to nonvolatile memory. Saved results can be easily uploaded to the PC with Scanlink™ software.

### Scanlink™ Tools Software

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PC-based software expands OMNIScanner's user interface and aids with the management of projects. Scanlink Tools consist of the **OMNIScanner Configuration** software, the **Scanlink Upload** software, and the **OMNIScanner Remote Control** software. These programs allow you to store, retrieve, manage, edit and print network cabling information. Scanlink Tools provide the ability to create professional reports, remote control OMNIScanner, and define cable and project configurations that can be downloaded to OMNIScanner.

## *OMNIScanner's Display*

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<b>Scanner Display</b>	<b>Function</b>
1-2 or 12/36:	The paired numbers in the display indicate wire pairs. For example, 1-2 indicates the wire pair of pins 1 and 2. 12/36 indicates two wire pairs tested, the first pair of pins 1 and 2, and the second pair of pins 3 and 6.
Pop-up lists:	Pop-up lists are available by pressing ENTER when the cursor is located on user definable fields. A predefined selection list will appear, and the rest of the display will be inactive.
Spin Control:	The spin control is available by pressing ENTER on editable fields that allow for increasing or decreasing numeric values by depressing the <b>↑</b> or <b>↓</b> keys.
Scrollbars:	Use the <b>↑</b> and <b>↓</b> keys on the keypad to move up and down in a scrollable screen.
Graph:	Use the <b>←</b> or <b>→</b> to move the graph cursor on the frequency axis. Use the <b>↑</b> or <b>↓</b> to zoom in and out on graphs.



## *OMNIScanner's Keypad*

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### **ON/OFF**

When turned on *OMNIScanner* will display the project screen.

### **Backlight**

Press the Backlight key to toggle the backlight between its two levels of brightness. Press and hold the Backlight key to display the **CONTRAST**

screen. Use the **↑** and **↓** keys on the keypad to adjust the display contrast. In addition to contrast adjustments, the screen displays hardware version, software version, serial number information, and the date and time when the unit was last **Factory Calibrated**.

A black rectangular key with rounded corners and the word "AUTOTEST" in white, bold, uppercase letters.**Autotest**

Press the Autotest key to run a custom or predefined Autotest.

A black rectangular key with rounded corners and the word "ESC" in white, bold, uppercase letters.**ESC**

Press the Escape key to cancel the current operation.

**Arrow keys**

Press the **←→↑↓** arrow keys to navigate within a list, menu, graph, or editable field.

A black rectangular key with rounded corners and the word "ENTER" in white, bold, uppercase letters.**ENTER**

When in a selection field press the ENTER key to open the listbox and then select the highlighted item as the new default. When in an editable field press the ENTER key to start the edit process, and press ENTER again when finished with the editing process.

## Alphanumeric Keys

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Use the 0 through 9 keys to enter numeric and alphabetic characters in editable fields. Alphabetic and special characters are shown above each numbered key on the keypad. The 1 key allows entry of the following characters: - (hyphen), . (period), and , (comma)

The 0 key allows entry of an empty space.

The alphanumeric keys also allow direct selection of items in numbered lists.

A black square key with rounded corners and the text "A/a" in white, bold, uppercase and lowercase letters.

Use this key to toggle between upper and lower case letters.

A black square key with rounded corners and a white question mark.

Use this key to quickly display a window listing the functionality of the function keys in the current display.

## Function Keys

The functions of the 4 keys vary depending on the current display. The assigned functions are:



Setup



Measurements



Diagnostics



Results



New



Edit



Delete



Save Options



Save



Save with Graphs



Save to MMC



Save with Graphs to MMC



Copy Project to MMC



Copy Results to MMC



Erase a letter



Clear a field



Copy Circuit ID



List Circuit IDs



Detail



Retest



Graph



Pair



Next Page



Previous Page



Select



Set Default



Switch to 850nm



Switch to 1300nm



Switch to 1310nm



Switch to 1550nm



Set Reference



Continue Test



Switch to Continuous Wave



Switch to Modulated (2KHz) Wave



Switch to OMNIScanner Info



Switch to OMNIRemote Info

## OMNIRemote's LED Indicators



LED	Color	Description
PASS	Green	Overall Autotest Result is PASS
Status	Green (flashing)	OMNIRemote is ready for testing
	Green (consistent)	OMNIRemote is active
FAIL	Red	Overall Autotest Result is FAIL
Circuit Guard	Orange	Hazard condition is detected. LED will be lit in 5 second intervals until the hazard condition disappears.
REMOVE CABLE FROM HAZARDOUS SOURCE!		
Charge	Green	OMNIRemote is inactive, the AC adapter is present, and the battery pack is being charged
	Green (flashing)	OMNIRemote battery is fully charged
	Red (flashing)	OMNIRemote battery is low

## OMNIRemote Keys

### ON/OFF

When turned on OMNIRemote will blink the LEDs.

### $\lambda$ (Lambda)

When OMNIFiber is attached to OMNIRemote, the remote unit can be used as a light source. With the OMNIFiber adapter attached, press the  $\lambda$  key to activate the light source and provide continuous or modulated light at 850, 1300, 1310 or 1550 nm. The green LED of the appropriate wavelength will blink rapidly when modulated light is transmitted. If the transmitted light is continuous, the green LED will not blink. (See OMNIFiber's LED indicators in this chapter for further information.)

## When To Use OMNIRemote

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Most measurements require the use of OMNIRemote at the far end of the cable. For other measurements, OMNIRemote can be connected, but its use is optional. OMNIScanner detects the presence of the remote unit and automatically configures it for the measurement to be performed.

### Twisted Pair Measurements requiring the use of OMNIRemote:

- Autotest
- Wiremap
- NEXT and Power Sum NEXT
- Attenuation
- Return Loss
- ELFEXT and Power Sum ELFEXT
- ACR and Power Sum ACR

### Twisted Pair Measurements not requiring the use of OMNIRemote:

- Length / Delay / Skew
- Resistance

COAX Measurements do not require the use of OMNIRemote

Fiber Measurements require the use of OMNIRemote with an OMNIFiber Adapter

## Displaying OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote Results

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OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote are used together to perform measurements, which allow the scanner to verify installed links or assist in the diagnosis of physical layer network problems. To accomplish these measurements, OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote are connected at either end of a network-cabling link. The end at which the scanner is connected, is referred to as the 'Scanner end', and the end at which the remote unit is connected, is referred to as the 'Remote end'.

Indicates OMNIScanner test results.

NEXT				
Margin: 8.1dB				
	dB	Margin	MHz	
12/36	46.0	10.2	234.4	✓
12/45	45.6	9.1	211.9	✓
12/78	59.9	19.5	122.8	✓
36/45	48.5	12.7	234.4	✓
36/78	50.6	11.2	141.3	✓
45/78	55.0	13.2	101.7	✓

Indicates OMNIRemote test results.

NEXT				
Margin: 8.7dB				
	dB	Margin	MHz	
12/36	45.4	9.3	225.4	✓
12/45	47.0	9.7	190.3	✓
12/78	72.8	18.3	16.3	✓
36/45	56.2	10.7	59.2	✓
36/78	61.6	11.2	29.6	✓
45/78	46.9	11.5	249.7	✓

Toggles the display from Scanner to Remote end test results.

OMNIScanner displays test results for both ends of the link. Press  or  to toggle the display between Scanner and Remote test results.

**Note:** Refer to the graphics in Chapter 2 - Getting Started: **Typical Test Configurations** for instructions on connecting OMNIScanner and OMNI-Remote for basic link and full channel tests.

*OMNIFiber MM LED Indicators*

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The image shows the OMNIFiber MM LED Indicators, a grey rectangular device with a black front panel. The front panel features the 'OMNI Fiber' logo and the 'MICROTEST' logo. Two indicator lights are visible on the right side of the panel. Two lines point from the text table to these lights: one points to the upper light and the other to the lower light.

<b>LED</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Description</b>
850nm	Green	OMNIFiber is transmitting at 850 nm
850nm	Green (flashing)	OMNIFiber is transmitting modulated light at 850 nm
850nm	Orange	Part 1 of Two Way test completed, switch fibers
1300/ 1310nm	Green	OMNIFiber is transmitting at 1300/1310nm
1300/ 1310nm	Green (flashing)	OMNIFiber is transmitting modulated light at 1300/1310 nm
1300/ 1310nm	Orange	Part 1 of Two Way test completed, switch fibers

*OMNIFiber SM LED Indicators*

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The image shows the OMNIFiber SM LED Indicators, a grey rectangular device with a black front panel. The front panel features the 'OMNI Fiber' logo and the 'MICROTEST' logo. Two indicator lights are visible on the right side of the panel. Two lines point from the text table to these lights: one points to the upper light and the other to the lower light.

<b>LED</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Description</b>
1310nm	Green	OMNIFiber is transmitting at 1310 nm
1310nm	Green (flashing)	OMNIFiber is transmitting modulated light at 1310 nm
1310nm	Orange	Part 1 of Two Way test completed, switch fibers
1550nm	Green	OMNIFiber is transmitting at 1550nm
1550nm	Green (flashing)	OMNIFiber is transmitting modulated light at 1550 nm
1550nm	Orange	Part 1 of Two Way test completed, switch fibers

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## Attaching the OMNIScanner Fiber Adapters

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**Note:** Use dust caps to protect the connectors from dirt. Keep the connectors covered when the Fiber Adapters are not in use. This helps to ensure that contaminants from handling fiber do not affect test measurements.

**Note:** Both OMNIFiber adapters have 160 pin connector covers. Keep the 160 pin connectors covered when the Fiber Adapters are not in use.

To attach a fiber adapter to OMNIScanner proceed as follows:

1. Remove the 160 pin connector cover from the OMNIFiber adapter by gently pressing the black push button latches. The cover will be released.
2. Push the OMNIFiber adapter onto OMNIScanner's 160 pin connector until it snaps into position.
3. To remove OMNIFiber, use the push button latches to release the secured adapter.
4. Protect OMNIFiber's 160 pin connector by snapping the cover back in place.



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## Attaching the Microtest Connector Adapter

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OMNIFiber has one ST-style connector port (TX) and one threaded optical receiver port (RX) which accepts different Microtest connector adapters.

Attach the included ST connector adapters to the OMNIFiber RX receiver ports before connecting jumpers.

**Note:** Keep the connectors covered when the Fiber Adapters are not in use.

Several Microtest connector adapters are available (as optional accessories) for the OMNIFiber optical receiver port (RX).

## Editing With OMNIScanner

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OMNI Scanner includes sophisticated easy-to-use editing methods to accommodate a variety of user-definable items. Different fields have different editing procedures. Please follow the described procedures to make editing with the OMNI Scanner effortless.

**Note:** All editable fields can be easily recognized by their dotted borders.

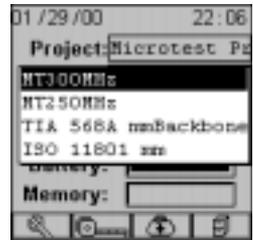
### Predefined Lists

To quickly and easily select Projects, Autotests, Cables, etc. OMNI Scanner uses predefined lists.

1. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow keys to move the cursor to the field to be edited and press ENTER.

A pop-up list will be displayed while the main screen becomes inactive.

2. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow keys to move the cursor to the appropriate item or value and press ENTER to select it as the new default.



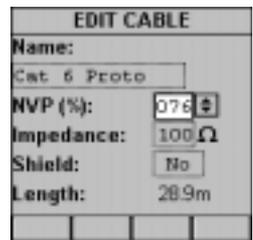
### Editing Numeric Fields with the Spin Control

1. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow keys to move the cursor to the field to be edited. The entire field will be highlighted in black.

2. Press ENTER. Notice that the field is now highlighted in white and the main screen in the background turns gray to indicate that the edit mode has been launched.

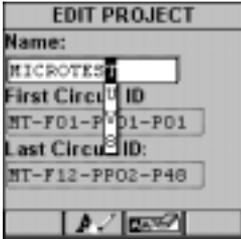
3. Press the **↑** or **↓** arrow keys on your keypad to scroll through the string of numbers.

4. Press ENTER or ESC to accept the value and terminate edit mode.



## Editing Alphanumeric Fields

To start the editing procedure for fields that contain alphabetic and numeric characters use the alphanumeric keypad.



1. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow keys to move the cursor to the field to be edited. The entire field will be highlighted in black.

2. Press **ENTER**. Notice that the field is now highlighted in white and the main screen in the background turns gray to indicate that the edit mode has been launched. The first letter in the field is highlighted in black.

3. Press any numerical key on your keypad to display a small drop-down list containing letters to choose from. Example: Press **8** to choose **t**, **u**, **v** or the number **8**.

**Note:** *Alphabetic and special characters are printed above each numbered key on the keypad. For example, **ABC** is printed above the **2** key.*

4. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow key to move to the appropriate character, or simply press **8** on your keypad repeatedly until the appropriate letter or number appears in the highlighted field. Press the **A/a** key to toggle between uppercase and lowercase letters.

5. Press the **→** to close the drop-down list and highlight the next letter to be edited. Notice that OMNIScanner does not overwrite existing characters.

To delete single characters use the  function key. To clear an entire field use the  function key.

6. Press **ENTER** to accept the field and exit the edit mode.

## *Technical Support*

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If you have technical questions, you may contact Microtest Technical Support by phone, fax, or e-mail.

**Note:** *Before calling Technical Support, please have your Serial number, and the Hardware and Software Version numbers available. See Product Versions section below.*

### **Americas and Asia Pacific:**

1-800-NET-FIXR (1-800-638-3497) (U.S. and Canada only)

1-800-419-8991 (FAX) (U.S. and Canada only)

1-602-952-6494 (FAX)

support@microtest.com (E-mail)

www.microtest.com/support (Web Support)

*If the 1-800 service is not available, please contact your local authorized Microtest reseller.*

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+44 1293 456008 (FAX)

supportmte@microtest.com (E-mail)

### **For new product information:**

World Wide Web page at <http://www.microtest.com>

sales@microtest.com (E-mail for U.S.)

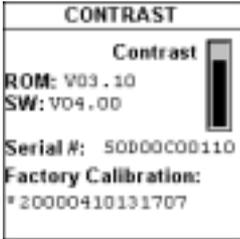
salesmte@microtest.com (E-mail for Europe)

### **For the latest cable installation, international standards, and conformance techniques:**

World Wide Web page at <http://www.cabletesting.com>

## Product Versions

To display the software version #, the hardware version #, the serial #, and the factory calibration data for *OMNIScanner*, press and hold the Backlight key. The **CONTRAST** screen will be displayed, which contains information that you may need to provide when calling Technical Support.

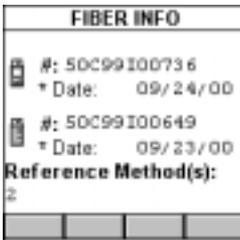


To display software, hardware and serial number information for *OMNIRemote*, connect the units with the supplied Link Adapter and the Channel -, Mod 8 -, or Set Reference Adapter and then press the  (Setup) function key.



Select **Remote Info** to open the **REMOTE INFO** screen, which contains the date the reference was last set, the hardware and software information, the serial number, the battery indicator, and the factory calibration data.

The serial number can also be found on the back of each unit.



To display information for *OMNIFiber*, attach the *OMNIFiber* adapters to *OMNIScanner* and *OMNI-Remote*, connect the units with the supplied fiber launch cable and press the  (Setup) function key.

Select **Fiber Info** to open the **FIBER INFO** screen, which contains the serial numbers, the date the adapters were last factory calibrated, and the current reference method.



## Chapter 2 - Getting Started Twisted Pair Networks

### Charging OMNIScanner's Battery

In order to operate the OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote with battery power, the battery must first be charged. Until the charging cycle is complete, the units can run with the AC adapter plugged in. (See Appendix B - **Batteries** for more information about the batteries.)

### OMNIScanner's Project Screen

OMNIScanner's project screen is designed to allow you to perform all typical work flow operations. The project, the test specifications, and the cable types are all selectable from the OMNIScanner **Project** screen.

Press the **ON/OFF** key to power the unit on and display the Project screen with its three user definable items: **Project**, **Autotest**, and **Cable**.

The **Project** name will be highlighted. Use the ↓ to move the highlight to the **Autotest** or **Cable** field. Press ENTER when a field is highlighted to change the current Project, Autotest, or Cable. OMNIScanner will auto-sense the **Adapter**.



Battery and Memory status are graphically indicated by gauges with a display ranging from empty (left hand side) to full (right hand side).

Press  (Setup) to select Autotests, configure Cables, and more.

Press  (Measurements) to measure a cable's performance, utilizing a variety of tests.

Press  (Diagnostics) to identify network cabling faults

Press  (Results) to view and manage stored test results.

### *Certification of Network Installations*

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OMNI*Scanner* is designed to efficiently certify cabling installations through its Autotest feature. Test results, test specifications, and cable types are organized into Projects. The Project, its test specifications and cable types are selectable from the OMNI*Scanner* **Project** screen.

OMNI*Scanner* contains a number of predefined projects, grouped by test standards, to allow easy and fast operation.

The typical order of operations performed when certifying a cable installation is as follows:

#### **Preparation**

Prior to initial certification, perform the following:

1. Run a self-test by setting the reference for OMNI*Scanner* and OMNI-Remote periodically, e.g. weekly.
2. Select the appropriate **Project**, **Autotest** specification, and **Cable** type.

#### **Certification**

Perform the following for each installed cable to be tested:

3. Attach OMNI*Scanner* to one end of the link, which is typically at the patch panel in a wiring closet.
4. Attach OMNI*Remote* to the corresponding outlet at the other end of the cable link.
5. Run Autotest.
6. Save test results.

#### **Completion**

At the end of the day or shift, the test results are uploaded using **Scanlink Tools** software.

**Scanlink Tools** support the following:

- Upload test results
- Storage of test results to files (Scanlink proprietary format)
- Print test reports
- Export results in CSV format
- Setup Projects
- View Graphs
- Edit Autotest information

The following sections provide detail on the certification process.

## Setting the Reference

A reference must be set when *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote* are used as a set for the first time. After the initial reference setting, the process should be repeated periodically to ensure unit verification. *OMNIScanner* stores reference data for up to 5 remote units by serial number.



1. To set the reference, connect *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote* using the Link Adapter and Channel Adapter\* supplied with the scanner (as shown).  
\*Use the **Set Reference Adapter** with *OMNIScanner* LT.

2. Turn *OMNIScanner* on.

3. Press  (Setup).

4. Select **Set Reference**.

5. On finding *OMNIRemote*, the scanner reports: **Acquiring Reference Data**. A gauge will indicate the progress.

SETUP	
1. Set Reference	
2. Autotests	
3. Cables	
4. Projects	
5. Configurations	
6. Autotest Run Options	
7. Autotest Save Options	
	↓

6. Once the reference values has been recorded, *OMNIScanner* displays the **REMOTE INFO** screen.

7. Press ESC to return to *OMNIScanner*'s **SETUP** screen.

## Project Selection

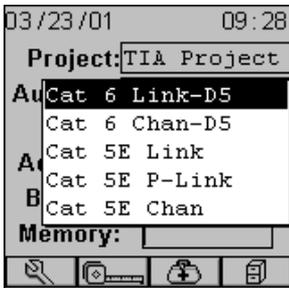
A project name must be selected for test result management. Autotests and Cables were previously assigned to a specific project through the use of the **OMNIScanner Configuration** utility. (See Chapter 9 - Uploading and Printing for further information about OMNIScanner Configuration.)



The Project feature is very useful for grouping test results and eases uploading and sorting of Autotests stored in the scanner.

1. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight **Project:** and press ENTER.

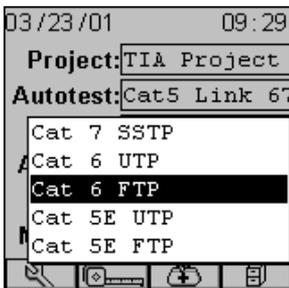
2. Select the appropriate Project from the pop-up list and press ENTER.



3. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight **Autotest:** and press ENTER.

4. Select the appropriate Autotest from the pop-up list and press ENTER.

5. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight **Cable:** and press ENTER.



6. Select the cable type to be tested from the pop-up list and press ENTER.

OMNIScanner auto-senses the adapter and the **Adapter:** field changes to reflect the adapter that is currently attached. If the adapter is changed, OMNIScanner will automatically adjust the content in the fields **Autotest:** and **Cable:** to reflect the new setup.

Every Project has certain Autotests and cables assigned already. These associated lists will appear in the pop-up lists for each item. If the Autotest

or Cable you want to use is not in a pop-up list, open  (Setup) to select the appropriate item. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Autotest**, **Cable**, or **Project** for further information.)

## Running an Autotest for Twisted Pair Cabling

1. Connect OMNIScanner to the near end of the twisted pair cable you are testing and connect OMNIRemote to the far end. (See the **Typical Test Configurations for Twisted Pair Cabling** section in this chapter for more information.)



2. Press the **AUTOTEST** key. When testing twisted pair cable, OMNIScanner will immediately verify that OMNIRemote is attached. If OMNIRemote is not attached, OMNIScanner will wait until it is attached before running the Autotest.

3. Press ESC at any time to cancel the Autotest.

4. The **AUTOTEST** screen is displayed while Autotest is running.

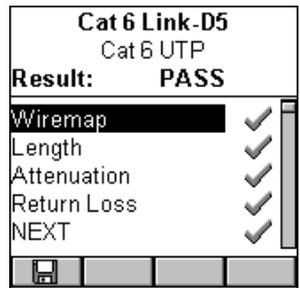
The **Autotest** and the **Cable** name are displayed at the top of the screen. A gauge indicates the test progress. Tests will be listed with their individual ✓ (PASS) or ✗ (FAIL) results as soon as a test is completed.



Once all tests are performed, the overall test **Result:** is displayed as **PASS** or **FAIL**.

**Note:** The list of tests varies depending on the kind of Autotest that was performed.

An Autotest will PASS ✓ if all the selected tests met the specified criteria. An Autotest will FAIL ✗ if one or more of the selected tests failed.



If the measured result fails by an amount less than or equal to the accuracy of the OMNIScanner measurement system, a ✗ (marginal FAIL) will be reported. If the measured result passes by an amount less than or equal to the accuracy of the measurement, a \*✓ (marginal PASS) will be reported. Marginal results are very close to the PASS/FAIL line and are within the accuracy of the measurement for that type of link. Accuracy varies depending upon several conditions including the type of link model and the measurement being performed. In most cases this uncertainty zone is much less than 1 dB.

## Saving Twisted Pair Autotest Results



**SAVE AUTOTEST**

**Project:**  
TIA Project

**Circuit ID:**  
TIA-0005

**Destination:** Internal

1. Press  (Save) from the **AUTOTEST** screen to open the **SAVE AUTOTEST** screen, where the Autotests can be stored into OMNIScanner's memory.

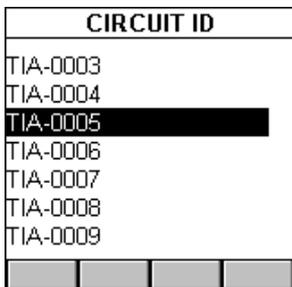
2. The **Project:** field contains the name of the project.

3. To assign a unique name to the Autotest, enter a Circuit ID into the **Circuit ID:** field.

Circuit IDs can be setup to automatically increment. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Projects: Editing a Circuit ID** for further information.)

If an incrementing Circuit ID was created in the **PROJECT** Setup screen, the **Circuit ID:** field will already contain the next available Circuit ID that can be used as a default.

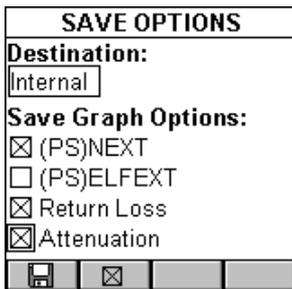
4. To change the name using OMNIScanner's edit feature, highlight the field, and press ENTER to initiate the editing mode. (See Chapter 1 - Introduction: **Editing with OMNIScanner** for more information.)



**CIRCUIT ID**

TIA-0003  
TIA-0004  
TIA-0005  
TIA-0006  
TIA-0007  
TIA-0008  
TIA-0009

5. To change the Name using the list function, press  (List). The **CIRCUIT ID** screen opens and displays all Circuit IDs available for the project. Use the **←** or **→** to quickly scroll through the pages. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight a Circuit ID and press ENTER to select it as the name for the Autotest to be saved and return to the **SAVE AUTOTEST** screen.



**SAVE OPTIONS**

**Destination:**  
Internal

**Save Graph Options:**

(PS)NEXT  
 (PS)ELFEXT  
 Return Loss  
 Attenuation

6. Press  (Autotest Save Options) to open the **SAVE OPTIONS** screen. **OMNIScanner 2:** Select the Destination for saved test results (MMC or Internal) and select or unselect the graphs to be saved. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Autotest Save Options** for more information.)

Press  (Save) to save the settings and return to the **SAVE AUTOTEST** Screen

7. The **SAVE AUTOTEST** screen's save function key indicates the

selected Save Option.

Press  (Save) to save the test results to OMNIScanner's internal memory.

Press  (Save with Graphs) to save the test results with their graphs to OMNIScanner's internal memory. **Note:** *Saving graphs will reduce the number of Autotests that can be stored.*

Press  (Save to MMC) to save the test results to the MultiMediaCard. (OMNIScanner2 only.)

Press  (Save with Graphs to MMC) to save the test results with their graphs to the MultiMediaCard. (OMNIScanner2 only.) **Note:** *Saving graphs will reduce the number of Autotests that can be stored.*

8. Press ESC to return to the Autotest screen without saving the Autotest.

9. To run the next Autotest press the  key.

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## Viewing Twisted Pair Autotest Results

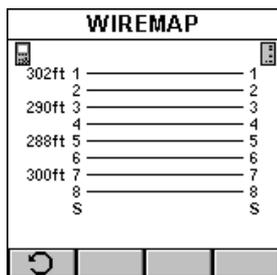
This viewing option is only available immediately after the Autotest was performed.

To view stored test results at a later time, press the  (Results) function key located in the Project screen. (See Chapter 7 - Results for more information.)

**Note:** *The list of tests varies depending on the kind of Autotest that was performed.*

1. To view detailed results of all the tests that were performed during Autotest, highlight a specific test in the Autotest screen using the **↑** or **↓** and press ENTER.
2. Use the **←** or **→** to quickly browse through all other detailed test result screens and their results.

All Tests that can run during Autotest are displayed on the next page. (See Chapter 5 - Measurements for detailed descriptions of each available test.)



### LENGTH/DELAY

Length(ft):	Limit
288	308
Delay(nS):	
395	513
Skew(nS):	
20	42

### LENGTH/DELAY

Limit:	308ft	513nS
1-2	302ft	415nS
3-6	290ft	399nS
4-5	288ft	395nS
7-8	300ft	412nS
Skew:	20nS	
Limit:	42nS	

### NEXT

Margin: 10.8dB

dB Margin	MHz		
12/36	47.1	11.0	225.4
12/45	60.0	11.0	36.3
12/78	73.8	19.2	16.3
36/45	57.7	12.1	59.2
36/78	62.4	12.0	29.5
45/78	48.7	13.4	249.7

### ATTENUATION

Margin: 5.3dB

dB Margin	MHz		
1-2	26.4	5.3	248.8
3-6	26.2	5.6	248.8
4-5	26.1	5.6	247.9
7-8	26.0	5.8	248.8

### RETURN LOSS

Margin: 7.0dB

dB Margin	MHz		
1-2	26.7	7.7	5.0
3-6	26.6	7.6	5.5
4-5	26.3	7.3	5.2
7-8	27.1	8.1	7.5

### RESISTANCE

Limit: 40.0Ω

1-2	13.5Ω
3-6	13.4Ω
4-5	13.5Ω
7-8	13.0Ω

### POWER SUM ELFEXT

Margin: 12.8dB

dB Margin	MHz		
1-2	27.3	12.8	241.6
3-6	34.5	14.6	131.4
4-5	32.3	15.9	195.3
7-8	28.5	14.1	244.3

### POWER SUM ACR

Bandwidth: 250 MHz

dB Margin	MHz		
1-2	53.5	14.1	27.1
3-6	69.3	15.6	6.8
4-5	52.8	13.4	27.1
7-8	73.3	17.3	5.2

### ACR

Bandwidth: 250 MHz

dB Margin	MHz		
12/36	22.1	15.5	234.4
12/45	53.6	11.8	27.1
12/78	77.5	21.8	7.0
36/45	41.8	17.6	96.1
36/78	74.1	15.8	5.2
45/78	58.8	15.9	24.6

### POWER SUM NEXT

Margin: 11.5dB

dB Margin	MHz		
1-2	45.2	11.7	225.4
3-6	45.9	12.4	225.4
4-5	55.4	12.3	59.0
7-8	61.1	13.1	29.5

### ELFEXT

Margin: 10.9dB

dB Margin	MHz		
12/36	40.1	16.3	117.4
12/45	37.8	18.5	197.1
12/78	29.1	11.6	243.4
36/12	89.4	15.9	121.9
36/45	33.5	14.1	195.3
36/78	38.9	16.0	130.0

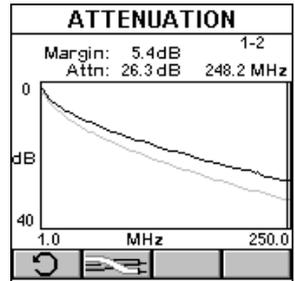
Most Autotest result screens have a retest feature for diagnostic purposes.

Press  (Retest) to run continuous tests for the same cable. The arrow located on the Retest button will be turning for the duration of the test.

Press  (Retest) once more to stop the continuous measurement. OMNIScanner will display the last measured data.

**Note:** Retest invalidates an Autotest. After using the retest feature, the Autotest must be repeated before results can be saved.

The NEXT, Attenuation, Return Loss, Power Sum NEXT, ELFEXT, ACR, Power Sum ELFEXT, and Power Sum ACR test result screens have a graph feature to display the graph associated with the test. To avoid misinterpretation, the limit line is shown in a gray color, while the actual measurement is represented in black.



Press  (Graph) to display a graph for a pair or a pair combination.

The Length results screen has a  (Detail) function key that allows you to view detailed test results for each pair.

LENGTH/DELAY		
<b>Length(ft):</b>	<b>Limit</b>	
288	308	
<b>Delay(nS):</b>		
395	513	
<b>Skew(nS):</b>		
20	42	

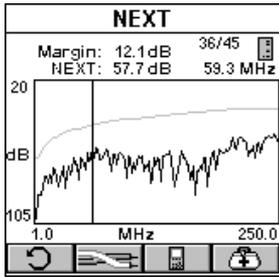
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<b>1-2</b>	302ft	415nS
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<b>4-5</b>	288ft	395nS ✓
<b>7-8</b>	300ft	412nS
<b>Skew:</b>		20nS ✓
<b>Limit:</b>		42nS

Tests that require the use of OMNIRemote will have small icons in the upper right corner of the titlebar to indicate whether the information is pertinent for  OMNIScanner or  OMNIRemote.

To toggle between the two screens press  to open the screen that contains the information for OMNIScanner.

ACR				
Bandwidth:	250 MHz			
	<b>dB</b>	<b>Margin</b>	<b>MHz</b>	
<b>12/36</b>	22.1	15.5	234.4	✓
<b>12/45</b>	53.6	11.8	27.1	✓
<b>12/78</b>	77.5	21.8	7.0	✓
<b>36/45</b>	41.8	17.6	96.1	✓
<b>36/78</b>	74.1	15.8	5.2	✓
<b>45/78</b>	58.8	15.9	24.6	✓

Press  to display the information for OMNIRemote.



The RETURN LOSS and NEXT screens have

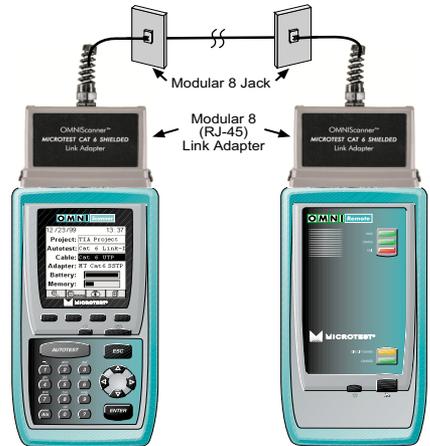
 (Diagnostic) function keys to help you with the interpretation of failed test results. (See Chapter 6 - *TDRL* and *TDNXT* for detailed information.)

## Typical Test Configurations for Twisted Pair Cabling

### Basic Link

The graphic shows the connection of OMNIScanner to a Modular 8 Jack in the wiring closet, and OMNI*Remote* to a Modular 8 jack in the work area.

Use the supplied **MICROTEST Link Adapters** at both ends of the link to attach OMNIScanner and OMNI*Remote* to the Modular 8 jacks.

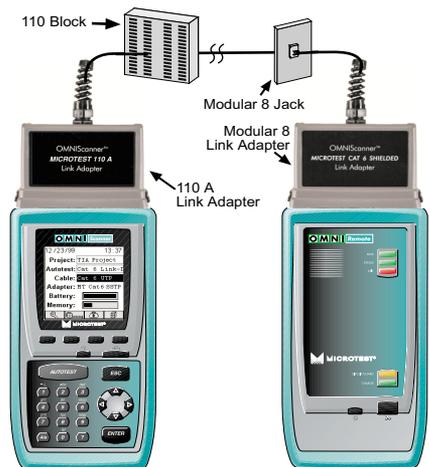


### Basic Link with 110 Block and Modular 8 Jack

The graphic shows the connection of OMNIScanner to an IDC (110) block in the wiring closet, and OMNI*Remote* to a Modular 8 jack in the work area.

The Punch Down Block Adapter kits **MICROTEST 110 A Link Adapter** and **MICROTEST 110 B Link Adapter** are available (as optional accessories) to interface the OMNI-Scanner and OMNI*Remote* with IDC (110) punch-down blocks.

Use the **MICROTEST 110 A or B Link Adapter** to attach OMNI-Scanner to the 110 Punch Down block. At the other end of the link, use the **MICROTEST Link Adapter** to attach OMNI*Remote* to the Modular 8 jack.



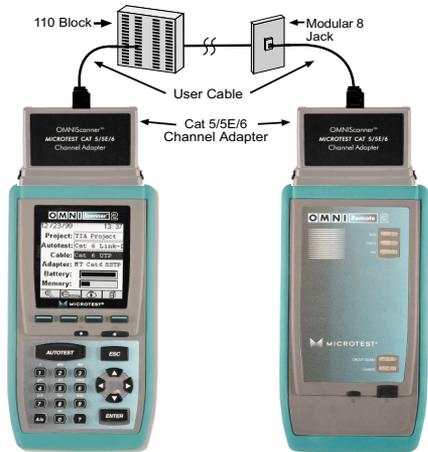
## Full Channel with Modular 8 Jacks

A Full Channel consists of all the link elements from the hub to the workstation.

For cables terminated with a modular 8 plug, use the supplied modular 8 **MICROTEST Channel Adapter\*** and attach OMNIScanner and OMNI*Remote* to the channel patch cords.

**\*MICROTEST Channel Adapters** are available as optional accessories for OMNIScanner LT.

**Note:** Best results for Category 6 channel tests will be obtained when using OMNIScanner software version 4.0 or higher, which utilizes AVC (Adaptive Vector Cancellation™).



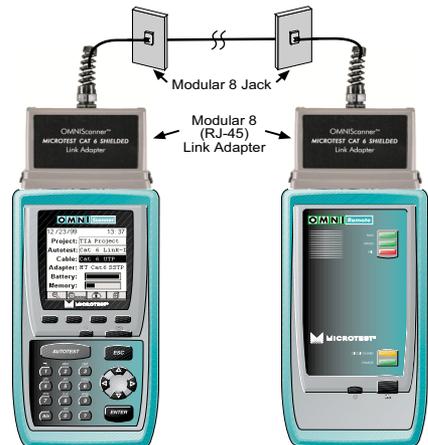
## Permanent Link

For Permanent Link Autotests, connect the supplied Link adapters in the same manner as the Basic Link.

During permanent link Autotests, the effects of the link adapters are removed from the measurements.

The Permanent Link method measures the link only, from jack to jack (including the Modular 8 plug that plugs into the Jack).

**Note:** Best results for Category 6 channel tests will be obtained when using OMNIScanner software version 4.0 or higher.



**For more information on the Permanent Link, the Basic Link, and the Channel, please visit [www.cabletesting.com](http://www.cabletesting.com).**

## Chapter 3 - Getting Started Fiber Optic Networks

### Charging OMNIScanner's Battery

In order to operate the OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote with battery power, the battery must first be charged. Until the charging cycle is complete, the units can run with the AC adapter plugged in. (See Appendix B - **Batteries** for more information about the batteries.)

### OMNIScanner's Project Screen

The Project screen is designed to allow you to perform all typical work flow operations. The Project, the test specifications, and the cable types are all selectable from the Project screen.

Press the **ON/OFF** key to power the unit on and display the project screen with its three user definable items: **Project**, **Autotest**, and **Cable**.

The **Project** name will be highlighted. Use the ↓ to move the highlight to the **Autotest** currently selected. Use the ↓ to highlight the currently selected **Cable** type. OMNIScanner will auto-sense the **Adapter**.

Battery and Memory status are graphically indicated by gauges with a display ranging from empty (left hand side) to full (right hand side).



Press  (Setup) to select Autotests, configure Cables and Projects, view OMNIFiber information, edit User Options, and more.

Press  (Measurements) to measure a cable's performance, utilizing a variety of tests.

Press  (Results) to view and manage stored test results.

### Certification of Fiber Installations

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OMNIScanner and OMNIFiber are designed to efficiently certify fiber optic cabling installations through the Autotest feature. Test results, test specifications, and cable types are organized into Projects. The Project, its test specifications and cable types are selectable from the OMNIScanner **Project** screen.

OMNIScanner contains a number a predefined projects, grouped by test standards, to allow easy and fast operation.

The typical order of operations performed when certifying a cable installation is as follows:

#### Preparation

Prior to initial certification, perform the following:

1. Attach an OMNIFiber to OMNIScanner. This will be referred to as the OMNIFiber Main.
2. Attach an OMNIFiber to OMNIRemote. This will be referred to as the OMNIFiber Remote.
3. Establish a reference power by setting the reference.
4. Select the appropriate **Project**, **Autotest** specification, and **Cable** type.

#### Certification

Perform the following for each installed fiber to be tested:

5. Attach OMNIFiber Main to one end of the link, which is typically at the patch panel in a wiring closet.
6. Attach OMNIFiber Remote to the corresponding patch panel or outlet at the other end of the cable link.
7. Run Autotest.
8. Save test results.

#### Completion

At the end of the day or shift, the test results are uploaded using **Scanlink Tools** software.

**Scanlink Tools** support the following:

- Upload test results
- Storage of test results to files (Scanlink proprietary format)
- Print test reports
- Export results in CSV format
- Setup Projects
- Edit Autotest Information

## Setting the Reference for Fiber Optic Cabling

**Note:** To ensure consistent accurate measurements, the reference value must be set each time the connector adapter or the test configuration is changed. Since the reference value expires each day at midnight, a reference must be established least once each calendar day that the OMNI-Fiber is used.

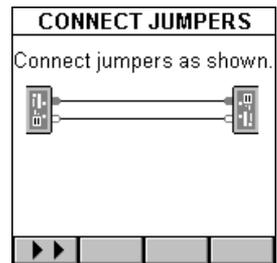
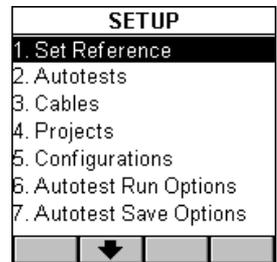
1. Attach the Microtest connector adapters to each of the OMNIFiber RX ports.

2. To set the reference value, connect the OMNI-Fiber Main and OMNI-Fiber Remote using launch cables (jumpers) and couplers. See *Chapter 8 - Fiber Optic Reference Methods* for further information.

3. Press  (Setup) and then select Set Reference.

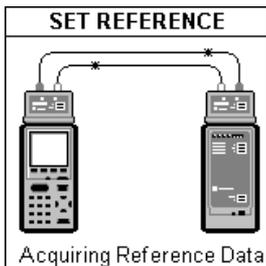
4. The **CONNECT JUMPERS** screen will display how the jumpers need to be connected so that the reference value can be recorded.

5. Connect the jumpers as shown and press  (Continue) to collect the reference data while the **SET REFERENCE** screen is displayed.



OMNIScanner will store a separate reference value for each wavelength. OMNIScanner will store reference data for up to 5 OMNI-Fiber pairs.

**Note:** Once the reference value has been set, ensure that both launch

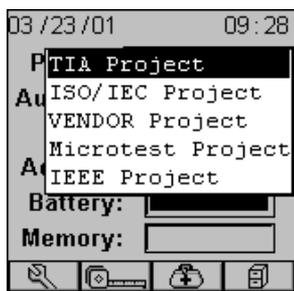


cables remain attached to the fiber adapters' TX (transmit) ports so that the connections are not disturbed.

6. Once the reference value has been set, OMNIScanner will display the **FIBER INFO** screen.
7. Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

## Project Selection

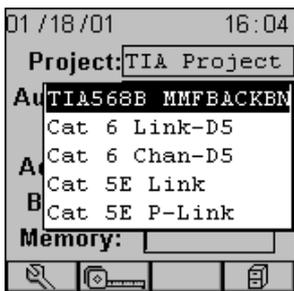
A project name must be selected for test result management. Autotests and Cables were previously assigned to a specific project through the use of the **OMNIScanner Configuration** software. (See Chapter 9 - Uploading and Printing for further information about OMNIScanner Configuration.)



The Project feature is very useful for grouping test results and eases uploading and sorting of Autotests stored in the scanner.

1. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight **Project:** and press ENTER.

2. Select the appropriate Project from the pop-up list and press ENTER.



3. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight **Autotest:** and press ENTER. Note: Different Autotests have different reference methods already assigned to them.

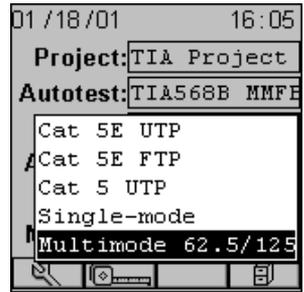
4. Select the appropriate Autotest from the pop-up list and press ENTER.

5. Use the **↑** or **↓** to highlight **Cable:** and press ENTER.

6. Select the cable type to be tested from the pop-up list and press ENTER.

The **Adapter:** field will automatically change to reflect that OMNIFiber is currently attached.

OMNIScanner auto-senses the adapter. If the adapter is changed, OMNIScanner will automatically adjust the content in the fields **Autotest:** and **Cable:** to reflect the new setup.



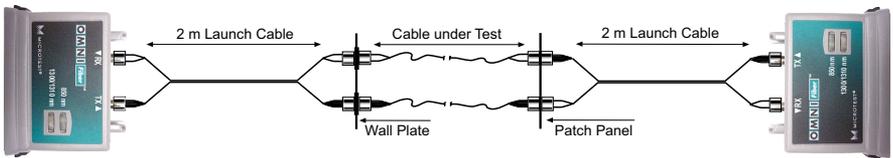
Every Project has certain Autotests and cables assigned already. These associated lists will appear in the pop-up lists for each item. If the

Autotest or Cable you want to use is not in a pop-up list, open  (Setup) to select the appropriate item. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Autotest**, **Cable**, or **Project** for further information.)

## Running an Autotest for Fiber Optic Cabling

### Preparing an Autotest

1. Connect OMNIFiber Main to the near end of the RX/TX fiber pair you are testing and connect OMNIFiber Remote to the far end. Depending on the method that was used to obtain the reference, connect your fibers as follows:



### 2 JUMPER METHOD AUTOTEST

To run an Autotest when the 2-Jumper Method was used to set the Reference proceed as follows:

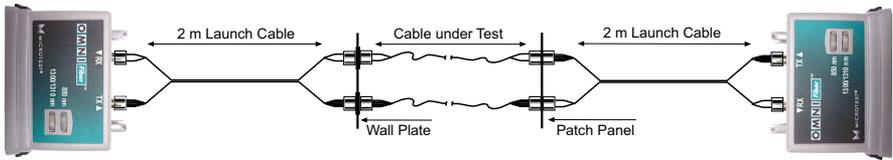
1. Do not disconnect the launch cables from the OMNIFiber.
2. Remove the connector sleeves that connect the two launch cables.
3. Connect the OMNIFiber Main to one end of the duplex link under test, and the OMNIFiber Remote to the opposite end.

4. Press



### 1 JUMPER METHOD AUTOTEST

To run an Autotest when the 1-Jumper Method was used to set the Reference proceed as follows:



1. Do not disconnect the black connectors which are attached to the TX port of the *OMNIFiber*.
2. Disconnect the black connectors that are attached to the RX ports of the *OMNIFiber*.
3. Connect the **white** connectors to the RX ports on the *OMNIFiber*.
4. Connect the *OMNIFiber* Main to one end of the duplex link under test and the *OMNIFiber* Remote to the opposite end.

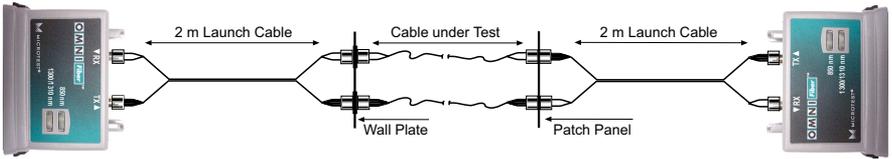
5. Press



### 3 JUMPER METHOD AUTOTEST

To run an Autotest when the 3-Jumper Method was used to set the Reference proceed as follows:

1. Do not disconnect the launch cables that are attached to the *OMNIFiber*.
2. Remove the middle launch cable and the connector sleeves that were attached to the middle launch cable.
3. Connect the *OMNIFiber* Main to one end of the duplex link under test and the *OMNIFiber* Remote to the opposite end.



4. Press **AUTOTEST**.

### Loopback Autotest using OMNIFiber Main

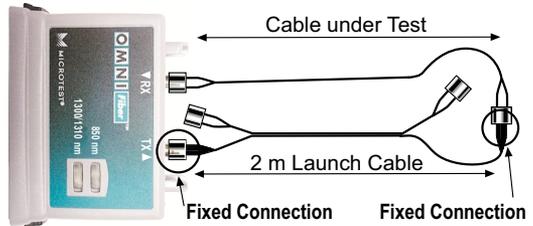
This configuration is used to test single fibers, reels and short cables when both ends of the fiber under test are accessible from the same location.

**Note:** The loopback Autotest assumes that the 2-Jumper Method was used to make the reference measurement.

To run a Loopback Autotest proceed as follows:

1. Do not disconnect the **black** launch cable, which is attached to the TX port of the OMNIFiber (it is circled in the graphic).

2. Do not disconnect the coupler from the **black** launch cable (it is circled in the graphic).



3. Disconnect the **white** launch cable from the RX port of the OMNIFiber and the connector sleeve. Leave the two white connectors dangling.

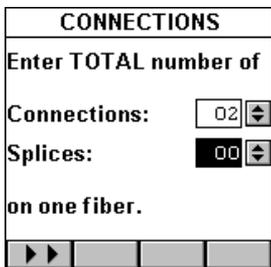
4. Attach the cable to be tested to the RX port on the OMNIFiber and the connector sleeve.

5. Press **AUTOTEST**.

## Running a Fiber Autotest

Some Autotests do not have a fixed loss limit. The Optical Link Budget (OLB) is calculated based on the wavelength, the length of the cable, and the number of connectors and splices.

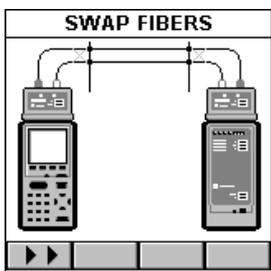
OMNIScanner will automatically display the **CONNECTIONS** screen if you are running an equation based Autotest (TIA 568A, ISO 11801, or 1000 Base F).



1. With the **Connections:** field highlighted, press ENTER. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow key to adjust the number of connections in your link. To determine the total number of connections, simply count **all** of the connections (connector pairs) on **one** fiber. OMNIScanner will assume that both fibers of a duplex link have the same number of connections.

2. To change the number of **Splices**, use the **↓** to highlight the field and press ENTER. Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow key to adjust the number of splices in your link. To determine the total number of splices, simply count **all** of the splices on **one** fiber. OMNIScanner will assume that both fibers of a duplex link have the same amount of splices.

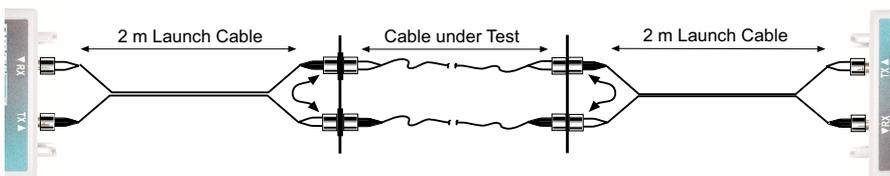
3. After editing the fields, press **▶▶** to run the Autotest. OMNIScanner starts the Autotest after the number of connections and splices has been entered.



**Note:** If you are running a Two Way test, you will be prompted to swap the fibers. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Fiber Test Options** for further information.)

4. Swap the Launch Cable's connectors as indicated in the graphic. Do not disconnect the Launch Cables from the OMNIFiber!

5. Press **▶▶** to complete the Autotest.



## Fiber Autotest Results

Once the Autotest is completed the Autotest screen will be displayed.

The arrows at the top of the screen indicate the direction of the light.

▼ points to the result measured from OMNIRemote to OMNIScanner.

▲ points out the result measured from OMNIScanner to OMNIRemote.

The overall test result for each fiber is located right below the arrows, ✓ (PASS) or ✗ (FAIL).

The name of the Autotest is displayed at the top of the screen followed by the name of the fiber.

1, 2, and 3 indicate the method that was used to set the reference, 1 Jumper, 2 Jumpers, or 3 Jumpers.

TIA 568A		
2	▼ Multi-mode 62.5/▲	
✓	<b>Result</b>	✓
34 ft		51 nS
0.75 dB	<b>850</b>	0.63 dB
0.56 dB	<b>1300</b>	0.74 dB
0.78 dB	<b>Margin</b>	0.77 dB
Conn.:	2 Splices:	0

When a bidirectional test was performed an icon for OMNIScanner or OMNIRemote will appear next to the fiber's name.

Press or to view results for the fibers with light transmission in the opposite direction. The arrows flip vertically to indicate that there are two results for each fiber, one from **TX to RX** and one from **RX to TX**.

**Note:** Values measured with OMNIFiber will be compared against the preprogrammed PASS/FAIL limits. OMNIScanner will report independent PASS/FAIL indication for both fibers.

The Autotest Results screen displays the (Length) and the loss. Further, the margin is displayed. It is the worst case margin for all wavelengths on each fiber in both directions. A positive margin indicates that the measured loss was less than the PASS/FAIL value, a negative margin indicates a fail and shows how much the measurement exceeded the maximum allowable PASS/FAIL amount.

The number of Connections and Splices is displayed at the bottom of the screen (if applicable).

To store the Autotest Result for the fiber listed on the right side, press the (Save) function key located on the right side.

To store the Autotest Result for the fiber listed on the left side, press the (Save) function key located on the left side.

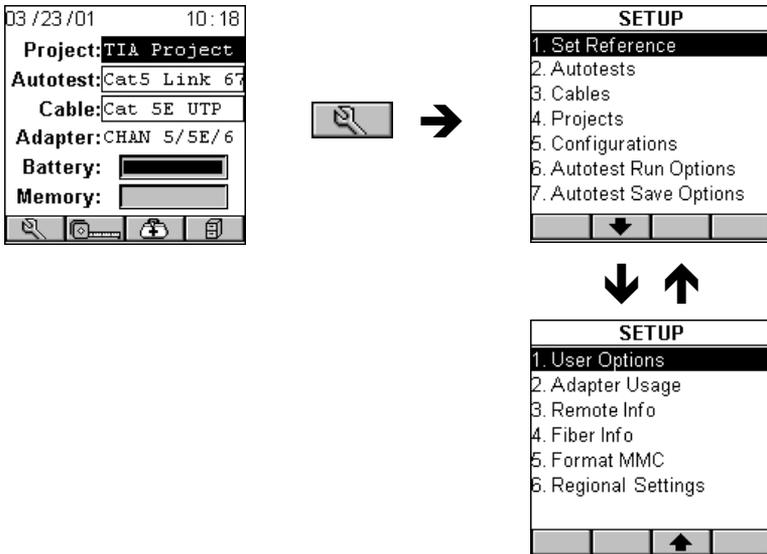


## Chapter 4 - Setup

### Configuring OMNIScanner

OMNIScanner's easy-to-use setup feature allows you to define, edit and preset many items. They are conveniently organized and can be easily accessed by pressing the assigned number on your alphanumeric keypad, or by highlighting the item and then pressing ENTER.

From the Project screen press the  (Setup) function key to open the **SETUP** screen.

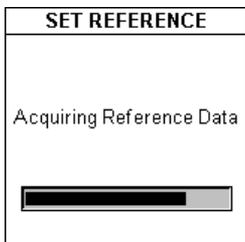


## Set Reference

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Connect OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote through their test connector ports using the Link Adapter and the Channel Adapter\*. Select **Set Reference** to display the **SET REFERENCE** screen. OMNIScanner will immediately start to communicate with OMNIRemote.

\*Use the Set Reference Adapter with OMNIScanner LT.



While the reference data is being established, a gauge indicates the progress.

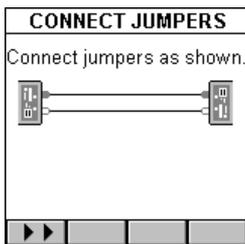
OMNIScanner notifies you when the process has been completed. The **REMOTE INFO** screen will be displayed.

**Note:** Set Reference is needed to periodically verify and establish the signal reference for attenuation.

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

## Set Reference with the OMNIFiber Adapters

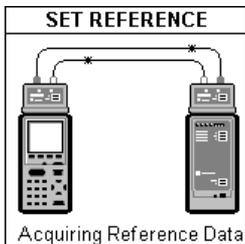
**Note:** The fiber reference expires each day at midnight. It must be set each calendar day that OMNIFiber adapters are used. The reference value should also be set every time the test configuration changes.



A reference value must be established before a loss measurement can be calculated.

With the OMNIFiber adapters attached to OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote, and the launch cable(s) (jumper(s)) in place, select **Set Reference** to display the **CONNECT JUMPERS** screen.

Connect the jumpers as displayed and press  to continue.



The **SET REFERENCE** screen will be displayed while the reference data is being established.

OMNIScanner notifies you when the process has been completed and the **FIBER INFO** screen will be displayed.

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

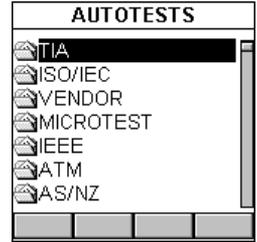
## Autotests

Select **Autotests** to display the **AUTOTESTS** screen. It contains a list of standard Autotest specifications supported by OMNIScanner. Standards are grouped by TIA, ISO, VENDOR, MICROTEST, IEEE, ATM, and AS/NZ.

If there are Autotest specifications in a folder, it will appear full , otherwise it will be empty .

Highlight a folder containing items  and press ENTER to display the list of Autotests contained in that folder.

Use the  or  arrow key to highlight a specific Autotest.

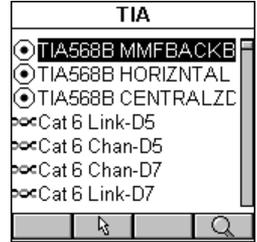


Copper tests are marked with a  twisted pair icon.

Fiber optic tests are marked with a  fiber icon.

Press  (Set Default) to select it as the Autotest to run.

Press  (Detail) to review the Autotest's limits.



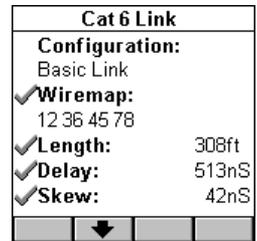
## Viewing Details for Copper and Fiber Autotests

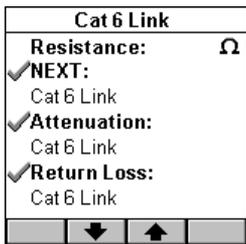
For  twisted pair cabling the Autotest Detail screen consists of four pages.

Use the  and  function keys to browse through the pages.

The screen titles show the standard being used to set the limits (e.g. Cat 6 Link).

The first page displays the Configuration of the Autotest (Basic Link, Channel, or Permanent Link). Wiremap, Length, Delay and Skew limits are also displayed. The Wiremap numbers show the pairs that are being tested.

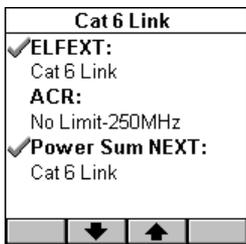




The second page shows limits for Resistance, NEXT, Attenuation, and Return Loss.

The third page lists limits for ELFEXT, ACR, and Power Sum NEXT measurements.

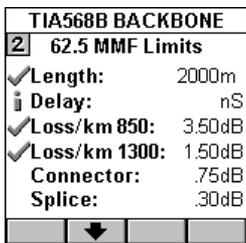
The fourth page shows limits for Power Sum ELFEXT and Power Sum ACR. This screen also informs you whether or not *OMNI Remote* is required to perform the selected Autotest.



Test that are performed during an Autotest are clearly marked . Tests that are not required when performing an Autotest have no icon.

Disabled tests may or may not show limits in the description field. An **i** precedes the test name for tests being performed during the Autotest, but the results are not used to determine PASS or FAIL.

Defined test limits will be displayed right below the test name. If a test has no limit, the limit description field will be empty.



For  fiber optic cabling the View Autotest Detail screen shows the standard being used in the titlebar.

The test that are performed during an Autotest are clearly marked .

If an **i** precedes the test name, the test will be performed for information purpose only; the results are not used to determine PASS or FAIL.



The required reference method **1** Jumper, **2** Jumpers, or **3** Jumpers is displayed in the View Autotest Detail screen together with the test limits.

Use the function key to view the limits for

50 μm fibers. When running an Autotest, OMNIScanner will choose the appropriate Autotest limits based on the selected fiber.

Use the  function key to view the limits for single-mode fibers.

When viewing limits for equation-based Autotests like TIA 568B, ISO 11801, and 100Base-F, the Loss per km (kilometer) will be displayed.

For all other tests the Loss for 850nm, 1300nm, 1310nm, and/or 1550nm is displayed.

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

1000BASE-LX SMF	
<b>2 Single-Mode Limits</b>	
✓ Length:	5000m
Delay:	nS
✓ Loss 1310 nm:	4.70dB
✓ Loss 1550 nm:	4.70dB
Connector:	dB
Splice:	dB

## Cables

Select **Cables** to display the **CABLES** screen. It contains a list of cable manufacturers.

If there are cables in a folder, the manufacturer folder will appear  full, otherwise it will be  empty.

Highlight a cable manufacturer that is marked by a folder containing items  and press ENTER to display the list of cables in that manufacturer's folder.

Use the  or  arrow key to highlight the desired cable.

CABLES	
	Generic
	AMP
	Belden
	Berk-Tek
	BICC
	Champlain
	CommScope

Copper cables are marked with a  twisted pair icon.

Multimode fiber optic cables are marked with a  fiber icon.

Single-mode fiber optic cables are marked with a  fiber icon.

Coaxial cables are marked with the  COAX icon.

Generic	
	Cat 4 UTP
	Cat 3 UTP
	RG-6
	RG-58
	RG-59
	Singlemode
	Multi-mode 50/125

Press  (Set Default) to select the cable to be tested.

Selecting the correct cable type will ensure accurate length measurements.

If you cannot find or do not know the name of your cable manufacturer, simply select a cable from the **Generic** folder, or create a new cable.

Press  (Delete) to permanently remove a custom cable. **Note:** *Default cables cannot be removed.*

With a  twisted pair or a  coaxial cable highlighted, press  (Edit) to edit an existing custom cable. Cable Name, NVP, or Impedance can be changed.

EDIT CABLE	
Name:	New Cable
NVP (%):	084
Impedance	93 Ω
Shield:	Yes
Length:	30.8m
  	

**Note:** *Default cables cannot be edited.*

With a  twisted pair or  coax cable highlighted, press  (New) to create a new cable based on the NVP and Impedance values of the highlighted cable. Name, NVP, and Impedance are definable.

**Note:** *A new or edited cable will be saved in the **Custom Cables** folder.*

EDIT CABLE	
Name:	CAT 6 Proto
NVP (%):	074
Impedance:	100 Ω
Shield:	Yes
Length:	30.8m
  	

For an accurate Length test, the NVP (Nominal Velocity of Propagation) must be set correctly. The value is usually specified by the cable vendor, and OMNIScanner has a large library of cables with the manufacturer's specified NVP.

To determine the NVP of a cable with a known length, press  (Measure) to capture the length of the cable using the displayed NVP. Use the  to highlight the **NVP:** field and press ENTER. Use the  or  arrow key to increase or decrease the value by 1% (percent) and adjust the NVP until the known length is displayed. The **Length:** changes accordingly.

**Note:** *The known cable must have a length of at least 50 feet or 15 meters.*

To change the Impedance; use the  to highlight the field and press ENTER. Use the  or  arrow key to select the appropriate Impedance in **Ω** (Ohms) from the predefined list.

To setup whether or not the cable is shielded, use the  to highlight **Shield:** and press ENTER. Use the  or  arrow key to make the appropriate selection. If 'Yes' is selected, the wiring for the shield will be measured during the Autotest and used to determine if the Wiremap will PASS or FAIL.

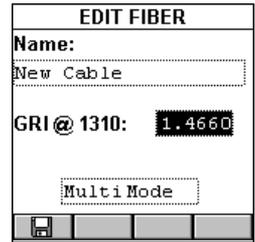
With a  or  fiber optic cable highlighted, press  (Edit) to edit an existing custom cable, or press  (New) to create a new fiber based on the GRI values of the highlighted cable. Cable Name and GRI @ 1300 (multimode) or 1310 (single-mode) can be viewed and changed.

**Note:** Default fibers cannot be edited.

A fiber cable's Graded Refractive Index (GRI) differs depending on the supplier. To receive accurate length results, OMNIScanner allows you to define the GRI values for both wavelengths.

To change the fiber's mode, use the  or  arrow key to highlight the mode. Press Enter to select

**Multimode 62.2 μm, Multimode 50 μm or Single-mode.**



Press  (Save) to save the edited cable into the Custom Cable folder.

Press ESC to return to the **CABLES** screen.

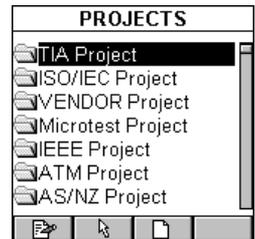
## Projects

Select **Projects** to display the **PROJECTS** screen. It contains a list of all projects that are currently stored in OMNIScanner. Predefined default projects are: TIA, ISO/IEC, VENDOR, Microtest, IEEE, ATM, AS/NZ, ANSI. OMNIScanner's project feature allows you to organize test specifications, cables types, and test results into Projects.

If there are tests stored in a project the folder will appear full , otherwise it will be empty .

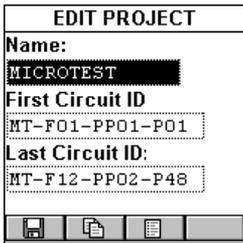
Use the  or  arrow key to highlight a specific Project.

Press  (Set Default) to select it as the Project to be used and to return to the **SETUP** screen.



Press  (Delete) to permanently remove a project.

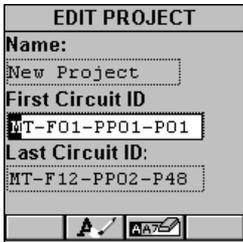
**Note:** Default Projects cannot be deleted. Only projects without stored Autotests can be deleted.



Press  (Edit) to edit an existing project and its Circuit ID.

The project name will appear in the **Name:** field. The first and last Circuit ID fields contain a default circuit ID. (See **Editing a Circuit ID** for further information.)

Press  (List) to display the **Circuit ID** screen. It contains a scrollable list of all Circuit IDs created for the project.



Press  (New) to create a new project.

The **Name:** field is initially empty. Press ENTER to edit the name. The first and last Circuit ID fields contain the default Circuit ID from the Project that was highlighted when the  (New) key was pressed.

**Note:** New and edited project names are placed at the bottom of the list in the **PROJECTS** screen. OMNIScanner can store up to 16 projects.

## Editing a Circuit ID

To edit or create a Circuit ID, highlight an item in the **PROJECTS** screen and press  (New) or  (Edit).

Use the  to highlight the **First Circuit ID:** field and press ENTER.

The Circuit ID consists of 16 characters, which allows the sophisticated construction of Circuit IDs. Each character can be incremented.

The example shows how to quickly create an incremental Circuit ID.

Enter **MT-F01** (MICROTEST - Floor 01) **-PP01** (- Patch Panel 01) **-P01** (- Position 01) in the **First Circuit ID:** field.

Press ENTER to terminate the edit mode.

Use the **↓** to highlight the **Last Circuit ID:** field and press ENTER.

Enter **MT-F12** (MICROTEST - Floor 12) **-PP02** (- Patch Panel 02) **-P48** (- Position 48) in the **Last Circuit ID:** field. Press ENTER to terminate the edit mode.

The Circuit IDs will increment from right to left. The positions will change first from 01 to 48. Next the Patch Panels will increase from 01 to 02. Last the floors will increase from 01 to 12.

Press  (List) to review the continuous list of Circuit IDs that was just created.

MT-F01-PP01-P01 (1st Circuit ID to be used)  
MT-F01-PP01-P02 (2nd Circuit ID to be used)  
MT-F01-PP01-P03 (3rd Circuit ID to be used)  
⋮  
MT-F01-PP01-P48 (48th Circuit ID to be used)  
MT-F01-PP02-P01 (49th Circuit ID to be used)  
⋮  
MT-F01-PP02-P48 (96th Circuit ID to be used)  
MT-F02-PP01-P01 (97th Circuit ID to be used)  
MT-F02-PP01-P02 (98th Circuit ID to be used)  
⋮  
MT-F12-PP02-P48 (last Circuit ID to be used)

CIRCUIT ID
MT-F12-PP02-P47
MT-F12-PP02-P48
<b>MT-F01-PP01-P01</b>
MT-F01-PP01-P02
MT-F01-PP01-P03
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Press  (Save) to save the Circuit ID and return to the **PROJECTS** screen.

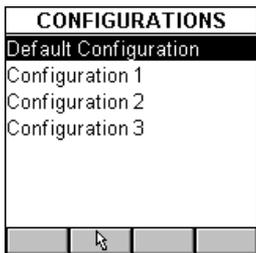
**Note:** To quickly edit the **Last Circuit ID**, press  (Copy) once you have completed the **First Circuit ID**. This function will copy the **First Circuit ID** into the **Last Circuit ID** field. Now edit the **Last Circuit ID** field.

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

## Configurations

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Select **Configurations** to display the **CONFIGURATIONS** screen. It contains a list of all configurations which are currently stored on the MultiMediaCard that can be read by OMNIScanner2. (See Chapter 11 - MultiMediaCard for more information about the MMC).



The predefined **Default Configuration** is always present and can be used to reset OMNIScanner to the factory default. It contains the following projects: TIA, ISO/IEC, VENDOR, Microtest, IEEE, ATM, AS/NZ, ANSI.

**OMNIScanner2 only:** Use the **↑** or **↓** arrow key to highlight a specific Configuration.

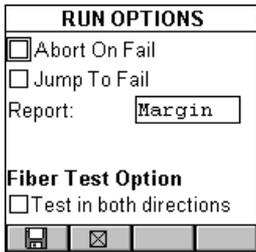
Press  (Set Default) to select it as the Configuration to be used and to return to the **SETUP** screen.

While the selected Configuration is being loaded onto OMNIScanner2, a gauge indicates the progress. Do **not** remove the MultiMediaCard from OMNIScanner2 during the data transfer.

## Autotest Run Options

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Select **Autotest Run Options** to display the **RUN OPTIONS** screen. With the presented options you are able to further customize the way OMNIScanner will perform an Autotest.



Press  if you want OMNIScanner to abort the Autotest if a FAIL occurs. The **Abort on Fail** box will be checked .

Use the **↓** to highlight the next checkbox.

Press  if you want OMNIScanner to automatically move to the failed test result. The **Jump to Fail** box will be checked .

Use the **↓** to advance to the **Report:** field and press ENTER. Select **Margin** if you want OMNIScanner to report the result, measured in dB, for the worst margin. Select **Worst dB** if you want the worst overall dB value to

be reported, as in OMNIScanner software versions prior to v4.0. Press ENTER to set the default.

**Note:** Attenuation results in dB will always be reported for the worst value, regardless of what is selected in the **Report:** listbox.

Use the ↓ to highlight the **Fiber Test Options** checkbox. You will be able to define the way fiber optic Autotests are performed.

Press  if you want OMNIFiber to test the fiber link in both directions. The **Test in Both Directions** box will be checked .

Press  (Save) to save your changes and return to the **SETUP** screen.

Press ESC to discard all changes and return to the **SETUP** screen.

## Autotest Save Options

Select **Autotest Save Options** to display the **SAVE OPTIONS** screen. This screen contains several options that allow you to customize the way OMNIScanner will save Autotests.

OMNIScanner2 only: Press ENTER to change the **Destination:** from **MMC** (MultiMediaCard™) to **Internal**. Use the ↑↓ keys to highlight the desired destination and press ENTER to select it as the default destination. Select **MMC** if you want to collect test results on the MultiMediaCard.

(See Chapter 11 - MultiMediaCard for more information about MMC.) Select **Internal** if you want to save the results to OMNIScanner's internal memory. In either case, results can be transferred to the Scanlink™ Tools software program. (See Chapter 9 - Uploading and Printing for more information.)

In the **Save Graph Options** section you will be able to define which of the graphs will be saved.

SAVE OPTIONS	
<b>Destination:</b>	<b>Internal</b>
<b>Save Graph Options:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (PS)NEXT	
<input type="checkbox"/> (PS)ELFEXT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Loss	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attenuation	
   	

If a checkbox is checked , OMNIScanner will store an Autotest with the graph information for that particular test. **Note:** Saving graphs reduces the number of Autotest that can be stored.

Depending on the performed Autotest, NEXT/PSNEXT, ELFEXT/PSELF-EXT, Return Loss, and Attenuation graphs can be saved.

Use the  $\uparrow\downarrow$  to highlight the Save Graph Option checkboxes.

Press  to select the graph to be saved.

Press  (Save) to save your changes and return to the **SETUP** screen.

Press ESC to discard the changes and return to the **SETUP** screen.

### User Options

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Select **User Options** to display the **USER OPTIONS** screen. This screen contains several user definable preferences.

Press ENTER to turn the **Auto Shutoff** on or off. Select **YES** if you want OMNIScanner to automatically shut off after 10 minutes when operated with battery power. Select **NO** if you don't want to use the function. Press ENTER to set the default.

USER OPTIONS	
Auto Shutoff:	No
Volume:	High
Date:	Time:
12/20/00 $\uparrow\downarrow$	12:56 $\uparrow\downarrow$
Owner Name:	
OmniScanner	
	
	

Use the  $\rightarrow$  to advance to the **Volume:** field and press ENTER. OMNIScanner has a 3 setting volume control: Select **High** if you want to use the default volume, select **Low** to turn the volume down, and select **OFF** to turn the sound off. Use the  $\uparrow\downarrow$  keys to highlight the desired volume and press ENTER to select it as the default volume.

To edit the **Date** (Month/Day/Year) use the  $\rightarrow$  key to highlight the portions you want to change. Press ENTER to edit the highlighted segment. Use the  $\uparrow\downarrow$  keys to change the displayed values in increments of 1. Press ENTER when done.

To edit the **Time** use the  $\rightarrow$  key to highlight the portions you want to change. Press ENTER to edit the highlighted segment. Use the  $\uparrow\downarrow$  keys to change the displayed values in increments of 1. Press ENTER when done.

Use the  $\rightarrow$  to highlight the **Owner Name:**. Press ENTER to start the edit mode. You can enter up to 19 characters for the Owner Name. The owner

name will appear on printed reports. Press ENTER to end the edit mode.

Press  to save all settings and return to the **SETUP** screen.

## Adapter Usage

Select **Adapter Usage** to display the **ADAPTER USAGE** screen.

The number of Autotests that have been performed with the Adapter that is currently attached to **OMNI:** and **Remote:** is displayed below each adapter's name (Adapter ID String).

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

ADAPTER USAGE	
Autotests executed:	
OMNI: MT CAT6 SSTP	<input type="text" value="14"/>
Remote: MT CAT6 SSTP	<input type="text" value="14"/>

## Remote Info

Select **Remote Info** to display the **REMOTE INFO** screen.

The date the **Reference** value for *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote* was last set is shown at the top of the screen.

The **Hardware** and **Software Versions**, and the **Serial** number of the remote unit are displayed.

The **Battery** status is represented with a gauge. **Factory Calibration\*** data is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

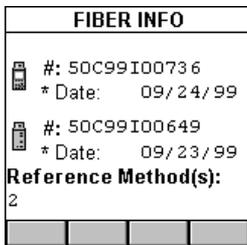
REMOTE INFO	
Reference Date:	01/29
ROM:	V03.12
SW:	V04.00
Serial #:	50E00A00398
Battery:	
Factory Calibration:	
*20000127155109	
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	

You may need to provide Serial Number and Factory Calibration data when having repairs or refurbishments done, or when calling for Technical Support.

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

\**OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote* should be calibrated annually with specialized Microtest equipment. Contact Microtest Technical Support for information on calibration and service requirements.

## Fiber Adapter Info



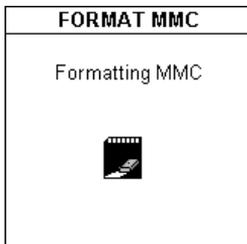
Select **Fiber Info** to display the **FIBER INFO** screen.

The Serial numbers and the date the adapters were last factory calibrated is displayed.

The currently used reference method(s) are displayed on the bottom of the screen.

Press ESC to return to the **SETUP** screen.

## Format MMC



OMNIScanner2 only: When using the MultiMediaCard for the first time, it may require formatting.

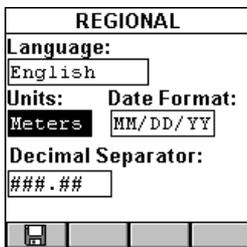
Insert the MMC into OMNIScanner2's MMC slot.

Select **Format MMC** to open the **FORMAT MMC** screen. Formatting will start immediately.

The formatting time is dependent on the capacity of the MultiMediaCard, 8MB will require 2 minutes.

## Regional Settings

Select Regional Settings to open the **REGIONAL** screen. The settings affect the way OMNIScanner displays dates and numbers.



The **REGIONAL** screen displays the **Language** that is currently selected. To change the language, press ENTER and use the **↑↓** keys to highlight a language. Press ENTER once more to select it as the default language.

Use the **→** to advance to the **Units:** field. Press ENTER to switch the units from **Meters** to **Feet**. Use the **↑↓** keys to highlight the desired measurement unit and press ENTER to select it as the default measurement.

Use the → to advance to the **Date:** field. Press ENTER to change the date format. **DD** is the day setting, **MM** is the month setting, **YY** is the year setting. Use the ↑↓ keys to highlight the desired format and press ENTER to select it as the default date format.

Use the → to advance to the **Decimal Separator:** field and switch the decimal symbol from , (comma) to . (period). Use the ↑↓ keys to highlight the desired symbol and press ENTER once more to select it as the default separator.

Press  to save all settings and return to the **SETUP** screen.



## Chapter 5 - Measurements

**Note:** The list of tests in the Measurement screen changes depending on the adapter that is currently attached to OMNIScanner.

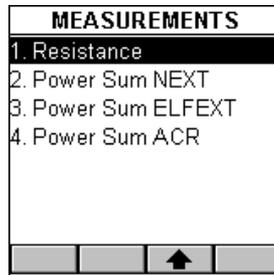
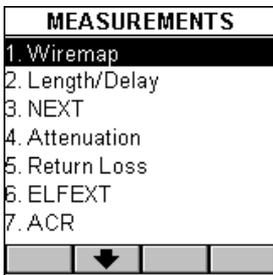
### Performing Individual Measurements with OMNIScanner

OMNIScanner allows you to perform tests on twisted pair, fiber optic and coaxial cabling.

#### Measuring Twisted Pair Cabling

OMNIScanner allows you to run various individual tests. The tests are conveniently grouped into two screens and can be accessed separately with the alphanumeric keypad.

Press the  (Measurements) function key to display the **MEASUREMENTS** screen.

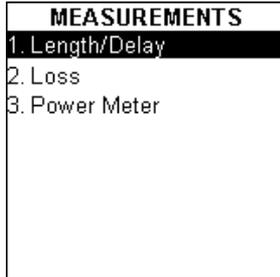


Press the  (Page Down) function key to scroll to the second screen containing **MEASUREMENTS**.

Press the  (Page Up) function key to return to the first screen containing **MEASUREMENTS**.

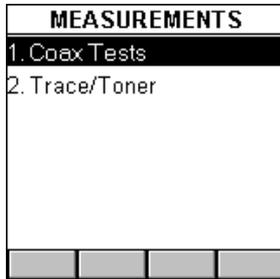
## Measuring Fiber Optic Cabling

With the OMNI*Fiber* adapter attached, press the  (Measurements) function key to display the **MEASUREMENTS** screen for fiber optic cabling.



## Measuring Coaxial Cabling

With the coax adapter attached, press the  (Measurements) function key to display the **MEASUREMENTS** screen for coaxial cabling.



## Selecting an individual Test

Highlight the test you want to perform using the **↑** or **↓** keys on your keypad and press ENTER, or direct-dial a test by pressing its associated number on the OMNI*Scanner* keypad.

## General Information

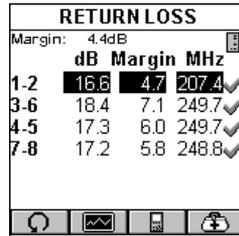
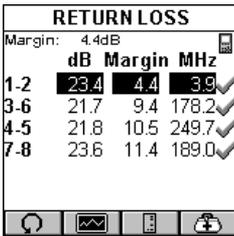
Most test result screens have a retest feature for diagnostic purposes.

Press  (Retest) to run continuous tests for the same cable.

Press  (Retest) once more to stop the continuous measurement. OMNIScanner will display the last measured data.

Tests that require the use of OMNI*Remote* will have small icons in the upper right corner of the titlebar indicating whether the information on the screen is pertinent for  OMNIScanner or  OMNI*Remote*.

Toggle between the screens by pressing  to open the screen that contains the information for OMNIScanner, and  to display the information for OMNI*Remote*.



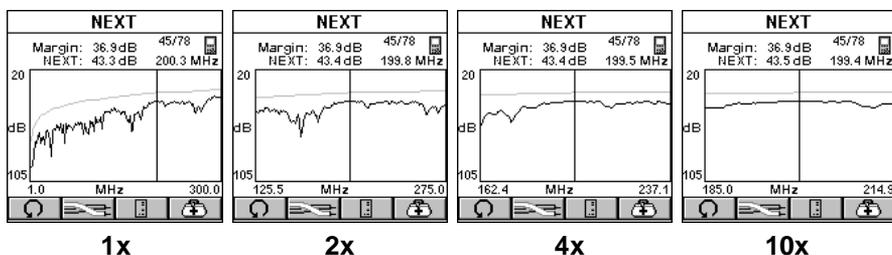
**Note:** The PASS/FAIL criteria are based on the Autotest currently selected in the Project screen.

Several measurements will display results in a graph format. When a graph can be displayed, the  (Graph) function key is available.

Press  (Graph) to display test results for the highlighted pair or pair combination.

Use the  or  keys to magnify the area of the graph where the cursor is located. The graph can be magnified 1x, 2x, 4x, or 10x.

Use the ← or → keys to move the cursor within the graph.



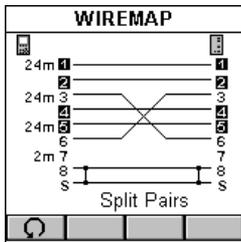
Use the cursor to display values for the desired frequency.

## Twisted Pair Measurements with OMNIScanner

### Wiremap

The **Wiremap** function tests twisted-pair cabling for proper wiring. Your cabling configuration is checked for shield continuity, opens, shorts, crossed pairs, split pairs, and reversed pairs. For each pair, Wiremap displays the length.

The screen displays a graphical representation of the wiring in your cable, where the  near end wiring is shown on the left side, and the  far end wiring on the right side of the screen.



- A reverse video number **1** indicates a split pair
- A straight line between pairs indicates a good pair
- No line between wire pairs indicates an open
- An **X** between a wire pair indicates a reversed pair
- A **] ]** between wirepairs indicates a short
- The measured length of the pairs 1-2, 3-6, 4-5, and 7-8 are shown on the left side.

In the example, OMNIScanner displays split pairs on 1 - 2 and 4 - 5 (although they are wired straight through), a reversed pair 3 - 6, an open on wire 7, and a short on wire 8 to the Shield.

Press ESC to exit the **WIREMAP** screen.

### Length/Delay

The **Length/Delay** function measures a cable's length, propagation delay and skew. OMNIScanner will determine whether the cable is open or shorted.

The accuracy of the NVP (Nominal Velocity of Propagation) setting determines the exactness of the Length measurements. The NVP specified by cable manufacturers is used for all the cables in OMNIScanner's library. When creating or editing cables, the NVP value can be customized. (See *Chapter 4 - Setup: Cables* for further information.)

Delay is a measure of the time required for a pulse to travel from one end of the link to the other. OMNIScanner measures the delay from when the pulse was sent to when the reflection was received. Knowing the speed that the pulse propagates down the cable (NVP), OMNIScanner then calculates the length of the cable.

Skew is the difference between the pairs with the longest and shortest delay.

LENGTH/DELAY		
Limit:	308ft	513nS
1-2	302ft	415nS
3-6	290ft	399nS
4-5	288ft	395nS ✓
7-8	300ft	412nS
Skew:	20nS ✓	
Limit:	42nS	
		

The **LENGTH/DELAY** screen shows the test result information for all pairs.

The Limit is displayed at the top of the screen.

The pairs are displayed in the first column followed by small icons to indicate whether the pair is open  or shorted .

The measured Length and the Delay are displayed for each pair. The result for the shortest pair is tagged with a PASS ✓ or FAIL ✗ indicator.

If **NEF** (No End Found) is displayed instead of a value the cable is either too long or properly terminated.

The length result can be displayed in meters or feet (*See Chapter 4: Setup - User Options for further information.*)

Delay is displayed in nS (nanoseconds).

The Skew value and the Skew limit are displayed right below the pairs.

Press ESC to exit the **LENGTH/DELAY** screen.

## NEXT

The **NEXT (Near End Crosstalk)** function measures the electromagnetic coupling that occurs between pairs at the near end. OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote allow NEXT to be measured at both ends of the link without having to swap ends.

OMNIRemote functions as a terminator while OMNIScanner transmits a signal which is monitored on each of the other pairs. The received signal is

compared to the transmitted signal and the difference is reported as the NEXT value in dB. When measuring the NEXT for the OMNI*Remote* end, the roles of the two units are reversed. OMNIScanner provides the termination; OMNI*Remote* transmits and measures the signal.

In the **NEXT** screen, the worst case margin for all near and far pair combinations is shown at the top of the screen.

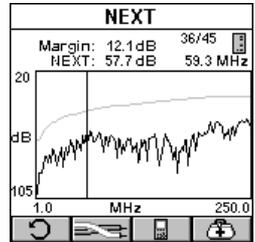
NEXT			
Margin: 10.8dB			
	dB	Margin	MHz
12/36	47.1	11.0	225.4 ✓
12/45	60.0	11.0	36.3 ✓
12/78	73.8	19.2	16.3 ✓
36/45	57.7	12.1	59.2 ✓
36/78	62.4	12.0	29.5 ✓
45/78	48.7	13.4	249.7 ✓

The pair combinations are displayed in the column on the left side, followed by the measured NEXT value, margin/limit, and frequency. The result for each pair combination is tagged with a PASS ✓, Marginal PASS ⚠, Marginal FAIL ✖, or FAIL ✖ indicator.

Press  or  to toggle between the NEXT results for OMNIScanner and OMNI*Remote*.

Press  (Graph) to display the NEXT graph for the highlighted pair combination. NEXT is displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.

Press  (Pairs) to view NEXT graphs for other pair combinations.



Press  (Diagnostics) to display the **TDNXT** screen, where cabling and/or connection faults can be identified. (See Chapter 6 - Diagnostics: **Using TDNXT to diagnose a Link** for further information.)

Press ESC to exit the **NEXT** screen.

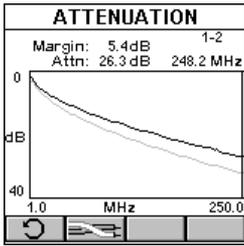
## Attenuation

The **Attenuation** function measures signal loss in a cable as a function of frequency. OMNI*Remote* generates and injects a signal at the far end of the cable. OMNIScanner measures the signal at the other end of the cable to determine cable loss.

In the **ATTENUATION** screen, the worst case margin for all pairs is shown at the top of the screen.

ATTENUATION			
Margin: 5.3dB			
	dB	Margin	MHz
1-2	26.4	5.3	248.8 ✓
3-6	26.2	5.6	248.8 ✓
4-5	26.1	5.6	247.9 ✓
7-8	26.0	5.8	248.8 ✓

The pairs are displayed in the column on the left side, followed by the Attenuation in decibels (dB), the Attenuation margin/limit values, and the frequency. The result for each pair is tagged with a PASS ✓, Marginal PASS ✎, Marginal FAIL ✎, or FAIL ✘ indicator.



Press  (Graph) to display the Attenuation graph for the highlighted pair. The Attenuation is displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.

Press  (Pairs) to view Attenuation results for other pairs.

Press ESC to exit the **ATTENUATION** screen.

**Note:** Attenuation always reports the worst dB value regardless of the Report: setting in the RUN OPTIONS screen.

## Return Loss

The **Return Loss** function measures the uniformity of a cable’s impedance. OMNIScanner injects a signal into the cable and measures the reflected signal strength. Return Loss measures the difference between the transmitted signal delivered to the cable and the reflected signal at the input port of the cable. The reflected signal is the result of impedance mismatches in the link under test.

In the **RETURN LOSS** screen, the worst case margin for all near and far pairs is shown at the top of the screen.

The pairs are displayed in the column on the left side, followed by the Return Loss in decibels (dB), the Return Loss margin/limit, and the frequency. The result for each pair is tagged with a PASS ✓, Marginal PASS ✎, Marginal FAIL ✎, or FAIL ✘ indicator.

RETURN LOSS			
Margin: 7.0dB			
	dB	Margin	MHz
1-2	26.7	7.7	5.0 ✓
3-6	26.6	7.6	5.5 ✓
4-5	26.3	7.3	5.2 ✓
7-8	27.1	8.1	7.5 ✓

Press  or  to toggle between the Return Loss results for OMNIScanner and OMNI Remote.

Press  (Graph) to display the Return Loss graph for the highlighted pair. The Return Loss is

displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.

Press  (Pairs) to view Return Loss graphs for other pairs.



Press  (Diagnostics) to display the **TDRL** screen, where cabling and/or connection faults can be identified. (See Chapter 6 - Diagnostics: **Using TDRL to diagnose a Link** for further information.)

Press ESC to exit the **RETURN LOSS** screen.

## ELFEXT

**ELFEXT** (Equal Level Far End Crosstalk) measures the electromagnetic coupling at the far end and normalizes the result to account for the cable's attenuation. ELFEXT is reported in dB and results are computed for twelve pair combinations at the *OMNIScanner* and the *OMNIRemote* end of the cabling.

In the **ELFEXT** screen, the worst case margin for all near and far pair combinations is shown at the top of the screen.

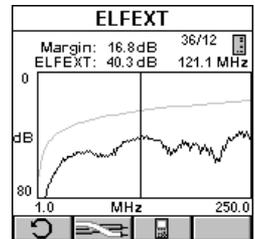
The pair combinations are displayed in the column on the left side, followed by the ELFEXT value, the margin/limit and the frequency. The result for each pair combination is tagged with a PASS ✓, Marginal PASS ✎, Marginal FAIL ✕, or FAIL ✖ indicator.



The scrollbar indicates that there are more test results. Use the ↓ on *OMNIScanner's* keypad to scroll through the list and view results for the other six pair combinations.

Press  or  to toggle between the ELFEXT results for *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote*.

Press  (Graph) to display the ELFEXT graph for the currently highlighted pair combination. ELFEXT is displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.



Press  (Pairs) to view ELFEXT graphs for other pair combinations.

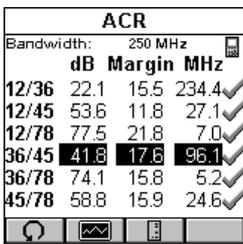
Press ESC to exit the **ELFEXT** screen.

## ACR/Bandwidth

**Attenuation to Crosstalk Ratio (ACR)** is an indication of how much larger the received signal is compared to the Near End Crosstalk (NEXT) on the same pair. ACR is calculated from the measured NEXT and Attenuation. The ACR value is computed at each measured Attenuation frequency. The worst case ACR is reported for each pair combination.

Bandwidth is a measure of the usable frequency range of the link under test. For most networks, this is the highest frequency at which the signal can easily be distinguished from background noise. Bandwidth is reported as the frequency where ACR is 3dB.

In the **ACR** screen the Bandwidth is displayed at the top of the screen.

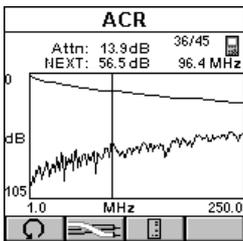


ACR			
Bandwidth:	250 MHz		
	dB	Margin	MHz
12/36	22.1	15.5	234.4 ✓
12/45	53.6	11.8	27.1 ✓
12/78	77.5	21.8	7.0 ✓
36/45	41.8	17.6	96.1 ✓
36/78	74.1	15.8	5.2 ✓
45/78	58.8	15.9	24.6 ✓

The pair combinations are located in the column on the left side, followed by the measured ACR, the ACR margin/limit, and the frequency. The result for each pair combination is tagged with a PASS ✓ or FAIL ✗ indicator.

Press  or  to toggle between ACR results for *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote*.

Press  (Graph) to view the graph for the currently highlighted pair combination. The values for Attenuation and NEXT are shown at the top of the screen. Attenuation and NEXT graphs are displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.



Press  (Pairs) to view Attenuation/NEXT graphs for other pair combinations.

Press ESC to exit the **ACR** screen.

## Resistance

**Resistance** is measured in a loop through each pair in the cable. In a twisted pair cable, Resistance is measured by using *OMNI-Remote* to short the far end of the pair under test.

The **RESISTANCE** screen displays the Resistance Limit and the test results in Ohms for each pair. The result for each pair is tagged with a PASS ✓ or FAIL ✗ indicator.

RESISTANCE		
Limit:	40.0 Ω	
1-2	13.5 Ω	✓
3-6	13.4 Ω	✓
4-5	13.5 Ω	✓
7-8	13.0 Ω	✓

Press ESC to exit the **RESISTANCE** screen.

## Power Sum NEXT

Like NEXT, **Power Sum NEXT** is a measurement of electromagnetic coupling between adjacent pairs. While NEXT reports test results for each pair combination, Power Sum NEXT is calculated from NEXT for individual pair combinations and takes into account the crosstalk from multiple transmission pairs. When reporting Power Sum NEXT, *OMNIScanner* displays results for pairs, rather than pair combinations. The PS NEXT measurement is required to assure proper operation of networks employing simultaneous transmission on more than one pair in a link (i.e. Gigabit Ethernet).

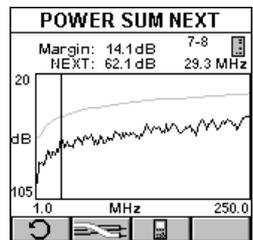
In the **POWER SUM NEXT** screen, the worst case margin for all near and far pairs is shown at the top of the screen.

The pairs are displayed in the column on the left side, followed by the PSNEXT in decibels (dB), the margin/limit, and the frequency. The result for each pair is tagged with a PASS ✓, Marginal PASS ✘, Marginal FAIL ✘✘, or FAIL ✘✘ indicator.

POWER SUM NEXT			
Margin: 11.5dB			
	dB	Margin	MHz
1-2	45.2	11.7	225.4 ✓
3-6	45.9	12.4	225.4 ✓
4-5	55.4	12.3	59.0 ✓
7-8	61.1	13.1	29.5 ✓

Press  or  to toggle between the PSNEXT results for *OMNI-Scanner* and *OMNI-Remote*.

Press  (Graph) to display the PSNEXT graph for the currently highlighted pair. PSNEXT is displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.



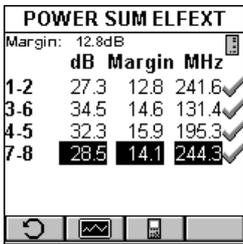
Press  (Pairs) to view PSNEXT graphs for other pairs.

Press ESC to exit the **POWER SUM NEXT** screen.

## Power Sum ELFEXT

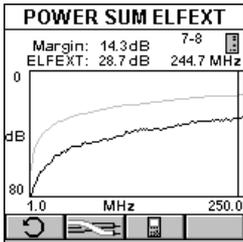
**Power Sum ELFEXT** is calculated from the summation of the individual ELFEXT effects on each pair by the other three pairs.

In the **POWER SUM ELFEXT** screen, the worst case margin for all near and far pairs is shown at the top of the screen.



The pairs are displayed in the column on the left side, followed by the PSELFEXT in decibels (dB), the margin/limit, and the frequency. The result for each pair is tagged with a PASS ✓, Marginal PASS \*✓, Marginal FAIL \*✗, or FAIL ✗ indicator.

Press  or  to toggle between the PSELFEXT results for OMNIScanner and OMNI-Remote.



Press  (Graph) to display the PSELFEXT graph for the currently highlighted pair. PSELFEXT is displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.

Press  (Pairs) to view PSELFEXT graphs for other pairs.

Press ESC to exit the **POWER SUM ELFEXT** screen.

## Power Sum ACR

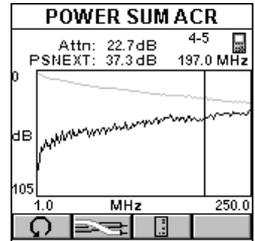
**Power Sum ACR** is calculated from the Attenuation of the disturbing pair subtracted from the Power Sum NEXT for the pair. The worst case Power Sum ACR is reported for each pair.

The **POWER SUM ACR** screen displays the pairs in the column on the left side, followed by the PSACR in decibels (dB), the margin/limit, and the frequency. The result for each pair is tagged with a PASS ✓ or FAIL ✗ indicator.

POWER SUM ACR				
Bandwidth: 250 MHz				
	dB	Margin	MHz	
1-2	53.5	14.1	27.1	✓
3-6	69.3	15.6	6.8	✓
4-5	52.8	13.4	27.1	✓
7-8	73.3	17.3	5.2	✓

Press  or  to toggle between Power Sum ACR results for OMNIScanner and OMNI*Remote*.

Press  (Graph) to view the graph for the currently highlighted pair. Attenuation and PSNEXT are displayed for the frequency indicated by the cursor position.



Press  (Pairs) to view Attenuation and PS NEXT graphs for other pairs.

Press ESC to exit the **POWER SUM ACR** screen.

## Fiber Optic Measurements with OMNIFiber

### Length/Delay

The **Length/Delay** function measures a fiber's length and propagation delay. Length measurements are derived from the propagation delay results using the GRI (Graded Refractive Index) at the appropriate wavelength.

Propagation Delay is the measure of the time required for a signal to advance from one end of the link to the other. When measuring propagation delay, OMNIScanner measures the round trip delay through both fibers, and then divides the result by two, assuming that the cables are equal in length.

OMNIScanner measures the full length of the fibers under test.

LENGTH/DELAY	
GRI @ 1300:	1.4810
Limit:	200 m
Length:	7 m
Delay:	39 nS

The **LENGTH/DELAY** screen displays the GRI @ 1300 nm (nanometers) for multimode fiber and @ 1310 nm for single-mode fiber.

The length limit and the actual derived length are displayed in meters or feet.

The delay is displayed in nanoseconds (nS).

Press ESC to exit the **LENGTH/DELAY** screen.

### Loss

The **Loss** function measures the signal loss in a fiber optic cable. The adapters inject a signal into the fiber cable and OMNIScanner and OMNI-Remote measure the received signals at 850 and 1300 nm for multimode fiber and 1310 and 1550 for single-mode fiber.

The **LOSS** screen displays the measured power in dBm (decibels; one milliwatt reference) for each wavelength.

LOSS		
▼	<b>850</b>	▲
11.65	Power dBm	12.01
0.00	Loss dB	1.24
2.12	Limit dB	2.12
	<b>1300</b>	
14.96	Power dBm	14.10
0.15	Loss dB	0.60
2.11	Limit dB	2.11

The measured loss and limit values in decibel (dB) are displayed for both wavelengths.

For dual fiber testing the arrows ▲▼ at the top of the screen point out the direction of the light and indicate which fiber the result is for.

Press ESC to exit the **LOSS** screen.

## Power Meter

The **Power Meter** function reports the overall received power. Use it to quickly verify and correct cabling and equipment problems.

The **POWER METER** screen shows the currently selected wavelength and light source mode.

The overall power is displayed.

OMNIFiber main is designed to provide a consistent, calibrated light source for effectively measuring signal loss in fiber optic cables. The transmitted light can be operated continuously or modulated.

When testing loss, use the continuous light source, when identifying fiber cables with a tone locator, use the 2KHz modulated mode.

POWER METER	
1300 nm Continuous Wave	
Power:	14.37 dBm
Ref.:	14.33 dBm
Loss:	0.04 dB
 850	REF

Press  (Continuous) or  (Modulated) to change the light source.

When using OMNIFiber MM (multimode), press  or  to change the wavelength of the OMNIFiber Main transmitted and received wavelengths.

When using OMNIFiber SM (single-mode), press  or  to change the wavelength of the OMNIFiber Main transmitted and received wavelengths.

Either Main or Remote can be used as the light source with the main power meter.

When OMNIFiber is attached to OMNIRemote, the remote unit can be used as light source. With the OMNIFiber adapter attached, press the  $\lambda$  key to activate the light source and provide continuous or modulated light at 850 or 1300 nm for multimode fiber, or at 1310 or 1550 for single-mode fiber. The green LED of the appropriate wavelength will blink rapidly when modulated light is transmitted. If the transmitted light is continuous, the green LED will not blink.

Press  to set the reference value, place it in the appropriate field, and start calculating the loss.

Press ESC to exit the **POWER METER** screen.

## Coaxial Measurements with OMNI Scanner

### Coax Tests

In coaxial cable, an insulated wire runs through the middle of the cable and a second wire, called the shield, surrounds the insulation of the inner wire like a sheath. The outer insulation jacket wraps around the second wire.



The **Coax Tests** screen displays the measured Length, Termination, Impedance, and Resistance.

The **Length** function measures the cable length. OMNI Scanner will display the overall length in meters or feet. If **NEF** (No End Found) is displayed instead of a value, the cable is either too long or terminated in its characteristic impedance.

COAX TESTS	
Length:	101ft ⇄
Delay:	155nS
Impedance:	49.0Ω
Resistance:	OVRΩ
⊗	

The **Termination** function displays whether a cable is open  or shorted .

When the field **Length:** displays NEF, the Termination will display .

**Impedance** defines the relationship of voltage and current in an electrical circuit.

Each Cable or transmission line is designed to have specific impedance, which allows proper matching to the currents of the transmitter and receiver. OMNI Scanner measures the characteristic impedance of the coax cable in Ohms.

OMNI Scanner displays the **Resistance** in Ohms.

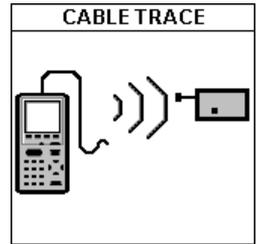
### Tracer/Toner

**Tracer/Toner** is a cable tracing function that assists in tracking cables hidden in walls, ceilings, floors, or patch panels by generating a signal that can be converted into an audible tone by Microtest's Cable Tracer II (sold separately) or any other equivalent tracing device.

1. Attach the end of the cable you want to trace to the OMNI Scanner using a patch cord and the Microtest Channel Adapter or the Microtest Link Adapter. Make sure that the cable is not grounded, as a grounded cable will

weaken the signal.

A multi-tone trace signal will begin transmitting. To enhance the signal, insert a grounding plug into the ground jack located left of the DB-9 Serial Connector. A grounding plug is included in the optional Cable Tracer II kit; you may use any grounding cable that has a standard insulated phone tip plug.



2. To determine the cable path use the multi-tone sound as a guide and simply trace along the wire where the tone is loudest. The tracer needs to be within one foot of the hidden cable.

Press ESC to exit the **CABLE TRACE** screen.



## Chapter 6 - Diagnostics

### OMNIScanner's Diagnostic Functions

OMNIScanner has several advanced diagnostic test functions to help you with the identification of network cabling faults. Diagnostics allows you to locate opens, breaks, and short circuits as well as NEXT and Return Loss cabling faults in twisted pair cabling. Further, OMNIScanner allows you to measure Impulse Noise, trace cables, and locate office drops.

Press the  (Diagnostics) function key to display the **DIAGNOSTICS** screen.

DIAGNOSTICS
1. Wiremap
2. TDNXT
3. TDRL
4. Impulse Noise
5. Trace/Toner
6. Office Locator

### Wiremap

Wiremap identifies the location of opens, breaks and pairs that are shorted. This allows quick identification of the fault location.

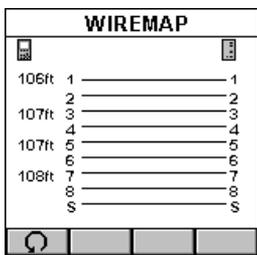
Select Wiremap to display the **WIREMAP** screen. The screen displays the wire connections between OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote. *The pairs that are being tested are defined by the selected test standard. Shield continuity is tested if a shielded cable type is selected. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Cables** for further information about shielded cables.)*

For each of the 8 conductors and the Shield, Wiremap can indicate proper pin termination on each end, continuity to *OMNI Remote*, shorts between any two or more conductors, crossed pairs, reversed pairs, split pairs, and any other miswiring. For each pair, Wiremap displays the length. When a pair is faulty the length indicates the distance to the fault from the *OMNIScanner* end.

## Wiremap Displays

The *OMNIScanner* icon on the left side indicates the wiring at the *OMNI* end of the cable link.

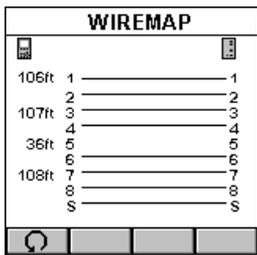
The *OMNI Remote* icon on the right side indicates the wiring at the *OMNI-Remote* end of the cable link.



### CORRECT CONNECTIVITY:

The measured lengths of pairs 1-2, 3-6, 4-5, and 7-8 are shown on the left side of the Wiremap.

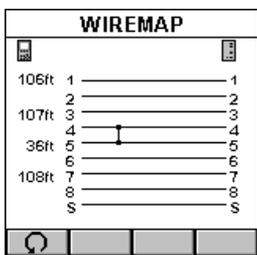
If the selected cable is shielded or screened, shield continuity will be measured, and if the shield fails the test, Wiremap will display the error.



### WIRE IS OPEN:

Wiremap checks the continuity of each wire.

In this example, there is no line between pin 5 at each end, which indicates a break in connection. Use the number on the left side of the screen to find the exact location of the open. For example if 36ft is displayed, the open can be found 36ft away from *OMNIScanner*.



### WIRES ARE SHORTED:

Wiremap finds shorts in the cable being tested.

In this example, the wiremap indicates that wires 4-5 are shorted. Use the number on the left side of the screen to find the exact location of the short. For example if 36ft is displayed, the short can be found 36ft away from *OMNIScanner*.

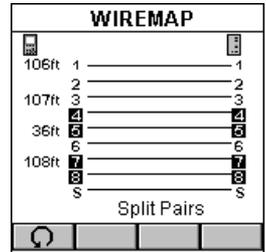
**SPLIT PAIRS:**

If a cable is wired correctly, pin-to-pin, but there is a split pair, Wiremap displays Split Pairs and highlights the pins in error.

In our example, one wire from the 4-5 pair is twisted with one wire in the 7-8 pair. The Split Pair will be highlighted with reversed numbers.

The message SPLIT PAIRS will be displayed below the Wiremap.

Press ESC to exit the **WIREFMAP** screen.



**TDNXT**

NEXT faults are diagnosed by using the TDNXT (Time Domain NEXT) function. OMNIScanner uses TDNXT to determine the amount of NEXT as a function of distance. TDNXT with new S-Band™ technology (Standard Connector Band technology) can help you distinguish between connection and cable faults. It assists you with diagnosis and troubleshooting of NEXT failures and the verification of test cables, connectors and plugs.

While the NEXT graph shows the link test limits and the frequency at which a failure occurred, the TDNXT graph displays NEXT vs. distance.

S-Bands™ provide a time domain limit to verify that the connections are within the desired category of performance. In a typical link, failures are a result of either a non-compliant connection or a faulty cable. The ability to determine if a connection meets the expected performance requirement significantly simplifies the diagnosis of a failure.

To diagnose a failure, select TDNXT in the DIAG-NOSTICS screen and press ENTER. The TDNXT function is also available from the NEXT Graph screen.

The **SELECT PAIRS** screen opens.



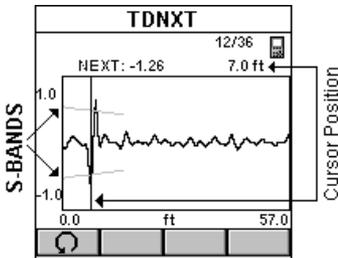
Use the  (Pair) function key to select the pairs you want to analyze.

Use  or  to select which end, OMNIScanner or OMNIRemote, you want to view the results for.

Press  to open the **TDNXT** screen.

The screen displays the TDNXT (Time Domain NEXT) graph. The funnel-like lines are the upper and lower S-Bands. S-Bands are limit lines for connections as a function of distance from the cable end. They provide a quantitative measure of the NEXT at the connection point, which is typically located at the end of the test cable at 2 meters (7ft). The measurement unit for the horizontal graph can be displayed in meters (m) or feet (ft.). (See *Chapter 4 - Setup: **User Options** for further information about units.*)

Initially, the cursor is located at the point with the worst NEXT.



The NEXT at the cursor position relative to the S-Band, the corresponding pair combination, and the distance to the cursor position are displayed above the graph.

The example shows a Time Domain NEXT that exceeds the S-Bands. The worst NEXT is displayed at 7ft, the connection location. The conclusion is that the connection caused the failure.

Press ESC to exit the **TDNXT** screen.

## Using TDNXT to Diagnose a Link

The S-Band limit lines provide an easy method to pinpoint faults located at the connection or the cable. S-Bands allow you to determine if the connections in a link meet the desired performance level. They are designed to match the standard category of the selected Autotest.

A graph containing peaks that are located outside the S-bands at the connection distance indicates that the connection and not the installed cable is the most likely reason for failure.

If NEXT failed but the TDNXT graph displays peaks within the S-Bands at the connection distance, the fault is caused by the cable portion of the link.

If failures occur at both ends of the link, use  or  to diagnose each end. Failures at both ends of the link can interact.

## TDNXT Examples

The following examples show the diagnostics process that is performed to identify failures on typical links with 2 meter test cables.

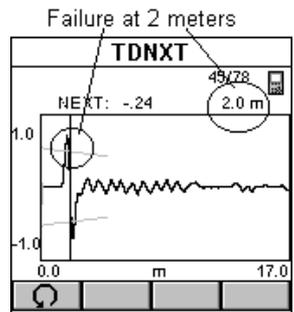
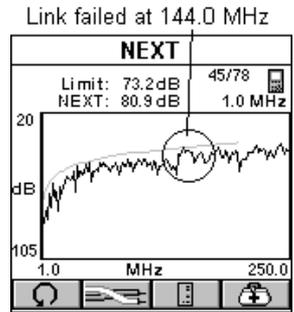
### GOOD CABLE, BAD CONNECTION:

The cursor in the NEXT graph is located at the worst NEXT at 144.0 MHz, which is outside the limit line. (For display purposes the cursor is moved.) The Link failed. Why?

Press  to open the TDNXT screen to further review and diagnose the graph.

The cursor is positioned at the worst peak, which is outside the S-Bands.

Looking at the TDNXT graph we can reach the conclusion that the connection located at 2 meters did not meet the required performance and is the cause of failure.

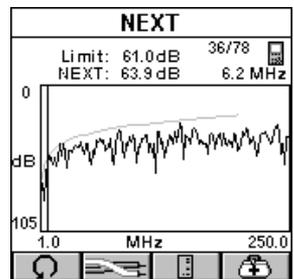


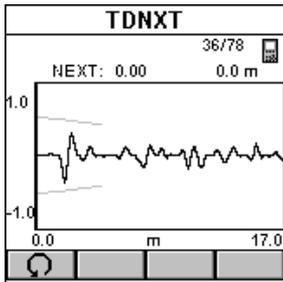
### BAD CABLE, GOOD CONNECTION:

The cursor in the NEXT graph is located at the worst NEXT at 6.2 MHz, which is outside the limit line. (For display purposes the cursor is moved to the Zero-position.) The Link failed. Why?

Press  to open the TDNXT screen to further review and diagnose the graph.

The NEXT response from the connector located at 2 m is well within the S-Bands and performs significantly better than the requirements. The





NEXT in the cable is the source of the failure even though the cable’s NEXT response peaks are less than those of the connection. By knowing that the connection meets its performance requirement, the cable is easily identified as the non-compliant component of the link.

The following table summarizes the typical diagnosis process.

<b>NEXT</b>	<b>TDNXT exceeds S-Band limits</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<b>PASS</b>	N/A	NEXT of link is within limits
<b>FAIL</b>	YES	Connection fails. Replace or reterminate. Plug and/or jack can be at fault.
<b>FAIL</b>	NO	Cable is not within specifications

## TDRL

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Return Loss is a measure of the amount of reflected energy in a link. Reflections occur at points of impedance discontinuity, such as connectors, transitions from patch cables to horizontal cables, and impedance structure within a cable.

Return Loss faults are diagnosed by using the TDRL (Time Domain Return Loss) function. OMNIScanner uses TDRL to determine the amount of Return Loss as a function of distance. TDRL with new S-Band™ technology (Standard Connector Band technology) can help you to distinguish between connection faults and cable faults. It assists you with diagnosis and troubleshooting of Return Loss failures and the verification of test cables, connectors and plugs.

While the Return Loss graph shows the link test limits and the frequency at which a failure occurred, the TDRL graph displays Return Loss vs. distance.

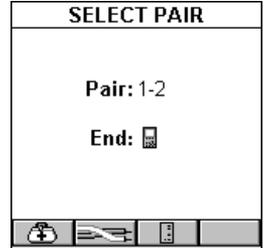
S-Bands™ provide a time domain limit to verify that the connections are within the desired category of performance. In a typical link, failures are a result of either a non-compliant connection or a faulty cable. The ability to determine if a connection meets the expected performance requirement significantly simplifies the diagnosis of a failure.

Select TDRL in the DIAGNOSTICS screen and press ENTER. The TDRL function is also available from the RETURN LOSS Graph screen.

The **SELECT PAIR** screen opens.

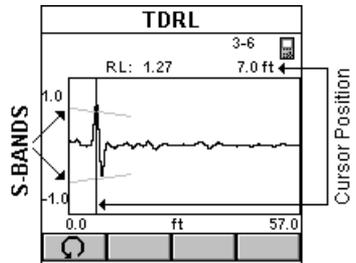
Use the  (Pair) function key to select the Pair you want to analyze.

Use  or  to select which end, OMNI-Scanner or OMNI Remote, you want to view the results for.



Press  to open the **TDRL** screen

The screen displays the TDRL (Time Domain Return Loss) graph. The funnel-like lines are the upper and lower S-Bands. S-Bands are limit lines for connections as a function of distance from the cable end. They provide a quantitative measure of Return Loss at the connection point, which is typically located at the end of the test cable, at about 2 meters (7ft). The measurement unit for the horizontal graph can be displayed in meters (m) or feet (ft.).



Initially, the cursor is located at the point with the worst Return Loss.

The Return Loss at the cursor position, the corresponding pair, and the distance to the cursor position are displayed above the graph.

The example shows a Time Domain Return Loss that exceeds the S-Bands. The worst Return Loss is displayed at 7ft, the connection. The conclusion is that the reflection at the connection is the cause of the failure. This could be due to a connector problem or excessively untwisted pairs at the connector.

Press ESC to exit the **TDRL** screen.

## Using TDRL to Diagnose a Link

S-Bands provide an easy method to pinpoint if the fault is located at the connection or at the cable. The S-Bands allow you to determine if the connections in a link meet the desired performance level. They are designed to match the standard category of the selected Autotest.

A graph containing peaks that are located outside the S-Band at the connection distance indicates that the connection and not the installed cable failed.

If Return Loss fails but the TDRL graph displays peaks within the S-Band at the connection distance, the fault is caused by the cable portion of the link.

If failures occur at both ends of the link, use  or  to diagnose each end. Failures at both ends of the link can interact.

## TDRL Examples

The following examples show the diagnostics process that is performed to identify failures on typical links with 2 meter test cables.

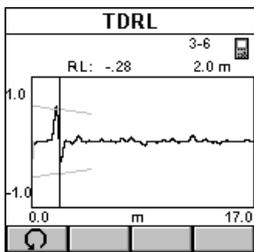
Failure at 135.2 MHz



GOOD CABLE, BAD CONNECTION:

The cursor in the Return Loss graph is located at the worst Return Loss at 135.2 MHz, which is outside the limit line. (For display purposes the cursor was moved.) The Link failed. Why?

Press  to open the TDRL screen to further review and diagnose the graph.



The cursor is positioned at the worst peak, which is outside the S-Bands.

Looking at the TDRL graph we can reach the conclusion that the connection located at 2 meters did not meet the required performance and is the cause of failure.

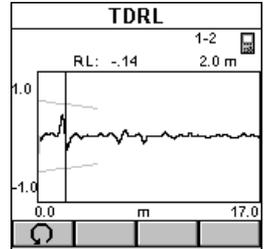
**BAD CABLE, GOOD CONNECTION:**

The cursor in the Return Loss graph is located at the worst Return Loss at 110.4 MHz, which is outside the limit line. The Link failed. Why?



Press  to open the TDRL screen to further review and diagnose the graph.

The Return Loss response from the connector located at 2 m is well within the S-Bands and performs significantly better than the requirements. The Return Loss in the cable is the source of the failure even though the cable's Return Loss response peaks are less than those of the connection. By knowing that the connection meets its performance requirement, the cable is easily identified as the non-compliant component of the link.



The following table summarizes the typical diagnosis process.

<b>Return Loss</b>	<b>TDRL exceeds S-Band limits</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<b>PASS</b>	N/A	Return Loss of link is within limits
<b>FAIL</b>	YES	Connection fails. Replace or reterminate. Plug and/or jack can be at fault.
<b>FAIL</b>	NO	Cable is not within specifications

## Impulse Noise

Noise is undesirable electrical energy that falls within the typical network frequency bands of operation (generally 1-20 Mhz). It interferes with a network's ability to transmit data reliably. Noise sources may include AC transmission lines, fluorescent light fixtures, industrial equipment, elevators, etc. Noise problems also occur when other wire pairs in the same sheath are used for non-LAN applications.

Testing for noise involves turning off all LAN devices and measuring for background electrical activity in the cabling. Often, noise problems can be corrected by moving the cable away from the source or by removing the source itself.

Impulse Noise counts the impulses detected on a given pair

IMPULSE NOISE		
04/28	16:27	Pair: 1-2
Impulses/sec:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Total Impulses:	<input type="text" value="10"/>	
Elapsed Time:	00:00:21	

Select Impulse Noise to open the **IMPULSE NOISE** screen. The current date and time is shown in the upper left. The monitored pair is shown in the upper right.

Impulses/sec indicates the number of wide band impulses that exceed 30 mv peak-to-peak that were detected in the last 1second interval.

Total Impulses indicates the total number of impulses detected since noise monitoring was started.

Elapsed Time indicates the time since the test was started.

Press  (Pair) to clear the current log and monitor impulse noise on another pair.

LOG		
Date	Time	Peak
04/28	16:28:19	21
04/28	16:28:00	3
04/28	16:28:03	3
04/28	16:28:07	3
04/28	16:28:12	3
04/28	16:28:14	3
04/28	16:28:18	3

Press  (Detail) to open the **LOG screen**.

OMNIScanner keeps a log during impulse noise monitoring. The log represents the seven largest impulse noise counts detected and the date and times at which they occurred.

Press ESC to exit the **LOG** screen.

Press ESC to exit the **IMPULSE NOISE** screen.

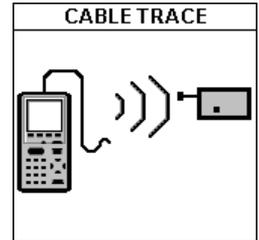
## Cable Trace

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**Tracer/Toner** is a cable tracing function that assists in tracking cables hidden in walls, ceilings, floors, or patch panels by generating a signal that can be converted into an audible tone by Microtest's Cable Tracer II (sold separately) or any other equivalent tracing device.

1. Attach the end of the cable you want to trace to the OMNIScanner using a patch cord and the Microtest Channel Adapter or the Microtest Link Adapter. Make sure that the cable is not grounded, as a grounded cable will weaken the signal.

A multi-tone trace signal will begin transmitting. To enhance the signal, insert a grounding plug into the ground jack located left of the DB-9 Serial Connector. A grounding plug is included in the optional Cable Tracer II kit; you may use any grounding cable that has a standard insulated phone tip plug.



2. To determine the cable path use the multi-tone sound as a guide and simply trace along the wire where the tone is loudest. The tracer needs to be within one foot of the hidden cable.

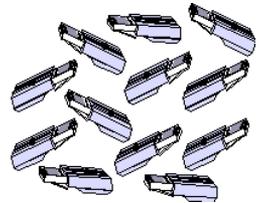
Press ESC to exit the **CABLE TRACE** screen.

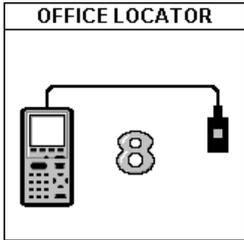
## Office Locator

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The **Office Locator** function allows you to find the termination of an office cable drop from a wiring closet. It eliminates the need to trace cables through walls and ceilings.

1. Connect the cable to be tested to OMNIScanner.
2. Insert the RJ-45 Office Locator adapters into wall outlets in the offices you wish to identify. You can connect any or all of the twelve Office Locators before beginning your test.
3. At the patch panel, run the Office Locator function to identify, which office is connected to a given port.





OMNI*Scanner* will identify office locations and display the ID of the Office Locator adapter found at the far end of the attached cable.

If you are testing a cable that does not have an Office Locator attached at the other end, OMNI-*Scanner* will display a question mark.

Press ESC to exit the **OFFICE LOCATOR** screen.

## Chapter 7 - Results

### Autotest Results

To view previously saved Autotests, press the  (Results) function key. The **RESULTS** screen displays Project names together with the number of Autotests that are stored within each project. In the bottom row you will find the total number of Autotests currently stored in OMNIScanner's memory.

RESULTS	
 TIA	49
 ISO	2
 VENDOR	37
 MICROTEST	190
 IEEE	MMC
 ATM	MMC
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>

Light  Project folders identify internally stored results.

Black  Project folders identify results stored on MMC. (See Chapter 11 - MultiMediaCard for further information.)

To quickly remove all Autotests from a project, highlight the project in the **RESULTS** screen and press the  (Delete) function key. A message will prompt you to confirm the operation.

To view more detailed test information, highlight a project name and press ENTER.

Microtest	7/190
MT-F01-PP01-P07	
MT-F01-PP01-P08	
MT-F01-PP01-P09	
MT-F01-PP01-P10	
MT-F01-PP01-P11	
MT-F01-PP01-P12	
MT-F01-PP01-P13	

The previously highlighted **PROJECT NAME** will now appear in the title bar together with a numeric test counter that shows the number of Autotest results stored within the project.

To remove an Autotest from the list, press the  (Delete) function key.

Press  (Edit) to move the Autotest to

another project or to change the **Circuit ID**.



Press ENTER with the **Project:** highlighted to reveal a list of all projects that are currently stored. Use the **↑↓** to highlight the project you want to store the Autotest within, and press ENTER to select it.

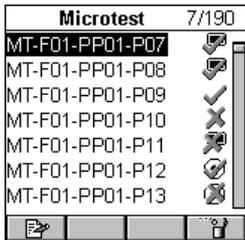
Use the **↓** to highlight the **Circuit ID:** and press ENTER to edit the field. Press ENTER to terminate the edit mode.

Press  (Save) to save the changes and return to the **PROJECT NAME** screen. If the PROJECT NAME was changed, it will now appear in the title bar together with the numeric test counter.

## Viewing Autotest Results

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The Project Name screen shows a Circuit ID and a PASS/FAIL icon for each saved Autotest. The following PASS/FAIL icons can be displayed:



-  Passed twisted pair Autotest.
-  Failed twisted pair Autotest.
-  Passed twisted pair Autotest with graphs.
-  Failed twisted pair Autotest with graphs.
-  Passed fiber Autotest.
-  Failed fiber Autotest.

To view detailed information about a saved Autotest use the **↑↓** on your keypad to highlight a Circuit ID in the Project Name screen and press ENTER.

**For Twisted Pair Cabling:**

The Autotest Results screen will be displayed. The name of the Autotest, the cable that was used to run the test, and the overall test result (PASS or FAIL) are shown.

All measurements that were performed during the Autotest are listed in the left column. Passed tests are marked with a ✓ (PASS) or a ✱ (Marginal PASS). If a test result did not pass, the test name will be followed by a ✕ (Fail) or a ✱✕ (Marginal FAIL) symbol.



**Note:** The list of tests varies depending on the kind of Autotest that was performed.

(See Chapter 5 - Measurements for detailed information about each measurement screen.)

Use the ↑↓ on your keypad to highlight a test.

Press ENTER to open the test result screen for that particular test.

Use the ← or → on your keypad to quickly page through all test results.

**Note:** If  (Save with Graphs) or  (Save with Graphs to MMC) was selected when saving the Autotest, graphs associated with NEXT, Attenuation, Return Loss, PSNEXT, ELFEXT, ACR, PSELFEXT, and/or PSACR are available when viewing Autotest results. Only the graphs that were selected in the SAVE OPTIONS screen will be saved. (See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Save Options** for information about selecting graphs to be saved.)

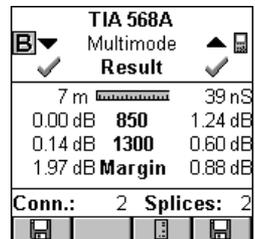
Press ESC to return to the **PROJECT NAME** screen.

Press ESC to return to the **RESULTS** screen.

**For Fiber Optic Cabling:**

The Autotest Results screen will be displayed. The name of the Autotest, the cable that was used to run the test, and the overall test result (✓ PASS or ✕ FAIL) for both fibers are shown.

  , or  (Loopback) are displayed to



indicate the Method used to set the reference. (See Chapter 8 - Fiber Optic Reference for further information.)

When dual fiber is measured, arrows ▲▼ at the top of the screen point out the direction of the light. The arrows also indicate the fiber that the ✓ (PASS) or ✗ (FAIL) result is for.

The number of Connectors and Splices is shown at the bottom of the screen if the Autotest loss criteria is formula based. (See Appendix C for further information.)

Press  or  to toggle between the results for  OMNI Scanner and  OMNI Remote.

Press ESC to return to the **PROJECT NAME** screen.

Press ESC to return to the **RESULTS** screen.

### Results stored on a MultiMediaCard

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OMNI Scanner2 allows you to view results that are stored on the MMC.

RESULTS	
 TIA	49
 ISO	2
 VENDOR	37
 MICROTEST	190
 IEEE	MMC
 ATM	MMC
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>



Internally stored results are identified by a light  Project folder.

Results stored on MMC are identified by a black  Project folder.

Viewing is accomplished as described above.

When a MultiMediaCard is inserted, OMNI Scanner2 will allow you to copy results to the portable card.

To copy the test result(s) contained in one project to the MMC, highlight the appropriate  Project folder in the **RESULTS** screen and then press  (Copy Project to MMC). This function is available only for Projects in the internal flash  (light Project folder).

To copy all internal Projects that are listed in the **RESULTS** screen, press

 (Copy Results to MMC).

## Chapter 8 – Fiber Optic Reference Methods

### *Establishing the Reference*

Different methods can be used when making a reference measurement with OMNIFiber. The reference measurement to use depends on how the standard defines the link, and how the network is interconnected. There are three basic link definitions and three corresponding reference methods.

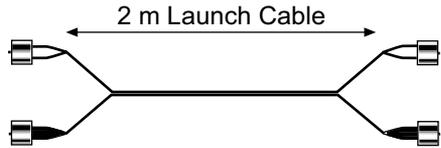
Link Definition	Reference Method	Multimode Standard	Single-mode Standard	Where Used
link = 2 cross connects + cable plant	1 jumper method or equivalent	TIA-526-14A <b>Method B</b>	TIA-526-7 <b>Method A.1</b>	TIA-568-A, ISO 11801 100Base-X, 1000Base-X, ATM, Fibre Channel, FDDI, Token Ring
link = 1 cross connect + cable plant	2 jumper method or equivalent	TIA-526-14A <b>Method A</b>	TIA-526-7 <b>Method A.2</b>	10 Base-X, TIA 455-171 Method B
link = cable plant	3 jumper method or equivalent	TIA-526-14A <b>Method C</b>	TIA-526-7, <b>Method A.3</b>	

### The Launch/Jumper Cable

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The launch/jumper cables are 2 m fiber cables and need to be of good quality and in excellent condition. Always clean and inspect the launch cables before use.

**Note:** The launch cable used to set the reference value should be the same type of fiber as the cables to be tested and certified, 50/125, 62.5/125 or single-mode.



The fiber cables included with your OMNIFiber kit are duplex launch cables. One fiber has **white** connector boots and the other fiber has **black** boots. These colors are consistently used for all graphics throughout this user guide to avoid confusion.

Fibers can be marked with other color schemes or cable markings to differentiate them. Pay close attention to the colors to avoid improper fiber connections.

### The Reference Methods

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For testing of networks with different connector styles, please consult the Microtest web site (<http://www.microtest.com/support/techbulletins/>).

It is very important that the transmitter (TX port) connections are not disturbed after the reference value is established.

**Note:** When a connector is removed and then reattached, it is unlikely to go back into the exact same position. As a result, measurements will change when connections are made or broken.

OMNIFiber measures two fibers of a duplex link in one Autotest operation. Four reference values will be stored, two from OMNI Scanner to OMNI-Remote (TX - RX), the others from OMNI Remote to OMNI Scanner (TX - RX).

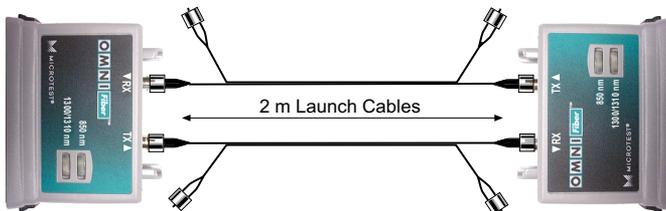
## One Jumper Reference Method

This method is used when the link includes:

- the loss of one connection at the near end cross connect
- the loss of one connection at the far end cross connect/outlet
- the loss of the cable plant

TIA/EIA -568-A, ISO 11801, and IEEE 802.3 (100 Base-X, 1000Base-X) specify the one jumper method.

**Note:** This method is called '**Method B**' in TIA-526-14A and '**Method A.1**' in TIA-526-7.



1. Connect one end of a **black** launch cable to the **TX** (transmit) port of the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNIScanner.
2. Connect the other end of that **black** launch cable to the **RX** (receive) port of the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNIRemote.
3. Leave the two **white** fiber connectors dangling and unconnected.
4. Connect one end of another **black** launch cable to the **TX** (transmit) port of the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNIRemote.
5. Connect the other end of that **black** launch cable to the **RX** (receive) port of the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNIScanner.
6. Leave the two **white** fiber connectors dangling and unconnected.
7. Press  (Setup) to open the **SETUP** screen and then select **Set Reference** to set the reference.
8. Disconnect only the following two ends: OMNIFiber Main **RX** (receive) and OMNIFiber Remote **RX** (receive). OMNIFiber Main **TX** and OMNIFiber remote **TX** stay connected!
9. Connect the white fibers to the appropriate **RX** ports.

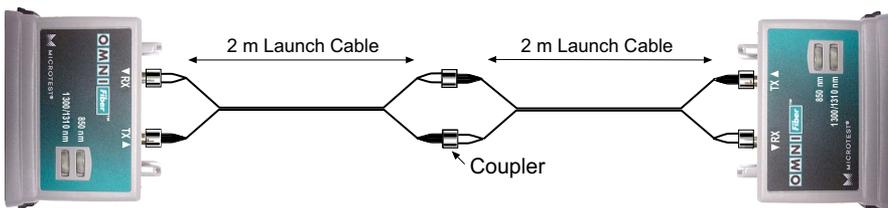
## Two Jumper Reference Method

This method is used when the link includes:

- the loss of one connection at the near or far end cross connect
- the loss of the cable plant

TIA/EIA -455-171 and IEEE 10 Base-X specify the two jumper method.

**Note:** This method is called '**Method A**' in TIA-526-14A and '**Method A.2**' in TIA-526-7.



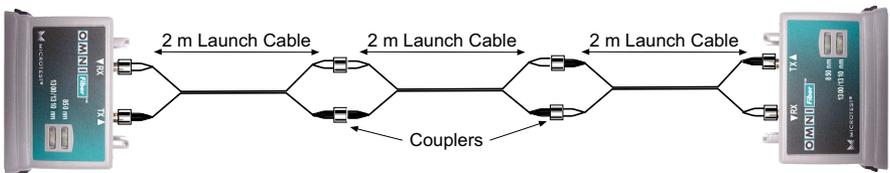
1. Connect a launch cable to the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNI-Scanner. The **black** fiber attaches to the **TX** (transmitter) port and the **white** fiber to the **RX** (receiver) port.
2. Connect a launch cable to the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNI-Remote. The **black** fiber attaches to the **TX** (transmitter) port and the **white** fiber to the **RX** (receiver) port.
3. Use a connector adapter to mate the two black fiber connectors.
4. Use a connector adapter to mate the two white fiber connectors.
5. Press  (Setup) to open the **SETUP** screen and then select **Set Reference** to set the reference.
6. Disconnect the connectors from the connector adapters without disturbing the fiber connections to the OMNIFibers.
7. Set the connector adapters aside.

## Three Jumper Reference Method

This method is used when the link includes:

- the loss of the cable plant

**Note:** This method is called **'Method C'** in TIA-526-14A and **'Method A.3'** in TIA-526-7.



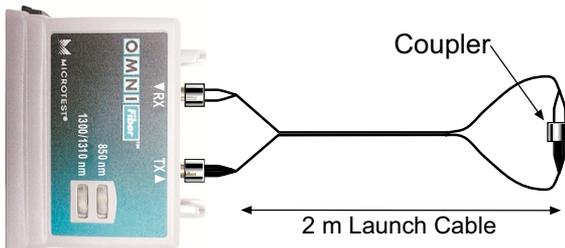
1. Connect the first launch cable to the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNIScanner. The **black** fiber attaches to the **TX** (transmitter) port and the **white** fiber to the **RX** (receiver) port.
2. Connect the second launch cable to the fiber adapter that is attached to OMNIremote. The **black** fiber attaches to the **TX** (transmitter) port and the **white** fiber to the **RX** (receiver) port.
3. Use two connector adapters to mate the **black TX** connector to the **white RX** connector through a third jumper cable.
4. Use two connector adapters to mate the other **black TX** connector to the **white RX** connector through a third jumper cable.
5. Press  (Setup) to open the **SETUP** screen and then select **Set Reference** to set the reference.
6. Remove the third jumper cable, located in the center, and the connector adapters without disturbing the OMNI*Fiber* connections.

## Two Jumper Reference Method in Loopback Mode

The OMNIFiber Main can be used without the remote to make measurements on a single fiber. In this state the TX fiber is looped back to the RX port of the same OMNIFiber adapter.

**Note:** During the Autotest, the loss and length of the white fiber will be subtracted from the length of the fiber under test. Since the loss in a short jumper cable is negligible, the loss measurement of the fiber under test will be accurate. The length measurement will be off by the length of the jumper cable (about 2 meters). This primarily affects the length accuracy of very short cables.

1. Connect the launch cable to the OMNIFiber. The **black** fiber attached to the **TX** (transmit) port and the **white** fiber to the **RX** (receive) port.



2. Use a connector adapter to mate the connections on the other end.

3. Press  (Setup) to open the **SETUP** screen and then select **Set Reference** to set the reference.

4. Disconnect the white connector from both the RX port and the connector adapter. Do not disturb the black fiber attached to OMNIFiber's TX port.

5. Leave the two **white** ends dangling.

6. Attach the cable to be tested to the connector adapter and the OMNIFiber's open RX port .

## Chapter 9 - Uploading and Printing

### *Scanlink™ Tools*

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Scanlink Tools consist of three parts: the Scanlink program, the OMNI-*Scanner* Configuration program, and the OMNI*Scanner* Remote Control program.

**Scanlink™** is designed to upload data measured with OMNI*Scanner*, PentaScanner, SimpliFiber, or CertiFiber. Collected data can be viewed or saved to disk. **Scanlink** supports different report formats, like **Autotest Certification** and **Summary Reports** that can be printed from the PC to a printer or a file.

**OMNI*Scanner* Configuration** allows for easy setup and management of projects, the configuration of OMNI*Scanner*, the specification of tests, and the construction and structuring of cable libraries. Projects can easily be downloaded to several OMNI*Scanners*. **OMNI*Scanner* Configuration** allows you to import limits that can be used in custom Autotests. These limits can be viewed and printed with the extensive graphing utility.

**OMNI*Scanner* Remote Control** is designed to control OMNI*Scanner* from your PC. It allows you to run Autotests that can be uploaded, viewed, and printed. OMNI*Scanner* Remote Control contains an extensive graphing utility allowing you to view and print saved graphs of uploaded test results.

Refer to the Scanlink Tools online help for detailed instructions about the installation and the use of the application. The Getting Started Guide together with the software is part of the Scanlink Tools CD that is included with OMNI*Scanner*. Scanlink Tools are also available for download from the Microtest web site at [www.microtest.com](http://www.microtest.com).



## Chapter 10 - Updating Scanner Software

### Downloading Software from the Microtest WWW site

Software updates can be easily downloaded from the Microtest World Wide Web site. If you are connected to the Internet, you can access our web site by entering **http://support.microtest.com** in the URL address field.

1. Choose **Download** to open the **Microtest Customer Support** section.
2. Enter your login name and your password.
3. Choose **OMNIScanner** from the drop-down list and click **Find Files**.
4. Select the file you need by clicking on it, and then save it to the hard disk.
5. Execute the downloaded .exe file to extract the software update.

**Note:** *To ensure compatibility, always update the OMNIScanner software together with the Scanlink® Tools software.*

### Updating OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote Software

**Note:** *The update process will erase all test results stored in memory. Use Scanlink to upload the results before updating OMNIScanner's software.*

To update OMNIScanner with the files you have downloaded from the WWW to your PC proceed as follows:

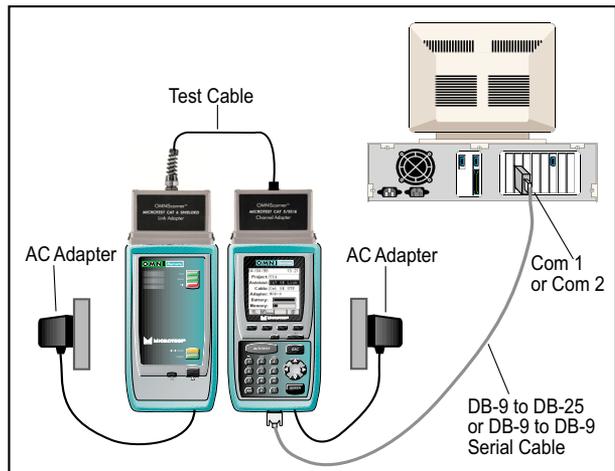
1. Connect the DB-9 end of the serial cable to OMNIScanner's serial port, and then connect the DB-9 or DB-25 end of the serial cable to your PC's serial port.

2. Plug the AC adapter into OMNIScanner.

3. Connect OMNIScanner and OMNI-Remote using the provided test cable and adapter.

4. Plug the AC adapter into OMNI-Remote.

5. Turn on OMNIScanner.



You are now ready to download the new flash update from the PC. Follow the instructions in the ReadMe that accompanies the update file.

6. To verify the software update, press and hold the Backlight key (located right above the ESC key). The software version # will be displayed

7. To verify the update for OMNI-Remote, press OMNIScanner's  (Setup) function key, and then select the option **Remote Info**. The new software version will be displayed.

## Chapter 11 - MultiMediaCard

The MultiMediaCard is the world's smallest solid state storage device. It weighs less than two grams and is the size of a postage stamp (32mm high by 24mm wide and 1.4mm thick). The card is available in 8MB, 16MB, and 32MB capacities.

The MMC can store OMNIScanner2 test results that can then be uploaded to **Scanlink**. Configurations that were created with **OMNI-Scanner Configuration** software can be downloaded onto the card for easy replacement of the current OMNIScanner configuration. (See Chapter 9 for further information about Uploading and Downloading.)



### Portable Data

OMNIScanner2 can store data on a very small, removable MultiMediaCard. This allows for unlimited expansion of memory capacity and transferal of test data without taking OMNIScanner2 out of service.

Available MultiMediaCard readers and adapters allow data to be uploaded directly to laptops or PCs.

Tests can be saved in OMNIScanner2's internal flash memory or to the optional removable MultiMediaCard. If the MultiMediaCard slot is empty, OMNIScanner will automatically save the test results to the internal memory area.

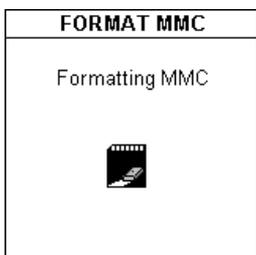
When the MultiMediaCard is inserted, OMNI-Scanner will allow you to save the  selected project or  all test results to the card. See Chapter 7 - Results: **Copying Results to a MultiMediaCard** for further information about saving results to the MMC.

RESULTS	
 TIA	49
 ISO	2
 VENDOR	37
 MICROTEST	190
 IEEE	MMC
 ATM	MMC
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>

### MultiMediaCard Maintenance

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Multi Media Flash memory cards store data just like a PC stores data on the hard disk. Saved files are broken into segments and stored in any free segment of the multi media flash memory card. Prior to the initial use, the MMC may require formatting. Use the OMNIScanner2 **Format MMC** function to perform this task.



To format the MultiMediaCard, select **Format MMC** in the **SETUP** screen. A gauge will indicate the progress. *See Chapter 4 - Setup: **Format MMC** for further information.*

Formatting time varies depending on the size of the MultiMediaCard, the 8MB card can be formatted in about 2 minutes.

### The MMC Structure

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The file structure on the MMC is Windows® file system compatible.

When saving test results to the MMC, Project folders will be created, which allow you to easily retrieve the files with Scanlink. Each folder can be expanded to view all tests (Circuit IDs) it contains.

Configurations stored on the MMC by the **OMNIScanner Configuration** software will be contained in a Configuration folder.

## Chapter 12 - Universal Serial Bus Port

USB allows you to instantly connect OMNI Scanner2 to your computer running Windows® 98 (2nd Edition) or Windows® 2000.

A standardized plug and port replaces all the different kinds of serial and parallel port connectors and combinations.

When using a USB-compliant PC, you just turn on your PC, attach OMNI Scanner2 to the USB port, and turn on the scanner. USB makes the connection process automatic and hassle free. Up to 10 OMNI Scanner2s can be connected simultaneously. **Note:** Most PCs, including many notebooks, on the market today are fully USB-ready.



The “Hot-swapping” feature allows you to attach or remove OMNI Scanner2 on the fly, without having to shut down and restart your PC. OMNI Scanner2 will be detected automatically. This feature is especially useful when uploading results from several scanners.

Of course the USB works with Scanlink Upload Utility, OMNI Scanner Configuration and OMNI Scanner Remote Control. (See Chapter 9 - Uploading and Printing for more information.)

### Installing the USB Driver

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**Note:** OMNI Scanner2 supports high speed USB connections. Please use only **high-speed** USB cables. Make sure the length of the cable does not exceed 5 meters (1m recommended).

To install the USB driver on your PC proceed as follows:

**Note:** Make sure that you are running Windows® 98 (2nd Edition) or Windows® 2000.

1. Turn your PC on.

2. Connect the PC with OMNI Scanner2 via the high-speed USB cable.
3. Turn OMNI Scanner2 on.
4. Insert the **Scanlink Tools CD** which contains the USB driver software.

This wizard searches for new drivers for:

Microtest OMNI Scanner2

A device driver is a software program that makes a hardware device work.

What do you want Windows to do?

- Search for the best driver for your device. (Recommended).
- Display a list of all the drivers in a specific location, so you can select the driver you want.

Windows will search for new drivers in its driver database on your hard drive, and in any of the following selected locations. Click Next to start the search.

- Floppy disk drives
- CD-ROM drive
- Microsoft Windows Update
- Specify a location:

Windows driver file search for the device:

OMNI Scanner2 USB

Windows is now ready to install the best driver for this device. Click Back to select a different driver, or click Next to continue.

Location of driver:



D:\MTUSB.INF

5. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the driver.

First, the install wizard will find the new device: **Microtest OMNI Scanner2**. Click Next > to continue

Then, it will search for a driver for OMNI Scanner2. We recommend accepting the default setting: **Search for the best driver for your device**. Click Next > to continue.

Now, select the option: **CD-Rom drive** to start the search for the USB driver. Click Next > to continue.

Next, Windows will detect the location of the file **OMNI Scanner2 USB**. Click Next > to install the driver file.

Once windows has finished installing the driver, OMNI-Scanner2 USB will appear in your PC's driver list.

**Windows 98:** When connecting OMNI Scanner2 to a different USB port, the driver will be automatically installed.

**Windows 2000:** When connecting OMNI Scanner2 to

a different USB port, a separate installation of the driver from the Scanlink Tools CD is required.

## Uploading OMNIScanner2 Test Results to the PC

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1. To send test results from OMNIScanner2(s) to a PC, first turn your PC on.
2. Connect the PC with OMNIScanner2 via the high-speed USB cable.
3. Turn on OMNIScanner2

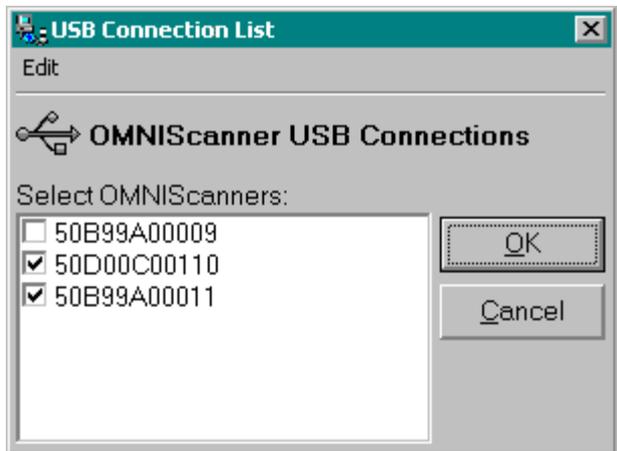
4. Run the **Scanlink** software and click on the  (Upload) button in the toolbar, or select Upload in the File menu.

5. In the **Scanner Type** field, select OMNIScanner.

6. Select the appropriate port (USB).

7. Click **Upload** to establish communications between **Scanlink** and OMNIScanner2 and upload the Autotest data that are stored in the scanner's memory.

8. **Scanlink** can upload data from several scanners at once. If you have more than one scanner connected, the **USB Connection List** will appear and allow you to select the scanners you wish to upload from. The OMNIScanner2s are listed by serial number. Select the appropriate scanner(s) and click OK to continue.



9. If more than one Project is found, the **Project List** will appear and allow you to select the project(s) you wish to upload. Make the appropriate choice and press OK to continue the upload process.

Once the connection is established, the scanner's serial number is displayed in the lower left display panel. A gauge in the lower right display panel indicates the progress during the upload process.

**Scanlink** will transfer all of the Autotest results from the scanner and display a summary of the tests in the main program window.

10. Click **Cancel** to abort the upload process.

To review collected Autotest data, select the items to be viewed, then select View Autotest from the View menu. (*Consult the Scanlink on-line help for further information.*)

### Downloading Configurations to OMNIScanner2

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1. To download Configurations from OMNIScanner Configuration software to one or several OMNI Scanner2s, first turn your PC on.

2. Connect the PC with OMNI Scanner2 via the high-speed USB cable.

3. Turn OMNI Scanner2 on.

4. Run the **OMNI Scanner Configuration** software, highlight a  Configuration and click the  Download button.

5. To make sure that you are downloading the desired Configuration, the **Download Configuration** dialog box displays the name of the Configuration.

6. The Scanner Type is OMNI Scanner.

7. Select the Port (USB) and click OK to continue.

**Note: OMNI Scanner Configuration** can be used to download configurations to several scanners at once. If you have more than one scanner connected, the **USB Connection List** will appear and allow you to select the scanners you wish to download to. The OMNI Scanner2s are listed by serial number. Select the appropriate scanner(s) and click OK to continue.

8. Click Cancel to abort the Download process.

During the Download operation, the Download Status screen appears and a gauge indicates the progress. The OMNI Scanner2 keypad is locked during the download process.

9. The message 'Download complete' will be displayed to inform you when the Configuration is downloaded. Click OK to return to the main screen.

The new Configuration is now implemented, and OMNIScanner2 displays the Project screen. (*Consult the OMNIScanner Configuration on-line help for further information.*)

## Remote Controlling OMNIScanner2

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1. To remote control OMNIScanner2, first turn your PC on.
2. Connect OMNIScanner2 and OMNIRemote via the link to be tested.
3. Use the USB Cable to connect OMNIScanner2 to the PC and then turn on OMNIScanner2.
4. Run the **OMNIScanner Remote Control** software.
5. Select Setup | Communication Port and select USB as the Port.

6. Click the  (Connect) button.

As soon as the connection occurs, the OMNIScanner's serial number will be displayed.

OMNIScanner Remote Control will detect the Adapter that is currently attached to OMNIScanner2 and display the name of the adapter. If an OMNIFiber adapter is attached the serial number will be displayed.

The Remote Control program will read OMNIScanner's Configuration (Projects, Autotest, and cables).

Once the connection is completed the Connection Status bar displays **Ready!**. (*Consult the OMNIScanner Remote Control on-line help for further information.*)

**Note:** *OMNIScanner Remote Control software can be connected to several OMNIScanner2s, but only one at a time can be remote controlled. If you have more than one scanner connected, the **USB Connection List** will appear and allow you to select the scanner you wish to remote control. The OMNIScanner2s are listed by serial number. Select a scanner and click OK to continue.*



## Appendix A - Technical Specifications

Specifications apply to both *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote* unless otherwise noted.

### Physical Characteristics

#### *OMNIScanner*

- Dimensions: 8.75" x 4.50" x 2.12" (22.25 cm x 11.4 cm x 5.4 cm)
- Weight: 2.20 lbs (1 kg)

#### *OMNIRemote*

- Dimensions: 8.75" x 4.50" x 2.12" (22.25 cm x 11.4 cm x 5.4 cm)
- Weight: 1.96 lbs (0.89 kg)

#### *OMNIFiber*

- Dimensions: 3.54" x 3.88" x 1.55" (9 cm x 9.85 cm x 3.94 cm)
- Weight: 0.24 lbs (0.11 kg)

### User Interface

#### *OMNIScanner*

- 62 x 62 mm Graphic LCD with backlight
- Backlit keypad with tactile feedback, numeric input, dedicated functions, four soft functions, and cursor pad
- Context sensitive help and operating instructions
- Tone generating audio for warning or other user feedback
- Date stamp of all tests

#### *OMNIRemote* LED Displays

- Pass Indicator (GREEN) for test results
- Status Indicator (GREEN) for *OMNIRemote* status, various blink rates
- Fail Indicator (RED) for test results
- Circuit Guard (ORANGE) for high voltage input protection warning
- Charge (RED) for *OMNIRemote* low battery status
- Charge (GREEN) while *OMNIRemote* battery is charging

### OMNIFiber MM LED Displays

- 850 nm Indicator (GREEN) for transmitting at 850 nm
- 1300 nm Indicator (GREEN) for transmitting at 1300 nm
- 850 nm Indicator (ORANGE) for switching fibers
- 1300 nm Indicator (ORANGE) for switching fibers

### OMNIFiber SM LED Displays

- 1310 nm Indicator (GREEN) for transmitting at 1310 nm
- 1550 nm Indicator (GREEN) for transmitting at 1550 nm
- 1310 nm Indicator (ORANGE) for switching fibers
- 1550 nm Indicator (ORANGE) for switching fibers

## Power

- Removable, rechargeable battery pack
- 9.6 Volts @ 1200 mA-Hr Ni-Cd
- 9.6 Volts @ 1900 mA-Hr NiMH (OMNIScanner2)
- Built-in fast charger using AC adapter
- Charging Time: 3½ hours for fully discharged batteries.
- Battery life : 10+ hours operation (typical)
- AC: 15 VDC - 1 amp AC adapter for continuous operation or charging

## Environmental

- Operating Temperature: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F)
- Storage Temperature: -10°C to 55°C (14°F to 131°F)
- Operating Humidity: (non-condensing): 5% to 90%
- Storage Humidity: 5% to 95%
- Regulatory Compliance: CE Class A

## Measurement Port (Test Interface)

- Ultra low Crosstalk test interface that supports testing of all four pairs
- 160 pin test interface connector which exceeds 10,000 mating cycles
- Variety of test cables and adapter modules support testing of 110 block and shielded modular jack and plug interfaces

## Serial Port

- Connector: DB-9
- Baud Rate: 300 to 57,600 baud
- Parity: None
- Length: 8 Bits
- Handshaking: None, RTS/CTS, and XON/XOFF

## Universal Serial Bus

- Type Self Powered Device
- Link 12 MB/s Full Speed Bulk Transfer with two 128 byte FIFOs and Automatic Retry
- Connector Type 'B' Receptacle
- Recommended Cable Full Speed Shielded Twisted Pair with A-B Plugs (USB V1.1 Complaint)

## MultiMediaCard Interface

- Link 4.6 MB/s SPI Mode with 16 bit CRC
- Format 512 byte sector size, 32Bit FAT File System
- Socket Non-Locking Seven Contact with Ejector
- Recommended Media Sandisk SDMB-xx or Infineon MultiMediaCard-F00xx (xx denotes memory size in Megabytes)

## Memory

- Control: Flash Memory allows electronic upgrading of both *OMNIScanner* and *OMNIRemote* programs.
- Test Storage: Up to 1000 complete Autotest results can be stored in permanent flash memory. They are not subject to loss due to power or battery failures.

## OMNIScanner Autotest Functions

- Full suite of tests to determine if cable meets generic cabling or network type requirements.
  - Extended performance range Cabling (CAT 6 and CAT 7)
  - **TIA** standard Autotests
  - **ISO/IEC** standard Autotests
  - **Vendor** specific Autotests
  - **IEEE** standard Autotests
  - **ATM** standard Autotests
  - **FDDI** standard Autotests
  - **AS/NZ** standard Autotests
  - **ANSI** standard Autotests

## OMNIScanner Test Functions

- Wire Map
- NEXT (Near End Crosstalk)
- Return Loss

- Attenuation
- ELFEXT (Equal Level FEXT)
- ACR (Attenuation to Crosstalk Ratio)
- Bandwidth
- Length/Delay
- Resistance
- Power Sum NEXT, ACR and ELFEXT
- **Coax Tests:** Length, Delay, Impedance, Resistance

### OMNIFiber Test Functions

- Multimode Fiber: Length, Propagation Delay, Loss
- Single-mode Fiber: Length, Propagation Delay, Loss

### Transmission Performance Measurement Method

All cabling transmission performance measurements (NEXT, RL, Attenuation, and ELFEXT) are implemented using swept frequency domain, vector, digital signal processing measurement methods to ensure accurate, repeatable results.

### Transmission Performance Measurement Parameters

The accuracy of the RF transmission performance measurements is calculated in accordance with error models documented in related TIA documents. OMNIScanner is designed to exceed Level III accuracy requirements. The following table provides typical specifications for important instrument parameters relating to the measurement accuracy models.

Instrument Parameter	@ 100 MHz	@ 200 MHz	@ 300 MHz
Residual NEXT	> 105 dB	> 105 dB	> 100 dB
Noise Floor	> 100 dB	> 100 dB	> 95 dB
Detector Accuracy	0.2 dB	0.2 dB	0.2 dB
Output Signal Balance	50 dB	45 dB	40 dB
Common Mode Rejection	50 dB	45 dB	40 dB
Port Match Error	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.5 dB
Directivity	50 dB	50 dB	45 dB
RL Tracking	0.05 dB	0.05 dB	0.05 dB
RL Source Match	50 dB	45 dB	40 dB

### Wire Map

- Finds miswires, opens, shorts, crossed and split pairs and presents results in a schematic format
- Includes shield test if connected
- Uses OMNI*Remote* for complete mapping of wiring at both ends of the cable

## NEXT

- Test all six pair combinations from both directions using *OMNIRemote*
- Frequency Range: 1 to 300 MHz
- Dynamic Range: >100dB
- Measurement Accuracy: Calculated per TIA error model
- Accuracy: Significantly exceeds Level III requirements
- Measurement Resolution: 0.1dB

## Return Loss

- Measures Return Loss on all four pairs from both directions using *OMNIRemote*
- Frequency Range: 1.0 to 300 MHz
- Dynamic Range: > -35 dB
- Factory Calibrated to ensure measurement port match to reference 100 ohm impedance.
- Measurement accuracy: Significantly exceeds Level III requirements
- Measurement resolution: 0.1dB

## Attenuation

- Tests all four pairs using *OMNIRemote* as far end active signal injector.
- Frequency Range: 1.0 to 300 MHz
- Dynamic Range: > 60 dB
- Measurement Accuracy: Significantly exceeds Level III requirements
- Measurement resolution: 0.1dB

## ELFEXT (Equal Level FEXT)

- Tests from both directions using *OMNIRemote* and reports all 24 pair combinations.
- Frequency Range: 1 to 300 MHz
- Dynamic Range: >100dB
- Measurement Accuracy: Significantly exceeds Level III requirements
- Measurement Resolution: 0.1dB

## ACR (Attenuation to Crosstalk Ratio)

- Computed for 6 pair combinations from both ends at all frequency points from the respective pair to pair NEXT and Attenuation measurements.

## Bandwidth

- Computed for the link or channel under test, bandwidth indicates the highest frequency for which the worst case pair to pair crosstalk (NEXT) is at least 3dB less than the attenuation.

### Length

- Range: 0 to maximum distance, where max. distance = 457 m (1500 ft.) for twisted pair cable
- Accuracy:  $\pm K \pm \text{Length resolution} \pm \text{NVP uncertainty}$ , where  $K = \pm 4\%$  of length or 0.6 m (2ft.), whichever is greater.  
Length resolution: 0.3 m (1ft.)

### Resistance

- Range: 0 - 500  $\Omega$   
Accuracy:  $\pm 0.5 \Omega$  @ 0 to 15  $\Omega$   
 $\pm 2\%$  @ 15 to 500  $\Omega$   
Resolution: 0.1  $\Omega$

### Power Sum NEXT, ACR and ELFEXT

- Computed for 4 pairs from both ends from the respective pair to pair NEXT, Attenuation and FEXT measurements.

### Optical Measurements (OMNIFiber)

- +3dBm to -55dBm
- .01dB resolution
- $\pm .25$ dB typical accuracy

### Length (OMNIFiber MM, multimode)

- Maximum 2000m (6600ft)
- Resolution: 1m (1ft)

### Length (OMNIFiber SM, single-mode)

- Maximum 16,000m (52,500ft)
- Resolution: 1m (1ft) from 0 to 2000m, 2m (6ft) from 2,000 to 16,000m

### Delay (OMNIFiber MM, multimode)

- 0 to 10000nS
- 1nS resolution 0-10,000nS

### Delay (OMNIFiber SM, single-mode)

- 0 to 80,000nS
- 1nS resolution 0-10,000nS; 8nS resolution 10,000 - 80,000nS

## High Voltage Input Protection

- The test interface withstands input hazard conditions that arise from normal telephone interfaces (48 VDC at less than 80 mA) or 24 VAC power used to power many telephone keysets. The unit detects when a voltage of greater than  $\pm 15$  volts is applied on the inputs and sounds a warning to alert the user to remove the hazard condition immediately to prevent possible damage to the input circuits. **Note:** *Measurements cannot be performed when hazard conditions are present.*



## Appendix B - Batteries

### *Battery Packs*

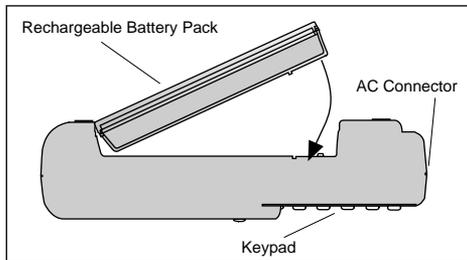
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OMNIScanner and OMNI*Remote* are powered by rechargeable, recyclable battery packs.

Under various state and local laws, it may be illegal to dispose of this battery pack into the municipal waste stream. Check with your local solid waste officials for details in your area for recycling options or proper disposal.

To remove the battery pack, place the instrument face down and slide the arrow-shaped tab downward. Then lift the battery pack up towards you.

To install the battery pack, insert the two tabs on the top of the battery in the Scanner and press down on the battery pack until it clicks into place.



The batteries have a limited number of recharge cycles. Typically, capacity is warranted by the battery manufacturer for about 200 recharge cycles. The capacity of a battery is highly dependent on the way it is recharged. Generally batteries that are fully discharged before the recharge cycle may have a longer life than those subject to extended cycles of shallow discharge. Conditions of shallow discharge promote a phenomenon known as voltage depression, which gives the appearance of reduced capacity. Battery life can also be effected by the temperature conditions under which charging is performed. Charging by room temperature (77°F/25°C) maximizes the battery life.

OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote use a charging mechanism that minimizes the effects of shallow discharging. To maximize battery life, the battery temperature is monitored and maintained within limits during the charging process. Charging under high temperature conditions may result in longer recharge times or premature termination of charging.

### Battery Charging

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Charging of the battery is enabled in the OMNIScanner and OMNIRemote whenever the AC adapter is plugged in and the units are powered off.

The recharge time is typically 4½ hours to completely charge a fully discharged battery.

Charging is automatically terminated by the units when full capacity or over temperature conditions are reached. To enhance long term life and capacity of the battery a maintenance and topping charge period starts right after the rapid charge is completed. The charging status is displayed on both units. The graphic LCD displays charging status on the OMNIScanner, while LEDs indicate the status on the OMNIRemote unit.

Status conditions are as follows:

- Charge (RED) for OMNIRemote low battery status
- Charge (GREEN) while OMNIRemote battery is charging
- Charge (GREEN - blinking) when battery is charged

### Battery Tips

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- Power off the unit before changing the battery pack. Charging is only enabled when the unit is turned OFF.
- If not on AC power, the battery packs must be replaced within five minutes to avoid loss of time and date in the OMNIScanner unit.
- If the display goes blank while the AC adapter is plugged into the Scanner, it indicates that the battery pack is on maintenance (“trickle”) charge.
- The average time to recharge the battery pack is about 4½ hours.
- To maximize battery pack life, avoid extreme temperatures.
- Using OMNIScanner with the backlight turned ON causes increased battery drain. (See Chapter 1 - Introduction: OMNIScanners Keypad: Backlight)
- Average daily life of the battery pack is about ten hours.
- An external charger is also available. Contact your Microtest distributor for details on the external charger, Microtest Part Number 8003-01.

## Appendix C - OMNIFiber PASS/FAIL Criteria

For the latest cable installation, international standards, and conformance techniques:

[http://cabletesting.com/Fiber\\_Standards.html](http://cabletesting.com/Fiber_Standards.html)

**Formula 1:** 568A Equation for 850nm fiber:

$(\# \text{ of mated connections} \times 0.75) + (\# \text{ of splices} \times 0.3) + (\text{length} \times 3.75\text{dB}/1000\text{m}) = \text{OLB}^*$

**Formula 2:** 568A Equation for 1300nm fiber:

$(\# \text{ of mated connections} \times 0.75) + (\# \text{ of splices} \times 0.3) + (\text{length} \times 1.5\text{dB}/1000\text{m}) = \text{OLB}^*$

**Formula 3:** 11801 Equation for 850nm fiber:

$(\# \text{ of mated connections} \times 0.75) + (\# \text{ of splices} \times 0.3) + (\text{length} \times 3.5\text{dB}/1000\text{m}) = \text{OLB}^*$

**Formula 4:** 11801 Equation for 1300nm fiber:

$(\# \text{ of mated connections} \times 0.75) + (\# \text{ of splices} \times 0.3) + (\text{length} \times 1\text{dB}/1000\text{m}) = \text{OLB}^*$

\*Optical Link Budget (OLB) is the loss measured in a fiber link. Loss in the connectors, the splices, and the cable are added up to the total link loss or OLB.

The TIA 568A Equation and the ISO 11801 Equation specify the OLB. Each has certain PASS/FAIL criteria based on the number of connectors and splices located along the cable to be tested. These amounts can be entered as test limits. OMNI*Scanner* then calculates optical power loss as follows:  
Max. Loss (dB) = Cable Loss + Connector Loss + Splice Loss.

The Optical Link Budget (OLB) is the PASS/FAIL point in dB. The number of connections and splices is entered in the first Autotest screen.

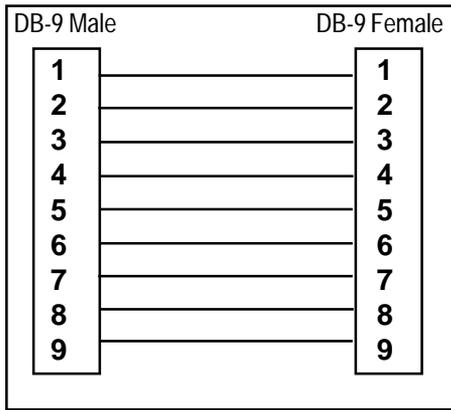


## Appendix D - Cable Pin-Outs

Described below are the functions of the electronic signals transmitted through each pin in a connector.

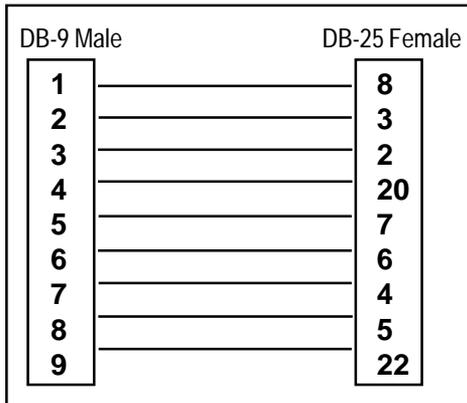
### *Serial Cable DB-9 Male to DB-9 Female Pin-outs*

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### *Serial Cable DB-9 Male to DB-25 Female Pin-outs*

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*Cable Pin-Out Signals*

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The signals for the cable pin-outs are as follows:

<b>DB-9 Male Pin</b>	<b>DB-25 Female Pin</b>	<b>DB-9 Female Pin</b>	<b>Signal</b>	<b>Signal Description</b>
5	7	5	GND	Protective Ground
3	2	3	TXD	Transmitted Data
2	3	2	RXD	Received Data
7	4	7	RTS	Request to Send
8	5	8	CTS	Clear to Send
4	20	4	DTR	Data Term Ready
6	6	6	DSR	Data Set Ready
1	8	1	CD	Received Line Signal Detector
9	22	9	RI	Ring Indicator

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