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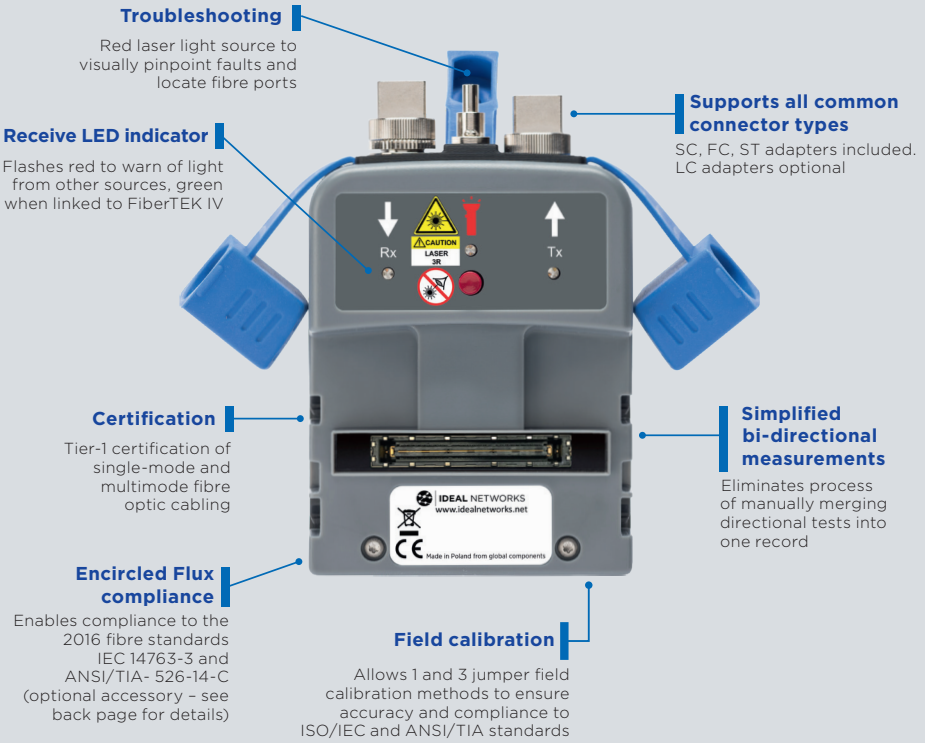
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INTRODUCTION

The LanTEK IV, FiberTEK IV and IDEAL AnyWARE Cloud features industry leading performance, reliability, durability and time saving functionality.

FiberTEK IV adapters are used with LanTEK IV for fast and simple certification of high bandwidth single-mode and multimode fibre optic cabling including support for encircled flux testing (optional).

To pinpoint fibre cabling faults every FiberTEK IV adapter includes a built-in visible light source to help you visually pinpoint faults and locate fibre ports.

FiberTEK IV provides optical loss (dB) measurements meeting Tier 1 certification requirements.

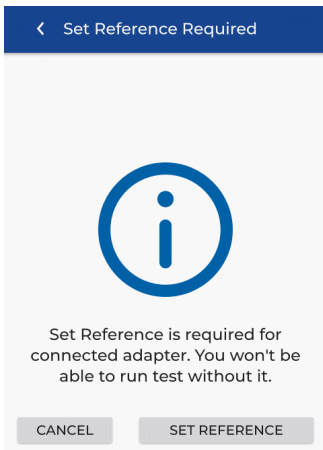
GETTING STARTED

Ensure the software version installed on the LanTEK IV is 1.11 or higher. This can be verified by pressing the gear icon  in the upper-right corner of the screen, then **About** and **Software Version** 

The remote software version is displayed when it is powered on and connected to the main handset with either a copper or fibre optic cabling link.

SC/ST/FC adapters are included with the FiberTEK IV modules, An optional LC kit is available which includes LC adapters for the Rx ports of the modules and SC-LC test cords for use on the Tx ports.

Optional Encircled Flux (EF) launch cables are available for use when a EF launch is required/desired for multimode testing. EF cords are not necessary when testing single-mode fibre.



When a FiberTEK IV module is first connected to the main handset the Set Reference screen will appear. Set Reference is used to “calibrate” the launch cords used during testing. Press **CANCEL** to bypass and perform the Set Reference procedure later, or press **SET REFERENCE** to perform the procedure now.

Pressing **SET REFERENCE** will display the set reference screen with the default settings.

HELP OPTIONS

LanTEK IV and AnyWARE cloud have a comprehensive on-board help which will guide you through how to use the features. This can be accessed as follows:

Help on the LanTEK IV




Icon on the Menu Bar



Or click Settings - Usage Guides:

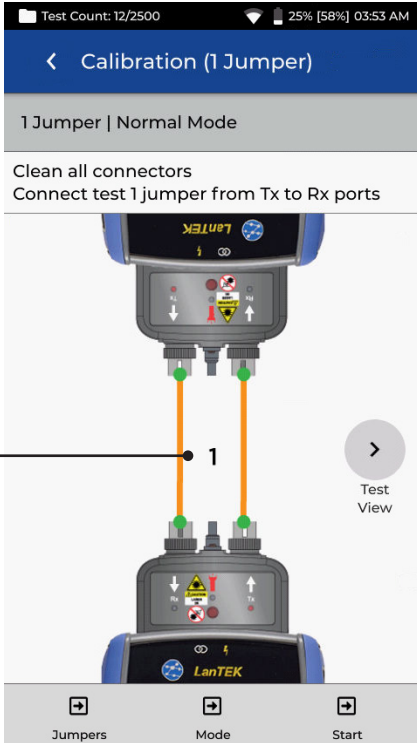
Help on the AnyWARE Cloud

AnyWARE Cloud assistance can be accessed by the Walk Me Through tab located on the bottom right-hand side.

Walk Me Through 

GETTING STARTED

Displays current setup that will be used when **Start** is pressed



Test cord number

Jumpers:
Cycles through the number of jumpers to be used during testing

Test View: Cycles between the view of the calibration setup and the view when connected to the fibre under test

Start: Initiates set reference procedure

Mode: Cycles between Normal (2 FiberTEK module) and Loopback (1 FiberTEK module)

REFERENCE METHODS

Three options are available when setting the reference prior to testing. Each method determines which components of the installed link are measured during the certification test.

1-Jumper Reference

The 1-Jumper method includes the cable plus the connections on each side of the cable:



2-Jumper Reference

The 2-Jumper method includes the cable plus the connection closest to the light source side of the link. The connection on the side of the cable on the power meter side of the link is not included in the measurement:



3-Jumper Reference

The 3-Jumper method measures only the cable and does not include the connection on either side of the cable:



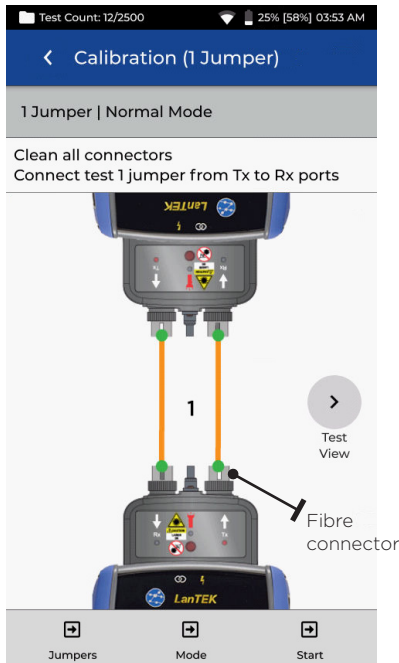
1 JUMPER | NORMAL MODE

The 1 Jumper method is preferred by most cabling standards because it most accurately represents the signal loss experienced by the equipment during operation.

When testing the loss of the 2nd test cord, the cable under test and the two connections of the cable under test are measured.

TEST CORD CONFIGURATION VIEW

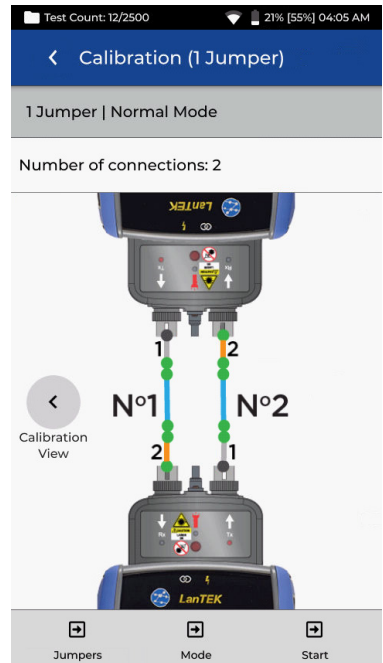
Connect test cords as shown for 1 Jumper Reference test:



Orange test cord connected during Set Reference

TEST CORD AND FIBRE UNDER TEST VIEW

Displays the components that are included in the Autotest measurement:

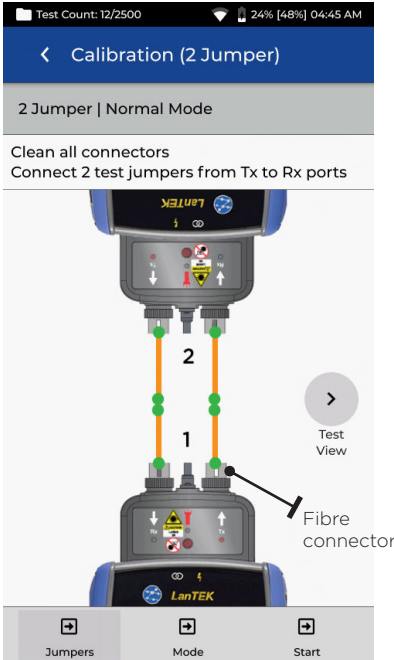


Orange line: Test cord that is included in the autotest measurement
Blue line: Fibre under test
Grey line: Test cord that is not included in the autotest measurement
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Green dot: Connectors that are included in the autotest measurement
N1/N2: Fibre number when testing two fibres

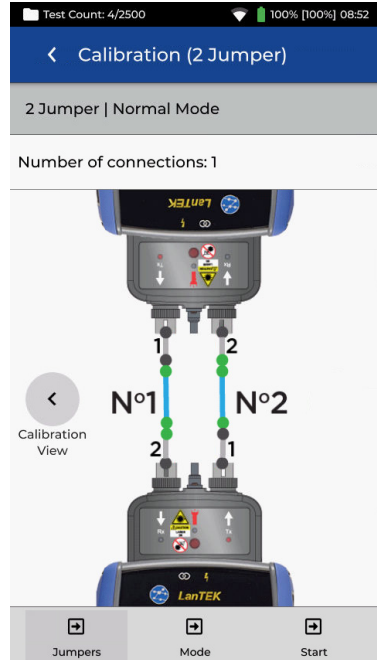
2 JUMPER | NORMAL MODE

The 2 Jumper method excludes the loss of the 2nd test cord and one of the connections of the cable under test. The measured loss will be slightly under-reported compared to the 1 Jumper method.

This method can be used when the connector type of the cable under test are not available on the test equipment and hybrid test cords are required.



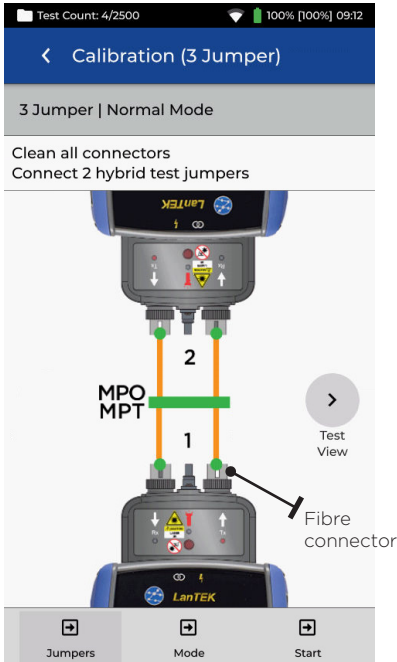
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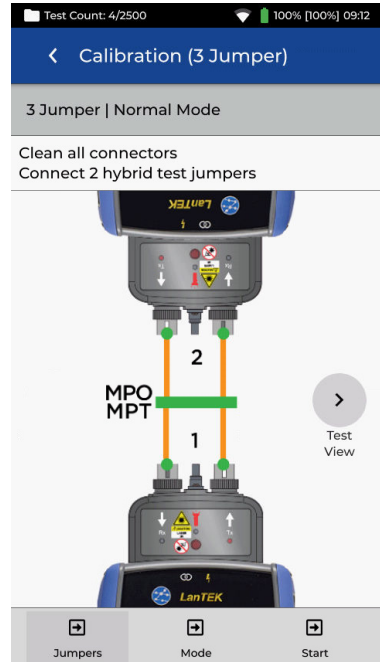
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3 JUMPER | NORMAL MODE (MODIFIED 2 JUMPER)

The 3 Jumper method is preferred when hybrid test cords are required to interface with the cable under test. It is essentially the 2 Jumper method with a 3rd Jumper added after the reference is set to simulate the measurement loss of the 1 Jumper method.



Orange test cord connected during Set Reference

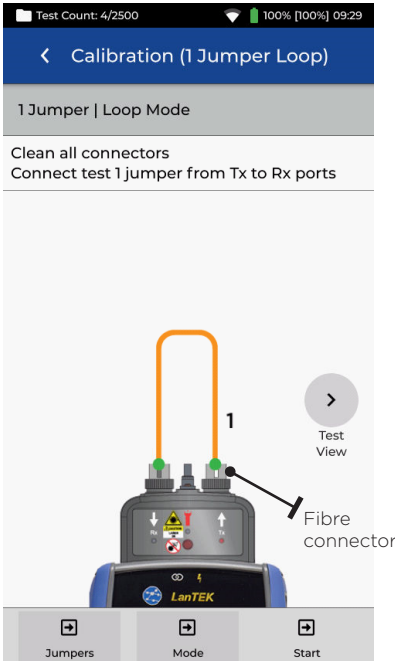


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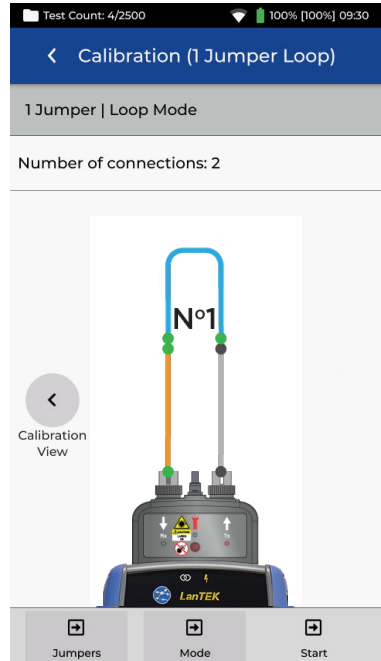
1 JUMPER | LOOPBACK

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1 Jumper reference measures the cable under test and the connections at both ends.



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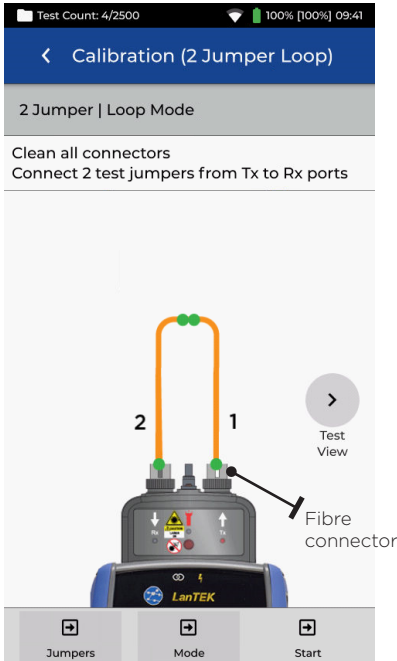


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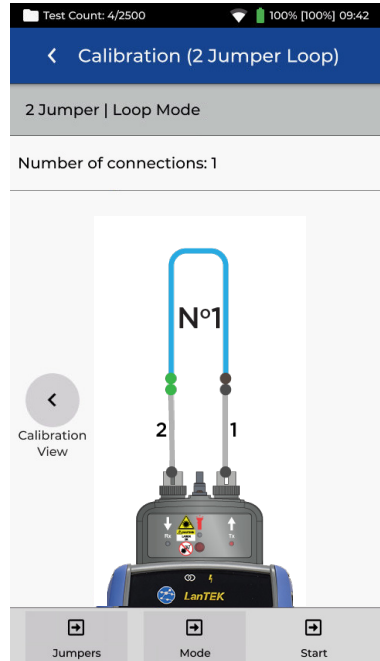
2 JUMPER | LOOPBACK

Loopback mode uses one FiberTEK module to test a single fibre when both ends are located at the handset.

2 Jumper reference measures the cable under test and the loss from only one connection. The measured loss will be less than the 1 Jumper method.



Orange test cord connected during Set Reference

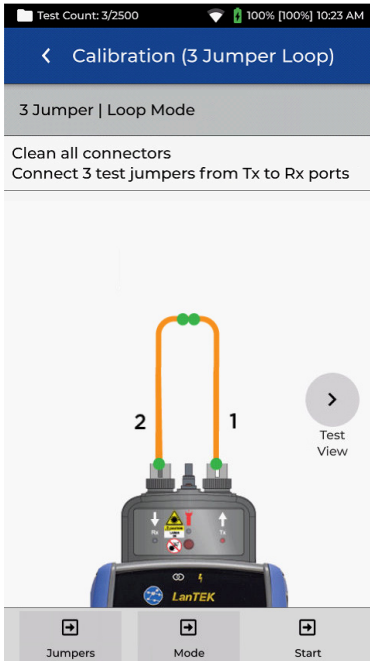


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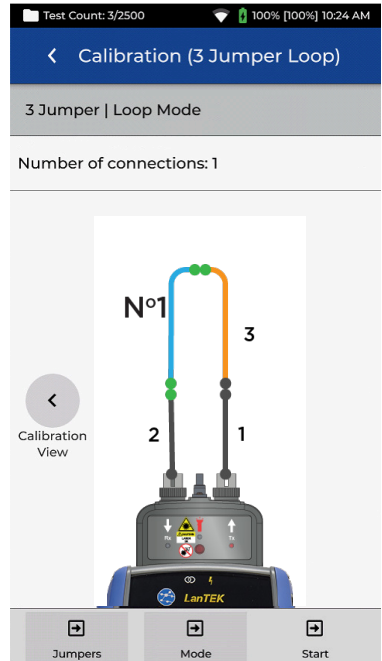
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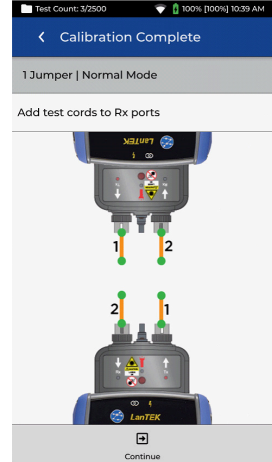
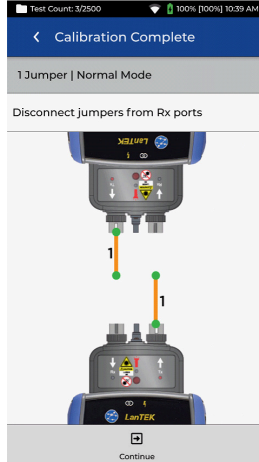
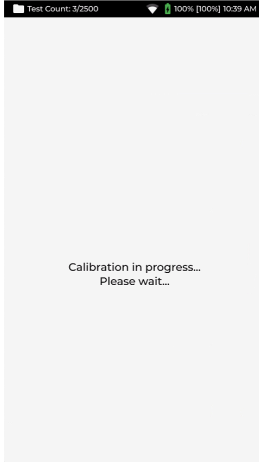
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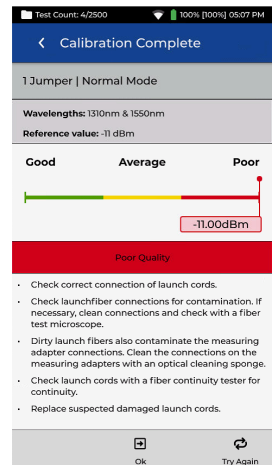
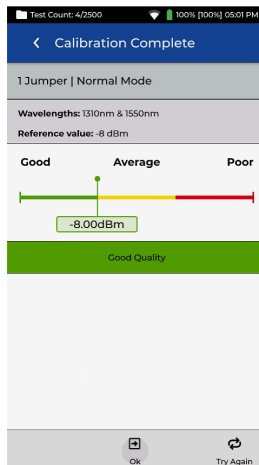
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SET REFERENCE | RESULTS

After pressing Start with the desired reference type selected - example, 1-Jumper|Normal, the reference calibration process will begin. Once the reference is set the user interface will indicate which end of the jumper to disconnect from the module, and whether additional jumpers need to be attached before testing.



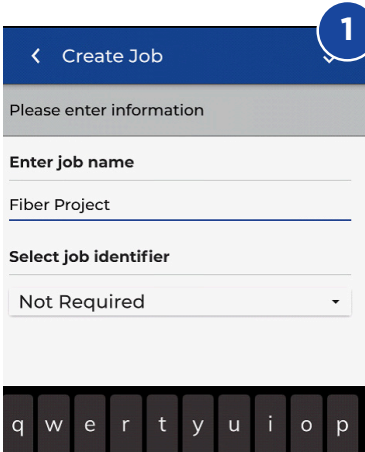
The Calibration Reference results will be displayed on a range from Good-to-Poor. Begin testing only when a Good quality reference is achieved. If Average or Poor is shown, follow the on-screen recommendations to improve performance. Clean the connectors of the reference cords and the FiberTEK IV modules, replace worn/damaged cords. Always use fibre optic specific cleaning products and 99% isopropanol/IPA, never use rubbing alcohol. Use extreme care when cleaning module ports to prevent damage.



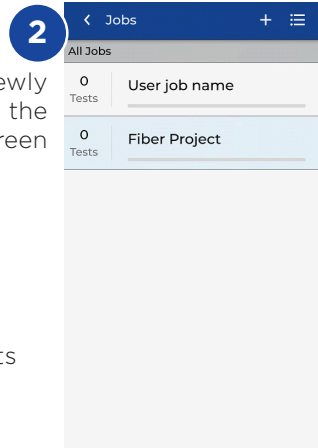
- Check correct connection of launch cords.
- Check launch fiber connections for contamination, if necessary, clean connections and check with a fiber test microscope.
- Dirty launch fibers also contaminate the measuring adapter connections. Clean the connections on the measuring adapters with an optical cleaning sponge.
- Check launch cords with a fiber continuity tester for continuity.
- Replace suspected damaged launch cords.

CREATING A JOB

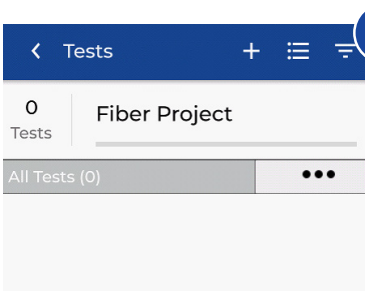
To create a job, select JOBS from the menu bar and then select: 



1 Enter job name and if required, select the job identifiers (optional). This will allow tests to be grouped specifically by building, floor, etc. Select when complete



2 Select the newly created job from the jobs screen



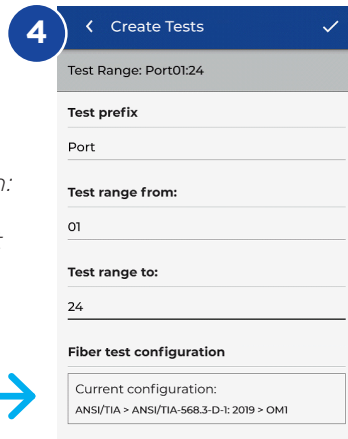
3 Select + to add tests to the job, then choose fibre

In Create Tests, enter the prefix (optional) and the test range.

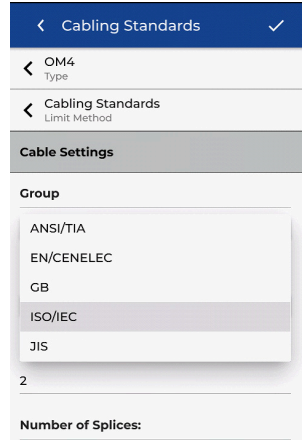
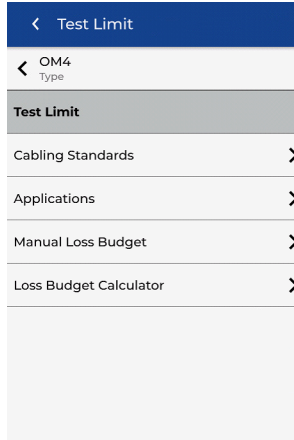
Test Ranges

Enter an alpha-numeric value in *Test Range from*: that is the first test ID of a sequence. Then enter the last value of the sequence in *Test range to*: generate the list of test ID's. A red warning will be shown if the from and to ranges cannot create a continuous series.

Tap on the test standard box to change the default test standard selection.



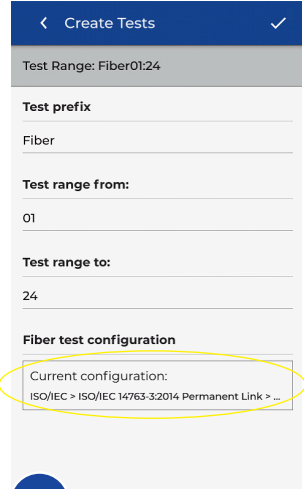
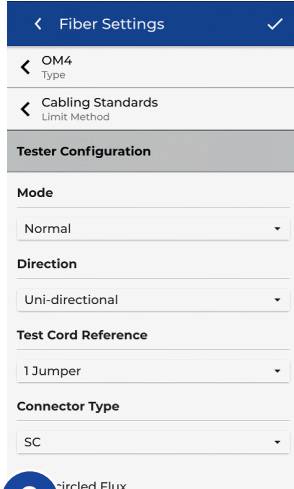
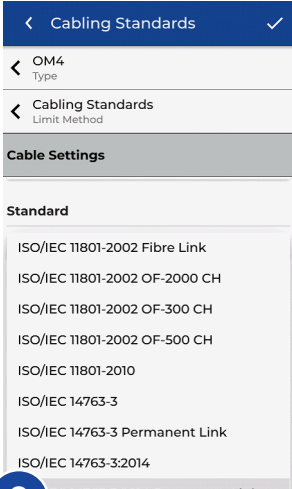
CREATING A JOB



5 Select “Type” and choose appropriate fibre then tap “Limit Method”

6 Select “Cabling Standards”

7 Select ISO/IEC from the “Group” menu



8 Select the desired test standard from the “Standard” menu

9 Verify the other test parameters are correct then select ✓

10 Confirm the prefix, test range and test standard, then ✓ to add the new tests to the job

FIBRE OPTIC TEST LIMITS

A test limit must be selected when adding fibre tests to a LanTEK IV Job. Four types of test limits are available; Cabling Standards, Applications, Manual Loss Budget and Calculated Loss Budget.

CHOOSING A LIMIT TYPE

Cabling Standards are limits defined by the same standards organisations that create limits for copper cabling, namely ISO/IEC, ANSI/TIA, CENELEC/EN and others. These limits are typically for backbone and horizontal fibre cabling installed in commercial buildings. The limits are generic and are not designed to support a specific application or data rate, instead the limits are designed to support a wide range of high-performance applications. In nearly all cases there are limits for both wavelengths in multimode or single-mode systems.

APPLICATIONS

Applications limits are used to determine whether a specific application such as 40 Gb/s multimode Ethernet can be supported by the fibre under test. The pass/fail criterion are specific to the application and are always wavelength specific. For example the 10GBase-L application has a limit for 1310nm only, while the 10GBase-E application has a limit for 1550nm only. These applications are designed for specific types of hardware, each with its specified operational wavelength and maximum supported distance.

LOSS BUDGET CALCULATOR

Manual budget

Budgets can be manually set when the allowable loss of the cabling is known. A common use for manual loss budgets is when a network designer supplies the maximum allowed loss to the installer or when the active equipment to be operated on the cabling has a known loss budget.

Budget Calculator

Budget Calculator allows the loss budget to be calculated based on the components of the link under test.

Enter the attenuation coefficient of the fibre cable, the number of adapters and splices plus the attenuation of each and the system will calculate the loss limit based on the length of cable for each test.

For example, if the entered parameters are
Fibre attenuation coefficient = 3dB/km
3 connections at 0.75db each
2 splices at 0.3db each

For a 2km cable the loss limit is 8.85dB.
 $2\text{km of fibre} \times 3\text{dB} = 6\text{dB}$
 $3 \text{ connections} \times 0.75\text{dB} = 2.25\text{dB}$
 $2 \text{ splices} \times 0.3\text{dB} = 0.6\text{dB}$

The calculator settings allow single or dual wavelength measurements to meet testing requirements.

The screenshot shows the 'Loss Budget Calculator' app interface. At the top, the status bar displays 'Test Count: 40/2500', signal strength, and '100% 11:05 AM'. The app title is 'Loss Budget Calculator'. Below the title, there are two back arrows and labels: 'OM1 Type' and 'Loss Budget Calculator Limit Method'. The main section is titled 'Calculator Settings' and includes the following fields:

- Wavelength:** 850nm Only (dropdown menu)
- Cable Attenuation (dB/km):** 850nm: 3.0
- Test Cord Type:** Ref-Std(=0.5dB) (dropdown menu)
- Number of Adapters:** 3
- Adapter Loss Value (dB):** 0.75
- Number of Splices:** 0
- Splice Loss Value (dB):** 0.30
- Length:** Measure Length **Length Limit** Length Limit (m) 1000



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