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Evaluation Deutsch Optical Waveguide Connectors
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FOREWORD

Recent advances in technology have made the use of optical fiber communication more feasible. An important part of this growing technology is development of an effective method for connecting and disconnecting the optical fibers.

In an effort to determine the usefulness of current connector designs, NASA developed an optical fiber connector and splice evaluation test set. This report is the first in a series designed to present the results of NASA's studies.

This report documents the results of an evaluation of one vendor's connector, the Deutsch Optical Waveguide connector system. It is NASA's intent to locate at least one connector system which can be installed and used in a real-world field environment, while having minimum adverse effect on overall system performance.
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SUMMARY

This evaluation has shown that the Deutsch connector system can conform to the manufacturer's specification of less than or equal to 1 dB loss. The amount of loss in the connection seems to be very dependent upon the calibration of the connector installation tool. This problem could be solved with a redesigned tool and/or more frequent tool calibration. The connectors are reusable and are easy to install.

The results of this work have been forwarded to Deutsch for their use in improving the connector system.

NASA will attempt to evaluate other connector systems as time and availability permit.
Introduction

This document reports an evaluation of the Deutsch Optical Waveguide connector system. The evaluation was conducted by NASA at Kennedy Space Center by the electro-optics lab of Design Engineering.

The connectors were evaluated in terms of both attenuation and bandwidth. Details of the attenuation evaluation are presented in this report and details of the bandwidth evaluation are presented in a report entitled "Optical Fiber Dispersion Characterization Study," Final Report Dec. 1979. Results of both evaluations are presented in this report.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES USED

Connector Description

The connector system evaluated is described in detail in Deutsch Optical Waveguide System bulletin 131. Briefly, the system consists of plugs, which are attached to the fiber; receptacles, which are used to connect two plugs to form a complete fiber, connection via a wet lens; and an installation tool for installing the plugs onto the fiber. Although Deutsch also makes a connector for use with single fiber cables, only the single fiber connector (no cable) was evaluated; however, the plug receptacle mating system is identical and similar results should be expected for the cable connector.

Attenuation Measurement Technique

The following discussions relate only to attenuation properties of the connectors. The measurements were structured to allow several attenuation properties to be determined simultaneously, allowing a better insight into:

1. Initial mate attenuation.
2. Repeatability.
3. Receptacle symmetry.
4. Loss Vs fiber flatness.

The measurement cycle was structured, as follows:

1. A group of 15 sets of two connectors and one receptacle each were selected randomly and each piece was numbered.

2. A plug was installed, using the Deutsch tool, following the manufacturer's instructions.
3. The fiber end in the plug was inspected with a microscope to determine fiber cleavage quality and surface flatness. Cleavages rated unacceptable were rejected for three reasons; excessive spur, lack of flatness, or lack of overall quality (see Appendix A, End Photos). Rejected ends were reterminated until an acceptable cleavage was obtained, and microphotographs were made of each cut. Ends rejected for spur showed a pointed flaw which extended from the tool contact point into the fiber core area. A rejection for "flatness" meant that there were excessive variations from the ideal of complete flatness across the face of the fiber end. "Overall quality" as a criterion for rejection referred to flaws, irregularities and other faults in the fiber end that did not fall into the other two criteria.

4. The second plug was installed and inspected in the same fashion.

5. The two plugs were mated in a receptacle following the vendor's instructions, and a measurement of connector insertion loss was recorded.

6. One plug then was demated completely and remated (cycled), and a second measurement was recorded.

7. The other plug was cycled in a similar manner, and a third measurement was recorded.

8. Both plugs then were removed and remated at the opposite ends of the same receptacle, and a fourth measurement was recorded.

9. Both plugs then were cycled in their new positions, making a total of six loss measurements.

10. Steps 2 through 9 were repeated for all connectors in the selected lot.

Measurement Test Set

The test set used to perform the attenuation measurements is shown in block diagram form in Fig. 1. The test set consists of a Light Emitting Diode (LED) source, an 800-meter fiber test loop, a silicon detector, and signal processing equipment.

The LED source operates at a wave length of approximately 820 nanometers and is modulated for synchronous detection at a rate of 488Hz.

The fiber loop is configured as two 400-meter lengths with the connector to be measured installed in the middle.

The detector is a large active area silicon photocell. The signal processing electronics consists of two lock-in amplifiers and a ratiometer connected to a precision digital digital volt meter and control computer.
Figure 1. Test Set Used to Perform Attenuation Measurements.
All data were taken and reduced by computer. A program listing is included in Appendix B.

Details of the test set components are presented in Reference 1.

Measurement Procedure

The measurement procedure was followed for fifteen sets of connectors in the following manner:

Connectors parts used:

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The termination tool was calibrated using the vendor's instructions, and a series of 10 connector sets, pairs 1 through 10, were measured. The results led to modification and recalibration of the termination tool. Five additional connector sets, adding pairs 11 through 15, then were measured after using the modified tool. The results for each series are presented as outlined below:

1. End photos of each connector set.
2. A data sheet of loss measurement for a particular connector set.
3. Three histograms, one for the first ten connectors, one for the remaining five connectors and one for all fifteen connectors.
4. A data table summarizing the measurements.

The end photos were taken with a reflection-type microscope set at 435 power. End flatness was measured by using the focusing mechanism of the microscope while observing the fiber end with a shallow depth of field.

The data sheets present all six absolute loss measurements and the five relative changes experienced. All measured values are expressed in decibels (dB).

The three histograms group the connector sets to the closest 0.1 dB and count each of the six measurements of a connector set as an independent measurement. The reader can make other correlations between various test conditions and connector measurements.

Bandwidth Measurements and Results

The bandwidth of these connectors was measured by using a time domain pulse dispersion test set developed by NASA with the aid of the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. Details of the test set and measurement results are presented in a work entitled "Optical Fiber Dispersion..."
Characterization Study," NAS10-9455, Final Report Dec. 1979. As described in the report, a total of nine Deutsch connectors were installed in the middle of a 1.2 Km fiber loop.

The fiber bandwidth was determined with and without the connectors, and deconvolution was used to determine the effects of the connectors alone. The connectors demonstrated a bandwidth greater than the upper range of the test set, 2GHz, and in fact, all nine connectors combined had a 3 db bandwidth of greater than 2GHz.

DISCUSSION

Before any conclusion is drawn, it should be noted that it is not the intent of this report to imply Government recommendation or rejection of this connector system. It merely reports a result of NASA's search for a single fiber connector.

The Deutsch connector system was selected for evaluation for several reasons. First, the connector can be terminated under rough field conditions, without the use of polishing equipment or epoxies. Second, the total connection is reusable; if a poor connection is made, all the connector parts can be used again. Third, the connector is large enough to allow "untrained" individuals to use it with minimal risk of fiber or connector damage. Fourth, the same receptacle can be used with either single fiber or single fiber cable, allowing a convenient transition where necessary. Finally, the manufacturer claims a maximum loss of 1 dB. It is NASA's intention to evaluate other connector systems as availability and time permit.

CONCLUSION

Advantages

The Deutsch connector system was easy to install and proved to be reusable, as claimed. The quality of the fiber end seems to have little effect on the connector's performance, due to the wet lens design of the receptacle.

Total installation time for a connector and two plugs was approximately five minutes. Use of the connector system requires minimal training, and can be performed in most environments.

The connectors can be used in both inline and bulkhead applications. The common plug design, identical for both single fiber and fiber cable, provides a possible transition between single fiber, i.e., laser or APD pigtail, and a fiber cable.

The connector bandwidth was measured and reported as noted before in "Optical Fiber Dispersion Characterization Study," Final Report - December 1979. The connector bandwidth was greater than the upper limit of the measurement test set, 2GHz, and even when nine connectors were placed in series, the combined bandwidth still was greater than 2GHz. This indicates that the connectors would have little or no effect on the overall system bandwidth of most practical systems.
Disadvantages

The connectors did not meet the vendor's spec of loss, less than or equal to 1 dB, in all cases and showed a large variation between repeated matings. These problems seem to be largely related to the condition and calibration of the termination tool, as the last five connector pairs showed much better initial loss and repeatability.

The tool modification performed during this evaluation consisted of adding brass shim material to improve the tolerance of the fiber cutting mechanism and epoxying the fiber length adjustment to prevent accidental movement. Deutsch is designing a new tool.

The connector contains a fluid which can become contaminated with repeated matings and dematings.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the current stage of development of fiber connector systems, the Deutsch system appears to enjoy several advantages in terms of expertise required, equipment needed and time spent in making connections. A series of long-term measurements are planned to determine the effects of time on this and other connector systems. It is NASA's intention to evaluate other connector systems as availability and time permit.
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**Connector Pairs End Photos**

and

**Loss Measurements**
## CONNECTOR PAIR #1

**PLUG #16**
**PLUG #42**
**PLUG #23**

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

### END PHOTOS

**PLUG #16**
FLATNESS= 4 um
ACCEPTED

**PLUG #42 END**
FLATNESS= 2 um
REJECTED FOR SPUR

**PLUG #42**
FLATNESS= $$ um
REJECTED FOR OVERALL QUALITY

**PLUG #42 END**
FLATNESS= 2 um
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REJECTED FOR OVERALL QUALITY

PLUG #5 END
FLATNESS= 14 \text{um}
REJECTED FOR FLATNESS

PLUG #5 END
FLATNESS= 4 \text{um}
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PLUG #23
RECP #43
DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #13 END
FLATNESS = 14 um
REJECTED FOR SPUR

PLUG #13 END
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PLUG #23 END
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PLUG #45
PLUG #39
RECP #22

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

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FLATNESS= 4 um
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PLUG #39 END
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PLUG #19
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PLUG #38 END
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PLUG #19 END
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PLUG #7
RECP #20

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

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FLATNESS= 17 um
REJECTED FOR
FLATNESS

PLUG #8 END
FLATNESS= 3 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #7 END
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PLUG #14
PLUG #10
RECP #5

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #14 END
FLATNESS= 12 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #10 END
FLATNESS= 8 um
ACCEPTED

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PLUG #22
PLUG #36
RECP #3

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #22 END
FLATNESS = 9 um
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PLUG #36 END
FLATNESS = 3 um
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PLUG #41
PLUG #9
RECP #40

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #41 END
FLATNESS= 6 μm
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PLUG #9 END
FLATNESS= 2 μm
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PLUG #1
PLUG #2
RECP #2

DATA COLLECTED ON 9-19-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #1 END
FLATNESS= 1 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #2 END
FLATNESS= 3 um
ACCEPTED

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A/11
CONNECTOR PAIR #11

DATA COLLECTED ON 10-4-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #3 END
FLATNESS = 1 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #39 END
FLATNESS = 4 um
ACCEPTED

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A/12
CONNECTOR PAIR #12

PLUG #22
PLUG #36
RECP #66

DATA COLLECTED ON 10-4-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #22 END
FLATNESS = 4 \text{ um}
ACCEPTED

PLUG #36 END
FLATNESS = 4 \text{ um}
REJECTED FOR
OVERALL QUALITY

PLUG #36 END
FLATNESS = 7 \text{ um}
ACCEPTED

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CONNECTOR PAIR #13

PLUG #13
PLUG #14
RECP #63

DATA COLLECTED ON 10-4-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #13 END
FLATNESS= 2 um
REJECTED FOR
OVERALL QUALITY

PLUG #13 END
FLATNESS= 1 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #14
FLATNESS= 6 um
ACCEPTED

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A/14
CONNECTOR PAIR #14

PLUG #7
PLUG #23
RECP #64

DATA COLLECTED ON 10-4-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #7 END
FLATNESS=5 um
REJECTED FOR
SPUR

PLUG #7 END
FLATNESS=1 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #23 END
FLATNESS=4 um
ACCEPTED

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CONNECTOR PAIR #15

PLUG #9
PLUG #10
RECP #62

DATA COLLECTED ON 10-4-79

END PHOTOS

PLUG #9 END
FLATNESS=$\$ um
REJECTED FOR
OVERALL QUALITY

PLUG #9 END
FLATNESS= 1 um
ACCEPTED

PLUG #10 END
FLATNESS=$\$ um
REJECTED FOR
OVERALL QUALITY

PLUG #10 END
FLATNESS= 4 um
ACCEPTED

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Appendix B

Program Listing
O: "CONN.OR LOOP EVALUATION PROGRAM 6-21-79":
1: dim T$[16]
2: "DECISION":ent "WANT CONN EVALUATION ? NO=O,YES=I", P;if P=0;goto "LOOP"
3: gto "START"
4: "FACTOR":
5: ent "DID FACTOR CHANGE ? NO=O,YES=I", L
6: if L=0;ret
7: 0 F
8: ent "LOCK-IN""A"", J
9: ent "LOCK-IN""B"", K
10: ent "DET. CONV.""A"", M
11: ent "DET. CONV.""B"", N
12: KN/JM F
13: fxd 6
14: ret
15: "READ":
16: 0 V;0 R
17: for I=1 to 10
18: red 722,V;V+R R
19: next I;R/10 V;V F
20: ret
21: "START":
22: ent "ENTER CONNECTOR TYPE", T$
23: spc ;prt "CONNECTOR TYPE";spc l;prt T$," TYPE I"," MEASURE LOOP"," CUT"," INSTALL CONN."
24: spc l;prt " TYPE 2"," MEASURE BOTH"," SIDES OF CONN."
25: spc l;prt " INSTALL"," PRETERMINATED"," CONNECTOR";spc 2
26: "normal":
27: ent "ENTER MEASUREMENT TYPE", M;if M=2;goto "other"
28: "normal":
29: prt "ESTABLISH LOOP";spc ;dsp "ESTABLISH 800m LOOP";stp
30: dsp "Ready to meas. WITHOUT Conn.";stp
31: gsb "FACTOR"
32: 0 rl
33: for J=1 to 10
34: gsb "READ"
35: V+rl rl
36: next J;rl/10 A
37: gsb "READ"  
38: next J;rl/10 A
39: p rt "Loop WITHOUT","CONNECTOR",A
40: "another":dsp "INSTALL CONNECTOR";stp
41: dsp "Ready to meas. WITH conn.";stp
42: gsb "FACTOR"
43: gsb "READ"
44: spc l;prt "************", "Loop WITH","Connector",V;spc
45: V B
46: 10log(B/A) C
47: prt "CONNECTOR LOSS","IN dB",C,"************"
48: "reconnect":
49: dsp "CYCLE CONNECTOR";stp
50: dsp "Ready to meas. RECONNECT";stp
51: gsb "FACTOR"
52: gsb "READ"
53: prt "Loop with","RECONNECT",V;spc

B/2
54: V D
55: \(10\log(D/B)\) E
56: \text{prt} "RECONNECT DELTA","IN dB","\text{-----------}\"
57: \text{ent} "RECONNECT AGAIN?", S
58: \text{ent} "WANT TO REESTABLISH LOOP?", R; \text{if} \ R=1 \ \text{and} \ S=0; \text{gto} "\text{start}"
59: \text{if} \ R=0 \ \text{and} \ S=0; \text{gto} "\text{another}"
60: \text{gto} "\text{reconnect1}"
61: "other":
62: \text{dsp} "READY TO TAKE MEASUREMENT M1"; \text{stp}
63: \text{gsb} "\text{FACTOR}"
64: \text{gsb} "\text{READ}"
65: \text{prt} "M1=", V; V A
66: \text{spc} 2
67: \text{dsp} "CUT LOOP & MEASURE M2"; \text{stp}
68: \text{gsb} "\text{FACTOR}"
69: \text{gsb} "\text{READ}"
70: \text{prt} "M2=", V; V B
71: \(10\log(B/A)\) T; T\(^{-1}\) T
72: \text{prt} "L2 \text{IN dB}=", T
73: \text{spc} 2
74: \text{dsp} "SPLICE & MEASURE M3"; \text{stp}
75: \text{gsb} "\text{FACTOR}"
76: \text{gsb} "\text{READ}"
77: \text{prt} "M3=", V; V C
78: \(10\log(C/B)\) U
79: \text{prt} "S3 \text{IN dB}=", U
80: \text{spc} 2
81: \text{dsp} "SPLICE & MEASURE M4"; \text{stp}
82: \text{gsb} "\text{FACTOR}"
83: \text{gsb} "\text{READ}"
84: \text{prt} "M4=", V; V D
85: \(10\log(D/C)\) W
86: \text{prt} "CONNECTOR LOSS \text{IN dB}=", W
87: \text{spc} 2
88: \text{dsp} "SPLICE LOOP"; \text{stp}
89: \text{gsb} "\text{FACTOR}"
90: \text{gsb} "\text{READ}"
91: \text{prt} "M5=", V; V E
92: \(10\log(E/D)\)-T X
93: \text{prt} "S4 \text{IN dB}=", X
94: \text{spc} 2
95: \(10\log(E/A)-(T+X+U)\) Y
96: \text{prt} "TOTAL CONNECTOR LOSS \text{IN dB} =", Y
97: \text{spc} 2
98: "\text{reconnect2}"; \text{dsp} "\text{REPEATABILITY TEST}"; \text{stp}
99: \text{gsb} "\text{FACTOR}"
100: \text{gsb} "\text{READ}"
101: \text{prt} "M6=", V; V G
102: \(10\log(G/E)\) Z
103: \text{prt} "RECONNECT \text{DELTA IN dB}=", Z
104: \text{spc} 2
105: \text{ent} "RECONNECT AGAIN? NO=0, YES-1", S
106: \text{if} \ S=0; \text{gto} "\text{start}"
107:  gto "reconnect2"
108:  "LOOP":
109:  if r5=1;jmp 6
110:  dsp "READY TO MEASURE LED";stp
111:  gsb "FACTOR"
112:  gsb "READ"
113:  V Q
114:  prt "LED TO REFERENCE RATIO=",Q
115:  dsp "SPICE LED TO LOOP ZERO LOCK-IN";1 r5;stp
116:  gsb "FACTOR"
117:  gsb "READ"
118:  V r2
119:  prt "LOOP=",r2
120:  dsp "CUT & MEASURE LED";stp
121:  gsb "FACTOR"
122:  gsb "READ"
123:  V r3
124:  prt "LED=",r3
125:  10log(r2/r3) r4
126:  prt "LOOP ATTENUATION=",r4;spc 2
127:  gto "DECISION"
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