

# FirstFiber



# USER GUIDE

## 980RTC OTDR

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## Safety Warning

### Power Adapter

Input: AC 100V ~ 240V, 50/60Hz; @0.8A

Output: DC 5V, 1A, USB Type-C

Use the power adaptor in strict accordance with the specifications, or it may cause damage to the device.

### Battery

The internal part of the instrument is a lithium battery. In order to give full play to the performance of the battery, when using the instrument for the first time, please use the internal battery to supply power. After the battery runs out, charge the battery then.

The first charging time should not be less than 5 hours. The charging temperature range of the battery in the instrument is -10°C~50°C. When temperature is too high, please stop charging for safety.

When the instrument is idle for more than 3 months, it should be charged in time to maintain the battery power. The temperature range of battery for long-term storage is -20°C~45°C.

Do not take out the battery without permission. Please keep the battery away from the fire source and strong heat; Do not open or damage the battery.

### Laser Safety Instruction

The laser safety level of this instrument is CLASS IIIB, which is harmful to human body. Please pay attention to safety during use.

## Safety Warning

When using this instrument , please avoid looking directly at the laser output port , and do not look directly at the end of the optical fiber when testing; When the instrument is used , please cover the dust cap of the light output port . W hen the visible red light function of the instrument is turned on , please do not look directly at the output port of the red light source or the tail end of the optical fiber connected to the red light output port , so as to avoid eye injury.

**WARNING**

IEC 60825-1:2014

1.Laser dangerous,  
do not direct eye.

2.CLASS III B Laser product  
IEC:60825-1:2014-05

**LASER  
3B**

**LASER RADIATION**  
AVOID EXPOSURE TO BEAM

CE FCC

Recycling symbol

Disposal symbol

## Key Parts

No	Name	Description
1	VFL	Visual Fault Locator Interface
2	OTDR/ LS	OTDR & OLS Interface
3	OPM	Optical Power Meter Interface
4	Display	3 .5 inch screen . Touch Sensitive
5	USB Type-C	5V/ 1A Power Charging & Data Transmission
6	RJ45	RJ45 Cable Sequence & Tracking
7	Indicator Light	<p>ON: Green ,power LED</p> <p>CHR: Power Charging Indicator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Red: on Power Charging</li> <li>- Flash: No Battery Installed</li> </ul> <p>POWER: Green W hen Turned on</p> <p>LS: Red When Light Source is working</p> <p>OTDR: Red When OTDR or RJ45 is Working</p> <p>VFL: Red When Visual Fault Locator is Working</p> <p>OPM: Red When Optical Power Meter is working</p>
8	Physical Buttons	<p> Power on/off Button</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long Press: Turn off/off the Instrument</li> <li>- Short Press: Turn on/of LED Light</li> </ul>



## Key Parts

No.	Name	Description
8	Physical Buttons	 Return Button . Used to Return to the Previous menu  Direction Navigation & Confirmation Buttons . Used to switch Menu Focus and Adjust Input Content . <b>【M】</b> Manual testing mode, using user set parameters for testing <b>【A】</b> Automatic testing mode, where the instrument matches the most suitable parameters for testing based on the actual fiber loss situation
9	Screen Shot	On the drop-down menu in the upper right corner, Press  , can complete screenshot any interface.
10	System Update	SHIFT+ Power on/off . Put Upgrade File that You Got from Manufacturer Into SD Card or Instrument Memory through USB cable . Press and Hold SHIFT Button and then Press Power on Button after the Instrument is turned on . The upgrade will Automatically run in 2 seconds .



**【M】** +  → Upgrading system

**【M】** / **【A】** →  
 Press in short time: Auto Test  
 Press in long time: Average Test

## Booting up your New Instrument

### Turn on the instrument

Press **[POWER]** button to start the instrument . The instrument will go into welcome page . Then after around 2 seconds , it will arrive the main page with all functions .

### Turn on or off LED light

After the instrument was turned on , press [ Power] to turn on LED light or turn off LED light . LED Light is at back of the instrument .

### Turn off the instrument

Long press **[POWER]** button to turn off the instrument .

### Enter a particular function

Use **[Navigation]** Button to select the function you are going to enter. and press **[OK]** button to enter the selected button . When first function is selected , only **[RIGHT]** and **[DOWN]** navigation buttons are allowed to operating . **[LEFT]** and **[UP]** buttons are prohibited . When last function is selected , only **[LEFT]** and **[UP]** buttons are allowed to operating . **[RIGHT]** and **[DOWN]** buttons are prohibited .

### Exit from a particular function

After you entered a particular function , press **[ESC]** to exit from the function and come back to main page .



Main Page

## System Setting

By [Navigation] to select System , press [OK] button to enter the function .

### Language Selection

Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select Language , then press [OK] button to call out Languages Menu . Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select target language .

### Auto Power off

Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select Auto Power off , then press [OK] button to call out Power off Menu . Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select target auto- power-off time .

### Beep

Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select Beep , then press [OK] button to turn on or off beep sound .

### USB Connection

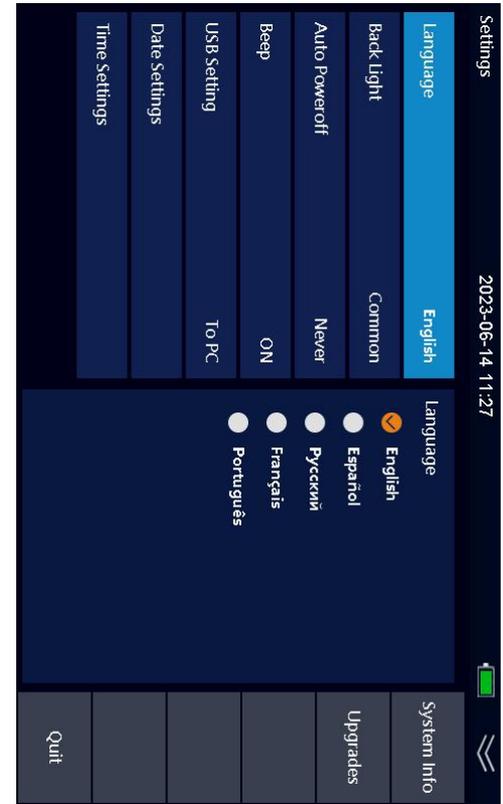
Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select Beep , then press [OK] button to turn on or off beep sound .

### Touch Screen

Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select Touch Screen , then press [OK] button to turn on or off touch screen .

### Date & Time

Press [UP] or [DOWN] button to select Touch Screen , then press [OK] button to set date & time .



System

## OTDR Setting

By **[Navigation]** to select OTDR , press **[OK]** button to enter the function . Before you start testing a fiber, please complete setting work . Press **[LEFT]** or **[RIGHT]** button to select setting menu , then press **[OK]** button to enter into setting .

### Wavelength

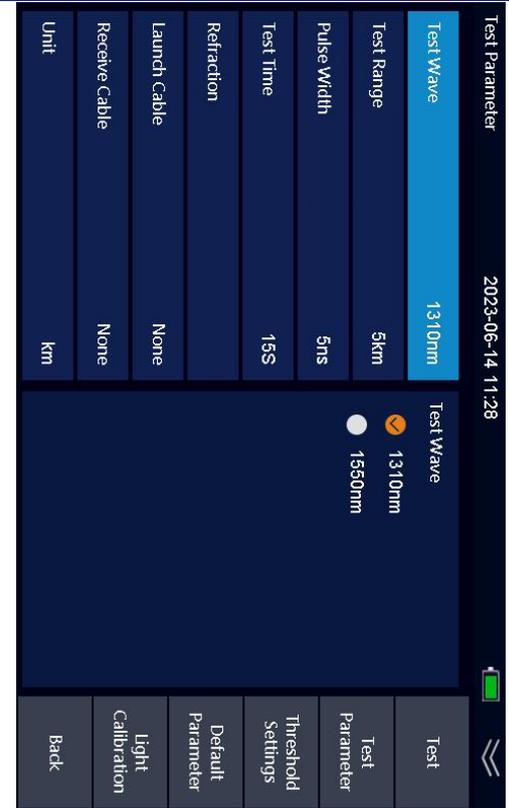
Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Wavelength , then press **[OK]** button to call out Wavelength Menu . Press **[ UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select target 1310nm , 1550nm , 1610nm , 1625nm , 1650nm . Different model number is with different wavelengths available .

### Test Mode

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Test Mode , then press **[OK]** button to select Auto or Manual .

#### *What is different between Auto and Manual mode?*

Auto mode: The instrument will automatically set the most appropriate parameters for the current measurement , and the measurement range and pulse width selected values cannot be modified at this time .  
Manual mode: The range and pulse width can be set manually.



OTDR Testing Parameter

## OTDR Setting

### Test Range

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Test Range , then press **[OK]** button to select target Test Range . The optional test range is 100m/ 500m/ 2 km/ 5 km/ 10km/ 20km/ 40km/ 60km/ 90km .

### Pulse Width

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Pulse Width , then press **[OK]** button to call out Pulse Width Menu . Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select target Pulse Width . The optional pulse width is 5ns/ 10ns/ 20ns/ 50ns/ 100ns/ 200ns/ 500ns/1 us/ 2 us/ 5 us/ 10us/ 20us .

### Test Time

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Test Range , then press **[OK]** button to select target Test Time .

### Refraction

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Refraction , then press **[OK]** button to enter Refraction Value setting . Input refraction value .

### Event Threshold

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Event Threshold , then press **[OK]** button to enter Event Threshold setting . Input event threshold value .

### End Loss Threshold

Press **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button to select Event Threshold , then press **[OK]** button to enter Event Threshold setting . Input event threshold value .

### Default

Press **[SHIFT]** button to change operation area from top menu to bottom menu , then press **[OK]** button to confirm if you are going to change all settings above to be back to factory default setting .

## OTDR Setting

### Light Calibration

Press **[RIGHT]** button to select Light Cal menu , then press **[OK]** to confirm light calibration .

### Back

Press **[ESC]** button to select Back Menu , then press **[OK]** to come back OTDR . You can also use **[ESC]** button to process the same operation .

## Before OTDR Testing

### Fiber preparation

The Smart OTDR works on any single mode fibers , but it does not work for multi mode fibers . The single mode fiber means it is with 9 um core . The multi mode fiber means it is with 62 .5 um or 50um core . And because of OTDR testing theory, please be sure the fiber is not very short , at least 3 meters , and not greater than 90km.

### Fiber Connector

There are two kinds of fiber connector, one is APC with 8° angle , the other is UPC ( PC) horizontal angle .Users are not allowed to change between them . The OTDR port is installed with SC connector in factory default .If users want to change SC connector to FC connector, it is allowed . Unscrew SC connector and pull it out in vertical direction . Then screw FC connector into OTDR port . Please check if the key on FC connector locked into slot exactly in OTDR port .

### Connector Cleaning

Please use connector cleaner to clean OTDR port and fiber connector. Please take off entire dusty cap on the tip of cleaner when you clean OTDR port . W hen you clean fiber connector, just take off top half dusty cap on cleaner tip .

## Start your First OTDR Testing

### Start OTDR Testing

After the cleaning work done , you can plug fiber connector into OTDR port . Press **[TEST]** button in short time to begin Auto Test . Press and hold **[TEST]** button over 2 seconds to process Average Test with the value in setting . In the OTDR testing page , top part is current testing parameters for quick view,

Name	Description
WL	Wavelength . It is for current test only
PW	Pulse width . It is for current test only
Y	Vertical axis scale in dB .
A	The position of cursor A in distance & loss at current position
B	The position of cursor B in distance & loss at current position
A-B	Distance between A and B . Loss Value between A and B

Middle part is curve that OTDR created . Press **[LEFT]** or **[RIGHT]** button to move position of Cursor A and Cursor B for curve analysis .  
Bottom part is Event List . All events are listed on a table .



## Start your First OTDR Testing

### Event List

If you can not select event table , press **[SHIFT]** button . Then you can select event column by **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button .

Name	Description
No	Event number from near end to far end
Type	Attenuation event or reflect event
Distance	The distance from first event to current event . Km in unit
Loss	The loss value at current event . dB in unit
Avg.Loss	The average loss/ km from first event to current event
T. Loss	The total loss from first event to current event . dB in unit
Reflect	The reflect signal value . dB in unit

### Move Curve

You can move entire curve to left , right , up or down by **[SHIFT]** button , **[LEFT]** , **[RIGHT]** , **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button . If you can not move curve , press **[SHIFT]** button repeatedly until you can see icon which indicates operation method at top of screen .

### Zoom in or out

You can zoom in or out curve by **[SHIFT]** button , **[LEFT]** , **[RIGHT]** , **[UP]** or **[DOWN]** button . If you can not zoom in or out curve , press **[SHIFT]** button repeatedly until you can see icon which indicates method at top of screen .



## To Operate OTDR Testing Results

To save OTDR Testing Results

After testing done , press **[SHIFT]** button to select setting , then press **[RIGHT]** button to select save menu , and press **[OK]** button . Input a name for the current curve by operating **[LEFT]** or **[RIGHT]** button .

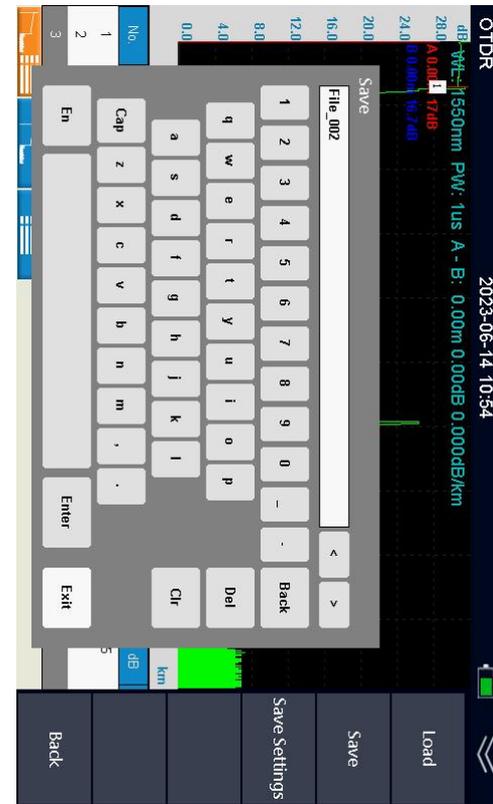
Name	Description
Cap	Change upper and lower letter
Clr	Clear what already input
Back	Delete one letter from right side to left side
<	Move cursor from right to left and then insert a letter
>	Move cursor from left to right and then insert a letter
Quit	Back to OTDR testing and do not save current curve
\ OTDR	To save current curve to the instrument memory
\ SD	To save current curve to external SD card

### Rename File

Using **[SHIFT]** and **[RIGHT]** button to select File menu , then press **[OK]** button to enter file management . Press **[SHIFT]** button and **[DOWN]** button to select a file that you are going to change name . Press **[OK]** to change its name .

### Delete File

Using **[UP]** button and **[DOWN]** button to select a file , then by **[SHIFT]** button and **[RIGHT]** button to select Delete menu , press **[OK]** .



To save testing result

## Start your First Event map Testing

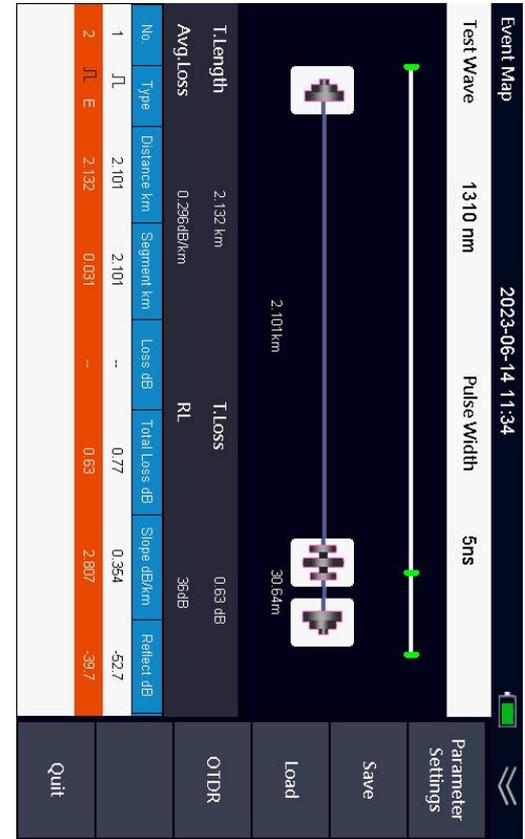
### Event List

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Reflect	The reflect signal value . dB in unit

### View OTDR curve

. If you want to view the OTDR curve, you can press the **[OTDR]** button to enter the OTDR curve display.



## Optical Light Source

### Turn on Light Source

After enter the light source function , select start menu by [LEFT] button and [RIGHT] button . Press [OK] to turn on the light source . Once turned on , laser icon at middle of screen will be changed in red . Once laser source is turned off , the color will be back in gray.

### Change Wavelength

Press [RIGHT] button to select wave menu and press [OK] button to change wavelength . Wavelength is according to model# of the Smart OTDR.

### Change Frequency

Press [RIGHT] button to select Frequency menu and press [OK] button to change frequency. The optional frequency is CW, 270Hz , 330Hz , 1 k Hz , 2kHz.

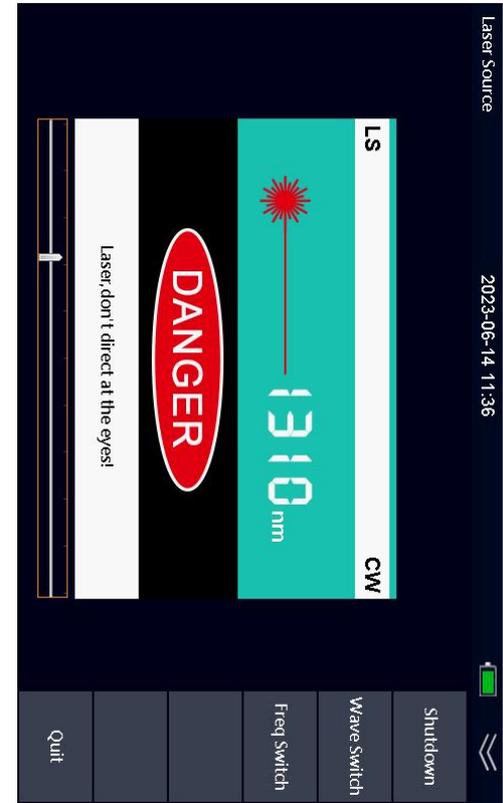
### Quit

Press [RIGHT] button to select Quit menu and press [OK] button to come back main page .

### Warning:

Do not look at light source port .

Laser is not visible , but it is dangerous for human .



Optical Light Source

## Optical Power Meter

### Turn on optical power meter

Once you enter the function , optical power meter is turned on .

### Change Wavelength

By [RIGHT] button to select wave menu , press [OK] button to change wavelength . The optional wavelength is 850nm , 1300nm , 1310nm , 1490nm , 1550nm and 1625nm .

### Set REF

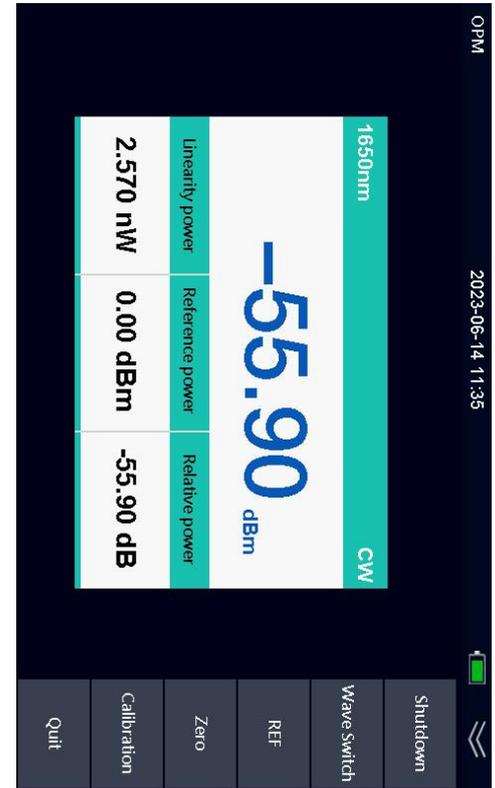
By [RIGHT] button to select REF menu , press [OK] button to set current optical power value to a reference .

### Set Zero

By [RIGHT] button to select Zero menu , press [OK] button to set current optical power value to zero .

### Quit

Press [RIGHT] button to select Quit menu and press [OK] button to come back main page .



Optical Power Meter

## Visual Fault Locator

### VFL Mode

The Visual Fault Locator supports 2 modes . One is CW, the other is 2Hz Flash . Press **[RIGHT]** button to select CW, then press **[OK]** to turn on CW mode . Press **[RIGHT]** button to select 2Hz menu , then press **[OK]** to turn on flash mode at 2Hz frequency.

### Turn off Visual Fault Locator

When you are going to turn off the Visual Fault Locator function , select start menu by **[RIGHT]** button . Press **[OK]** to turn off the visual fault locator. Once turned off , laser icon at middle of screen will be changed in gray. Once laser source is turned on , the color will be back in red .

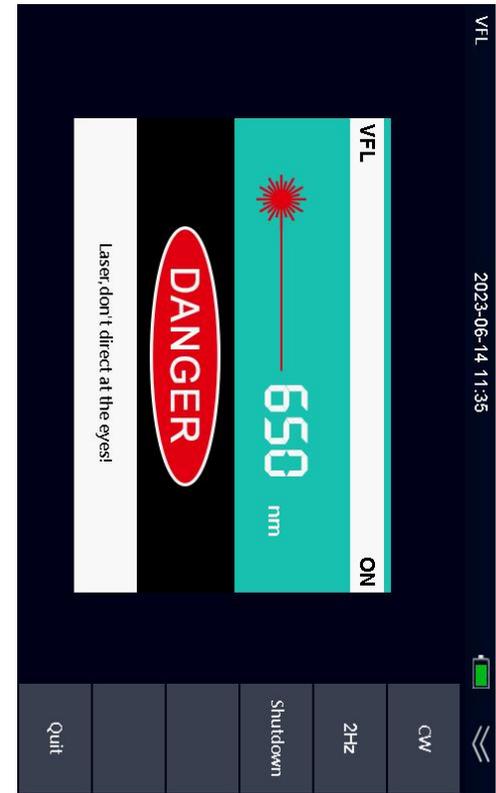
### Quit

Press **[RIGHT]** button to select Quit menu and press **[OK]** button to come back main page .

### Warning:

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Visual Fault Locator

## RJ45 Cable Testing

### Turn on RJ45 cable Testing

After enter the RJ45 testing function , select start menu by **[LEFT]** button and **[RIGHT]** button . Press **[OK]** to turn on the RJ45 testing function .

### RJ45 Cable Sequence Testing

Connect RJ45 cable into the instrument . At bottom of the instrument , there is a block . Take it out from the instrument and plug RJ45 cable into the block . You can see the cable sequence by check port number and LED number. Press **[RIGHT]** button to select T568B menu and press **[OK]** button to change T568B and T568A standard .



RJ45 Cable Testing

### RJ45 Cable Tracking

Press **[RIGHT]** button to select Tracker menu , then press **[OK]** button . The instrument will send signal to RJ45 cable . You can search for RJ45 cable by signal receiver.

### Quit

Press **[RIGHT]** button to select Quit menu and press **[OK]** button to come back main page .

