

# Automatic Extinction Ratio Meter

400-2500nm



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The PERM is a benchtop polarization extinction ratio meter designed for precise measurement of polarization extinction ratio (PER) and polarization angle in polarization-maintaining (PM) fibers, making it ideal for testing PM components and connectors. It supports wavelength ranges from 400 nm to 2500 nm and features a front-panel connection port compatible with FC/PC (narrow- and wide-key), FC/APC (narrow- and wide-key), LC/PC, and SC/PC connectors, with adaptors. Additionally, it has an adaptor option for measuring bare fibers. A push-button operation initiates measurements, displaying PER and misalignment angle, while USB connection enables remote operation and data recording via a user-friendly GUI.

The PERM operates using a rotating polarizer in front of a photodiode detector. The photodiode measures input light intensity as a function of the polarization axis alignment between the rotating polarizer and the input light. A peak optical power is detected when the rotating polarizer aligns with the input polarization axis, while a minimum power is detected when the axes are perpendicular. The ratio of these two values determines the polarization extinction ratio. Unpolarized or circularly polarized light results in a low extinction ratio near 1, indicating minimal linear polarization contrast.

## Features

- Accurate
- 400-2500nm

## Applications

- Photonics Research
- Development Applications
- Manufacturing
- Quality Control
- Quality Assurance

## Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	
Wavelength Range	PERM5	900	1550	1600	nm
	PERM7	400	700	900	
	PERM2	1600	2000	2500	
Maximum Input Power @Peak Wavelength	PERM5	13			dBm
	PERM7	13			
	PERM2	8			
PER Range @Peak Wavelength	PERM5	0 to 40 dB (for +13 dBm to -12 dBm)			
	PERM7	0 to 30 dB (for -12 dBm to -27 dBm)			
		0 to 20 dB (for -27 dBm to -37 dBm)			
	PERM2	0 to 40 dB (for +8 dBm to -12 dBm)			
	0 to 30 dB (for -12 dBm to -27 dBm)				
	0 to 20 dB (for -27 dBm to -37 dBm)				
Polarization Angular Resolution	0.1° (Display), 0.01° (USB)				
PER Resolution	0.1 dB (Display), 0.01 dB (USB)				
PER Accuracy		<0.5		dB	
Accuracy of Polarization Angle		<0.5		°	
Measuring Speed		approx. 10		Hz	
Connector Type	M12 x 0.5 Thread for Exchangeable Adapters: Wide-Key FC/PC, Narrow-Key FC/PC, Wide-Key FC/APC, Narrow-Key FC/APC, LC/PC, SC/PC				
Interface	USB Type B				
AC Input	Universal, 110 V to 220 V, 50/60 Hz				
Power On Warm Up Time	1 min				
Operating Temperature	5		40	°C	
Storage Temperature	-20		40	°C	
Relative Humidity	Max 80% up to 31°C, Decreasing to 50% at 40°C				

\* All technical data are valid at 23 ± 5°C and 45 ± 15% rel. humidity (non condensing)

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## Dimensions

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## Operation Instruction/Manual

- **Selecting a Light Source** For accurate high-PER device testing, a polarization-maintaining (PM) light source with stable and high PER is essential. Many PM fiber laser sources experience PER drift over time, affecting measurement reliability. Agiltron's highly stable PM laser sources provide PER >30 dB, ensuring consistent and precise measurements.
- **Connecting the Light Source to the PERM** The PERM input connector is compatible with FC/PC and FC/APC. For other connector types, use the included adaptors to establish a proper connection.
- **Initiating PER Measurement** Press the Start button to begin measurement. The PER value and angle misalignment relative to the slow axis will be displayed.
- **Measuring a Bare PM Fiber** Mount the Bare Fiber Adaptor and insert the fiber into the PERM. Note: The polarization angle will not be accurate in this configuration.

## Accessories



Bare Fiber Adaptor

\$380

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### Ordering Information

Prefix	Wavelength	Type	Configuration	Bare Fiber Adaptor	Connector	Converter	Adaptor	
PERM-	900-1650 = 5 1600-2500 = 2 400-900 = 7 357-403 = 3 220-350 = 2 Special = 0	AA	1	1	None = 0 Yes = 1	FC/PC/APC = 1 Special = 0	LC/PC = 4 LC/APC = 5 SC/PC = 6	None = N

\* Module contains driver and power supply.