

OPTICAL WAVELENGTH METER

338 Series



Fast and cost-effective wavelength meter for optical transceiver testing.

The 338 Series Optical Wavelength Meter from Bristol Instruments combines speed and affordability to address the most important requirements of optical transceiver manufacturers. The model 338 has a high measurement rate of 25 Hz that results in reduced testing times and greater production throughput. And, its price, along with a five-year warranty, provides a lower cost of ownership compared with comparable systems.

The 338 Optical Wavelength Meter uses proven Michelson interferometer-based technology with fast Fourier transform analysis to measure the wavelength of CW or modulated signals to an accuracy of \pm 1.0 pm. Continuous calibration with a built-in wavelength standard ensures the utmost confidence in the test results.

Operation of the 338 Optical Wavelength Meter is straightforward. A convenient touch-screen display controls the system and displays the wavelength and power measurements in a variety of formats. The data can also be sent to a PC using a library of SCPI commands via USB, Ethernet, or GPIB.

Key Features:

- Fast measurement rate of 25 Hz.
- Wavelength accuracy of ± 1.0 pm.
- Automatic calibration with a built-in wavelength standard.
- Measurement confidence level of ≥ 99.7%.
- Traceable to NIST standards.
- Power measured to an accuracy of ± 0.5 dB.
- Convenient touch-screen display reports measurement data in a variety of formats.
- Interfacing via SCPI using USB, Ethernet, or GPIB.
- Rugged design for manufacturing environments.
- Five-year warranty covers all parts and labor.

| SPECIFICATIONS | 338 Serie |
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| MODEL | 338B |
| OPTICAL SIGNAL | CW and modulated |
| WAVELENGTH | |
| Range | 1270 – 1680 nm (179 – 236 THz) |
| Accuracy 1, 2 | ± 0.65 parts per million (± 1.0 pm at 1550 nm) |
| Repeatability ^{3,4} | ± 0.1 part per million (± 0.15 pm at 1550 nm) |
| Calibration | Continuous - built-in standard HeNe laser |
| Display Resolution | 0.0001 nm |
| Units ⁵ | nm, cm ⁻¹ , THz |
| POWER | |
| Calibration Accuracy | ± 0.5 dB (± 30 nm from 1310 and 1550 nm) |
| Linearity ³ | ± 0.3 dB (1270 – 1600 nm) |
| Polorization Dependence | ± 0.5 dB (1270 – 1600 nm) |
| Display Resolution | 0.01 dB |
| Units | dBm, mW, μW |
| OPTICAL INPUT SIGNAL | |
| Maximum Bandwidth ⁶ | 10 GHz (80 pm at 1550 nm) |
| Sensitivity | -40 dBm (1270 – 1600 nm) |
| Maxiumum Power | + 10 dBm (displayed level), + 18 dBm (safe level) |
| Return Loss | 35 dB (UPC connector), 50 dB (APC connector) |
| MEASUREMENT RATE (TIME) | 25 Hz (0.04 s) |
| MEASUREMENT MODES | Wavelength and power Maximum, minimum, delta (max-min) of wavelength and power over time Current, start, drift (current-start) of wavelength and power over time |
| INPUTS/OUTPUTS | |
| Optical input | 9/125 μm single-mode fiber (FC/UPC or FC/APC) |
| Instrument Interface | Library of commands (SCPI) via USB 2.0, Ethernet, and optional GPIB |
| ENVIRONMENTAL ⁴ | |
| Warm-Up Time | None |
| Temperature Pressure Humidity | +15°C to +30°C (-10°C to +70°C storage) 500 − 900 mm Hg \leq 90% R.H. at + 40°C (no condensation) |
| DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT | 3.5" x 17.0" x 15.0" (89 mm x 432 mm x 381 mm) 17 lbs (7.65 kg) |
| POWER REQUIREMENTS | 90 - 264 VAC, 47 - 63 Hz, 80 VA max |
| WARRANTY | 5 years (parts and labor) |

- (1) Defined as measurement uncertainty, or maximum wavelength error, with a confidence level of \geq 99.7%.
- Traceable to an NIST standard (SRM 2517a).
- Characteristic performance, but non-warranted.
- Standard deviation for a 1 minute measurement period. Long-term measurement variations are $< \pm 0.4$ ppm.
- (5) Data in units of nm and cm⁻¹ are given as vacuum values.
- (6) Bandwidth is FWHM.

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