



The Power of Precision in WDM Wavelength Testing

## OPTICAL WAVELENGTH METER

## 228 Series

### Reliable accuracy gives you greater confidence in your WDM test results.

Bristol Instruments, the leader in wavelength measurement instrumentation, offers a family of optical wavelength meters specifically developed for the precise characterization of WDM lasers. The 228 Series Optical Wavelength Meter uses proven interferometer-based technology to measure the wavelength of CW lasers to the highest accuracy available. This performance is maintained over long periods of time with continuous calibration using a built-in wavelength standard. What's more, features such as short measurement time, straightforward operation, and rugged design satisfy the needs of both the R&D scientist and the manufacturing engineer.



### KEY FEATURES

- Optical wavelength measured to an accuracy as high as  $\pm 0.3$  pm.
- Continuous calibration with a built-in wavelength standard.
- Measurement confidence level of  $\geq 99.7\%$ .
- Traceable to NIST standards.
- Simultaneous measurement of total optical power to an accuracy of  $\pm 0.5$  dB.
- Operation from 700 to 1650 nm.
- Measurement rate of 10 Hz for reduced testing times.
- High sensitivity of -30 dBm (1  $\mu$ W) with automatic electronic gain control.
- Convenient front-panel display reports measurement data in a variety of formats.
- Interfacing via SCPI using USB, Ethernet, or GPIB.
- Rugged design for manufacturing environments.

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# SPECIFICATIONS

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MODEL	228A	228B
<b>OPTICAL SIGNAL</b> <sup>1</sup>	CW only	
<b>WAVELENGTH</b>		
Range	700 – 1650 nm (182 – 429 THz)	
Accuracy <sup>2, 3</sup>	± 0.2 parts per million (± 0.3 pm at 1550 nm)	± 0.65 parts per million (± 1.0 pm at 1550 nm)
Repeatability <sup>4, 5</sup>	± 0.1 part per million (± 0.15 pm at 1550 nm)	± 0.4 parts per million (± 0.6 pm at 1550 nm)
Calibration	Continuous - built-in stabilized single-frequency HeNe laser	Continuous - built-in standard HeNe laser
Display Resolution	0.00001 nm	0.0001 nm
Units <sup>6</sup>	nm, cm <sup>-1</sup> , THz	
<b>POWER</b>		
Calibration Accuracy	± 0.5 dB (± 30 nm from 1310 and 1550 nm)	
Linearity <sup>5</sup>	± 0.3 dB (700 – 1600 nm)	
Polarization Dependence	± 0.5 dB (700 – 1600 nm)	
Display Resolution	0.01 dB	
Units	dBm, mW, μW	
<b>OPTICAL INPUT SIGNAL</b>		
Maximum Bandwidth <sup>7</sup>	1 GHz (8 pm at 1550 nm)	10 GHz (80 pm at 1550 nm)
Sensitivity <sup>5, 8</sup>	1250 – 1650 nm: -30 dBm (1 μW) 1000 nm: -25 dBm (3 μW) 700 nm: -10 dBm (100 μW)	
Maximum Power	+ 10 dBm (displayed level), + 18 dBm (safe level)	
Return Loss	35 dB (UPC connector), 50 dB (APC connector)	
<b>MEASUREMENT RATE (TIME)</b>	10 Hz (0.1 s)	
<b>MEASUREMENT MODES</b>	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	
<b>INPUTS/OUTPUTS</b>		
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	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b> <sup>5</sup>		
Warm-Up Time	< 15 minutes	None
Temperature	+15°C to +30°C (-10°C to +70°C storage)	
Pressure	500 - 900 mm Hg	
Humidity	≤ 90% R.H. at + 40°C (no condensation)	
<b>DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT</b>		
Dimensions (H x W x D)	3.5" x 17.0" x 15.0" (89 mm x 432 mm x 381 mm)	
Weight	17 lbs (7.65 kg)	
<b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>	90 - 264 VAC, 47 - 63 Hz, 80 VA max	

- (1) Maximum amplitude noise of 1%.
- (2) Defined as measurement uncertainty, or maximum wavelength error, using a coverage factor of 3 providing a confidence level of ≥ 99.7%.
- (3) Traceable to an NIST standard (SRM 2517a).
- (4) Maximum measurement-to-measurement variation.
- (5) Characteristic performance, but non-warranted.
- (6) Data in units of nm and cm<sup>-1</sup> are given as vacuum values.
- (7) Bandwidth is FWHM.
- (8) Performance at other wavelengths can be determined from graphs that are available upon request.



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