Patch Cord Test Solution

Fluke Networks' Patch Cord Test Solution gives you a simple, cost-effective way to quickly verify whether a patch cord meets TIA/ISO performance specifications:

- Test patch and equipment cords quickly (6-second Autotest with DTX, 15-second Autotest with DSP).

- Test efficiently and accurately to TIA/ISO Cat 6/5e patch cord test requirements.

- Ensure that patch cord performance meets the performance of the installed link.

- Measure all key patch cord test parameters: wiremap, length, propagation delay, delay skew, NEXT, and Return Loss.

- Count on rugged durability for reliable performance.

Test the weakest link – quickly, easily, and cost-effectively

Strict new TIA requirements and the high data-rate demands of Cat 5e/Class D and Cat 6/Class E cabling systems make testing for patch cord performance more critical than ever. And now it's easy to do – with the DSP/DTX Patch Cord Test Solution from Fluke Networks. Simply plug the rugged, compact adapters into your DTX/DSP Series CableAnalyzer, download the test database, and you've got the high-speed, fully-automated tester you need to meet TIA patch cord test requirements. Reduce bit errors. Increase channel throughput. Improve systems margins. And reduce network downtime. That's what we call a high return on investment; that's Network SuperVision.

Stay on top of new TIA/ISO specs – and maximize network performance

Patch cords are a common but often overlooked drag on network performance. From the start, not all of them are created equal; performance of new patch cords is inconsistent. And most cords are only tested for wiremap not performance – in spite of what may be indicated on the jacket. On the job, they undergo the wear and tear of daily use. Permanent Link testing only shows you the true performance of the installed link, without the cords. And although it's well-known that patch cord quality has a major impact on the Channel, meaningful tests have been costly, complex and time-consuming until now.

Eliminate the risk of using faulty patch cords

As new standards require more sophisticated patch cord testing, simple continuity or wiremap tests don't measure up. With the touch of a key, Fluke Networks' high-speed Patch Cord Test Solution keeps you on top of new technology and TIA requirements, making it easy to:

- Quickly verify whether a patch cord is fully compliant with the new TIA 568B standards.

- Check legacy patch cords to isolate faulty cords that degrade network performance and contribute to network downtime.

- Test patch cords to ensure optimal network performance with greater channel throughput and greater system margin.

- Reduce the error rate of advanced applications that use multiple-pair transmission schemes and bidirectional communication on the same pair(s).

Test patch cords as easily as links

Getting sophisticated TIA-compliant specs from the Patch Cord Test Solution is quick and easy to do. Once the tester has been configured with the patch cord test database and the test adapters are connected to the main and remote test units, simply plug the patch cord into the tester. Select the desired standard in the setup menu. Turn the front panel knob to AUTOTEST–and press the Test key. In a few seconds, you'll know whether the cord meets Cat 5e or Cat 6 performance requirements.

A powerful database

The Patch Cord Test Solution database can be quickly downloaded and easily installed into your Fluke Networks DTX or DSP CableAnalyzer Series tester using LinkWare software. The patch cord test database also supports the main TIA and ISO link and channel test standards. More good news: If you regularly test installed cabling links to the Permanent Link test model or the Channel test model as specified in TIA or ISO standards, there's no need to reconfigure the testers.

Get a unique view into patch cord performance with Fluke Networks' Patch Cord Test Solution.

Sophisticated patch cord testing made simple

Having low-performing patch cords on a high-speed network is like putting shopping-cart wheels on a Corvette: you simply can't get the performance you've paid for. Fluke Networks' Patch Cord Test Solution gives you a fast, cost-effective way to verify whether your patch cords meet new TIA performance specifications–and support high-speed network demands.

Measurement accuracy

The measurement accuracy is computed in accordance with the guidelines in TIA/EIA-568-B.2-1 and IEC 61935-1. Typical accuracy is based on observed performance parameters and is significantly better than Level III requirements. (Excludes variability due to properties of test heads.)
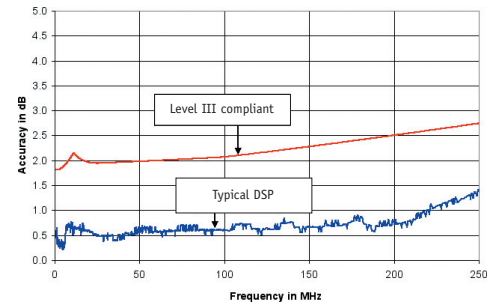
Pair-to-pair NEXT loss measurement accuracy

Return Loss measurement accuracy

Technical Specifications

General specifications
The Patch Cord Test Solution is designed to test TIA Category 5e and 6, and ISO/IEC Category 5 and 6 patch cords. The Patch Cord Test Adapter set contains two adapters: one to be connected to the main unit, the other to be connected to the remote unit. These test adapters meet the category 6 patch cord test head requirements per TIA/EIA-568-B.2-1.

Parameters tested
Wire map to ensure that the wire pairs are properly connected
Propagation delay, length and delay skew
(One way) near-end crosstalk (NEXT), and (one way) return loss

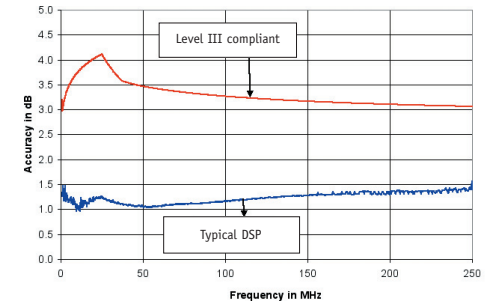| Pass/Fail limits	
The patch cord test database contains pass/fail limits as specified in:	TIA/EIA-568-B.2-1 , Category 5e and 6, and ISO/IEC 11801-2002 Category 5 and 6.
The patch cord test database contains test limits for the following patch cord lengths:	0.5 m, 1 m, 1.5 m, 2 m, 2.5 m, 3 m, 4, 5 m, 7.5 m, 10 m, 15 m and 20 m.

Ordering Information

Model	Description
DTX-PCU6S	**DTX Series UTP Cat 6 Patch Cord Adapter Set** Includes DTX Main adapter (DTX-PCU6S/MN) and DTX Smart Remote Adapter (DTX-PCU6S/SR). The patch cord test standards are available in software versions 1.1 or later.
DSP-PCI-6S	**DSP Patch Cord Test Adapter set** Includes DSP 4000 main unit adapter, DSP 4000 series remote unit adapter, DSP Patch Cord Test database (CD-ROM), and user manual (CD-ROM)
DSP-PCI C6 Jack	Cat 6 patch cord jacks, set of 10
LinkWare	**LinkWare™ Cable Test Management Software** Free download from Fluke Networks' web site at: **www.flukenetworks.com/linkware**

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