

OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS SERIES

User's Guide to the **PROLITE-30B**

Optical Fiber Identifier



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1 Introduction



The **PROLITE-30B** optical fiber identifier is an inexpensive, portable instrument designed to identify optical test tones and live traffic without disconnecting live system. By simply clamping the **PROLITE-30B** onto a fiber, the instrument will indicate if there is a signal, or traffic and show the signal direction. It can detect a variety of optical tones, 270 Hz, 1 kHz and 2 kHz.

The **PROLITE-30B** is recommended for both 0.25 mm bare fiber, 0.9 mm tightly buffered fiber and 2/3 mm jacket fiber. When testing jacket fibers, the slim design of the **PROLITE-30B** allows easier access to a splice tray where the amount of workspace is limited. The clamping trigger is designed to fit the natural motion of the operator's hand. The instrument is ruggedly constructed and reliable to use.

2 Safety Information

Warnings!

- Never look directly into optical outputs or a fiber while the equipment is on. Invisible laser beam may damage your eyes.
- Do not short-circuit the terminal of AC adapter / charger and the batteries. Excessive electrical current may cause personal injury due to fumes, electric shock or equipment damage.
- Connect AC power cord with the equipment and wall socket properly. While inserting the AC plug, make sure there is no dust or dirt on the terminals and both plugs are fully seated. Incomplete engagement may cause fuming, electric shock or equipment damage and may result in personal injury.
- Do not operate the equipment near hot objects, in hot environments, in dusty/ humid atmosphere or when condensation is present on the equipment. This may result in electric shock, product malfunction or poor performance.

3 Preparing for Operation

3.1 Unpacking the instrument

Packing material

We suggest that you keep the original packing material. Using the original packing material is your guarantee of protecting the instrument during transit.

Checking the package contents

The standard accessories of **PROLITE-30B** are as follows:

- Main unit
- Plungers
- Carrying Case
- User's Guide
- 2x 1.5 V Alkaline Batteries

Checking for damage in transit

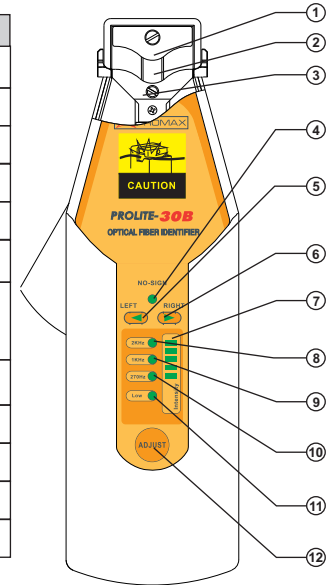
After unpacking the instrument, check to see whether it was damaged in transit. This is particularly likely if the outer casing is clearly damaged. If there is damage, do not attempt to operate the instrument or to repair it without authorization. Doing so can cause further damage and you may lose your warranty qualification.

4 Operation

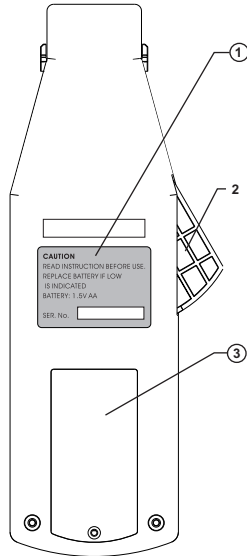
4.1 Controls and connectors

4.1.1 Front (Panel Board)

No.	Key / Indicator	Description
1	Plunger	Three available types: H0.25 mm, H0.9 mm, H3.0 mm.
2	Fiber Groove	A slot to place tested fiber.
3	PD Headstock	
4	No Signal Indicator	Lights up if there is not a signal in tested fiber.
5	Left Traffic Indicator	Lights up if the signal in tested fiber is from right to left.
6	Right Traffic Indicator	Lights up if the signal in tested fiber is from left to right.
7	Signal Intensity Indicator	To show the signal intensity level. The higher, the stronger.
8	2 kHz Indicator	Lights up if the wave frequency is 2 kHz.
9	1 kHz Indicator	Lights up if the wave frequency is 1 kHz.
10	270 Hz Indicator	Lights up if the wave frequency is 270 Hz.
11	Low Battery Indicator	Lights up when there is not enough power.
12	Adjusting Key	Self-calibrates.



4.1.2 Back & Side



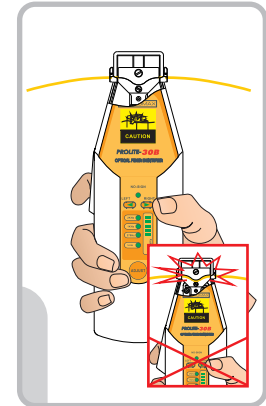
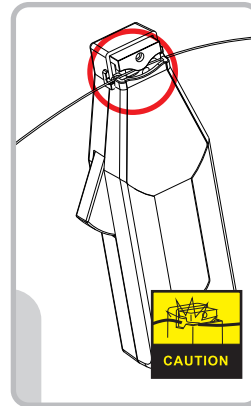
1	Serial Number
2	Clamping Trigger
3	Battery Plate

4.2 Powering on the instrument

Gently insert the tested fiber into the groove at the top of instrument. Pull the clamping trigger slowly to depress the fiber against the optical assembly. The instrument powers on when the detector plunger has closed and the fiber is in the appropriate position.

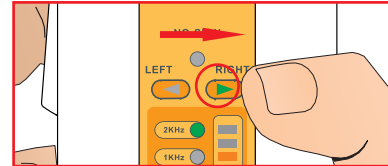
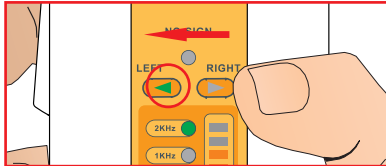
Note:

Please be careful while placing the fiber in the provided slot. Force the fiber into the headstock. Misaligning the fiber may induce optical losses above what the specification demonstrates.

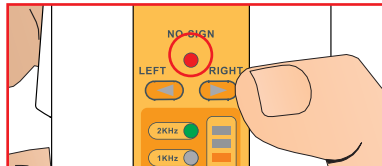


4.3 Traffic detecting

If the tested fiber is carrying signal, a Traffic Indicator illuminates to show the direction, left or right.



When no signal is present or the signal to be tested is too weak for the instrument to detect, the No Signal Indicator illuminates.

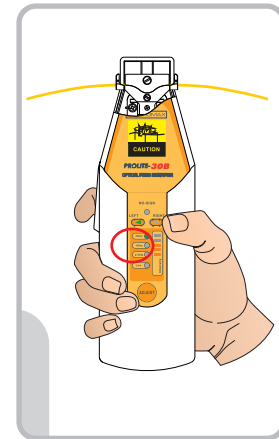


5.4 Frequency detecting

If the tested fiber is carrying 2 kHz, 1 kHz or 270 Hz modulated wave, the respective modulation indicator illuminates and the instrument makes a buzzing sound.

Note:

The instrument may not recognize the frequency correctly if the signal is too weak or the frequency is not stable.



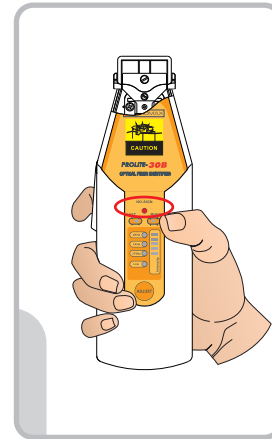
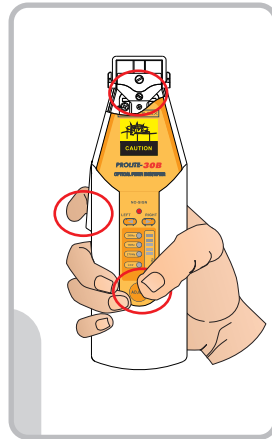
5.5 Signal intensity

The signal intensity indicator on the panel board lights up to tell you how strong the signal is. There are 5 LEDs aligning in a line. More of them illuminate meaning the signal is stronger.



5.6 Self-calibrating

The instrument may need a little adjustment after long-term disuse or a sudden change of the environment such as temperature or light variation. Change the plunger to the H0.25 type, pull the clamping trigger, then press the "Adjust" key shortly to start the self-calibration which lasts about 10-30 seconds. When it finishes, the instrument makes a buzzing sound and the "No Signal" Indicator blinks.



5 Specifications

Optical Specifications

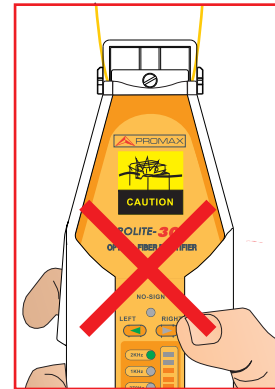
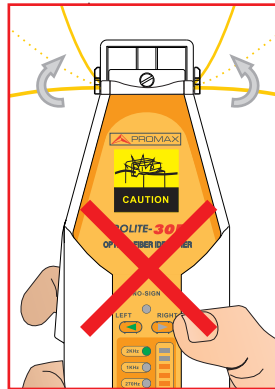
Model	PROLITE-30B
Recognizable Wavelength Range	900 nm - 1650 nm
Recognizable Signal Type	CW, 270 Hz $\pm 5\%$, 1 kHz $\pm 5\%$, 2 kHz $\pm 5\%$
Detector Type	InGaAs
Available Plunger	H 0.25 for bare fibers H 0.9 for tightly buffered fibers H3.0 for jacket fibers
Detecting Sensitivity	≤ -50 dBm
Power	2 x 1.5 V AA batteries

Sensitivity (Minimum recognizable optical power intensity in the fiber)	1310 nm (typical)	1550 nm (typical)
Continuous Wave	-20 dBm	-30 dBm
2 kHz Modulated Wave Detection	-10 dBm	-18 dBm
1 kHz Modulated Wave Detection	-10 dBm	-18 dBm
270 Hz Modulated Wave Detection	-10 dBm	-18 dBm

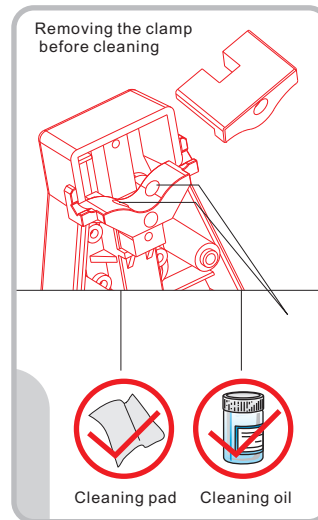
Operation Temperature	-10 °C ~ +50 °C
Storage Temperature	-20 °C ~ +70 °C
Size (HxWxD)	3.6 cm x 6.2 cm x 20.2 cm
Weight	0.27 kg

6 Maintenance

1. All the specifications of **PROLITE-30B** series are tested with cleaned Corning SMF-28TM/SMF-D pure non-dispersion coated fiber. The testing performance will be affected when using different brands or types of fibers with various coating color.
2. Please do not bend the fiber excessively; which may lead to misjudgment on traffic or even breaking the fiber.



3. Keep the optical receiver clean and use cleaning oil when testing bare fiber to achieve the best performance.
4. To clean the optical assembly, remove the clamp and gently clean the prism and optical windows using cleaning pads and cleaning oil. Do not immerse the plunger assembly in alcohol.





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