Optical Spectrum Analyzer
MS9740B
Overview

Reduce the measurement processing times by up to half compared to the earlier model while assuring high performance and complete test menus brings higher-efficiency inspection of active optical devices.

Reduce the manufacturing costs is a key issue for makers of active optical devices. Measuring instruments for device evaluation are expected to increase productivity by shortening inspection times. The Optical Spectrum Analyzer MS9740B reduces the total time from waveform sweeping to data transfer to external control equipment and supports simple analysis procedures, offering excellent cost performance and better productivity.

- Wavelength sweeping time <0.35s *1
- Maximum wavelength sweeping time <0.2s *2
- Dynamic range performance ≥58 dB
- 30 pm minimum resolution
- –90 dBm minimum light-reception sensitivity

*1: Reference value. Reduce the sweep time by 50% compared to previous models. VBW: 1kHz_Fast, Resolution: 0.1nm, Sweep Width: 30nm, Sampling point: 1,001
*2: VBW: 10kHz, Resolution: 0.1nm, Sweep Width: 5nm, Sampling point: 501
Key Features (1/2)

- Reduce the measurement time by 50% for better production efficiency at required active optical device evaluation.

GPIB Interface
SMSR meas. (DFB Light source)
VBW: 1kHz_Fast (MS9740B)
1kHz (MS9740A)
Resolution: 0.1nm
Sweep Width: 30nm
Sampling Point: 1001

MS9740B is not only maintains more than 45dB dynamic range, but also supports reduce the measurement time by 50%, helping improve user productivity even more.
Key Features (2/2)

- **Easy Operation:**
  When a mouse is connected, the familiar Windows GUI makes menu selection and parameter setting an easy and convenient alternative to setting using panel keys.

- **Internal Memory Function:**
  Up to 1000 files can be saved to internal memory.

- **Full Range of Interfaces:**
  Supports Ethernet (TCP/IP) and GPIB (option) interfaces

- **Supports SM and MM Fibers**

- **Large 8.4-inch LCD**

- **Lightweight:**
  Weighing in at under 15 kg, the MS9740B is the world’s lightest benchtop spectrum analyzer.
Nine Application Modes

At evaluation of LD characteristics, analysis items and methods can be tailored to the spectrum, such as a single DFB-LD spectrum, multiple discrete-wavelength FP-LD, wideband LED, etc. The MS9740B has seven modes (DFB-LD, FP-LD, LED, PMD, Opt Amp, Opt Amp (Multi-Channel), WDM, WDM Filter, LD Module) matching the measurement target.

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Dedicated applications for evaluating active optical devices

Supports SM and MM fibers
**Example of Optical Transceiver Measurement (2/3)**

*Displays all analysis results required for active optical device on one screen.*

This application measures test items, such as center wavelength, optical level, OSNR, etc., required for LD module tests, and displays the results on one screen.

- **LD-Module Test Items**
  - Center wavelength, level
  - OSNR (actual measured value)
  - OSNR (noise level per nm)
  - SMSR
  - Spectrum width
Example of Optical Transceiver Measurement (3/3)

Regardless of whether the spectrum is DFB-LD or FP-LD, the MS9740B analyzes basic optical module items on one screen. And it supports batch transmission of these results via remote control.
Passive Optical Device Measurement (1/3)

Wide dynamic range and high-resolution support for passive optical device evaluation

- Dynamic range performance $\geq 58$ dB ($\pm 0.4$ nm from peak wavelength)
- 30 pm minimum resolution
- $-90$ dBm minimum light-reception sensitivity

The MS9740B supports signal evaluation with wide dynamic range and high-resolution, such as measurement of narrow-band filters and OSNR analysis of WDM signals.
Passive Optical Device Measurement (2/3)

**OPBF Loss characteristics evaluation**

Trace A:
Capture base waveform with wideband light source

Trace B:
Capture filter characteristics waveform

Trace C:
Analyze loss characteristics with Trace A and B difference
Up to 10 waveforms displayed on one screen saved in one file

The MS9740B has a large waveform memory for saving up to 10 waveforms and a wavelength difference calculation function, making it easy to evaluate devices such as optical switches.

- Display up to 10 waveforms on one screen
- Save 10 analyzed waveforms in one file
- Save up to 1,000 files to internal memory

Save 10,000 waveforms to internal memory
Optical Bandpass Filter Measurement Solution (1/2)

Transmittance Evaluation

Batch Measurement of Optical Bandpass Filter Transmittance

The WDM Filter analysis function supports efficient evaluation of optical bandpass filter transmittance characteristics.

WDM Filter Function Measurements

- Signal Level
- Peak Signal No.
- Signal Wavelength
- Spacing (Wavelength)
- Pass Band
- Ripple
Optical Bandpass Filter Measurement Solution (2/2)

**Insertion Loss Evaluation**

- evaluated by finding the difference in the measured results when the filter (DUT) is inserted and not inserted
- Filter Insertion Loss Analysis using Trace Mode

![Filter Analysis by Waveform Difference Comparison](image1)

![Multi-waveform trace](image2)
WDM Signal Analysis (1/2)

Wide dynamic range and high-resolution support WDM signal measurements at 100 GHz or 50 GHz intervals with margin

- Dynamic range performance $\geq 58$ dB ($\pm 0.4$ nm from peak wavelength)
- 30 pm minimum resolution
Simultaneous spectrum analysis of multiple waveforms

Up to 300 channels can be analyzed and information required for WDM signal analysis, such as center wavelength, level, SNR, etc., is displayed on one screen.
EDFA Analysis (1/2)

The MS9740B calculates the gain and NF automatically from the optical input and output to the optical fiber amplifier.

- Pulse Method
- Spectrum Division Method
- PLZN Nulling Method

Pout output waveform after amplification

Pin output waveform before amplification
EDFA Analysis (2/2)

- Support to Opt. Amp (Multi-channel) for WDM signals and the latest IEC standards.
  - The IEC-recommended ISS (Interpolated Source Subtraction) method is supported for gain and ASE analysis
  - a mode for automatically detecting the noise position is also provided.
  - The Gain Variation and the Output Slope analysis are also supported within the same application.
Optical Level Variation Evaluation

The Min Hold and Max Hold functions are convenient for measuring long-term variation in optical level. It displays real-time maximum and minimum levels on-screen.
Easy Optical Fiber Connection

- Supports SM and MM fibers
  - One MS9740B unit supports measurement of both SM and MM fibers. Moreover, fiber light-reception is used for optical input. Backscatter attenuation of $<35$ dB (1300 nm/1550 nm) assures accurate DUT backscatter measurement.
Transfer Data to External PC Controller

- **Batch transmission of analyzed data**
  - For example, center wavelength, optical level and OSNR analyzed by the LD-Module application can be transferred as a batch to the external PC controller, supporting easy data management.

- **Transfer BMP and PNG image files**
  - Screen image (BMP, PNG) data captured by the MS9740B can be transferred to the external PC controller. This is convenient when saving screen images separately from binary data.
Remote Tool Package

- **MS9740B Remote Tool Package**
  - The Remote Tools Package includes the quick-start guide, sample programs, C# class library, and LabVIEW Driver.
  - This package can be downloaded from the Anritsu site.
    - Sample Programs: MS9740B control program created using Visual Basic
    - C# Class Library: DLL using NET framework
    - LabVIEW Driver: NI LabVIEW 7.1 driver

Note:
When controlling the MS9740B remotely using the Ethernet port, a VISA*1 driver must be installed in the PC controller. We recommend using NI-VISA™*2 from National Instruments™ (NI hereafter) as the VISA driver.
More detail information of NI-VISA™ usage, please refer to the MS9740B product brochure.

Glossary of Terms:
*1: VISA: Virtual Instrument Software Architecture
  I/O software specification for remote control of measuring instruments using interfaces such as GPIB, Ethernet, USB, etc.
*2: NI-VISA™
  World de facto standard I/O software interface developed by NI and standardized by the VXI Plug&Play Alliance.

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Wavelength Calibration Function

Wavelength accuracy of ±20 pm is assured by calibrating the wavelength using the Light Source for Wavelength Calibration (Opt-002). In addition, the MS9740B has a function for automatically calibrating wavelength if the ambient temperature and pressure change, based on the first calibration data.

[Auto align and calibration procedure]

One Step Operation

Auto Align  Auto  WL. Cal.

With internal MS9740B-002 Opt.

* No External Light Source

Calibration Complete

- **Auto Alignment** (for level accuracy and dynamic range)
- **Wavelength Accuracy** (±20 pm: 1520 nm to 1620 nm)
Weighing in at under 15 kg, the MS9740B is the world’s lightest benchtop spectrum analyzer.

Consuming under 75 VA, or less than half its predecessors, it’s also eco-friendly too. And not only does it save power, it’s quiet as well, making it the ideal benchtop companion.