

3M Achieves Verizon Certification to Test PFOC Products

AUSTIN, Texas – September 1, 2005 – The 3M Communication Markets Division laboratory has achieved Verizon accreditation for independent Passive Fiber Optic Component (PFOC) testing through Telcordia Technologies. The accreditation allows 3M labs to test and certify PFOC products from 3M to ensure that they meet Verizon and industry standards. 3M is certified by Verizon to test GR-326 connectors, GR-2866 fanouts and GR-771 closures and terminals used to deploy its Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) networks.

The accreditation gives 3M the ability to test PFOC products in-house, with third-party oversight. The accreditation speeds up delivery time because 3M is not required to send new products to an outside lab for testing. 3M took part in a comprehensive Verizon audit, which covered documentation, quality systems, test system capabilities and capability of personnel performing the PFOC programs.

“This certification gives our customers the peace of mind that they are receiving a quality product,” said Thomas Bludau, manager, 3M FTTP and Network Accessories. “Our investment in equipment required for the accreditation is a testimony to 3M’s commitment to meeting the needs of our customers and helping them build reliable, sturdy, fiber-optic networks.”

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