
Subject: Low cost but effective Ribbon Cable Tester
Posted by [JeffH](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 00:48:17 GMT
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Anyone ever find one?

THanks,

Jeff

Subject: Re: Low cost but effective Ribbon Cable Tester
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 05:20:23 GMT
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If you're handy with a soldering iron.... a battery, an LED and a little wire. Add a pin male header if you want to get fancy later. Obviously don't do this with the header on an EDS card, since we're talking voltage here. Match the rating of the LED with the battery. Go pin for pin to check continuity down each wire, IE Pin 1 on ribbon header needs to match the Pin 1 on the other ribbon header. In this way you use the ribbon cable/headers to complete the circuit to the LED.
Capiche?

AA

"Jeff Hoover" <jkhoover@excite.com> wrote in message news:48d6ef20@linux...
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> Jeff

Subject: Re: Low cost but effective Ribbon Cable Tester
Posted by [JeffH](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 05:45:19 GMT
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JH

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Subject: Re: Low cost but effective Ribbon Cable Tester
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 05:54:43 GMT

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<http://www.radioshack.com/product/index.jsp?productId=2999093&cp=&sr=1&kw=analog+meter&y=10&x=21&pg=1&searchSort=TRUE&s=A-StorePrice-RSK&origkw=analog+meter&retainProdsInSession=1&parentPage=search>

Then get the prebuilt version :)

AA

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Posted by [steve the artguy](#) on Tue, 23 Sep 2008 02:10:54 GMT
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Jeff Hoover <jkhoover@excite.com> wrote:
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> Thanks,
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Jeff-

Not that you didn't know this, but...

If you have any kind of circuit continuity tester around, you can just try the wires in the cable one by one. Not elegant, but it works..

No soldering required! And as a bonus, it will tell you if the line passes partial current as well as if it passes all or none.

-steve

Subject: Re: Low cost but effective Ribbon Cable Tester
Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Fri, 26 Sep 2008 23:14:06 GMT
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why don't you get a cheapo meter from wal mart? under \$10 will get more than

what you need. I picked one up a couple years ago to pack on my goldwing for trips.

I didn't want to pack one of the fluke meters.

at least you will get a reading instead of guessing what LED brightness is zero.

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