

High-efficiency fiber optic couplers

Article Overview

High-performance fiber optic couplers provide precise, low-loss connections for single-mode, multimode, and polarization-maintaining fibers, optimized for high-speed, high-power, and broadband applications.

Types and Fabrication Methods

1. Fusion Couplers:

- Made by melting twisted fiber sections.
- Offer lowest insertion loss (~ 0.3 dB) and high power handling up to 100 W.
- Limited wavelength bandwidth (± 40 nm) and polarization extinction ratio below 23 dB.
- Ideal for applications requiring minimal signal loss and high thermal tolerance (up to 300°C) .

2. Micro-Optic Couplers:

- Constructed by coupling two lensed fiber collimators with an optical element.
- Provide ultra-broad bandwidth (± 200 nm), high polarization extinction ratio (> 30 dB), and excellent thermal stability.

• Allow integration of filters and polarizers, suitable for advanced optical systems, though at higher cost .

3. Planar Lightwave Circuit (PLC) Couplers:

- Fabricated using photolithography and etching.
- Compact, cost-effective, and suitable for high fiber counts.
- Offer broad bandwidth (± 200 nm) but higher coupling loss and lower power handling due to epoxy-based light paths.
- Typically feature fixed splitting ratios, with custom ratios available at higher setup costs

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