

Optical Splitter and Splitting Method



Article Overview

An optical splitter can split a single input light signal into two or more output signals, distributing optical power among multiple fibers for efficient network sharing.

How Optical Splitters Work

An optical splitter is a passive optical device that divides an incident light beam into multiple beams or, conversely, combines multiple beams into one. In fiber optic networks, this is achieved by fusing and tapering fibers together or using planar lightwave circuit (PLC) technology, creating a region where light is coupled and redistributed among output fibers. The splitting process does not require any external power source, making it ideal for Passive Optical Networks (PONs).

Split Ratios and Signal Distribution

The split ratio defines how the input optical power is divided among the outputs. For example, a 1:4 splitter divides the input signal into four equal parts, each carrying one-fourth of the original power. Higher split ratios, such as 1:32 or 1:64, allow a single optical line to serve many users but increase insertion loss, which reduces the signal strength at each output. Splitters can be designed for uniform or proportional distribution depending on network requirements.

Types of Optical Splitters

- PLC (Planar Lightwave Circuit) Splitters: Manufactured using photolithography on a planar substrate, these splitters provide highly uniform output and are suitable for large splits like 1:32 or 1:64

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In the realm of optical communication networks, the optical splitter serves a vital role in dividing and distributing optical signals

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Centralized – A centralized split has one or more splitters together at a centralized location. A key additional definition is a centralized

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A challenge in this context is the miniaturization of the optical components and their integration into the microfluidic

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