

What is the insertion loss of an optical splitter



Article Overview

Insertion loss of an optical splitter is the reduction in optical power at each output port relative to the input, typically measured in dB, and includes both splitting loss and excess loss.

Definition and Calculation

Insertion loss (IL) quantifies how much weaker the optical signal becomes after passing through a splitter. It is expressed as: $IL = -10 \times \log_{10}(P_{out} / P_{in})$ where P_{out} is the optical power at a single output port and P_{in} is the input power. This value includes the splitting loss (theoretical loss due to dividing the signal among multiple outputs) and excess loss (additional loss from imperfections like core misalignment, fusion splices, or coupler defects). For example, a 1×8 splitter with an insertion loss of ~10.5 dB reduces a 0 dBm input signal to -10.5 dBm at each output port, meaning each output carries less than a tenth of the original power.

Factors Affecting Insertion Loss

- Split Ratio: The number of output ports directly affects IL. Doubling the outputs increases theoretical loss by approximately 3 dB. For instance, a 1×2 splitter has ~3 dB loss, 1×4 ~6 dB, and 1×8 ~9 dB, plus any excess loss.
- Splitter Type:
 - FBT (Fused Biconical Taper): Low-cost, suitable for small splits (1:2, 1:4), but higher loss at large split ratios and more sensitive to wavelength variations.
 - PLC (Planar Lightwave Circuit): Provides uniform, low-loss performance for large s...

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Optical splitters, including FBT (Fused Biconical Taper) couplers and PLC (Planar Lightwave Circuit) splitters, are

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