

Comparison of Low Loss and Performance of FBT Couplers



Article Overview

FBT couplers offer low insertion loss for small split ratios and cost-effective solutions, while PLC splitters provide superior uniformity, high split ratio scalability, and wavelength stability for larger networks.

Insertion Loss and Low-Loss Performance

FBT couplers typically exhibit lower inherent insertion loss for basic configurations. For example, a 1x2 FBT splitter achieves around 3.2–3.8 dB, and a 1x8 splitter around 7.2–7.8 dB. However, when multiple FBT units are cascaded to achieve higher split ratios (e.g., 1x32 via four 1x8 splitters), the total insertion loss can increase significantly to 16–18 dB due to compounded excess loss from interconnections (). FBT couplers are therefore most effective in low-ratio splits (1x2, 1x4) and short-distance or small-capacity networks (). PLC splitters, in contrast, maintain consistent low insertion loss across a wide range of split ratios, including high splits like 1x32 or 1x64. Their planar waveguide design ensures uniform light distribution and minimal excess loss, making them ideal for large-scale deployments and high-density PON networks (). PLC splitters also support a broad wavelength range (1260–1650 nm), ensuring stable performance across multiple telecom wavelengths ().

Performance Characteristics

- **Uniformity:** FBT couplers can show variability between units due to their hand-crafted manufacturing process, whereas PLC splitters provide highly uniform output...

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The PLC splitters from Hiphotonics are distinguished by their compact design, high reliability, and low insertion loss. Meanwhile, the

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The proven FBT technology base has been utilized to optimize specific device parameters, reflected in the specific product

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