Primary Spectrometer Splitter

Article Overview

A primary spectrometer splitter is an optical device that divides a light beam into separate paths, allowing simultaneous measurement of a sample and a reference for improved accuracy.

Function in Spectrophotometers

In split-beam spectrophotometers, the primary spectrometer splitter is a beam splitter that divides the light from the source into two paths: one passing through the sample and the other through a reference. This simultaneous measurement reduces errors caused by fluctuations in the light source and enhances the stability and accuracy of absorbance readings . The detector then compares the intensities of the two beams to calculate the sample's absorbance.

Design and Types

Beam splitters can be designed in several ways:

• Cube beam splitters: Made from two triangular prisms glued together, often with a resin layer that adjusts the split ratio for a specific wavelength .
• Plate beam splitters: Thin optical plates that reflect part of the light and transmit the rest .
• Polarizing beam splitters: Use birefringent materials to separate light into orthogonal polarization states .
• Half-silvered mirrors: Glass or plastic substrates coated with a partially reflective metal layer, commonly aluminum . The choice of splitter depends on the required s...

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Beam Splitters – optical power splitter, beamsplitter, thin

A beam splitter is an optical component used for splitting light into two separate beams, usually by

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