

What size beam splitter should be installed in a beam splitter box



Article Overview

The beam splitter should be large enough to fully cover the incident beam with some margin to account for alignment tolerances and beam divergence.

Determining Beam Splitter Size

The size of the beam splitter depends primarily on the diameter of the incident beam and the angle of incidence (AOI). For plate beam splitters, which are commonly installed at a 45° AOI, the effective beam footprint on the splitter is larger than the beam's original diameter due to projection effects. To calculate the minimum required size: Effective beam width on the splitter = Beam diameter ÷ cos(AOI) For a 45° AOI, this increases the beam footprint by approximately 41% compared to the original beam diameter. It is recommended to add an additional margin (typically 10–20%) to accommodate slight misalignments or beam divergence.

Additional Considerations

- Beam type: Collimated beams require less margin, while diverging beams may need a larger splitter to avoid clipping.
- Ghost reflections: Plate beam splitters can produce secondary reflections from the back surface. Using a slightly larger splitter or an anti-reflective coating can help mitigate ghosting.
- Cube vs. plate: Cube beam splitters have a fixed aperture defined by the prism size, while plate splitters can be selected in custom dimensions to match the beam footprint.

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