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How to use a beam splitter with an LC optical module



Overview

This manual provides safety and installation instructions for the 9490-OS Fiber Optic Passive Splitters.

Key Takeaways

To use a beam splitter with an LC optical module, align the incident light to the splitter at the correct angle, consider polarization effects, and ensure wavelength compatibility to achieve controlled splitting or modulation.Understanding the Beam Splitter

Beam splitters are optical devices that divide an incident light beam into two or more beams, either by reflection and transmission or by polarization separation . Common types include:

• Cube beam splitters: Made by cementing two right-angle prisms together, often with a dielectric coating on the hypotenuse. Light should enter the coated prism to avoid damaging the cement .

• Plate beam splitters: Thin glass plates with coatings on one surface, typically designed for a 45° angle of incidence (AOI) and often with anti-reflection coatings on the second surface .

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• Polarizing and non-polarizing splitters: Polarizing splitters separate S- and P-polarized light, while non-polarizing splitters maintain the polarization state of the incident beam .

Integration with an LC Optical Module

Liquid crystal (LC) modules modulate light based on polarization and applied voltage. When combining with a beam splitter:

• Align the optical path: Ensure the incident light enters the beam splitter at the designed AOI (commonly 45° for plate splitters) and that the output beams are directed toward the LC module and detectors or subsequent optics .

• Consider polarization: LC devices are sensitive to polarization. Use a polarizing beam splitter if you need to separate or control S- and P-polarized components, or a non-polarizing splitter if you want to preserve the polarization state .

• Wavelength compatibility: Verify that the beam splitter's coatings are optimized for the wavelength of your light source. Using an incompatible wavelength can reduce splitting efficiency and increase losses .

• Minimize optical losses: Anti-reflection coatings on the uncoated surfaces and careful alignment reduce Fresnel reflections and maximize transmitted power .

• Adjust splitting ratio if needed: Some beam splitters allow tuning via rotation or waveplate combination, which can help balance the power between the LC module and other optical paths .

Practical Setup Tips

• Mount the beam splitter securely to avoid misalignment.

• Use precision mounts for the LC module to maintain consistent polarization orientation.

• If using a cube splitter, ensure the light enters the coated prism side, often marked by the manufacturer .

• For experiments requiring interference or modulation, check that the optical path lengths are matched to avoid phase errors. By carefully considering alignment, polarization, wavelength, and splitting ratio, a beam splitter can be effectively integrated with an LC optical module to control and manipulate light in advanced optical systems .

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The module provides uniform division of an optical signal from one or two input fiber ports multiple output ports. The splitters are

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