

Customization Process for Low-Noise Optical Circulators for Subways



AI Overview

Custom low-noise optical circulators for subway systems require precise design, material selection, and rigorous testing to ensure low insertion loss, high return loss, and stable performance under harsh operational conditions.

Design and Specification The customization process begins with defining key performance specifications: low insertion loss (IL), high return loss (RL), and minimal polarization-dependent loss (PDL) across the operating wavelength range, typically 750–2100 nm. For subway applications, additional requirements include vibration resistance, temperature stability, and low back-reflection to maintain signal integrity in high-interference environments. Polarization-maintaining (PM) designs are often preferred to preserve signal quality in fiber networks with directional signal flow.

Material Selection and Fabrication Low-noise performance is achieved by selecting high-quality magneto-optical materials such as Ce:YIG for integrated circulators or precision micro-optics for fiber-based devices. The waveguide or fiber alignment is critical: active alignment techniques ensure minimal IL and high RL, while anti-reflection (AR) coatings and APC connector terminations reduce back-reflection. For integrated designs, silicon nitride waveguides with optimized ring cross-sections can enhance non-reciprocal phase shifts and wavelength selectivity.

Prototyping and Testing Prototyping involves measuring IL, RL, and polarization extinction ratio (PER) across the full operating temperature range to predict production behavior. Automated test methods and golden samples are used to lock in performance targets. Stability under temperature cycling, vibration, and high optical power is verified according to IEC 61753 and Telcordia GR-1209/1221 standards. For PM builds, PER retention is critical to ensure low-noise operation in directional fiber net...

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