

Semiconductor Optical Module Fabrication



Article Overview

Semiconductor optical modules are fabricated through a multi-step process involving wafer growth, chip fabrication, precise assembly, and rigorous testing to ensure high-speed optical performance.

Wafer Growth and Chip Fabrication

The process begins with epitaxial growth of high-purity semiconductor wafers, typically using InP (indium phosphide) or GaAs (gallium arsenide) for lasers, and silicon for photonic integrated circuits (PICs) (). Using MOVPE (metalorganic vapor-phase epitaxy), multilayered semiconductor structures are grown with atomic-scale precision to form p-type and n-type regions for laser active areas. Next, photolithography transfers circuit patterns onto the wafer, defining waveguides, electrodes, and active regions. Etching removes unwanted material to form trenches, ridges, or mesas, while doping or ion implantation creates the necessary semiconductor regions for laser or photodiode operation. Metal contacts are then deposited via evaporation or sputtering, and electrical connections are made using wire bonding or flip-chip techniques ().

Chip Testing and Assembly

After wafer processing, the wafer is diced into individual chips, and facets are coated to adjust reflectance and protect the surface. Chips undergo automatic testing to select only those meeting strict performance criteria, such as output power and wa...

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