

Technical Specifications of the New Planar Optical Waveguide



Article Overview

The new planar optical waveguide features a single-mode, low-loss structure with tailored refractive indices, high coupling efficiency, and compatibility with fiber optic systems.

Waveguide Structure

The planar optical waveguide typically consists of three layers: a cover layer (n_0), a waveguide layer (n_1), and an underlay layer (n_2), where the waveguide layer has the highest refractive index ($n_1 > n_0, n_2$) to confine light effectively. The cover and underlay layers are much thicker than the waveguide layer, allowing light to propagate freely in the lateral directions while being confined in the vertical direction, forming a 1-dimensional planar waveguide. The waveguide can also be fabricated as a 2-dimensional structure for more complex light confinement.

Optical Properties

- **Single-mode operation:** The waveguide supports single-mode propagation, minimizing modal dispersion and maintaining high beam quality.
- **Low optical loss:** Advanced materials and fabrication techniques, such as ultralow-loss silicon nitride or dielectric films, reduce propagation losses across visible to infrared wavelengths.
- **High numerical aperture (NA):** The waveguide is designed for efficient coupling with high-NA planar waveguides and low-NA transmission fibers, bridging different optic...

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5. Planar Waveguides

5.1 Materials for Waveguide Structures A comprehensive overview of polymer materials for the manufacture of optical waveguides is

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Single-Mode Fiber Planar Waveguide

Features & Benefits High numerical aperture — Bend insensitive fiber for miniature packages Thermally expandable core — Low

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ion of optical waveguide system to perform those fascinating applications. In addition to this, optical waveguide devices with new

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Fundamentals of Optical Waveguides

in the waveguides, are described. Chapters 2 and 3 deal with the transmission characteristics in planar optical waveguide and optical

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PLANAR LIGHTWAVE CIRCUIT

Operating wavelength ranges are 1310 ± 50 nm and 1480 nm to 1580 nm. The PM planar offers a high extinction ratio (ER), low

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2.7 Waveguides and Integrated Optics

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The Role of Planar Waveguides in Sensing Applications

Key Takeaways Optical sensors can be classified into two main types: fiber optic sensors and planar waveguide sensors. Planar

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A systematic comparison of optics and optical material design parameters and the merit of the different PLC systems

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Optical Waveguides

A channel optical waveguide that is uniform in the direction of propagation is the most basic form of waveguide, but for the fabrication

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Chapter 2. Planar optical waveguides

Abstract This chapter reviews planar optical waveguides, which are the key devices to construct integrated optical

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Introduction to Planar Waveguide Optical Sensor

Sensing platform based on the integrated optical planar waveguide represents an active research area. The

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of optical waveguides 1

(1) In open dielectric waveguides, the discrete optical modes have an evanescent field outside the core region (the core is often

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Planar waveguide | Description, Example & Application

Planar waveguide is a type of optical waveguide that uses a thin flat layer to confine light in one dimension. It has

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