

MIL-Spec Radiation Hard Fibers

MIL-PRF-49291/1B MMF 50/125/500

MMF 50/125/500µm MIL-Spec Radiation Hard Multimode Fiber (PIN MIL-PRF-49291/1-02) is part of j-fiber's series of radiation hard multimode fibers which have been qualified and approved by the U.S. Defense Supply Center, Columbia (DSCC) in accordance with the U.S. Military MIL-PRF-49291 standard. These fibers have been specifically designed to withstand the hazards of radiation threatened and harsh environments in military and aerospace applications. j-fiber's series of MIL-Spec Radiation Hard Multimode fibers are offered in graded index configurations and in core sizes of 50µm and 62.5µm.

Features and Benefits

- Lowest attenuation changes under radiation exposure
- High bandwidth, suitable for high data rates
- Easy handling and splicing

MIL-Specification

In compliance with MIL-PRF-49291/1-02 (MMF 50/125/500)

Performance Characteristics

| | MIL-PRF-49291/1-02 | Explanation |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Type | I | Multimode |
| Class | I | graded index |
| Size | III | 50/125 |
| Composition | A | Glass & Glass Silica |
| Wavelength | B | 850 & 1300 |

Optical Characteristics

| Parameter | Specified Values | Typical values | Unit |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Attenuation @ 850/1300nm | 3.5/1.0 | 2.5/0.6 | dB/km |
| Attenuation uniformity @ 1300nm | ≤ 0.2 | ≤ 0.1 | dB |
| Transient Attenuation @ 1300nm | ≤ 1.5 | ≤ 0.5 | dB/km |
| OFL Bandwidth @ 850/1300nm | 500/500 | 500/500 | MHz·km |
| Numerical Aperture @ 850nm | 0.200 ± 0.015 | 0.200 ± 0.015 | |
| Zero Dispersion Wavelength ₀ | 1295 ≤ λ ₀ ≤ 1330 | 1295 ≤ λ ₀ ≤ 1330 | nm |
| Zero Dispersion Slope S ₀ | ≤ 0.11 | ≤ 0.1 | ps/nm ² ·km |
| Macrobending Attenuation @1300nm ¹ | ≤ 0.5 | ≤ 0.4 | dB |

¹Radius 3.8 ± 0.05 cm, 100 turns

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Geometrical Characteristics

| Parameter | Specified Values | Typical values | Unit |
|--|------------------|----------------|------|
| Core Diameter | 50 ± 3 | 50 ± 2.5 | μm |
| Core Non-Circularity | ≤ 6.0 | ≤ 5.0 | % |
| Core/Clad Concentricity Error | ≤ 1.5 | ≤ 1.5 | μm |
| Clad Diameter | 125 ± 1 | 125 ± 1 | μm |
| Cladding Non-Circularity | ≤ 2.0 | ≤ 1.0 | % |
| Coating Diameter | 500 ± 25 | 500 ± 15 | μm |
| Coating /Clad Concentricity Error | ≤ 15.0 | ≤ 15.0 | μm |
| Overall Coating Concentricity Ratio (OCCR) | ≥ 0.84 | ≥ 0.90 | |

Mechanical Characteristics

| Parameter | Specified Values | Typical values | Unit |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Length | ≥ 1.1 | 1.1-8.8 ¹ | km |
| Fiber mass/unit length | ≤ 0.25 | ≤ 0.25 | kg/km |
| Tensile Proof | ≥ 690 | ≥ 690 | MPa |
| Dynamic Tensile Strength | | | |
| Initial | ≥ 3.2 | ≥ 3.8 | GPa |
| Aged | ≥ 1.75 | ≥ 3.03 | GPa |
| Operating Temperature Range | -55 to +85 | -60 to +85 | °C |
| Nonoperating Temperature Range | -62 to +85 | -62 to +85 | °C |
| Storage Temperature Range | -62 to +85 | -62 to +85 | °C |
| Coating Strip Force | 1.8 ≤ F ≤ 20.0 | 4.0 | N |

¹ Lengths up to 12.6km available upon request

Performance under Irradiation

The nuclear radiation resistance characteristics of this optical fiber are classified. The fiber passed the Navy QPL radiation requirements at -28, 25, and 85°C by measurement of the peak induced losses and recovery behaviour. The fibers pass the Army QPL radiation requirements by data analysis and extrapolation.

The tests were performed at US Naval Research Lab, 4555 Overlook Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20375

The test reports are available upon request.

Environmental Characteristics

| Parameter | Specified Values | Typical values | Unit |
|---|------------------|----------------|-------|
| Change in optical transmittance @ | 1300 | 850/1300 | nm |
| Change of Temperature Attenuation increase, -55°C to +85°C | ≤ 0.5 | ≤ 0.20 | dB/km |
| Dry Heat Attenuation increase, 30 days at 85°C | ≤ 0.5 | ≤ 0.20 | dB/km |
| Damp Heat Attenuation increase, 30 days at 85°C/85% R.H. | ≤ 0.5 | ≤ 0.20 | dB/km |
| Water Immersion Attenuation increase, 30 days in 23°C water | ≤ 0.5 | ≤ 0.20 | dB/km |

Fiber Qualification

All j-fiber MIL-Spec Radiation Hard fibers comply with or exceed the MIL-PRF-49291 U.S. Military Specification, the ITU recommendation G.651, or the IEC 60793-2-10 Optical Fiber Specifications. Each fiber is 100% quality measured according to IEC 60793. The irradiation performance of the fiber has been tested according to TIA/EIA 455-64, Procedure for Measuring Radiation-Induced Attenuation in Optical Fibers.

Ordering Information

To order j-fiber MIL-Spec Radiation Hard Multimode optical fiber please call, fax or email us and specify the following parameters:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Fiber Type: | j-fiber MIL-Spec Radiation Hard Multimode Fiber 50/125/500μm |
| MIL-Spec: | PRF-49291/1-02 |
| Desired Attenuation, Bandwidth: | @ 850nm/1300nm |
| Fiber Quantity: | kms |
| Other: | desired ship date, reel length, special requests |

All fibers and preforms are subject to j-fiber's ongoing process and quality improvement programs ensuring excellent performance and high reliability. We reserve the right to make changes to the above specification when required from the Qualification Authority (DSCC).

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