

Fibre Laser Components and Capabilities







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Presentation Contents

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 - Fused Components & performance
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Fibre Optic Facility Basics

- UK Factory
 - 20,000 sq ft (ext. increasing by 7,000)
 - ISO 9001
 - 115 employees, 2 shifts
 - Submarine qualified



- Czech Republic
 - Contract Manufacturing
 - ISO 9001
 - 45 fused operators, 3 shifts





Coupler Manufacturing











Reliability

- Regular Telcordia qualification
 - Torquay & CZ facility
- Harsh Environment testing
 - Military & avionic requirements
- Customer specific testing programmes
 - Sub-marine cable customers
 - Avionic gyroscope customers
 - Satellite customers
 - Military customers



Fused Components

- Fibre laser component types
- MM Combiner Design
 - Bundle fusion
 - Power handling
 - Fibres
- Examples
- Additional component requirements



Fused fibre laser components

- MM Combiner
- MM Combiner with signal feedthrough
- PM MM combiner with signal feedthrough
- LMA Combiner with signal feedthrough
- PM LMA Combiner with signal feedthrough
- SM, DCF, LMA Tap couplers (PM)
 - Power monitor
 - Feedback monitor
- Pilot WDMs (red pilot beam)



Tapered Fibre Bundles

e.g. Double Clad Fibre

Fibre Bundle





Tapered Fibre Bundles – power handling comments



- Negligible power lost in down taper
- Small power lost in splice
- Most light lost where buffer begins
 - Light of higher NA cannot be captured
 - Buffer strips out light & generates heat
 - Thermal management required



Power Limits – MM Combiner

- Power combiner designs with acrylate buffer DCF probably limited to less than kW (CW) for long term use.
 - Cooling helps but acrylate weak point
 - Performs poorly in Damp Heat
- Alternative design requires different buffer
 - Polyimide, silicone
- Housing design for high power transmission
 - Improved thermal transmission
 - Heat removal









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7x1 MM Combiner





- 260 devices (1820 ports)
- Average port Tr = 94%
- Average combiner Tr = 94%
- Reliability Test program
 - 50,000 device hours under full operating conditions
 - Rapid temperature cycling
 - Mechanicals
 - Report available





6+1*1 Combiner



- Corning HI1060nm signal input
- 105/125um 0.22NA pump input
- 5/125um DCF (0.46 NA)



- 40 devices
- Average MM port Tr = 93%
 - In general, pump port transmission slightly slightly lower than 7x1
 - Mode conditioning of signal
- Average Signal Tr = 87%



Other MM Combiners



2x1





1+1x1



PM 6+1x1



19x1



18+1x1



3x1

LMA Combiners & Novel designs

- LMA Fibres which support higher order modes
 - Simply handling fibre generates higher order modes
- Novel designs
 - Combination of SM outputs
 - Different fibre geometries







SM & Optical branching components

- High Power Single Mode components
 - 300W+ performance
 - Low Ratio Tap Monitors (0.1% 0.001%)
 - Low Loss WDMs
 - Pilot WDMs (635/1060nm)
 - 1060/1550nm & 980/1550nm
 - Custom wavelengths
 - PM Components
 - PM Tap
 - PM WDM
- MM Couplers
 - 105/125um tap couplers
 - MM & LMA Low ratio tap monitors



PM Coupler



Fibre Coupled Q-switch





Key Specifications

General Specifications

Interaction material: Wavelength: Average optical power handling: Peak (pulse) optical power handling: Insertion loss: Return loss: Extinction ratio (1st order on / off) Rise-time / fall-time: Frequency: VSWR: Input impedance: RF power: Frequency shift: Fibre type: Fibre termination:

Recommended RF driver:

Tellurium Dioxide 1060 - 1090nm (other wavelengths available on request) 5W 30kW typical (dependent on pulse width) < 2dB > 40dB (>50dB version available on request) > 50dB 30ns 150MHz < 1.2:1 50Ω < 2.0W 150MHz (up-shift) Hi1060 (900µm sleeving, 1.5m length) Bare fibre

MHC150-2AC-A1-TQ1



RF Driver For Fibre Coupled Q-switch

MHC150-2AC-A1-TQ1 SPECIFICATIONS:

SPECIFICATION:

PARAMETER:

Case Temperature:

Output Frequency: (150) 150 MHz + 0.01% Quartz Stabilized -40 dBc Maximum Spurious Levels: Harmonic Distortion: -15 dBc Maximum Analog Input: (A) (-A1) 0-1volt into 100 ohms 1 volt = Full RF Power 0 = RF Power offExtinction Ratio: 40 dB Minimum **BF Bise / Fall Time:** 20 ns Typical, 10 ns > 210 MHz P_{BF}: 10 to 90 % RF Output Power: (2) 2 watts Nominal Output Impedance: 50 ohms Nominal Supply Voltage: 15 VDC Supply Current: 1 amps Maximum This driver must be attached to a heatsink capable of (C) Cooling: dissipating 15 watts. MAXIMUM RATINGS: +18 VDC Supply Voltage: No DC Feedback Allowed Power Output:

+ 55° C

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RF Driver For Fibre Coupled Q-switch (con't)





Initial prototype results

Part No.	23080-1-1.06-LTD-FO-HP	New Type FC-AOM
Mod. Type	Analog modulation	Analog modulation
RF Freq. / PW.	80 MHz / 2 W	150 MHz / 2 W
Loss	-2.5dB	-1.95dB
Size	129 x 44 x 37 mm	65 x 33 x 10 mm
Rise / Fall time	50 / 50 ns	20 / 20 ns



23080-1-1.06-LTD-FO-HP





Conclusions :

- same pulse width, ~170ns
- new type is compact size.



Key features & milestones

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- Low insertion loss
- Miniature footprint
- Ruggedized design
- Milestones
 - Preliminary Design Review held
 - July 08 Prototypes in test
 - Aug 08 pre-production build
 - Jan 09 product launch



Fibre Coupled Isolator





Key Isolator Specifications

Parameter		
Forward Transmission	>90%	
Wavelength	1060-1080nm	
Isolation	>23dB	
Average Power	20-30W	
Pulse Power ¹	10-30kW	
Beam Diameter	1-1.5mm	
Fibre Type	LMA fibre	

1. Depending on <u>pulsewidth</u>



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- Fibre-in, Fibre-out & Fibre-in, Beam-out designs
- Beam delivery optic option
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Fibre Laser design schematic

CW design (example) :



Combiner

635nm Red LD

- 635/1064nm Red Pilot WDM

PS : This is only one example of CW fibre laser design.



Fibre Laser design schematic

Pulsed design (eg. Forward pumping) :



PS : This is only one example of Q-switched pulse laser design.



Summary

- Over 5000 combiner components shipped
- Over 75 different specifications
- Many different fibre types used
- Over 10000 associated branching components shipped
- High power isolator in development
- Fibre Laser Q-switch in development



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