

3-Port Multimode Optical Circulator



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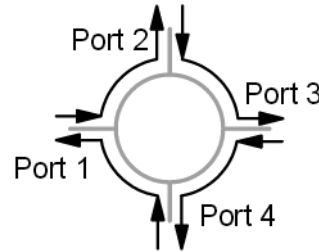
Features

- Low Insertion Loss
- High Channel Isolation
- Compact Package
- High Reliability & Stability
- Cost Effective

Applications

- Metropolitan Area Network
- Fiber Optic Sensor
- Dispersion Compensation
- Test and Measurement
- Instrumentation

The OC Series 1310/1550 optical circulators are non-reciprocal devices that redirect light from port-to-port in one direction while minimizing reflection and scattering in the reverse directions for any state of polarization. Agiltron's advanced micro optics design features low insertion loss, Low Polarization sensitivity, high isolation, compact structure and high stability. The excellent characteristics of this product make it an ideal choice for application in fiber amplifier systems, pump laser diodes and optical fiber sensors.



Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Operating Wavelength ^[1]	1310 1550	1295 ~ 1325 1530 ~ 1570		nm
Insertion Loss ^{[2], [3]}		0.7	1.0	dB
Wavelength Dependent Loss		< 0.15		dB
Channel Isolation (2→1, 3→2) ^[3]		> 35		dB
Directivity (1→3)		> 40		dB
Polarization Mode Dispersion		< 0.06		ps
Return Loss ^[3]		> 40		dB
Optical Power Handling		< 500 ^[4]		mW
Operating Temperature Range	0		+70	°C
Storage Temperature	-40		+85	°C
Fiber Type	Corning 50/125 MM			
Fiber Length		> 1		m

Notes:

- [1]. Special wavelength available.
- [2]. Without connector.
- [3]. Our device is designed and optimized for certain laser launch condition which is characterized as CPR value. In general, if application exceeds the specified CPR value, optical performance will become worsen.
- [4]. Continuous operation, for pulse operation call.

Note: For a polarized input light version, the isolation is optimized to block the light reflection of the same polarization. Although lights of other polarizations may also be blocked, the extinction may be poor. PM isolators can be specially made to block backward propagating lights of all polarizations. PM isolators can also be made with a light polarizing function.

Warning: This is an OEM module designed for system integration. Do not touch the PCB by hand. The electrical static can kill the chips even without a power plug-in. Unpleasant electrical shock may also be felt. For laboratory use, please buy a Turnkey system.

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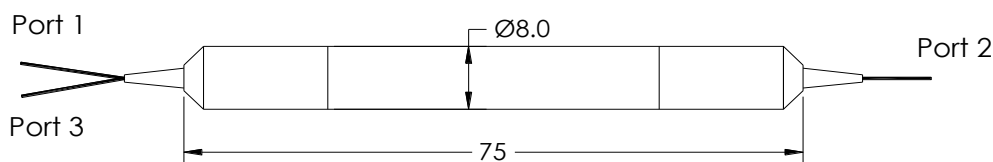


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Mechanical Dimensions (mm)

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*Product dimensions may change without notice. This is sometimes required for non-standard specifications.

Ordering Information (Part Number)

Prefix	Type	Wavelength	Package	Fiber Type	Fiber Cover	Fiber Length	Connector ^{[1][3]}
OC-	3 Port = 30 Special = 00	1310 = 3 1550 = 5 1590 = 9 C+L = 7 Special = 0	Standard = 1 Special = 0	GIF 50/125 μm = 71 F ^[2] = F	250um bare fiber = 1 900um loose tube = 2 Special = 0	0.5m = 1 1.0m = 2 1.5 m = 3 Special = 0	None = 1 FC/PC = 2 FC/APC = 3 SC/PC = 4 SC/APC = 5 ST/PC = 6 LC/PC = 7 LC/APC = A LC/UPC = U Special = 0

Note:

[1]. Regular fiber connector has PER ~22dB. Connector with PER >27 dB is available using special process

[2]. F fiber has core diameter 25 micron and NA0.09

[3]. The connector cannot be installed directly onto bare fiber, as it is prone to damage during shipping. However, the connector can be assembled on bare fiber if a 3 cm protective loose tube is added for reinforcement. The customer can remove this protective tube after testing. The optical power handling of a standard connector is less than 0.5 W for SM28 fiber and decreases further with smaller core fibers.

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Application Notes

Fiber Core Alignment

Note that the minimum attenuation for these devices depends on excellent core-to-core alignment when the connectors are mated. This is crucial for shorter wavelengths with smaller fiber core diameters that can increase the loss of many decibels above the specification if they are not perfectly aligned. Different vendors' connectors may not mate well with each other, especially for angled APC.

Fiber Cleanliness

Fibers with smaller core diameters ($<5 \mu\text{m}$) must be kept extremely clean, contamination at fiber-fiber interfaces, combined with the high optical power density, can lead to significant optical damage. This type of damage usually requires re-polishing or replacement of the connector.

Maximum Optical Input Power

Due to their small fiber core diameters for short wavelength and high photon energies, the damage thresholds for device is substantially reduced than the common 1550nm fiber. To avoid damage to the exposed fiber end faces and internal components, the optical input power should never exceed 20 mW for wavelengths shorter 650nm. We produce a special version to increase the how handling by expanding the core side at the fiber ends.

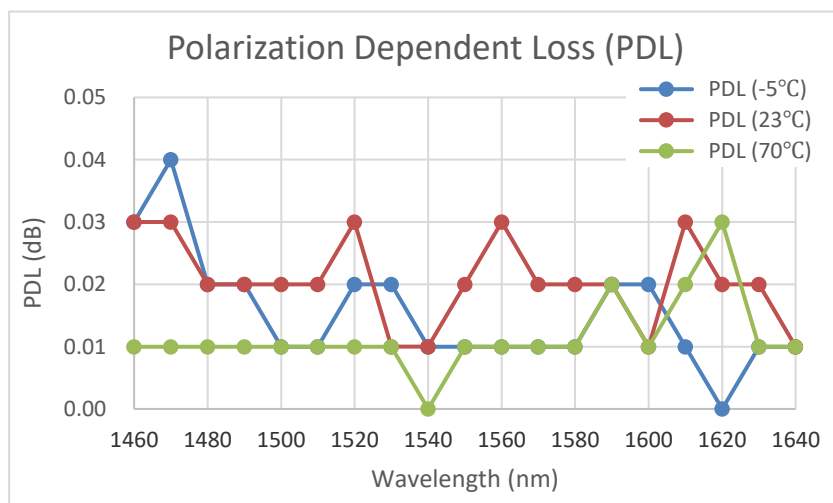
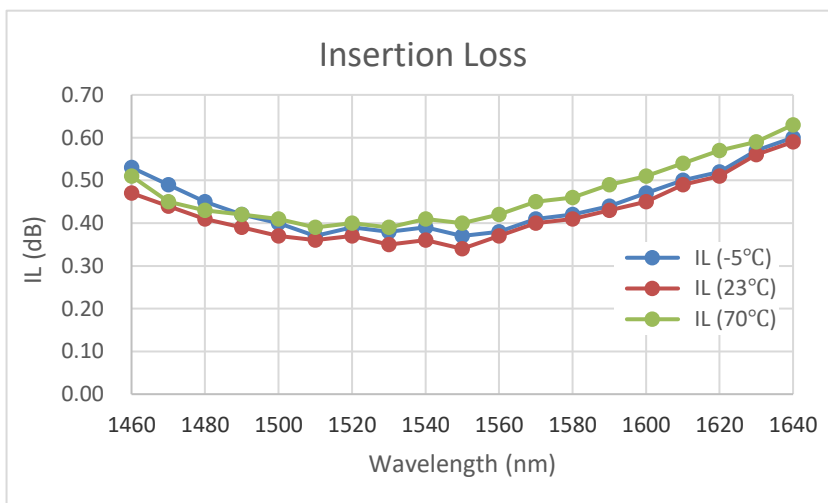
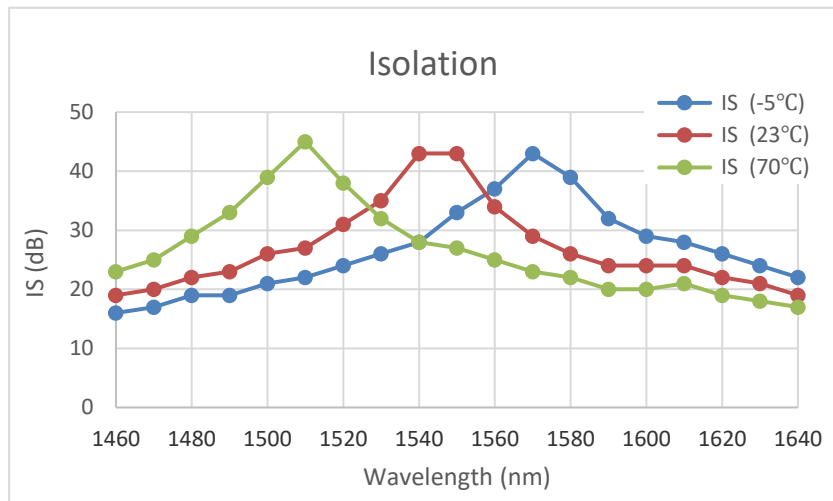
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