## FC980-99B-APC - Nov. 16, 2016

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## Definition of $\mathbf{2 x} 2$ Fused Fiber Optic Coupler Specifications

This tab provides a brief explanation of how we determine several key specifications for our $2 \times 2$ couplers. The ports of the coupler are defined as shown in the coupler schematic below. In the sections below, the light is input into port 1. Ports 3 and port 4 would then be considered the signal and tap outputs, respectively.


## Excess Loss

Excess loss in dB is determined by the ratio of the total input power to the total output power:

$$
\text { Excess } \operatorname{Loss}(d B)=10 \log \frac{P_{\text {port } 1}(\mathrm{~mW})}{P_{\text {port } 3}(m W)+P_{\text {port } 4}(\mathrm{~mW})}
$$

$P_{\text {port1 }}$ is the input power at port 1 and $P_{\text {port } 3}+P_{\text {port4 }}$ is the total output power from Ports 3 and 4, assuming no input power at port 2. All powers are expressed in mW .

## Optical Return Loss (ORL) / Directivity

The directivity refers to the fraction of input light that exits the coupler through an input port (i.e., light exiting at port 2) instead of the intended output port . It can be calculated in units of dB using the following equation:

$$
\operatorname{Directivity}(d B)=10 \log \frac{P_{\text {port } 1}(m W)}{P_{\text {port } 2}(m W)}
$$

where $P_{\text {port1 }}$ and $P_{\text {port2 }}$ are the optical powers (in mW ) in port 1 and port 2, respectively. This output is the result of back reflection at the junction of the legs of the coupler and represents a loss in the total light output at ports 3 and 4 . For a $50: 50$ coupler, the directivity is equal to the optical return loss (ORL)

## Insertion Loss

The insertion loss is defined as the ratio of the input power to the output power at one of the output legs of the coupler (signal or tap). Insertion loss is always specified in decibels (dB). It is generally defined using the equation below:

$$
\text { Insertion } \operatorname{Loss}(d B)=10 \log \frac{P_{\text {in }}(m W)}{P_{\text {out }}(m W)}
$$

where $P_{\text {in }}$ and $P_{\text {out }}$ are the input and output powers (in mW ). For our $2 \times 2$ couplers, the insertion loss specification is provided for both signal and tap outputs; our specifications always list insertion loss for the signal output first. To define the insertion loss for a specific output (port 3 or port 4 ), the equation is rewritten as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Insertion } \operatorname{Loss}_{p o r t 1 \rightarrow p o r t 3}(d B)=10 \log \frac{P_{\text {port } 1}(\mathrm{~mW})}{P_{\text {port } 3}(\mathrm{~mW})} \\
& \text { Insertion } \operatorname{Loss}_{\text {port } 1 \rightarrow \text { port } 4}(d B)=10 \log \frac{P_{\text {port } 1}(\mathrm{~mW})}{P_{\text {port } 4}(\mathrm{~mW})}
\end{aligned}
$$

A similar equation can be used to define the insertion loss at port 2 for input at port 1 . However, as seen above, this is already defined as the directivity of the coupler.

Insertion loss inherently includes both coupling (e.g., light transferred to the other output leg) and excess loss (e.g., light lost from the coupler) effects.
The maximum allowed insertion loss for each output, signal and tap, are both specified. Because the insertion loss in each output is correlated to light coupled to the other output, no coupler will ever have the maximum insertion loss in both outputs simultaneously.

Calculating Insertion Loss using Power Expressed in dBm
Insertion loss can also be easily calculated with the power expressed in units of dBm . The equation below shows the relationship between power expressed in mW and dBm :

$$
P(d B m)=10 \log P(m W)
$$

Then, the insertion loss in dB can be calculated as follows:

$$
\text { Insertion } \operatorname{Loss}(d B)=P_{\text {in }}(d B m)-P_{\text {out }}(d B m)
$$

## Coupling Ratio

Insertion loss (in dB) is the ratio of the input power to the output power from each leg of the coupler as a function of wavelength. It captures both the coupling ratio and the excess loss. The coupling ratio is calculated from the measured insertion loss. Coupling ratio (in \%) is the ratio of the optical power from each output port (A and $B$ ) to the sum of the total power of both output ports as a function of wavelength. It is not impacted by spectral features such as the water absorption region because both output legs are affected equally. Persistence plots showing the coupling ratio of our wideband couplers can be viewed by clicking on the blue info icons below
 ratio calculation.

## Uniformity

The uniformity is also calculated from the measured insertion loss. Uniformity is the variation (in dB) of the insertion loss over the bandwidth. It is a measure of how evenly the insertion loss is distributed over the spectral range. The uniformity of Path $A$ is the difference between the value of highest insertion loss and the solid red insertion loss curve (in the Insertion Plot above). The uniformity of Path $B$ is the difference between the solid blue insertion loss curve and the value of lowest insertion loss. Persistence plots showing the uniformity of our wideband couplers can be viewed by clicking on the blue info icons below.


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A graphical representation of the Uniformity calculation.

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## $2 \times 2$ COUPLING EXAMPLES\&NBSP

## General Coupling Examples

## Animated example of $90: 10$ splitting and $50: 50$ mixing.

$2 \times 2$ fused fiber optic couplers can split or mix light between two optical fibers with minimal loss and at a specified coupling ratio. Thorlabs' couplers are available from stock in one of four ratios: $50: 50,75: 25,90: 10$, or $99: 1$. All of our fused fiber optic couplers are bidirectional, meaning that all ports can be used as an input. The animation to the right shows several simple coupling examples.

The terms "Signal Output" and "Tap Output" refer to the higher and lower power outputs, respectively. To illustrate this, if light is input into the white port of the TW1064R1A2A coupler ( $99: 1$ coupling ratio), $99 \%$ of the transmitted light is coupled into the white port on the other side of the coupler while the other $1 \%$ is coupled into the red port. In this example, the second white port is referred to as the signal output port, and the red port is referred to as a tap output port. For a 50:50 coupler, the signal and tap ports would have the same power output.

In our wideband couplers, the signal always propagates from blue to red or white to white, while the tap always propagates from blue to white or white to red. For our narrowband couplers, please refer to the datasheet included with the coupler to determine signal and tap propagation paths.

## Specific Coupling Examples

In the examples below, two $2 \times 21300 \mathrm{~nm}$ Wideband Fiber Optic Couplers ( $50: 50$ and $90: 10$ coupling ratios) are used with input signals A and B. The table to the right lists typical insertion loss (signal and tap outputs) for each coupler. To calculate the power at any given output, subtract the insertion

| Coupling Ratio | Insertion Loss (Signal) | Insertion Loss (Tap) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $90: 10$ | 0.6 dB | 10.1 dB |
| $50: 50$ | 3.2 dB | 3.2 dB | loss for the signal or tap output from the input power (in dBm ).

## Example 1: Splitting Light from a Single Input

For this example, the couplers are used to split light from a single input into the signal and tap outputs as indicated in the diagrams below. In the table below, the output ports are highlighted in green.

|  | 90:10 Coupling Ratio | 50:50 Coupling Ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Port | Signal A | Signal A |
| 1 (Input) | $10 \mathrm{dBm}(10 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $10 \mathrm{dBm}(10 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| 2 (Not Used) | - | - |
| 3 (Signal Output) | $9.4 \mathrm{dBm}(8.7 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $6.8 \mathrm{dBm}(4.8 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| 4 (Tap Output) | -0.1 dBm (1.0 mW) | $6.8 \mathrm{dBm}(4.8 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| Click on the Diagram for Power Distributions at Each Port |  |  |

## Example 2: Mixing Two Signals from Two Inputs

In this example, the couplers are used to mix light from two inputs, designated Signal A and Signal B. The outputs contain a mixed signal composed of both Signal A and Signal B in ratios depending on the coupling ratio. All ports are indicated in the diagrams below. In the table below, the output ports are highlighted in green.

|  | 90:10 Coupling Ratio |  | 50:50 Coupling Ratio |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Port | Signal A | Signal B | Signal A | Signal B |
| 1 (Input A) | $5 \mathrm{dBm}(3.2 \mathrm{~mW})$ | - | $5 \mathrm{dBm}(3.2 \mathrm{~mW})$ | - |
| 2 (Input B) | - | $8 \mathrm{dBm}(6.3 \mathrm{~mW})$ | - | $8 \mathrm{dBm}(6.3 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| 3 (Output) | $4.4 \mathrm{dBm}(2.8 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $-2.1 \mathrm{dBm}(0.6 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $1.6 \mathrm{dBm}(1.4 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $4.8 \mathrm{dBm}(3.0 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| 4 (Output) | $-5.1 \mathrm{dBm}(0.3 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $7.4 \mathrm{dBm}(5.5 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $1.6 \mathrm{dBm}(1.4 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $4.8 \mathrm{dBm}(3.0 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| Click on the Diagram for Power Distributions at Each Port | Port 2: Input B <br> Port 1: Input A | Port 3: Output A (Signal) Output B (Tap) <br> Port 4: Output A (Signal) Output B (Tap) | Port : : hout B <br> Port 1: Input $A$ | Port 3: Output A (Signal) Output B (Tap) <br> Port 4: Output A (Tap) Output B (Signal) |

## Example 3: Coupling a Return Signal with a Reflector on Port 4

Here, the couplers are used to split light from a single input, however, in this example there is a $100 \%$ reflector on port 4, as shown in the diagrams below. As a result, the light is reflected back into the coupler and split again. The ports are indicated in the diagrams below. In the table below, the output ports for the initial pass are highlighted in green.

|  | 90:10 Coupling Ratio |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Port | Signal A | Reflected Signal A | 50:50 Coupling Ratio |
| $\mathbf{1}$ (Input) | $6 \mathrm{dBm}(4.0 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $-14.2 \mathrm{dBm}(0.04 \mathrm{~mW})$ | Reflected Signal A |
| 2 (No Input) | - | $-4.7 \mathrm{dBm}(0.34 \mathrm{~mW})$ | $6 \mathrm{dBm}(4.0 \mathrm{~mW})$ |
| 3 (Signal Output) | $5.4 \mathrm{dBm}(3.5 \mathrm{~mW})$ | - | - |
|  | $-0.4 \mathrm{dBm}(0.9 \mathrm{~mW})$ |  |  |



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## COUPLER VERIFICATION

Wideband Fiber Coupler Testing and Verification Procedure
During Thorlabs' coupling manufacturing process, the coupling ratio and bandwidth of each wideband coupler is monitored as the two branches are fused together. This ensures that each coupler meets the stated specifications over the bandwidth. Each wideband coupler is shipped with an individualized data sheet providing a summary of the results of these tests. Click for a sample data sheet for our $1064 \mathrm{~nm}(0.14 \mathrm{NA})$ or $1064 \mathrm{~nm}(0.22 \mathrm{NA})$ wideband couplers.

## Step 1

The fiber to create the first branch (Path A) of the coupler is connected to a source on one side and a switch leading to an Optical Spectrum Analyzer (OSA) on the other


## Step 2

The spectrum of the source through the fiber and switch is measured using the OSA and zeroed.


## Step 3

The fiber to form the second branch (Path B) of the coupler is connected to the source and to the second port of the switch leading to the OSA. The spectrum of the source through the fiber and switch is also measured and zeroed.


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## Step 4

The two fibers are fused on a manufacturing station to create the coupler structure. During the fusing process, the output from both legs of the coupler is monitored on the OSA. Coupler fusing stops once the coupler reaches the desired coupling ratio, excess
 loss, and insertion loss specifications.

For $1 \times 2$ couplers, one of the fiber ends is terminated within the coupler housing. The termination is done in a manner that minimizes back reflections from this output.


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Insertion loss (in dB) is the ratio of the input power to the output power from each leg of the coupler as a function of wavelength. It captures both the coupling ratio and the excess loss. The coupling ratio is calculated from the measured insertion loss. Coupling ratio (in $\%$ ) is the ratio of the optical power from each output port ( $A$ and $B$ ) to the sum of the total power of both output ports as a function of wavelength. It is not impacted by spectral features such as the water absorption region because both output legs are affected equally. Persistence plots showing the coupling ratio of our wideband couplers can be viewed by clicking on the blue info icons below.


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The uniformity is also calculated from the measured insertion loss. Uniformity is the variation (in dB ) of the insertion loss over the bandwidth. It is a measure of how evenly the insertion loss is distributed over the spectral range. The uniformity of Path A is the difference between the value of highest insertion loss and the solid red insertion loss curve (in the Insertion Plot above). The uniformity of Path B is the difference between the solid blue insertion loss curve and the value of lowest insertion loss. Persistence plots showing the uniformity of our wideband couplers can be viewed by clicking on the blue info icons below.

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## SM COUPLER GUIDE

Our $1 \times 2$ and $2 \times 2$ Single Mode Coupler offerings are outlined in the graphs below. Click on the colored bars to visit the web presentation for each coupler.

1x2 SM Coupler Selection Guid



Hide 50:50 Fiber Optic Couplers

## 50:50 Fiber Optic Couplers

Thorlabs offers both narrowband and wideband fiber optic couplers. All specifications are measured without connectors during the manufacturing process. Additional information on the testing process for our wideband couplers can be found on the Coupler Verification tab above. Our wideband couplers are highlighted green in the table below.

| Item \# | Info | Center Wavelength | Bandwidth | Coupling Ratio ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Coupling Ratio Tolerance | Insertion Loss (dB) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Excess <br> Loss ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Uniformity ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Fiber Type ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Termination |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R5F2 | (2) | 930 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50: 50 \\ \text { (Click for Plot) } \end{gathered}$ | $\pm 6.0 \%$ | $\leq 3.9 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 3.9 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.3 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 1.0 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { (Click for Plot) } \end{gathered}$ | 780HP | FC/PC |
| TW930R5A2 | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| FC980-50B | (2) | 980 nm | $\pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$ | 50:50 | - | $\begin{gathered} 3.5 \mathrm{~dB} / 3.5 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { (Typ.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.12 \mathrm{~dB} \\ & \text { (Typ.) } \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 FLEX } \\ (0.22 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | No Connectors, Scissor Cut |
| FC980-50B-FC | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/PC |
| FC980-50B-APC | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R5F2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50: 50 \\ \text { (Click for Plot) } \end{gathered}$ | $\pm 5.0 \%$ | $\leq 3.7 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 3.7 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.5 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { (Click for Plot) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ (0.14 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R5A2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R5F2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | $50: 50$(Click for Plot | $\pm 5.0 \%$ | $\leq 3.7 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 3.7 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 FLEX } \\ (0.22 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R5A2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |

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- Other fiber types may be available upon request. Please contact Tech Support with inquiries.
- All values are specified at room temperature over the bandwidth and measured using the white port as the input, as indicated in the diagram above; similar performance is achieved ( $\leq 0.05 \mathrm{~dB}$ difference) when the blue port is used as the input.
- Below the cut-off wavelength, single mode operation is not guaranteed (click on the blue info icon for more information).
- This value represents the minimum bandwidth over which the coupler is guaranteed to meet its specifications. Each wideband coupler is shipped with an individual item data sheet that provides information on coupler performance over the specified bandwidth range.

| Part Number | Description | Price | Availability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R5F2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 50: 50$ Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW930R5A2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 50: 50$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| FC980-50B | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 50: 50$ Split, No Connectors | \$135.00 | 3-5 Days |
| FC980-50B-FC | $2 \times 2$ Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 50: 50$ Split, FC/PC | \$170.00 | Today |
| FC980-50B-APC | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 50: 50$ Split, FC/APC | \$210.00 | Today |
| TW1064R5F2A | $2 \times 2$ Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14$ NA, 50:50 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R5A2A | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14$ NA, 50:50 Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| TW1064R5F2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, 50:50 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R5A2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, $50: 50$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |

Hide 75:25 Fiber Optic Couplers

## 75:25 Fiber Optic Couplers

All specifications are measured without connectors during the manufacturing process. Additional information on the testing process for our wideband couplers can be found on the Coupler Verification tab above. Our wideband couplers are highlighted green in the table below.

| Item \# | Info | Center Wavelength | Bandwidth | Coupling Ratio ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Coupling Ratio Tolerance | Insertion Loss ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Excess <br> Loss ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Uniformity ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Fiber Type ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Termination |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R3F2 | (1) | 930 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}$ | $75: 25$ <br> (Click for Plot) | $\pm 3.75 \%$ | $\leq 1.8 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 7.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.3 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 1.25 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | 780HP | FC/PC |
| TW930R3A2 | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R3F2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (1) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | $75: 25$ <br> (Click for Plot) | $\pm 3.5 \%$ | $\leq 1.7 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 6.9 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.6 \mathrm{~dB}$ <br> (Click for Plot) | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ (0.14 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R3A2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R3F2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (1) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | $\begin{gathered} 75: 25 \\ \text { (Click for Plot) } \end{gathered}$ | $\pm 3.5 \%$ | $\leq 1.7 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 6.9 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.6 \mathrm{~dB}$ <br> (Click for Plot) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HI1060 FLEX } \\ & \text { (0.22 NA) } \end{aligned}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R3A2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |

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| Part Number | Description | Price | Availability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R3F2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 75: 25$ Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW930R3A2 | $2 \times 2$ Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 75: 25$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| TW1064R3F2A | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14$ NA, 75:25 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R3A2A | $2 \times 2$ Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14 \mathrm{NA}, 75: 25$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| TW1064R3F2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, 75:25 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R3A2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, 75:25 Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |

Hide 90:10 Fiber Optic Couplers

## 90:10 Fiber Optic Couplers

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R2F2 | (1) | 930 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}$ | 90:10 <br> (Click for <br> Plot) | $\pm 3.0 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.9 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 11.8 \\ \mathrm{~dB} \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 0.3 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 2.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | 780HP | FC/PC |
| TW930R2A2 | (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| FC980-90B | (1) | 980 nm | $\pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$ | 90:10 | - | $\begin{gathered} 0.7 \mathrm{~dB} / 10.5 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { (Typ.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.12 \mathrm{~dB} \\ & \text { (Typ.) } \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ \text { FLEX } \\ (0.22 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | No Connectors, Scissor Cut |
| FC980-90B-FC | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/PC |
| FC980-90B-APC | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R2F2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d, } \mathrm{e}}$ | 90:10 <br> (Click for Plot) | $\pm 2.5 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.8 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 11.4 \\ \mathrm{~dB} \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.6 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ (0.14 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R2A2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R2F2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (1) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | 90:10 <br> (Click for Plot) | $\pm 2.5 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.8 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 11.4 \\ \mathrm{~dB} \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 0.7 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{HI} 1060 \\ \text { FLEX } \\ (0.22 \mathrm{NA}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R2A2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |

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- Below the cut-off wavelength, single mode operation is not guaranteed (click on the blue info icon for more information).
- This value represents the minimum bandwidth over which the coupler is guaranteed to meet its specifications. Each wideband coupler is shipped with an individual item data sheet that provides information on coupler performance over the specified bandwidth range.

| Part Number | Description | Price | Availability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R2F2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW930R2A2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| FC980-90B | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, No Connectors | \$135.00 | Today |
| FC980-90B-FC | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/PC | \$170.00 | Today |
| FC980-90B-APC | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/APC | \$210.00 | Today |
| TW1064R2F2A | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14 \mathrm{NA}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R2A2A | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14$ NA, 90:10 Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| TW1064R2F2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, 90:10 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R2A2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, 90:10 Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |

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## 99:1 Fiber Optic Couplers

Thorlabs offers both narrowband and wideband fiber optic couplers. All specifications are measured without connectors during the manufacturing process. Additional information on the testing process for our wideband couplers can be found on the Coupler Verification tab above. Our wideband couplers are highlighted green in the table below.

| Item \# | Info | Center Wavelength | Bandwidth | Coupling <br> Ratio ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Coupling Ratio <br> Tolerance | Insertion <br> Loss (dB) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Excess <br> Loss ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Uniformity ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Fiber Type ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Termination |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R1F2 | (1) | 930 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}$ | 50:50 <br> (Click for Plot) | $\pm 0.6 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.4 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 24.3 \\ \mathrm{~dB} \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 0.3 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 3.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | 780HP | FC/PC |
| TW930R1A2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| FC980-99B | (2) | 980 nm | $\pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$ | 99:1 | - | $\begin{gathered} 0.35 \mathrm{~dB} / 22 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { (Typ.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.12 \mathrm{~dB} \\ \text { (Typ.) } \end{gathered}$ | - | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ \text { FLEX } \\ (0.22 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | No Connectors, Scissor Cut |
| FC980-99B-FC | 2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/PC |
| FC980-99B-APC | (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R1F2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | 99:1 (Click for Plot) | $\pm 0.6 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.3 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 24.2 \\ \mathrm{~dB} \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 1.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ (0.14 \text { NA) } \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R1A2A ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |
| TW1064R1F2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) | 1064 nm | $\pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}{ }^{\text {d,e }}$ | 99:1 <br> (Click for Plot) | $\pm 0.6 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \leq 0.3 \mathrm{~dB} / \leq 24.2 \\ \mathrm{~dB} \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\leq 1.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Click for Plot) | $\begin{gathered} \text { HI1060 } \\ \text { FLEX } \\ (0.22 \text { NA) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | FC/PC |
| TW1064R1A2B ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FC/APC |

- Please see the $2 \times 2$ Coupler Tutorial tab for more information on these terms.
- Other fiber types may be available upon request. Please contact Tech Support with inquiries.
- All values are specified at room temperature over the bandwidth and measured using the white port as the input, as indicated in the diagram above; similar performance is achieved ( $\leq 0.05 \mathrm{~dB}$ difference) when the blue port is used as the input.
- Below the cut-off wavelength, single mode operation is not guaranteed (click on the blue info icon for more information).
- This value represents the minimum bandwidth over which the coupler is guaranteed to meet its specifications. Each wideband coupler is shipped with an individual item data sheet that provides information on coupler performance over the specified bandwidth range.

| Part Number | Description | Price | Availability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TW930R2F2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW930R2A2 | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $930 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 90: 10$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| FC980-99B | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$, 99:1 Split, No Connectors | \$135.00 | 3-5 Days |
| FC980-99B-FC | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$, 99:1 Split, FC/PC | \$170.00 | Today |
| FC980-99B-APC | 2x2 Fiber Optic Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$, 99:1 Split, FC/APC | \$210.00 | 3-5 Days |
| TW1064R1F2A | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14$ NA, 99:1 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R1A2A | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.14$ NA, 99:1 Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |
| TW1064R1F2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22$ NA, 99:1 Split, FC/PC | \$310.00 | Today |
| TW1064R1A2B | 2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, $1064 \pm 100 \mathrm{~nm}, 0.22 \mathrm{NA}, 99: 1$ Split, FC/APC | \$350.00 | Today |

FC980-99B-APC - $2 \times 2$ SM Coupler, $980 \pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}, 99: 1$ Split, FC/APC

## Specs

|  | Specifications ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Coupling Ratio | $99: 1$ |
| Center Wavelength | 980 nm |
| Bandwidth | $\pm 15 \mathrm{~nm}$ |
| Insertion Loss | $0.35 \mathrm{~dB} / 22 \mathrm{~dB}$ (Typ.) |
| Excess Loss | 0.12 dB (Typ.) |
| Polarization-Dependent Loss (PDL) | $<0.15 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| Directivity | $>55 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| Fiber Type | HI1060FLEX |
| Port Configuration | $2 \times 2$ |
| Fiber Lead Length and Tolerance | $0.8 \mathrm{~m}+0.075 \mathrm{~m} /-0 \mathrm{~m}$ |
| Termination | 2.0 mm Narrow Key FC/APC |
| Package Size | $\varnothing 0.15^{\prime \prime} \times 2.60^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Jacket | $(\varnothing 3.8 \mathrm{~mm} \times 66.0 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Operating Temperature | $\emptyset 900 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ Loose Furcation Tubing |

a. All specifications are measured without connectors during the manufacturing process.

