

Corning® ClearCurve® ZBL Optical Fiber

Product Information



Bend Performance and Compatibility

Corning® ClearCurve® ZBL Optical Fiber delivers the best macrobending performance in the industry while maintaining compatibility with current optical fibers, equipment, practices and procedures. This full-spectrum single-mode optical fiber when subjected to smaller radii bends experiences virtually no signal loss. ClearCurve fiber exceeds the most stringent bend performance requirements of ITU-T Recommendations G.657.B3, while remaining fully compliant with ITU-T Recommendation G.652.D and the installed base of Corning® SMF-28e® and SMF-28e+® fiber. Now network planners and designers can design optical fiber into much more challenging installations and environments, and cable designers can offer optical cables with unmatched ruggedness for easier installation and handling.

Optical Specifications

Maximum Attenuation

Wavelength (nm)	Maximum Value (dB/km)*
1310	0.33 – 0.35
1383**	0.31 – 0.35
1490	0.21 – 0.24
1550	0.19 – 0.20
1625	0.21 – 0.23

Attenuation vs. Wavelength

Range (nm)	Ref. λ (nm)	Max. α Difference (dB/km)
1285 – 1330	1310	0.03
1525 – 1575	1550	0.02

The attenuation in a given wavelength range does not exceed the attenuation of the reference wavelength (λ) by more than the value of α .

* Maximum specified attenuation value available within the stated ranges.

** Attenuation values at this wavelength represent post-hydrogen aging performance.

Alternate attenuation offerings available upon request.

Optical Specifications (cont'd)

Macrobend Loss

Mandrel Radius (mm)	Number of Turns	Wavelength (nm)	Induced Attenuation* (dB)
5	1	1550	≤0.10
5	1	1625	≤0.30

* The induced attenuation due to fiber wrapped around a mandrel of a specified diameter.

Point Discontinuity

Wavelength (nm)	Point Discontinuity (dB)
1310	≤0.05
1550	≤0.05

Cable Cutoff Wavelength (λ_{ccf})

$\lambda_{ccf} \leq 1260$ nm

Mode-Field Diameter

Wavelength (nm)	MFD (μm)
1310	8.6 ± 0.4
1550	9.65 ± 0.5

Dispersion

Wavelength (nm)	Dispersion Value [ps/(nm*km)]
1550	≤18
1625	≤23

Zero Dispersion Wavelength (λ_0): 1304 nm $\leq \lambda_0 \leq 1324$ nm
Zero Dispersion Slope (S_0): ≤ 0.092 ps/(nm²*km)

Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD)

	Value (ps/√km)
PMD Link Design Value	≤0.06*
Maximum Individual Fiber	≤0.2

*Complies with IEC 60794-3: 2001, Section 5.5, Method 1, (m = 20, Q = 0.01%), September 2001.

The link design value is a term used to describe the PMD of concatenated lengths of fiber (also known as PMD₀). This value represents a statistical upper limit for total link PMD. Individual PMD values may change when fiber is cabled. Corning's fiber specification supports emerging network design requirements for high-data-rate systems operating at 10 Gb/s or higher.

Dimensional Specifications

Glass Geometry

Fiber Curl	≥4.0 m radius of curvature
Cladding Diameter	125.0 ± 0.7 μm
Core-Clad Concentricity	≤0.5 μm
Cladding Non-Circularity	≤0.7%

Coating Geometry

Coating Diameter	245 ± 5 μm
Coating-Cladding Concentricity	<12 μm

Environmental Specifications

Environmental Test	Test Condition	Induced Attenuation 1310 nm, 1550 nm & 1625 nm (dB/km)
Temperature Dependence	-60°C TO +85°C*	≤0.05
Temperature Humidity Cycling	-10°C TO +85°C* up to 98% RH	≤0.05
Water Immersion	23°C ± 2°C	≤0.05
Heat Aging	85°C ± 2°C*	≤0.05
Damp Heat	85°C* AT 85% RH	≤0.05

* Reference temperature = +23°C
Operating Temperature Range: -60°C to + 85°C

Mechanical Specifications

Proof Test

The entire fiber length is subjected to a tensile stress ≥ 100 kpsi (0.7 GPa)*.

* Higher proof test levels available.

Length

Fiber lengths available up to 50.4* km/spool.

* Longer spliced lengths available.