

# Mechanical Fiber Optic Attenuator



## Overview

As light in fibers often does not have a well defined polarization state, it is important that a fiber-optic attenuator exhibits only a minimum amount of polarization dependence. Generally, the obtained insertion loss has some dependence on the optical wavelength. Some attenuators have a relatively strong wavelength dependence and are made for working in narrow wavelength regions, e.g. with a bandwidth of only 20 nm around a center wavelength of 1550 nm. Others are optimized for a weaker wavelength dependence, making them u. For single-mode devices, the insertion loss can not depend on the direction of propagation, as long as no non-reciprocal parts are used, as e.g. in a Faraday isolator. For multimode devices, however, some loss difference is possible in conjunction with a mode dependence. For many applications, it will not be a problem if the obtained insertion loss slightly deviates from the specification (e.g. by 1 dB), or if it slightly changes over time. Example cases, however, one may require a higher precision. Most fiber-optic attenuators exhibit a relatively high return loss (at least several dozens of decibels), i.e., there is not much light which is reflected back into the input fiber. For some sensitive applications, e.g. when using an attenuator before or

after a high-gain fiber amplifier, one may have to use attenuators with particularly high return loss.

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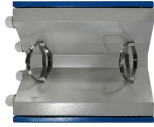
These pigtail-style attenuators provide mode independent fixed attenuation when used with multi mode fibers. The insertion loss will not depend on how the light is launched into the fiber. This is a ...



A fiber-optic attenuator is a passive device used in fiber optics to reduce the power level of an optical signal. It is often used in optical fiber communications to adjust the signal to a suitable level for a ...



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This device works by physically bending fiber optic cable via the use of thumbscrews. It can be attached at any point in a cable and leaves no lasting effects on the cable when removed.

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