

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT 2x2 99:1 Boxed Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler

Item #: BXC21
SN: A008802

Center Wavelength: 1300 nm
Coupling Ratio Specification
Signal Output: 98.4% - 99.6%
Tap Output: 0.4% - 1.6%
Bandwidth: ± 100 nm
Maximum Optical Power^a: 1 W
Fiber Type: SMF-28

Test Data ^b					
Excess Loss ^c	≤ 0.15 dB				
Input-Output Path	IN 1 (Input) – OUT 1 (Signal Output)				
Wavelength ^d	<1100 nm	1200 nm	1300 nm	1400 nm	>1500 nm
Coupling Ratio ^e	99.6%	98.9%	98.8%	98.9%	99.6%
Insertion Loss ^f	<0.97 dB	0.08 dB	0.11 dB	N/A ^g	<0.09 dB
Uniformity	>0.8 dB	0.1 dB	0.1 dB	N/A ^g	>0.1 dB
Input-Output Path	IN 1 (Input) – OUT 2 (Tap Output)				
Wavelength ^d	<1100 nm	1200 nm	1300 nm	1400 nm	>1500 nm
Coupling Ratio ^e	0.4%	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%	0.4%
Insertion Loss ^f	>21.47 dB	19.55 dB	19.29 dB	N/A ^g	>20.21 dB
Uniformity	>2.2 dB	0.3 dB	0.1 dB	N/A ^g	>0.9 dB

a. Specifies the maximum power allowed through the component. Performance and reliability under high power conditions must be determined within the user's setup.

b. All values are measured at room temperature without connectors through the IN 1 port.

c. Ratio of the input optical power to the total optical power from all output ports. It is measured at the center wavelength.

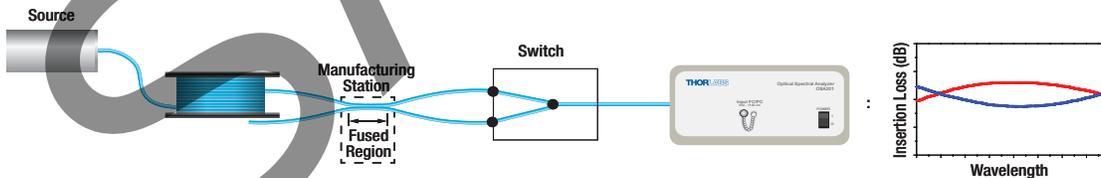
d. These wavelengths indicate the range that meets the specified coupling ratio. It is shown by the gray shaded area on the accompanying graphs. Coupling ratio specification wavelength range may exceed measurement capabilities at the manufacturing station.

e. Does not include losses, as this is a measurement of the output power distribution only.

f. Includes both the split of the power between the two outputs, as well as any optical losses in the coupler.

g. This value is not available due to the water absorption region centered around 1383 nm (refer to the included uniformity plot).

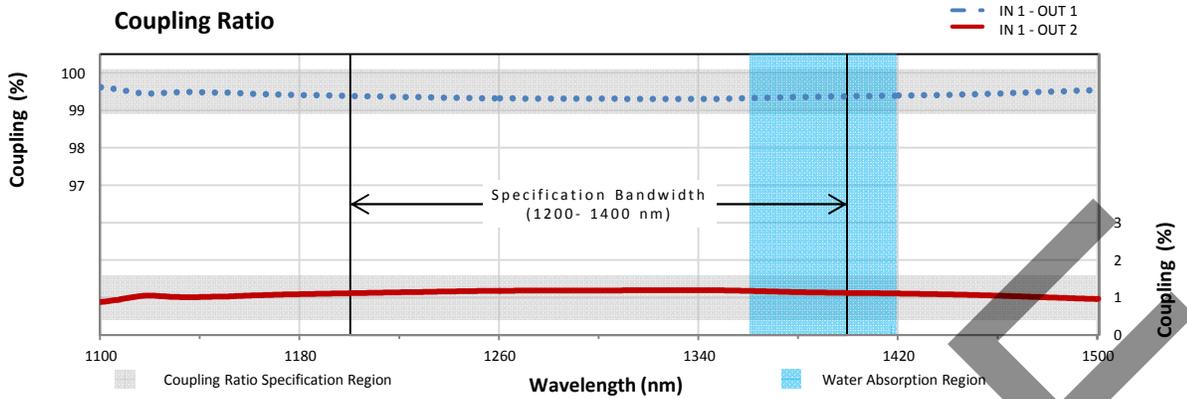
Verification Test Setup



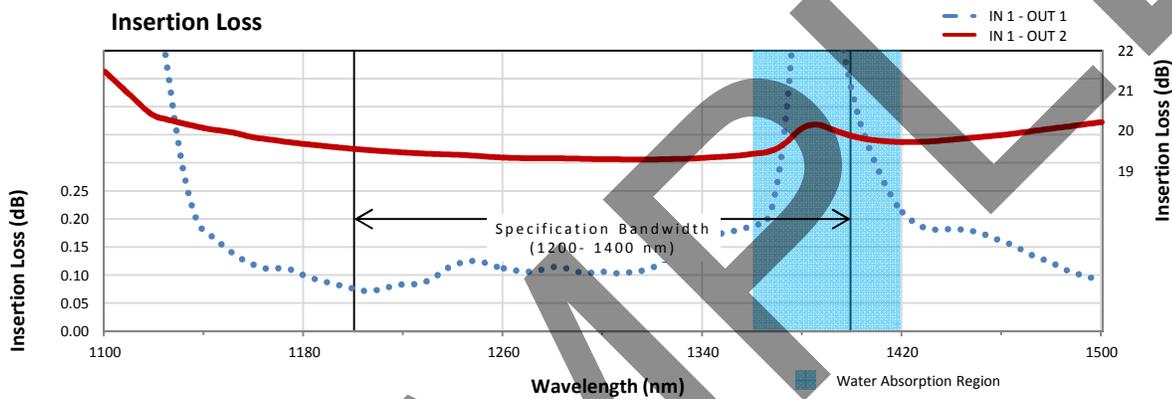
During Thorlabs' coupler manufacturing process, the spectral response of both output ports is monitored using an optical spectrum analyzer. Doing so ensures that the coupling ratio, insertion loss, uniformity, and excess loss meet or exceed the stated values over the specified wavelength range. While this coupler is specified as working across its minimum bandwidth, Thorlabs provides data across a wider wavelength range to provide insight into how this particular device would perform if used outside its guaranteed operating range. The out-of-band performance can vary from device to device.

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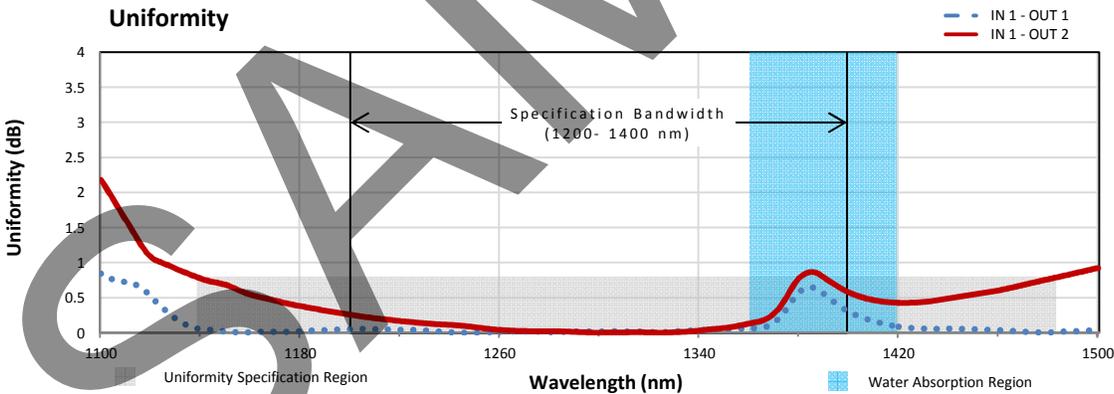
Test Data



Coupling ratio (%) is the ratio of the optical power from each output port to the sum of the total power of both output ports as a function of wavelength. It is not impacted by the water absorption region because both output legs are affected equally.



Insertion loss (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.



Uniformity is the variation (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 the Signal Port (IN 1- OUT 1) is the difference between the largest insertion loss within the specification bandwidth (excluding water absorption region) and the blue insertion loss curve (in the Insertion Plot above). The uniformity of the Tap Port (IN 1- OUT 2) is the difference between the red insertion loss curve and the smallest insertion loss within the specification bandwidth (excluding water absorption region).