Corning® ClearCurve® ZBL Optical Fiber
Product Information

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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 ZBL fiber exceeds the most stringent bend performance requirements of ITU-T Recommendation G.652.D and the installed base of SMF-28e® and SMF-28e+® fibers. Now network planners and designers are able to design optical fiber into much more challenging installations and environments; cable designers can offer optical cables with an unmatched ruggedness for easier installation and handling.

Optical Specifications

Maximum Attenuation

Wavelength (nm)	Maximum Value* (dB/km)
1310	≤ 0.35
1383**	≤ 0.35
1490	≤ 0.24
1550	≤ 0.20
1625	≤ 0.23

* Alternate attenuation offerings available upon request.
** Attenuation values at this wavelength represent post-hydrogen aging performance.

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 α.

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_{cc})

$\lambda_{cc} \le 1260$ 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	≤ 18.0
1625	≤ 23.0

Zero Dispersion Wavelength (λ_0): 1304 nm ≤ λ_0 ≤ 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 PMD	≤ 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 PMD_Q). This value represents a statistical upper limit for total link PMD. Individual PMD values may change when fiber is cabled.

How to Order

Contact your sales representative, or call the Optical Fiber Customer Service Department:
Ph: 1-607-248-2000 (U.S. and Canada)
   +44-1244-525-320 (Europe)
Email: cofic@corning.com
Please specify the fiber type, attenuation, and quantity when ordering.

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	242 ± 5 μm
Coating-Cladding Concentricity	< 12 μm

Environmental Specifications

Environmental Test	Test Condition	Induced Attenuation 1310 nm, 1550 nm, and 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 (0.69 GPa).*
*Higher proof test levels available.

Length

Fiber lengths available up to 25.2 km/spool.

Performance Characterizations

Characterized parameters are typical values.

Numerical Aperture	1310 nm: 0.14
Effective Group Index of Refraction (N_{eff})	1310 nm: 1.4670 1550 nm: 1.4677
Fatigue Resistance Parameter (N_d)	20
Coating Strip Force	Dry: 0.6 lbs. (3N)
Rayleigh Backscatter Coefficient (for 1 ns Pulse Width)	1310 nm: -77 dB 1550 nm: -82 dB

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