# Corning® SMF-28® ULL Optical Fiber Portfolio

### **Product Information**

### **CORNING**



Corning's SMF-28® ULL optical fiber portfolio has the lowest loss of any 80  $\mu$ m² terrestrial-grade, single-mode fiber available in the market with millions of kilometers deployed worldwide. SMF-28 ULL fibers are designed for the most challenging long-haul and high data rate networks, enabling customers to scale their core networks to  $\geq$  400G data rates at a lower overall cost per bit. Ultra-low-loss fiber also allows carriers and cloud operators to extend optical reach at very high data rates and makes core networks scalable for higher capacities as the demand for bandwidth continues to grow.

SMF-28® ULL optical fiber is available in the following two options, which vary based on ITU-T compliance requirements:

SMF-28® ULL optical fiber with advanced bend, which is an ITU-T G.654.C-compliant fiber that also meets the fiber macrobend loss requirements of the ITU-T G.657.A1 standard.

SMF-28® ULL optical fiber, which is an ITU-T G.652.B-compliant fiber.

All products in the SMF-28 ULL fiber portfolio are also available in a smaller 200  $\mu$ m outer diameter for use in high-density cable designs.



ColorPro® Identification

SMF-28 ULL fiber is also available

in colored variants, enabled by ColorPro® identification technology. Corning fibers with ColorPro® identification technology deliver better efficiency in cable manufacturing, simplify inventory management, and leverage an enhanced fiber

Technology

product offering.

How to Order

Contact your sales

representative, or call

Service Department:

when ordering.

the Optical Fiber Customer

Email: cofic@corning.com Please specify the fiber type, attenuation, and quantity

Ph: 1-607-248-2000 (U.S./Can.)

+44-1244-525-320 (Europe)

### SMF-28 ULL Optical Fiber with Advanced Bend Specifications

ITU-T G.654.C-compliant fiber

Meets the fiber macrobend loss requirements of ITU-T G.657.A1 standard

#### **Maximum Attenuation**

| Wavelength | Maximum Value* |  |
|------------|----------------|--|
| (nm)       | (dB/km)        |  |
| 1550       | ≤ 0.16-0.17    |  |
| 1625       | ≤ 0.18-0.19    |  |
|            |                |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Alternate attenuation offerings available upon request.

#### **Macrobend Loss**

| Mandrel<br>Radius<br>(mm) | Number<br>of<br>Turns | Wavelength<br>(nm) | Induced<br>Attenuation*<br>(dB) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 10                        | 1                     | 1550               | ≤ 0.75                          |
| 10                        | 1                     | 1625               | ≤ 1.5                           |
| 15                        | 10                    | 1550               | ≤ 0.25                          |
| 15                        | 10                    | 1625               | ≤ 1.0                           |

Meets or exceeds the macrobend loss requirements of the ITU-T G.657.A1 standard.

#### **Point Discontinuity**

| Wavelength | Point Discontinuity |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|
| (nm)       | (dB)                |  |
| 1550       | ≤ 0.05              |  |

### Cable Cutoff Wavelength ( $\lambda_{cc}$ )

 $\lambda_{cc} \leq 1520 \text{ nm}$ 

#### **Mode Field Diameter**

| Wavelength | Mode Field Diameter |
|------------|---------------------|
| (nm)       | (μm)                |
| 1550       | 10.5 ± 0.5          |

#### Dispersion

| Wavelength<br>(nm) | Dispersion Value<br>[ps/(nm•km)] |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1550               | ≤ 18                             |
| 1625               | ≤ 22                             |

Zero Dispersion Wavelength ( $\lambda_0$ ): 1300 nm  $\leq \lambda_0 \leq$  1324 nm Zero Dispersion Slope ( $S_0$ ):  $\leq 0.092$  ps/(nm²•km)

#### **Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD)**

|                              | value (ps/vkm) |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| PMD Link Design Value        | ≤ 0.04*        |
| Maximum Individual Fiber PMD | ≤ 0.1          |

<sup>\*</sup>Complies with ITU-T G.650-2 Appendix IV, (m = 20, Q = 0.01%), August 2015.

The PMD 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.



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<sup>\*</sup>The induced attenuation due to fiber wrapped around a mandrel of a specified radius.



### **SMF-28 ULL Optical Fiber Specifications**

ITU-T G.652.B-compliant fiber

#### **Maximum Attenuation**

| Wavelength Maximum Va |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| (nm)                  | (dB/km)       |
| 1310                  | ≤ 0.30 - 0.31 |
| 1550                  | ≤ 0.16 - 0.17 |
| 1625                  | ≤ 0.18 - 0.19 |

<sup>\*</sup>Alternate attenuation offerings available upon request.

#### **Macrobend Loss**

| Mandrel<br>Radius<br>(mm) | Number<br>of<br>Turns | Wavelength<br>(nm) | Induced<br>Attenuation*<br>(dB) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 16                        | 1                     | 1550               | ≤ 0.1                           |
| 25                        | 100                   | 1310               | ≤ 0.05                          |
| 25                        | 100                   | 1550               | ≤ 0.05                          |
| 30                        | 100                   | 1625               | ≤ 0.05                          |

<sup>\*</sup>The induced attenuation due to fiber wrapped around a mandrel of a specified radius.

#### **Point Discontinuity**

| Wavelength<br>(nm) | Point Discontinuity<br>(dB) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1310               | ≤ 0.05                      |
| 1550               | ≤ 0.05                      |

#### Cable Cutoff Wavelength ( $\lambda_{cc}$ )

 $\lambda_{cc} \leq 1260 \text{ nm}$ 

#### **Mode Field Diameter**

| Wavelength | Mode Field Diameter |
|------------|---------------------|
| (nm)       | (μm)                |
| 1310       | 9.2 ± 0.5           |
| 1550       | 10.5 ± 0.5          |

#### Dispersion

| Wavelength<br>(nm) | Dispersion Value<br>[ps/(nm•km)] |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1550               | ≤ 18                             |
| 1625               | ≤ 22                             |

Zero Dispersion Wavelength ( $\lambda_0$ ): 1300 nm  $\leq \lambda_0 \leq$  1324 nm Zero Dispersion Slope ( $S_0$ ):  $\leq$  0.092 ps/(nm²-km)

#### **Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD)**

Value (ps/√km)

|                              |         | , |
|------------------------------|---------|---|
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## **Dimensional Specifications**

#### **Glass Geometry**

| Fiber Curl               | ≥ 4.0 m radius of curvature |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cladding Diameter        | 125.0 ± 0.7 μm              |
| Core-Clad Concentricity  | ≤ 0.8 µm                    |
| Cladding Non-Circularity | ≤ 0.7%                      |

| Coating Geometry               | Standard<br>Offering | Smaller Coating<br>Diameter Option |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Coating Diameter               | 242 ± 5 μm           | 200 ± 5 μm                         |
| Coating-Cladding Concentricity | < 12 μm              | ≤ 10 μm                            |

### **Environmental Specifications**

| Environmental Test           | Test Condition              | Induced Attenuation<br>1310 nm, 1550 nm, and 1625 nm<br>(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  |

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

### **Mechanical Specifications**

The entire fiber length is subjected to a tensile stress ≥ 100 kpsi (0.69 GPa). Higher proof test levels are available.

#### Length

Fiber lengths available up to 50.4 km/spool.

### **Performance Characterizations**

Characterized parameters are typical values.

| Core Diameter  | 8.2 µm  |
|--|---|
| Effective Group Index of Refraction $(n_{\mbox{\tiny eff}})$ | 1310 nm: 1.4606<br>1550 nm: 1.4620                                  |
| Fatigue Resistance Parameter (n <sub>d</sub> )               | 20  |
| Coating Strip Force  | Dry: 0.6 lbs. (3 N)<br>Wet, 14-day room temperature: 0.6 lbs. (3 N) |
| Rayleigh Backscatter Coefficient (for 1 ns Pulse Width)      | 1310 nm: -77 dB<br>1550 nm: -82 dB                                  |