WL Photonics Inc.



Leading Provider of Fiber Optic Wavelength Tuning and Conditioning Solutions

Faraday Optical Isolators

Faraday optical isolators of FI- series are built with the superior materials of large Verdet constant, high thermal conductivity, low absorption coefficient Terbium Gallium Garnet (TGG) and low temperature coefficient rareearth-doped magnets for various applications to laser systems from reflection protect disturbances. Both free-space isolators and fiberpigtailed versions are available.

Orientated mainly to OEM applications, free space isolators includes polarization-sensitive and polarization-insensitive versions over 1025-1085nm. A unique optics design enables the substantial compensation of the thermal selfaction due to laser absorption in high power operations, resulting in improved isolation rate as well as output light beam quality. Furthermore, the light beams in reverse direction are blocked inside and dumped to heat sinks. This eliminates possible cladding modes induced in input lead fiber protecting a source from instabilities, power spikes and permanent optical damage. Such the free space isolators or Faraday rotators over other bands are also available over 500-1080nm on request.

Fiber-pigtailed broadband optical isolators are also available over 840nm and 1060nm bands. Broadband operation with flat-top isolation profile is achieved by integrating a 45° crystal with a 45° Faraday rotator. The wavelength dependences of polarization rotation induced by the two elements compensate each other in backward transmission, resulting in flat-top isolation profile over a wide spectral range. These isolators are well-suited for the applications with wideband light sources such as OCT systems and tunable fiber lasers.

WL Photonics also provides various other TGGbased optical isolators and Faraday rotators over 500-1080nm for custom applications.

Key Features

- High power handling \geq
- \geq Broadband operation
- High isolation
- Compact design \geq
- Both free-space \geq and fiber-pigtailed version available.
- Affordable cost \triangleright
- Custom solution for OEM applications



Free Space Faraday Isolator and Rotator



Fiber-Pigtailed Broadband Isolator

Main	Specifications	of Free Space	Optical Isolator	(FI-PS- or PI-version)

Parameter	Polarization-Sensitive Version (FI-PS-)	Polarization-Insensitive Version (FI-PI-)	
Center Wavelength (λc)	Any wavelength specified within 1025-1085nm		
Operating Bandwidth	$\lambda c \pm 5 nm$		
Pulsed Damage Threshold	< 10J/cm ² at 10ns		
Average Power ¹	30W		
Max. Input Beam Size @ 1/e ² Interception	1.6mm in diameter	0.75mm in diameter	
Transmission $(a) \lambda c$	> 92%		
Polarization Dependent Loss (PDL)	N/A	<0.20dB	
Isolation @ λc and 23 ^o C	>30dB		
Isolation over $\lambda c \pm 5nm$ and 10 $\sim 50^{\circ}C$	>22dB		
Input & Output Light Polarizations ²	In the same plane	In orthogonal planes	
Input & Output Light Beams	Coaxially centered		
Operating Temperature	0 to 50 °C		
Storage Temperature	-10 to 60 ^o C		
Storage Humidity	0-90% (Non-condensing)		
Dimension	Φ30mmx45mm (L)	Φ30mmx80mm (L)	
RoHS	Compliant		
Notes	¹ It is referenced for forward transmission as standard. Please specify if both forward and backward transmissions are requested. ² In orthogonal planes for FI-PS -series and in the same plane for FI-PI-series are available on request.		

Typical Isolation Spectrum of 1060nm Broadband Isolator



Main Specifications of Fiber-Pigtailed Broadband Optical Isolator (FI-BP-Version)

Parameter	Isolator for 840nm Band (FI-BP-840-)	Isolator for 1060nm Band (FI-BP-1060-)	
Center Wavelength (λc)	840nm	1060nm	
Operating Bandwidth	±40nm	±50nm	
Typical Isolation	30-32dB		
Minimum Isolation @ 23 °C	25dB	27dB	
Max. Polarization-Dependent Loss (a) λc and 23 ^o C	0.15dB (SM fiber pigtail only)		
Extinction Ratio	20 dB (PM fiber pigtail inly)		
Typical Insertion Loss @ λc and $23^{0}C$	1.0dB		
Max. Insertion Loss @ 23 ^o C	1.7 dB over 840 ± 40 nm	1.6 dB over 1060 ± 50 nm	
Minimum Return Loss	50/50dB		
Max. Input Optical Power ¹	0.5W (CW)	1.0W (CW)	
Max. Tensile Load of Pigtail	5N		
	HI780	HI1060	
Pigtail Fiber Type ²	Panda PM780	Panda PM980	
rigian riber rype	Aligned in PM slow axes	Aligned In PM slow axes	
	(fast-axis blocking)	(fast-axis blocking)	
Operating Temperature	0 to 50 °C		
Storage Temperature	-10 to 60 ^o C		
Storage Humidity	0-90% (Non-condensing)		
Dimension	See below drawings		
RoHS	Compliant		
Notes	 ¹ Higher power handlings are available on request. ² Other type fibers are available on request. 		



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Dimensions of Free-Space Pol.-Insensitive Isolator (FI-PI-Version)

Dimensions of Fiber-Pigtailed Isolator @ 840nm Band (FI-BP-840-Version)



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Dimensions of Fiber-Pigtailed Isolator @ 1060nm Band (FI-BP-1060-Version)



Ordering Information

Part Number of Free-Space Isolator: FI-PA-B

Part Number of Free-Pigtailed Isolator: FI-BP-B-C-D/E-F

- A. Polarization-dependence: **S** is for free space polarization-sensitive version and **I** is for free space polarization-insensitive version.
- B. Center wavelength in nanometer: 1035 is for 1035nm center wavelength, 1060 is for 1060nm center wavelength.
- C. Fiber type: SM is for single mode fiber and PM is for Panda polarization maintaining fiber (only existing for pigtail version).
- D. Pigtail cable diameter in millimeter: 0.25 is for 250µm OD buffer fiber, 0.9 is for 900µm OD loose tube and 3.0 is for 3.0mm OD cable (only existing for pigtail version).
- E. Pigtail length in meter: 0.5 is for 0.5m long and 1.0 is for 1M long (only existing for pigtail version).
- F. Connector type of pigtail termination, such as FC/APC, FC/UPC SC/APC or LU/UPC and 00 is for no connector (only existing for pigtail version).

Example 1: FI-PS-1035

Description: Free space high power polarization-sensitive optical isolator for 1035nm.

Example 2: FI-PI-1055

Description: Free space high power polarization-insensitive optical isolator for 1055nm.

Example 3: FI- FI-BP-840-SM-0.9/1.0-FC/UPC

Description: Fiber optic broadband polarization-insensitive isolator over $840nm\pm40nm$ with 1.0meter long, $900\mu m$ OD loose cabled HI1060 fiber pigtails terminated with FC/UPC connectors on both pigtail ends. 0.5W (CW) optical input power.

Example 4: FI- FI-BP-1060-SM-3.0/1.5-FC/APC

Description: Fiber optic broadband polarization-insensitive isolator over 1060nm±50nm with 1.5meter long, 3.0mm OD loose cabled HI1060 fiber pigtails terminated with FC/APC connectors on both pigtail ends. 1.0W (CW) optical input power.

Example 5: FI- FI-BP-1060-PM-3.0/1.0-00

Description: Fiber optic broadband polarization-sensitive isolator over 1060nm±50nm with 1.0meter long, 3.0mm OD loose cabled Panda PM980 fiber pigtails aligned in PM slow axes (fast-axis blocking) and no connectors on pigtail ends. 1.0W (CW) optical input power.