Corning[®] SMF-28[®] ULL Optical Fiber Portfolio Product Information

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Corning's SMF-28[®] ULL optical fiber portfolio has the lowest loss of any 80 µm² terrestrial-grade, single-mode fiber available in the market – with millions of kilometers deployed worldwide. The newest addition, SMF-28 ULL fiber with advanced bend, is an ITU-T G.654.C-compliant fiber with best-in-class performance specifications. This evolutionary product provides ultra-low loss, with attenuation available down to 0.15 dB/km at 1550 nm, lower latency, and meets the fiber macrobend loss requirements of the ITU-T G.657.A1 standard. SMF-28 ULL fiber with advanced bend is designed for the most challenging long-haul and high data rate networks, enabling customers to scale to ≥ 400G data rates at a lower overall cost per bit. All products in the SMF-28 ULL fiber portfolio are also available in a smaller 200 µm outer diameter for use in high density cable designs.

SMF-28 ULL Optical Fiber with Advanced Bend Specifications

Compliant to ITU-T G.654.C

Maximum Attenuation

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

*Alternate attenuation offerings available upon request.

Macrobend Loss

| Mandrel Radius (mm) | Number of Turns | Wavelength (nm) | Induced Attenuation* (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.

*The induced attenuation due to fiber wrapped around a mandrel of a specified radius.

Point Discontinuity

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

Cable Cutoff Wavelength (λ_{cc})

| Mode Field Diameter | Mod | le Fi | eld | Dia | meter |
|---------------------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|
|---------------------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|

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

Dispersion

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

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

Zero Dispersion Wavelength (λ_0): 1300 nm $\leq \lambda_0 \leq$ 1324 nm Zero Dispersion Slope (S₀): \leq 0.092 ps/(nm²·km)

Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD)

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

*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.

ColorPro[®] Identification Technology

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 product offering.

How to Order

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



SMF-28 ULL Optical Fiber Specifications

Compliant to ITU-T G.652.B

Maximum Attenuation

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

*Alternate attenuation offerings available upon request.

Macrobend Loss

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

*The induced attenuation due to fiber wrapped around a mandrel of a specified radius.

Point Discontinuity

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

Cable Cutoff Wavelength (λ_{cc})

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

Mode Field Diameter

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

Dispersion

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

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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 Offering | Smaller Coating 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 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 |

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

Mechanical Specifications

Proof Test

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_{eff}) | 1310 nm: 1.4606 1550 nm: 1.4620 |
| Fatigue Resistance Parameter (n _d) | 20 |
| Coating Strip Force | Dry: 0.6 lbs. (3 N) Wet, 14-day room temperature: 0.6 lbs. (3 N) |
| Rayleigh Backscatter Coefficient (for 1 ns Pulse Width) | 1310 nm: -77 dB 1550 nm: -82 dB |

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