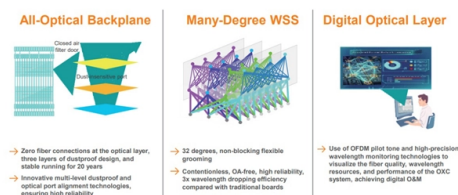


Comparison of Energy-Saving and Performance Types of Optical Circulators



AI Overview

Energy-saving optical circulators prioritize low insertion loss and minimal power consumption, while high-performance circulators maximize isolation, low polarization-dependent loss, and multi-channel precision. Operating Principles Both energy-saving and high-performance optical circulators are non-reciprocal devices that route light from one port to the next while preventing back-reflection, typically using Faraday rotation and magneto-optical materials such as TGG (Terbium Gallium Garnet) to manipulate polarization. The Faraday effect ensures that light traveling backward is diverted to a different port, protecting sensitive components like lasers or EDFAs.

Energy-Saving Optical Circulators
Design Focus: Minimized insertion loss (IL) and reduced power consumption, often achieved through simplified optical paths and fewer active components.
Insertion Loss: Typically low, but may be slightly higher than ultra-high-performance devices due to trade-offs in isolation or polarization handling.
Isolation: Moderate, sufficient for standard fiber-optic communication but not optimized for extreme crosstalk suppression.
Polarization Dependence: May be polarization-sensitive, requiring careful alignment or polarization-maintaining fibers.
Applications: Ideal for long-haul fiber networks, low-power DWDM systems, and scenarios where energy efficiency is critical.

High-Performance Optical Circulators
Design Focus: Maximum isolation (ISO), minimal insertion loss, and extremely low polarization-dependent loss (PDL), often using precision microlens arrays and advanced alignment techniques.
Performance Metrics: Example: an 8-channel high-performance array achieves ISO >50 dB, IL 0.41 dB, and PDL 0.002 dB across all channels.
Polarization Independence: Often fully polarization-independent, supporting any input polarization without performance degradation.
Applications: Cri...

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Optimized design of multiport optical circulator

SWPs are critical components in the design of optical circulators and influence the device performance and cost directly. SWPs split an optical beam into two orthogonally polarized beams of

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