

Fiber Array Substrate Manufacturing Process



AI Overview

The fiber array substrate manufacturing process involves precise V-groove alignment, adhesive bonding, and polishing to create high-precision optical fiber arrays for photonic applications. Overview of Fiber Array Substrates Fiber arrays are assemblies of optical fibers arranged in one- or two-dimensional patterns, typically used to couple light between sources, planar waveguides, or photonic integrated circuits . The substrate provides mechanical support and precise positioning for the fibers, often using V-groove structures or arrays of holes in glass, polymer, or metal plates . Key Manufacturing Steps 1. Substrate Preparation The substrate, often made from materials like JGS2, BF33, or BK7 glass, is cleaned and positioned in pasting equipment for precise placement . The substrate may be coated with a thin film to enhance adhesion and surface quality. 2. V-Groove Formation V-grooves are created on the substrate using cutting or V-shaped tools, typically at angles of 60° or 90° . Chamfering and polishing of the grooves reduce edge damage and ensure smooth fiber placement. Mesh sizes of 600, 800, or 1000 are used for roughing and finishing the grooves. 3. Fiber Placement and Bonding Exposed optical fibers, with coatings removed, are carefully inserted into the V-grooves. Fibers are pressed into position and bonded using adhesives to secure alignment . For high-density applications, fiber etching may be applied to taper the cladding and reduce pitch between fibers . 4. Polishing and Surface Finishing After bonding, the fiber array surface is ground and polished to achieve the required optical precision and flatness . This step ensures low insertion loss and high optical return loss. 5. Optional Coatings and Terminations Anti-reflection (AR) coatings can be applied to fiber end faces to reduce optical loss . Fibers may also be terminated with connectors, lensed, or angled polished dependi...

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