

FC532-99B-APC - Feb. 20, 2017

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► **Narrowband and Wideband Couplers for 532 nm**
 ► **Available with 50:50, 75:25, 90:10, and 99:1 Coupling Ratios**
 ► **Terminated with 2.0 mm Narrow Key FC/PC or FC/APC Connectors**

TW560R3F2
75:25 Wideband Coupler with FC/PC Connectors

FC532-99B-APC
99:1 Narrowband Coupler with FC/APC Connectors

Combine or "Tap Off" Signals

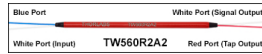
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OVERVIEW & NBSP:

Features

- Fused Fiber Optic Couplers for Use at 532 nm
- Two Wavelength Ranges Available
 - 532 ± 15 nm Narrowband
 - 560 ± 50 nm Wideband
- 50:50, 75:25, 90:10, or 99:1 Split Ratio
- Bidirectional Coupling (Either End Can Be Used as an Input)
- Individual Test Report Included with Each Coupler (See the *Coupler Verification* Tab for Details on Wideband Coupler Testing)
- Contact Us for Custom Wavelength, Coupling Ratio and Connector Options



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 Each wideband coupler is engraved with the Item #, serial number, and key specifications for easy identification. When the white port on the left is used as the input, the coupling ratios listed below correspond to the ratio of the measured output power from the white (signal output) port to the red (tap output) port.

Thorlabs offers a wide range of narrowband and wideband Single Mode 2x2 Fiber Optic Couplers, also known as taps, as highlighted in the table to the right. 2x2 couplers are bidirectional, allowing any port to be used as an input (refer to the *2x2 Coupling Examples* tab above). Couplers that can be used at 532 nm are featured below.

Couplers are available with a center wavelength of 532 nm and a ±15 nm bandwidth (narrowband) as well as with a center wavelength of 560 nm and a ±50 nm bandwidth (wideband). These couplers are offered with coupling ratios of 50:50, 75:25, 90:10, or 99:1.

Thorlabs provides an individual test data sheet with each wideband coupler. Our wideband couplers feature a detailed test report that includes coupling data and performance graphs that extend outside of the specified bandwidth, covering the wavelength range where the coupling ratio remains within the specified tolerance. Details of our wideband coupler testing procedures are provided on the *Coupler Verification* tab, and a sample data sheet for our wideband couplers can be viewed here.

These couplers are offered from stock with FC/PC or FC/APC connectors, as outlined in the tables below. Fiber leads are jacketed in Ø900 µm Hytrel® tubing. Custom coupler configurations with other wavelengths, fiber types, coupling ratios, or port configurations are also available. If a custom connector configuration is needed, one-day turnaround is possible for small orders if the order is placed before 12 PM EST. Please contact Tech Support with inquiries.

Our complete selection of 2x2 SM couplers is outlined in the table to the right and on the *SM Coupler Guide* tab.

Animated examples of 90:10 splitting and 50:50 mixing

2x2 SM Fiber Optic Coupler Selection Guide^a

	Center Wavelength	Bandwidth
	470 nm	±40 nm
	488 nm	±15 nm
	532 nm	±15 nm
	560 nm	±50 nm
	630 nm	±50 nm
	670 nm	±75 nm
	780 nm	±15 nm
	805 nm	±75 nm
	830 nm	±15 nm
	850 nm	±100 nm
	930 nm	±100 nm
	980 nm	±15 nm
	1064 nm	±100 nm
	1300 nm	±100 nm
	1430 nm	±100 nm
	1550 nm	±100 nm
	1650 nm	±100 nm
	2000 nm	±200 nm
	1310 nm/1550 nm	±40 nm

• Green shading denotes wideband couplers.

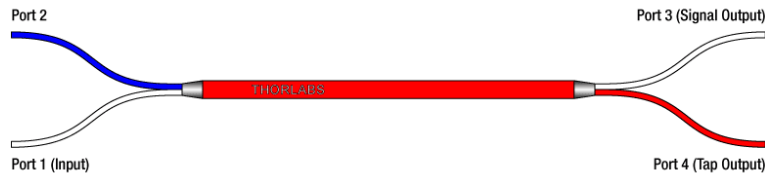
Alternative Fiber Coupler Options							
Double-Clad Couplers	Single Mode Couplers			Multimode Couplers	Polarization-Maintaining Couplers		Wavelength Division Multiplexers (WDM)
2x2	1x2	2x2	1x4	Graded-Index 1x2	Step-Index 2x2	1x2	2x2

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2X2 COUPLER TUTORIAL

Definition of 2x2 Fused Fiber Optic Coupler Specifications

This tab provides a brief explanation of how we determine several key specifications for our 2x2 couplers. The ports of the coupler are defined as shown in the coupler schematic below. In the sections below, the light is input into port 1. Ports 3 and port 4 would then be considered the signal and tap outputs, respectively.



Excess Loss

Excess loss in dB is determined by the ratio of the total input power to the total output power:

$$\text{Excess Loss}(dB) = 10 \log \frac{P_{port1}(mW)}{P_{port3}(mW) + P_{port4}(mW)}$$

P_{port1} is the input power at port 1 and $P_{port3}+P_{port4}$ is the total output power from Ports 3 and 4, assuming no input power at port 2. All powers are expressed in mW.

Optical Return Loss (ORL) / Directivity

The directivity refers to the fraction of input light that exits the coupler through an input port (i.e., light exiting at port 2) instead of the intended output port . It can be calculated in units of dB using the following equation:

$$\text{Directivity}(dB) = 10 \log \frac{P_{port1}(mW)}{P_{port2}(mW)}$$

where P_{port1} and P_{port2} are the optical powers (in mW) in port 1 and port 2, respectively. This output is the result of back reflection at the junction of the legs of the coupler and represents a loss in the total light output at ports 3 and 4. For a 50:50 coupler, the directivity is equal to the optical return loss (ORL).

Insertion Loss

The insertion loss is defined as the ratio of the input power to the output power at one of the output legs of the coupler (signal or tap). Insertion loss is always specified in decibels (dB). It is generally defined using the equation below:

$$\text{Insertion Loss}(dB) = 10 \log \frac{P_{in}(mW)}{P_{out}(mW)}$$

where P_{in} and P_{out} are the input and output powers (in mW). For our 2x2 couplers, the insertion loss specification is provided for both signal and tap outputs; our specifications always list insertion loss for the signal output first. To define the insertion loss for a specific output (port 3 or port 4), the equation is rewritten as:

$$\text{Insertion Loss}_{port1 \rightarrow port3}(dB) = 10 \log \frac{P_{port1}(mW)}{P_{port3}(mW)}$$

$$\text{Insertion Loss}_{port1 \rightarrow port4}(dB) = 10 \log \frac{P_{port1}(mW)}{P_{port4}(mW)}$$

A similar equation can be used to define the insertion loss at port 2 for input at port 1. However, as seen above, this is already defined as the directivity of the coupler.

Insertion loss inherently includes both coupling (e.g., light transferred to the other output leg) and excess loss (e.g., light lost from the coupler) effects. The maximum allowed insertion loss for each output, signal and tap, are both specified. Because the insertion loss in each output is correlated to light coupled to the other output, no coupler will ever have the maximum insertion loss in both outputs simultaneously.

Calculating Insertion Loss using Power Expressed in dBm

Insertion loss can also be easily calculated with the power expressed in units of dBm. The equation below shows the relationship between power expressed in mW and dBm:

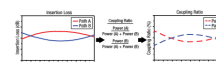
$$P(dBm) = 10 \log P(mW)$$

Then, the insertion loss in dB can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Insertion Loss}(dB) = P_{in}(dBm) - P_{out}(dBm)$$

Coupling Ratio

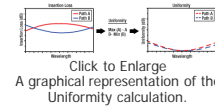
Insertion loss (in dB) is the ratio of the input power to the output power from each leg of the coupler as a function of wavelength. It captures both the coupling ratio and the excess loss. The coupling ratio is calculated from the measured insertion loss. Coupling ratio (in %) is the ratio of the optical power from each output port (A and B) to the sum of the total power of both output ports as a function of wavelength. It is not impacted by spectral features such as the water absorption region because both output legs are affected equally. Persistence plots showing the coupling ratio of our wideband couplers can be viewed by clicking on the blue info icons below.



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A graphical representation of the coupling ratio calculation.

Uniformity

The uniformity is also calculated from the measured insertion loss. Uniformity is the variation (in dB) of the insertion loss over the bandwidth. It is a measure of how evenly the insertion loss is distributed over the spectral range. The uniformity of Path A is the difference between the value of highest insertion loss and the solid red insertion loss curve (in the Insertion Plot above). The uniformity of Path B is the difference between the solid blue insertion loss curve and the value of lowest insertion loss. Persistence plots showing the uniformity of our wideband couplers can be viewed by clicking on the blue info icons below.



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2X2 COUPLING EXAMPLES & NBSP

General Coupling Examples

Animated example of 90:10 splitting and 50:50 mixing.

2x2 fused fiber optic couplers can split or mix light between two optical fibers with minimal loss and at a specified coupling ratio. Thorlabs' couplers are available from stock in one of four ratios: 50:50, 75:25, 90:10, or 99:1. All of our fused fiber optic couplers are bidirectional, meaning that all ports can be used as an input. The animation to the right shows several simple coupling examples.

The terms "Signal Output" and "Tap Output" refer to the higher and lower power outputs, respectively. To illustrate this, if light is input into the white port of the TW1064R1A2A coupler (99:1 coupling ratio), 99% of the transmitted light is coupled into the white port on the other side of the coupler while the other 1% is coupled into the red port. In this example, the second white port is referred to as the signal output port, and the red port is referred to as a tap output port. For a 50:50 coupler, the signal and tap ports would have the same power output.

In our wideband couplers, the signal always propagates from blue to red or white to white, while the tap always propagates from blue to white or white to red. For our narrowband couplers, please refer to the datasheet included with the coupler to determine signal and tap propagation paths.

Specific Coupling Examples

In the examples below, two 2x2 1300 nm Wideband Fiber Optic Couplers (50:50 and 90:10 coupling ratios) are used with input signals A and B. The table to the right lists typical insertion loss (signal and tap outputs) for each coupler. To calculate the power at any given output, subtract the insertion loss for the signal or tap output from the input power (in dBm).

Coupling Ratio	Insertion Loss (Signal)	Insertion Loss (Tap)
90:10	0.6 dB	10.1 dB
50:50	3.2 dB	3.2 dB

Example 1: Splitting Light from a Single Input

For this example, the couplers are used to split light from a single input into the signal and tap outputs as indicated in the diagrams below. In the table below, the output ports are highlighted in green.

Port	90:10 Coupling Ratio		50:50 Coupling Ratio	
	Signal A		Signal A	
1 (Input)	10 dBm (10 mW)		10 dBm (10 mW)	
2 (Not Used)	-		-	
3 (Signal Output)	9.4 dBm (8.7 mW)		6.8 dBm (4.8 mW)	
4 (Tap Output)	-0.1 dBm (1.0 mW)		6.8 dBm (4.8 mW)	

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Example 2: Mixing Two Signals from Two Inputs

In this example, the couplers are used to mix light from two inputs, designated Signal A and Signal B. The outputs contain a mixed signal composed of both Signal A and Signal B in ratios depending on the coupling ratio. All ports are indicated in the diagrams below. In the table below, the output ports are highlighted in green.

Port	90:10 Coupling Ratio		50:50 Coupling Ratio	
	Signal A	Signal B	Signal A	Signal B
1 (Input A)	5 dBm (3.2 mW)	-	5 dBm (3.2 mW)	-
2 (Input B)	-	8 dBm (6.3 mW)	-	8 dBm (6.3 mW)
3 (Output)	4.4 dBm (2.8 mW)	-2.1 dBm (0.6 mW)	1.6 dBm (1.4 mW)	4.8 dBm (3.0 mW)
4 (Output)	-5.1 dBm (0.3 mW)	7.4 dBm (5.5 mW)	1.6 dBm (1.4 mW)	4.8 dBm (3.0 mW)

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Example 3: Coupling a Return Signal with a Reflector on Port 4

Here, the couplers are used to split light from a single input, however, in this example there is a 100% reflector on port 4, as shown in the diagrams below. As a result, the light is reflected back into the coupler and split again. The ports are indicated in the diagrams below. In the table below, the output ports for the initial pass are highlighted in green.

Port	90:10 Coupling Ratio		50:50 Coupling Ratio	
	Signal A	Reflected Signal A	Signal A	Reflected Signal A
1 (Input)	6 dBm (4.0 mW)	-14.2 dBm (0.04 mW)	6 dBm (4.0 mW)	-0.4 dBm (0.9 mW)
2 (No Input)	-	-4.7 dBm (0.34 mW)	-	-0.4 dBm (0.9 mW)
3 (Signal Output)	5.4 dBm (3.5 mW)	-	2.8 dBm (1.9 mW)	-

<p>4 (Reflected Output)</p> <p>Click on the Diagram for Power Distributions at Each Port</p>	<p>-4.1 dBm (0.39 mW) Reflected</p>	<p>2.8 dBm (1.9 mW) Reflected</p>
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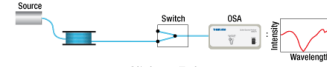
COUPLER VERIFICATION

Wideband Fiber Coupler Testing and Verification Procedure

During Thorlabs' coupling manufacturing process, the coupling ratio and bandwidth of each wideband coupler is monitored as the two branches are fused together. This ensures that each coupler meets the stated specifications over the bandwidth. Each wideband coupler is shipped with an individualized data sheet providing a summary of the results of these tests. Click here for a sample data sheet for our 560 nm wideband couplers.

Step 1

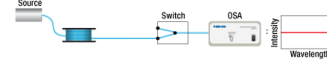
The fiber to create the first branch (Path A) of the coupler is connected to a source on one side and a switch leading to an Optical Spectrum Analyzer (OSA) on the other.



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Step 2

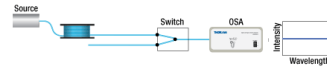
The spectrum of the source through the fiber and switch is measured using the OSA and zeroed.



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Step 3

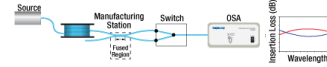
The fiber to form the second branch (Path B) of the coupler is connected to the source and to the second port of the switch leading to the OSA. The spectrum of the source through the fiber and switch is also measured and zeroed.



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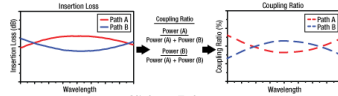
Step 4

The two fibers are fused on a manufacturing station to create the coupler structure. During the fusing process, the output from both legs of the coupler is monitored on the OSA. Coupler fusing stops once the coupler reaches the desired coupling ratio, excess loss, and insertion loss specifications.



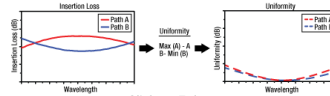
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For 1x2 couplers, one of the fiber ends is terminated within the coupler housing. The termination is done in a manner that minimizes back reflections from this output.



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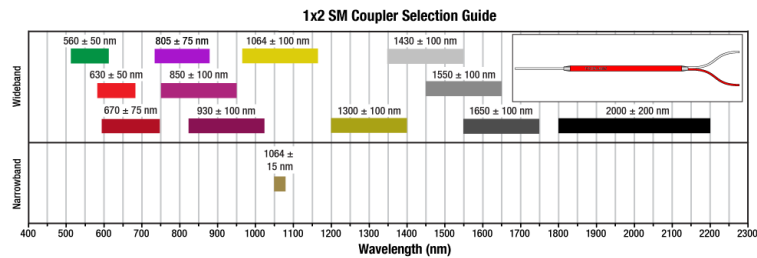
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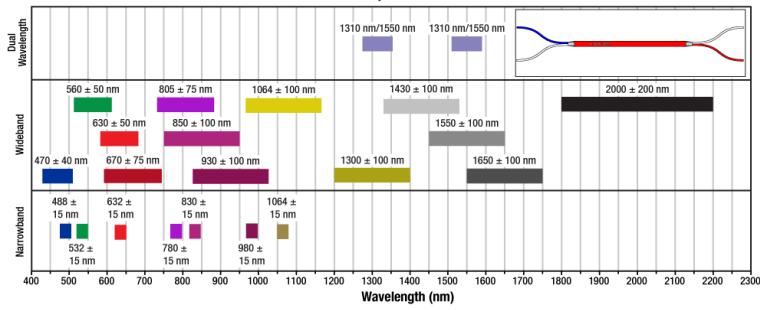
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SM COUPLER GUIDE

Our 1x2 and 2x2 Single Mode Coupler offerings are outlined in the graphs below. Click on the colored bars to visit the web presentation for each coupler.



2x2 SM Coupler Selection Guide



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50:50 Fiber Optic Couplers

Thorlabs offers both narrowband and wideband fiber optic couplers. All specifications are measured without connectors during the manufacturing process. Additional information on the testing process for our wideband couplers can be found on the *Coupler Verification* tab above. Our wideband couplers are highlighted green in the table below.

Item #	Info	Center Wavelength	Bandwidth	Coupling Ratio ^a (%)	Coupling Ratio Tolerance	Insertion Loss ^a	Excess Loss ^a	Uniformity ^a	Fiber Type ^b	Termination
TN532R5F2 ^c		532 nm	±15 nm	50:50 (Click for Plot)	±12.0%	≤4.5 dB / ≤4.5 dB	≤0.3 dB	-	460HP	FC/PC
TN532R5A2 ^c										FC/APC
TW560R5F2 ^c		560 nm	±50 nm	50:50 (Click for Plot)	±6.0%	≤3.9 dB / ≤3.9 dB	≤0.3 dB	≤0.8 dB (Click for Plot)	460HP	FC/PC
TW560R5A2 ^c										FC/APC

- Please see the *2x2 Coupler Tutorial* tab for more information on these terms.
- Other fiber types may be available upon request. Please contact Tech Support with inquiries.
- All values are specified at room temperature over the bandwidth and measured without connectors using the white port as the input, as indicated in the diagram above; performance may vary if the blue port is used as the input.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
TN532R5F2	2x2 Narrowband Fiber Optic Coupler, 532 ± 15 nm, 50:50 Split, FC/PC	\$230.00	Today
TN532R5A2	2x2 Narrowband Fiber Optic Coupler, 532 ± 15 nm, 50:50 Split, FC/APC	\$271.00	Today
TW560R5F2	2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, 560 ± 50 nm, 50:50 Split, FC/PC	\$357.00	Today
TW560R5A2	2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, 560 ± 50 nm, 50:50 Split, FC/APC	\$398.00	Today

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75:25 Fiber Optic Couplers

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Item #	Info	Center Wavelength	Bandwidth	Coupling Ratio ^a (%)	Coupling Ratio Tolerance	Insertion Loss ^a	Excess Loss ^a	Uniformity ^a	Fiber Type ^b	Termination
TN532R3F2		532 nm	±15 nm	75:25 (Click for Plot)	±8.0%	≤2.0 dB / ≤8.0 dB	≤0.3 dB	-	460HP	FC/PC
TN532R3A2										FC/APC
TW560R3F2 ^c		560 nm	±50 nm	75:25 (Click for Plot)	±3.75%	≤1.8 dB / ≤7.0 dB	≤0.3 dB	≤1.0 dB (Click for Plot)	460HP	FC/PC
TW560R3A2 ^c										FC/APC

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TW560R3F2	2x2 Wideband Fiber Optic Coupler, 560 ± 50 nm, 75:25 Split, FC/PC	\$357.00	Today
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90:10 Fiber Optic Couplers

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Item #	Info	Center Wavelength	Bandwidth	Coupling Ratio ^a (%)	Coupling Ratio Tolerance	Insertion Loss ^a	Excess Loss ^a	Uniformity ^a	Fiber Type ^b	Termination
TN532R2F2		532 nm	±15 nm	90:10 (Click for Plot)	±6.0%	≤1.1 dB / ≤14.3 dB	≤0.3 dB	-	460HP	FC/PC
TN532R2A2										FC/APC
TW560R2F2 ^c		560 nm	±50 nm	90:10	±3.0%	≤0.9 dB / ≤11.8 dB	≤0.3 dB	≤1.0 dB	460HP	FC/PC

TW560R2A2 ^c		(Click for Plot)	(Click for Plot)	FC/APC
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99:1 Fiber Optic Couplers

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FC532-99B-FC		532 nm	±15 nm	99:1	-	0.7 dB / 21 dB (Typical)	≤1.0 dB (Typical)	-	460HP	FC/PC
FC532-99B-APC										FC/APC
TW560R1F2 ^c		560 nm	±50 nm	99:1 (Click for Plot)	±0.6%	≤0.4 dB / ≤24.3 dB	≤0.3 dB	≤2.0 dB (Click for Plot)	460HP	FC/PC
TW560R1A2 ^c										FC/APC

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FC532-99B-APC - 2X2 Fiber Optic Coupler, 532 ± 15 nm, 99:1 Split, FC/APC



Specs

Specifications^a

Coupling Ratio	99:1
Center Wavelength	532 nm
Bandwidth	±15 nm
Insertion Loss	0.7 dB / 21 dB (Typ.)
Excess Loss	1.0 dB (Typ.)
Polarization-Dependent Loss (PDL)	≤0.22 dB
Directivity	>50 dB
Fiber Type	460HP
Port Configuration	2x2
Fiber Lead Length and Tolerance	0.8 m +0.075 m/-0 m
Termination	2.0 mm Narrow Key FC/APC
Package Size	Ø0.16" x 2.36" (Ø4.0 mm x 60.0 mm)
Jacket	Ø900 µm Loose Furcation Tubing
Operating Temperature	-40 to 85 °C

a. All specifications are measured without connectors during the manufacturing process.