

HI REL POLARIZATION BEAM COMBINER

Fused Fiber PM Combiner

DATASHEET

High Reliability (HI REL) Components are deployed in environments such as undersea and space, where the costs of component replacement are prohibitive.

Gooch & Housego is established as a supplier of these components to major undersea equipment manufacturers.

G&H's HI REL capability is built upon the foundation of a long established manufacturing history of very reliable terrestrial components. Full facilities are available to perform customer-specific HI REL qualification programs, which can consist of accelerated ageing and Weibull analysis.

Manufacturing is carried out on specially-developed workstations. Advanced fiber management, inprocess screening and customer-specific validation tests are implemented, to further enhance component reliability.

The G&H HI REL polarization beam combiner (PBC) enables the efficient combination of two orthogonally polarized sources of light into a common output fiber.

In optical amplifiers this provides a doubling of pump power whilst ensuring pump redundancy should a pump failure occur.

Applications include high power optical amplifiers and undersea systems. All ports consist of polarization maintaining fiber.

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Key Features

- Established HI REL supplier
- High performance
- Full qualification facilities available
- Advanced in-process testing
- Low loss fused components
- Design standard 0.1FITs (failure in one billion field hours) confirmed for 975nm version only
- High power handling

Applications

- Undersea equipment
- Terminal equipment
- Space
- Defense and Avionic
- Erbium doped fiber amplifiers (EDFAs)
- Raman amplifiers
- Coherent optical communications

Compliance

Customer Specific



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Optical Specifications⁵

Parameter	Specification	
Operating wavelengths ^{1,2}	975 nm	1550 nm ⁷
Insertion loss (fast axis) ³		
Grade H	0.70 dB Max	0.70 dB typ
Insertion loss (slow axis) ³		
Grade H	0.55 dB Max	0.70 dB typ
Return loss/directivity ⁴	50 dB Min	50 dB Min
TDL (fast axis) ⁴	0.20 dB (0.10 dB) Max(Typ)	TBD
TDL (slow axis) ⁴	0.10 dB (0.05 dB) Max(Typ)	TBD
Pigtail tensile load	5 N Max	5 N Max
Optical power handling ^{5,6}	4 W Max	4 W Max
Fiber type	All ports PM fiber	All ports PM fiber
Pigtail	Primary coated fiber	Primary coated fiber
Operating temperature range	-5 - 45°C	-5 - 45°C
Storage temperature range	-40 - 85°C	-40 - 85°C

1 The optical specification is typically met at center wavelength ± 3 nm

2 Other wavelengths are available. Please contact the G&H sales office.

3 Insertion loss at center wavelength (not including TDL or connector losses).

4 Limits guaranteed by design.

5 Where operation powers >4 W are required the component housing and fiber must be adequately heat-sunk (contact G&H sales to discuss high power options).

6 Component performance and reliability under high power must be determined within the customer system.

7 Optical specifications to be confirmed pending manufacturing test data.



Housing Options¹

Housing Code	Description	Dimensions (mm)	Pigtail		
З	Regular	∃.0 (∅) x 71 (L)	Primary-coated fiber		

1 For alternative housing options please contact G&H sales

Configuration







Order code

Order codes are comprised of a standard device prefix (e.g. PBC) followed by code letters or numbers which correspond to available options.

Sample: PBC-5H3275G10 (PBC, HI REL grade, regular housing, 2x2, channel center = 975nm, 980nm PM fiber 250 µm buffer, 1m pigtail, no connector).

Order code		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
P B C -				Н										
1	Pass	band			9XX					15XX				
	Code				5 C									
2	Devi	се Туре				PBC HI REL								
	Code				Н									
3	Hous	sing			Regular ø3x71 mm									
	Code				3									
4	Port configuration ³				2x2 Terminated					2x2				
	Code				1					2				
5 6	Last two digits of center wavelength(nm) ¹		e.g.	XX20	E	e.g. XX50		e.g. XX7	e.g. XX75 e.g. XX		X90			
	Code				20 50				75 90)		
7	Fibe	r Type			980 nm PM fiber 250 µm buffer				PM 1550 fiber 250 µm buffer					
	Code				G				F					
8	Pigta	ail lengt	h ²		0.5 m			1 m		2 m				
	Code				0			1	1 2					
9	Conn	ector			None									
	Code				0									

1 For other center wavelengths please contact the G&H sales office.

2 Minimum pigtail length. Other pigtail lengths are available on request.

3 Where 3-port operation is required the 4th port (P3) is terminated externally using coreless fiber and recoated splice.

PM products are manufactured using 250 μm PANDA PM fiber, other options available by talking to the sales team.

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