Automatic Assembly Method for Fiber Optic Collimators

Article Overview

Automatic assembly of fiber optic collimators uses laser-based feedback and motorized alignment to precisely position fibers and GRIN lenses, improving efficiency and yield over manual methods.

Overview of Fiber Collimators

A fiber optic collimator typically consists of a tubular holder, an optical fiber at one end, and a GRIN (graded-index) lens at the other end. The GRIN lens collimates the light emitted from the fiber, producing a parallel beam. Proper alignment is critical: the fiber and lens surfaces must be parallel, and the separation must be optimized to prevent energy loss and maintain diffraction-limited performance .

Principles of Automatic Assembly

Automatic assembly devices use laser light and optical feedback to achieve precise alignment. A laser is directed through the GRIN lens, producing elliptical patterns on a screen. The device rotates and translates the fiber until the major axes of the elliptical patterns are parallel, ensuring the fiber and lens are correctly aligned . This method replaces manual labor, which is slow, error-prone, and costly.

Key Components of Automated Systems

• Laser Light Source: Provides a reference beam for alignment and pattern detection

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Fiber collimators convert light from an optical fiber into a collimated beam or focuses a free-space beam into a fiber for optical use.

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Fiber optic collimators are used to launch the light from an optical fiber into a free space collimated beam with specified beam

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Fiber-optic collimation and focusing assemblies, together known as fiber collimators, are used for getting enlarged collimated beams

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Compact Fiber Collimator Specification

Compact Fiber Collimator Specification Fiber collimator reduces the divergence angle of the light output from an optical fiber. Fiber

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The utility model relates to manufacture of an optical collimator, in particular to an automatic debugging assembling system of the

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In the packaging of collimator, the main factor of restricting the manufacture and application of fiber collimator is the assembly

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5 Collimator Technologies

Collimators are essential elements for micro-optic packaging of isolators, circulators, interleavers, thin-film filters, free-space

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Fiber Alignment

Newport provides a wide range of motorized stages and controllers to perform alignment and metrology of optical fibers and fiber

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Thorlabs also offers a range of fixed and adjustable collimation packages for collimating a laser beam from

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The concept of autocollimator improve-ment is based on several building blocks such as multisource illumination, an automatic

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Automated Precision Assembly of Optical Systems

In automated micro-assembly, controlled metering of the adhesive is essential to the quality of reproducible bonding processes.

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How to Achieve Optimal Collimation with Fiber Optics

Collimated light is required for many fiber optic applications. Using the proper setup, fiber

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Research on Automatic Technology of Debugging and Assembling

In order to improve the efficiency of debugging and assembling optical fiber collimator and to facilitate mass production, Automatic

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An automatic device for assembling a fiber collimator. The fiber collimator includes a tubular holder, an optical fiber disposed at an

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Fiber Alignment

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System and method for aligning optical fiber collimators

System and method for aligning optical fiber collimators Abstract A method and apparatus of aligning a collimator assembly requiring

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Using Auto-Collimators for Optical Assemblies

Benefits of Using Auto-Collimators The utilization of auto-collimators in optical assemblies offers several notable

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