Beam Splitter Composition

Article Overview

Beam splitters are composed of optical substrates such as glass or plastic, adhesives or coatings, and sometimes birefringent or metallic layers depending on their type and function.

Cube Beam Splitters

Cube beam splitters are typically made from two right-angle glass prisms that are glued together at their base using adhesives such as polyester, epoxy, or urethane-based resins. Historically, natural adhesives like Canada balsam were used. The adhesive layer is carefully controlled in thickness to achieve a desired reflection/transmission ratio through frustrated total internal reflection for a specific wavelength of light . One prism's hypotenuse surface may be coated with a reflective or partially reflective layer to enhance splitting performance.

Plate Beam Splitters

Plate beam splitters consist of a thin, flat glass plate with a partially reflective coating on the first surface. The second surface often has an anti-reflection coating to minimize unwanted reflections. These are commonly designed for a 45° angle of incidence and can be made from standard optical glass or other transparent substrates . The coatings can be dielectric or metallic, depending on whether the splitter is intended to be polarizing or non-polarizing.

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