

How to make a beam splitter that splits a beam into two



Article Overview

A beam splitter can be made by using a partially reflective surface, such as a half-silvered mirror or a coated interface between two prisms, to divide an incoming light beam into transmitted and reflected beams.

Types of Beam Splitters

- **Cube Beam Splitters:** Made by bonding two right-angle prisms with a partially reflective coating on the internal interface. When light enters, roughly half is transmitted and half is reflected at 90° . Cube splitters are mechanically stable and protect the coating inside the glass.
- **Plate Beam Splitters:** Thin glass plates with a partially reflective coating. Light incident at 45° is split into transmitted and reflected beams. These are simpler but more prone to beam deviation and reflections.
- **Polarizing Beam Splitters:** Use birefringent materials to separate light into orthogonal polarization states. Useful when controlling polarization is important.
- **Dichroic Beam Splitters:** Split beams based on wavelength, transmitting certain wavelengths while reflecting others.

Materials and Coatings

- Glass or optical-grade plastic is commonly used as the substrate.
- Partial reflective coatings can be metallic (e.g., aluminum) or dielectric thin films. The coating thickness determines the splitting ratio, typically 50:50 for equal beams.
- For cube splitters, MgF₂-coated N-BK7 glass is a common choice for polarization-i...

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A beam splitter or power splitter is an optical device that can split an incident light beam e.g. a laser beam into two or

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