Single-mode fiber manufacturing process

Article Overview

Single-mode optical fiber is manufactured by creating a high-purity glass preform with a precisely doped core, which is then drawn into a thin fiber while maintaining its refractive index profile and structural integrity.

Core Materials and Preform Fabrication

Single-mode fibers consist of a small core (typically 8–10 microns) surrounded by cladding that traps light via total internal reflection . The core is made from ultra-pure silica (SiO_2) doped with materials like germanium tetrachloride ($GeCl_4$) to slightly increase the refractive index, while the cladding may include fluorine compounds to lower its refractive index . Impurities such as water or metals are minimized to parts per billion levels to reduce signal loss . The first step is preform production, which forms a solid glass rod representing the future fiber. Common methods include:

• Modified Chemical Vapor Deposition (MCVD): Gaseous precursors like $SiCl_4$ and $GeCl_4$ flow inside a rotating silica tube. A heat torch causes the gases to react, forming soot that deposits on the tube walls. The soot is vitrified into transparent glass, layer by layer, to form the core and cladding .
• Outside Vapor Deposition (OVD): Soot is deposited on a rotating bait rod from a flame hydrolysis reaction. Dopants are added to control the refractive index. After deposition, the rod is consolidated into a solid preform .
• Vapor Axial Deposition (VAD): Gases are injected axially into a furnace, depositing glass layers along the length of a starting core material, suitable for large-scale production . For single-mode fibers, a two-step preform process may be used to achieve very small core diameters (2–20 microns). The initial fiber is drawn from a f...

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