



flawless fusion with infinite possibilities

SIFAM
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High Reliability Fused Coupler 980 band

High Reliability (hi-rel) Components are deployed in environments such as undersea and space, where the costs of component replacement are prohibitive. SIFAM is established as a supplier of these components to major undersea equipment manufacturers.

SIFAM's hi-rel capability is built upon the foundation of a long established history of manufacturing very reliable terrestrial components. Full facilities are available to carry out customer-specific hi-rel qualification programmes, which can consist of accelerated ageing and Weibull analysis.

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

Component types available include fused fibre couplers, tap couplers and wavelength division multiplexers. The ultra-low loss of SIFAM fused fibre components helps to promote low noise figure and improved system margin in undersea transmission systems.

Components are supplied in regular (bare fibre) or custom housings, depending on the installation environment.

Please contact us to discuss your specific requirements.

Key Features:

- Established hi-rel supplier
- High performance
- Full qualification facilities available
- Advanced in-process testing
- Ultra-low loss fused components
- Choice of housings
- Design standard 0.1FITs (failure in 1 billion field hours)

Applications:

- Undersea equipment
- Terminal equipment
- Space
- Defence and Avionic

Compliance:

- Customer specific



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Optical Specifications

Coupling Ratio	Grade	Signal Path			Tap Path		
		Insertion Loss _{1,2} (dB)	TDL ₃ (dB)	Insertion Loss _{1,2} (dB)	TDL ₃ (dB)		
Example ₄		Min	Max	Max	Min	Max	Max
1%	H		0.20	0.02	15.0	22.0	0.20
5%	H		0.50	0.08	11.0	15.2	0.15
10%	H		0.75	0.08	8.5	11.8	0.13
50%	H	2.50	3.60	0.10	2.5	3.6	0.10

1. Insertion loss over operating wavelength range and component life - not including PDL, TDL (25 years, typical service/storage conditions 40C/60RH).
2. In 2x2 couplers insertion loss is not specified for launch through second input port P4 (coloured blue).
3. Change in insertion loss from 0 to 75°C
4. Any coupling ratio available – contact SIFAM for specification of coupling ratios not listed.

Parameter	Specification	Unit	
Operating Wavelength Range	960nm	955-965	nm
	980nm	975-985	nm
	1060nm	1055-1065	nm
Return Loss/Directivity ₁	55	dB	
Pigtail Tensile Load ₂	5	N	
Optical power handling	4	W	
Environmental Qualification	Telcordia GR 1221		

1. Return loss is the ratio of power launched to power reflected for port P1. Directivity for the 2x2 component is the ratio of power launched to P1 to the power reflected to P4. Guaranteed by design.
2. Stripped fibre proof tested on rig to confirm strength maintained at virgin fibre level

Housing Option

Housing Code	Description	Dimensions (mm)	Pigtail
3	Regular	3.0 (∅) x 50 (L)	Primary-coated fibre

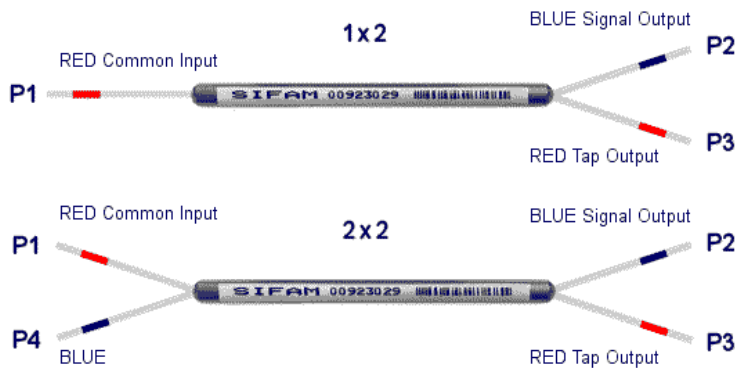
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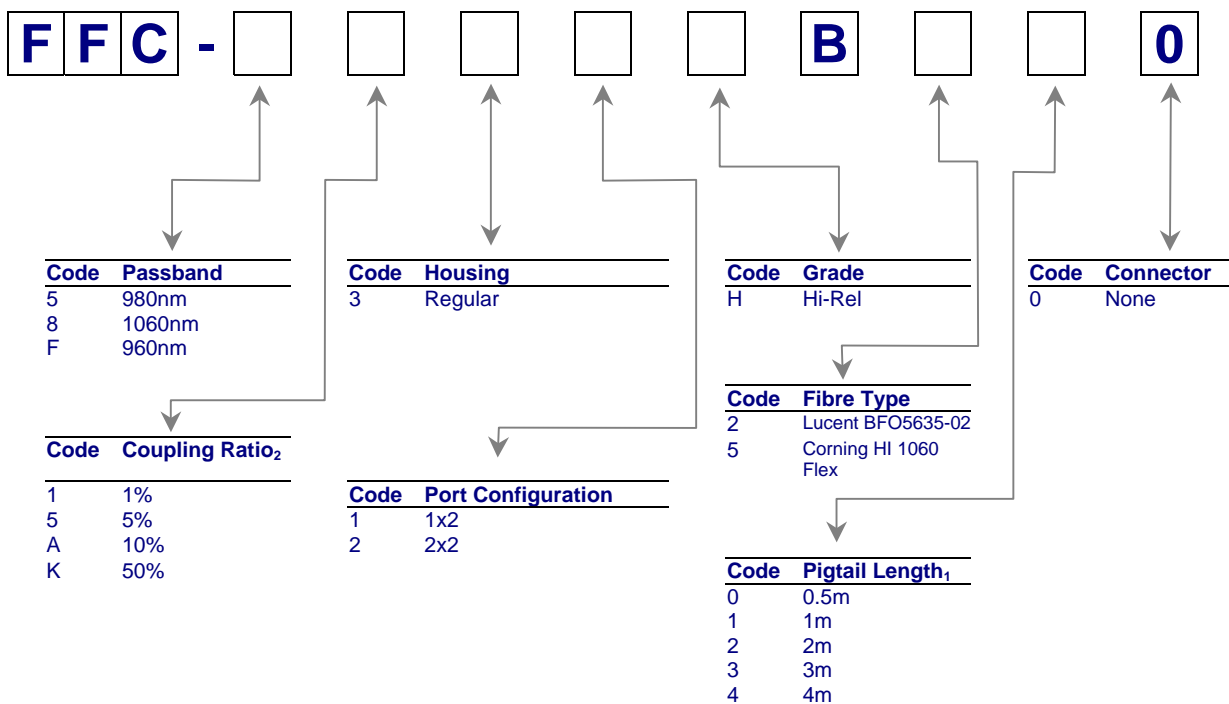
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Configuration



Ordering Code Information

Sample: FFC-5531HB210 (980 Band, 5% tap, regular housing, Hi-rel grade, Lucent BFO5635-02, 1m pigtail, no connector)



1. Minimum pigtail length. Further pigtail lengths available on request. Where connectorised, pigtail length is to connector end face.
2. Any coupling ratio available – contact SIFAM for specification and ordering codes of coupling ratios not listed.