45702 and 45582 Beam Splitters.

- 32%R/32%T at 45°
- Spectrally neutral from 400 to 800 nm
- Fused silica models usable from 250 to 2500 nm

These beam splitters use a thin film of an inconel metal alloy on the front surface of a crown glass or fused silica substrate, and a broadband anti-reflection coating on the second surface. The reflection/transmission ratio is 32%/32%, ±2% from 400 to 800 nm, but they can be used over a broader range (see Fig. 1). The crown glass beam splitters are usable from 400 to 2000 nm; the fused silica models transmit from 250 to 2500 nm.

TECH NOTE

The inconel coating contains nickel, chromium, cobalt and iron. Very careful control of the pressure in the vacuum coating chamber produces a thin film which balances the transmission of each element, resulting in a wavelength neutral coating. These films have substantial absorption, approximately 36%, so they are not suitable for high power density applications.

The anti-reflection coating is a single layer of magnesium fluoride for the 400 to 700 nm range.

USE A DEDICATED BEAM SPLITTER HOLDER

At 45°, the clear aperture of a beam splitter is substantially reduced. To minimize further reduction, choose a mount designed for holding beam splitters. Our 12705 holds 2.0 inch diameter beam splitters. A thin profile and no interfering controls allow a 1.36 inch (34 mm) clear aperture at 45°. The 14005 is a Beam Splitter Minimount for 1.0 inch diameter beam splitters. At 45°, the clear aperture is 0.6 inches (15 mm). See page 17-13 for a discussion of Beam Splitter Holders.

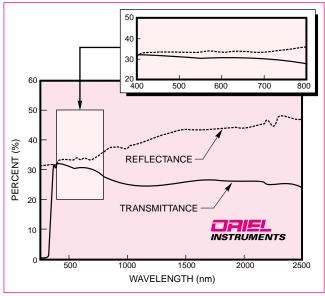


Fig. 1 Reflectance/Transmittance of Inconel Beam Splitters.

SPECIFICATIONS

Material: Optical crown glass or fused silica

Coatings:
1st surface: Inconel

2nd surface:

Broadband anti-reflection
Size tolerance:
+0 mm; -0.25 mm

Thickness:

Crown glass: 6.35 mm, nom.

Fused silica:

3.2 mm (1 inch diameter)
12.7 mm (2 inch diameter)
Edge finish:
Ground and beveled

Surface quality: 80 - 50

Flatness:

Crown glass: 1 λ /inch Fused silica: λ /20

Parallelism:

Crown glass: 30 arc s (0.15 mrad)
Fused silica: 1 arc s (0.005 mrad)
R/T ratio (400 - 800): 32%/32%, ±2%
Absorption: 36%, approx.

ORDERING INFORMATION

	Glass		Fused Silica	
Size inch (mm)	Model No.	Price (\$)	Model No.	Price (\$)
1.0 (25.4)	45582	\$ 28.00	44941	\$ 248.00
2.0 (50.8)	45602	\$ 32.00	46145	\$ 361.00
4.0 (101.6)	45622	\$ 72.00		
2.2 x 2.2 (50.8 x 50.8)	45702	\$ 32.00		