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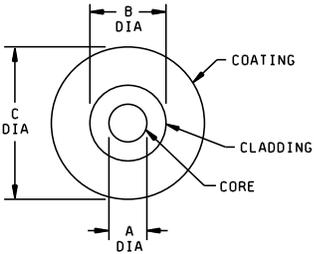
PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION SHEET

FIBER, OPTICAL, TYPE I, CLASS I, SIZE III, COMPOSITION A, WAVELENGTH B, RADIATION RESISTANT, ENHANCED PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS/AIRCRAFT APPLICATIONS (METRIC)

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The requirements for acquiring the product described herein shall consist of this specification sheet and MIL-PRF-49291.

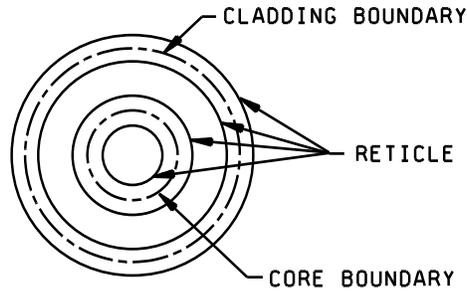
For legacy use only. For new platforms using multimode fiber, the Joint Fiber Optic Working Group (JFOWG) has imposed standardization with MIL-PRF-85045/31 fiber optic cable containing MIL-PRF-49291/10 multimode optical fiber. This specification sheet applies to existing platforms (ones in which the contract has been awarded) where the fiber optic portion of the network uses 50/125 micron fiber size.



| PIN                             | Dimensions |         |                                 |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------------------|
|                                 | A (µm)     | B (µm)  | C (µm)                          |
| M49291/12 -01<br>M49291/12 -01A | 50 ± 2.5   | 125 ± 1 | 500 ± 25<br><u>1</u> , <u>2</u> |
| M49291/12 -02<br>M49291/12-02A  | 50 ± 2.5   | 125 ± 1 | 245 ± 7<br><u>2</u>             |

FIGURE 1. Dimensions and configuration of optical fiber construction.

- 1/ Coating shall conform to C diameter except a diameter of 450 ± 25 microns (µm) is permitted but less preferred for purposes of standardization.
- 2/ Integrated fiber and cable manufacturing process may exceed this diameter. When this condition occurs, then this configuration shall conform to cabling specification in addition to this specification sheet.



| Circle (solid) | Diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Inner          | 47.5                       |
| Second         | 52.5                       |
| Third          | 124.0                      |
| Fourth         | 126.0                      |

FIGURE 2. Tolerance fields.

Part or identifying number (PIN). (See figure 1 and table II):

- M49291/12-01
- M49291/12-01A
- M49291/12-02
- M49291/12-02A

**DIMENSIONS AND CONFIGURATION:**

Diameter: See figures 1 and 2. (Diameter requirements are based on selecting fibers with end-point tolerances of  $125 \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$  from production with a  $125 \pm 2 \mu\text{m}$  tolerance.)

Ovality:

- Core:  $\leq 5$  percent.
- Cladding:  $\leq 1$  percent.

Offset:

- Core-to-cladding:  $\leq 2 \mu\text{m}$ .

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Fiber-to-coating:

Coating-cladding concentricity error:  $\leq 10.5 \mu\text{m}$ .

Overall coating concentricity ratio (OCCR or Coating Noncircularity):  $\geq 0.75$  for a 250  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter coating,  $\geq 0.65$  for a 500  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter coating.

Fiber curl: Not applicable.

Splices within the optical fiber: Splices within the optical fiber are not allowed.

Tensile proof (fiber proof test): 1.38 GPa (200 kpsi).

Fiber mass/unit length: 0.1 kg/km maximum for 250  $\mu\text{m}$  coating, 0.3 kg/km maximum for 500  $\mu\text{m}$  coating.

Optical parameters:

Change in optical transmittance: Measurements to be made at  $850 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ .

Maximum attenuation rate: Spectral attenuation shall be performed at a sufficient number of wavelengths to cover the applicable optical transmission windows and sources for attenuation. Sufficient coverage includes the optical transmission windows (850 nm, 1,300 nm), ultraviolet absorption band (600 to 870 nm), Rayleigh scattering losses (800 to 1,200 nm), OH impurity absorption peaks (945, 1,249 and 1,383 nm). Use of a source and power meter to perform this measurement is not acceptable.

Attenuation rate for wavelengths of operation shall not exceed the maximum values listed below.

Attenuation rate for wavelengths of operation shall not exceed 3.0 dB/km at  $850 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$  and 0.8 dB/km at  $1,300 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ . Maximum attenuation over the wavelength range from 800 to 1,600 nm shall be less than 3.5 dB/km.

Numerical aperture:  $0.200 \pm 0.015$  at  $850 \pm 25 \text{ nm}$ .

Overfill bandwidth:  $\geq 1,500 \text{ MHz-km}$  at  $850 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$  and  $\geq 500 \text{ MHz-km}$  at  $1,300 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ .

EMB<sub>c</sub> bandwidth:  $\geq 1,500 \text{ MHz-km}$  at  $850 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$  when measured in accordance with TIA-455-220 including the use of the weightings found in annex D of this TIA standard.

Chromatic dispersion: Zero dispersion wavelength shall be  $1,313 \pm 18 \text{ nm}$ . The value of the slope at the zero dispersion wavelength shall be not greater than  $0.11 \text{ ps/nm}^2\text{-km}$  for a zero dispersion wavelength between 1,295 nm to 1,330 nm.

Transient attenuation:  $\leq 1.5 \text{ dB}$  at 1300 nm.

Attenuation uniformity: Applicable except the attenuation uniformity shall be performed at 850 nm and 1,300 nm. There shall be no discontinuities in attenuation along the length greater than 0.2 dB.

Macrobend attenuation: Applicable. Test shall be performed in accordance with 4.7.2.4 and measured in accordance with TIA-455-62, Method B, with optical power measurements obtained for each row of parameters in table I.

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TABLE I. Macrobend attenuation test parameters.

| Mandrel diameter<br>mm (Inch) | Number of<br>turns around<br>mandrel | Measurement<br>wavelength<br>(nm) | Macrobend<br>attenuation<br>(dB) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 30 ± 1<br>(1.2 ± .04)         | 2                                    | 1,300 ± 20                        | 1.5                              |
| 30 ± 1<br>(1.2 ± .04)         | 2                                    | 850 ± 25                          | 1.5                              |
| 20 ± 1<br>(.79 ± .04)         | 1                                    | 1,300 ± 20                        | 2.5                              |
| 20 ± 1<br>(.79 ± .04)         | 1                                    | 850 ± 25                          | 2.5                              |
| 15 ± .5<br>(.59 ± .02)        | 1                                    | 1,300 ± 20                        | 3.5                              |
| 15 ± .5<br>(.59 ± .02)        | 1                                    | 850 ± 25                          | 3.5                              |

Polarization mode dispersion: Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Temperature range: See table II.

TABLE II. Temperature range.

| PIN                                      | Operating<br>°C (° F)       | Nonoperating<br>°C (° F)    | Storage<br>°C (° F)        |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| M49291/12-01<br>M49291/12-02 <u>1/</u>   | -55 to +165<br>(-67 to 329) | -40 to + 85<br>(-40 to 185) | -40 to +85<br>(-40 to 185) |
| M49291/12-01A<br>M49291/12-02A <u>2/</u> | -46 to +85<br>(-51 to 185)  | -55 to +85<br>(-67 to 185)  | -55 to +85<br>(-67 to 185) |

1/ Temperature ranges in row 2 conform to those specified for other MIL-SPEC fiber optic cabling components for aircraft applications.

2/ Temperature ranges in row 3 conform to those specified for other MIL-SPEC fiber optic cabling components for standard applications (such as the telecommunication industry).

Fluid immersion aging: Not applicable.

Mechanical strippability: Applicable. In addition to 3.5.3 (when tested to 4.7.2.3), each individual optical fiber shall comply with the following diameter and residue requirements and test methods:

Diameter requirement. Requirement that the stripped optical fiber complies with diameter B in figure 1 shall be verified by successful insertion and removal of each optical fiber stripped end into a ring gauge/die/ferrule with a hole diameter of 125 +1/-0 micron. It is in the interest of the implementer to choose a gauge closer to 126 micron than 125 microns.

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Residual requirement. Requirement that no residual coating material remains on fiber shall be verified by the performance of a fiber pullout test. The end on each stripped length of optical fiber shall be terminated onto the end of a MIL-PRF-29504 terminus (or other suitable fiber optic connector if approved by the qualifying activity prior to test sample fabrication). Fabrication shall be performed as specified in NAVSEA Drawing 8283255. A copy of this document can be obtained at web site: <https://fiberoptics.nswc.navy.mil/> in the NAVSEA drawing section under component Information. The fiber pull out force shall be tested by applying a 14.0 N (3.1 pounds) axial tensile load between the optical fiber and the terminus for a minimum duration of one minute. At the completion of the test, the optical fiber shall be visually examined and length measured to verify that no fiber pull out occurred.

Splicing compatibility: Six 10 meter (32.8 feet) lengths of optical fiber conforming to the requirements of this specification sheet shall be spliced, (using either a fusion splicer or mechanically splice) and connectorized (using MIL-PRF-29504/4 and /5 termini) to optical fiber conforming to MIL-PRF-49291/1. Three sample lengths are to be used for each splice or connector. An insertion loss measurement shall be performed in accordance with method B of TIA/EIA-455-34. The insertion loss shall not exceed 0.2 dB per splice and 0.5 dB per connector mated pair when performed at a wavelength of 1,300 nm.

Dynamic tensile strength: Applicable.

Fungus: Applicable.

Thermal shock:

Applicable as specified for M49291/12-01A and M49291/12-02A (in accordance with 4.8.1 of MIL-PRF-49291).

Applicable for M49291/12-01 and M49291/12-02, except that the temperatures of  $-55^{\circ}\text{C} +0/-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-67^{\circ}\text{F} +0/-8^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and  $165^{\circ}\text{C} +5/-0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $329^{\circ}\text{F} +8/-0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) shall be used for the low and high soak temperatures, respectively. Test shall be performed in accordance with TIA-455-71, schedule C-0 (5 cycles). The change in optical transmittance shall be measured during (towards the end of each soak temperature) and after the test.

Storage temperature: Applicable.

Temperature cycling:

Applicable as specified for M49291/12-01A and M49291/12-02A (in accordance with 4.8.3 of MIL-PRF-49291).

Applicable for M49291/12-01 and M49291/12-02 except for the optical fiber with a  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $165^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-67^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $329^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) temperature range, perform the following in lieu of the specified temperature cycling test. Optical fiber shall be tested in accordance with TIA-455-3 using the setup and procedure specified in measurement 3301 of MIL-STD-1678-3 with the temperature profile in table 3301-II. The change in optical transmittance shall be measured during and after the test. At a minimum for the "during test" measurements, an optical transmittance measurement shall be performed towards the end of each soak period (maintain step) after every 50 cycles. A post test visual examination of the test specimens shall reveal no surface impairment or any damage detrimental to the operation of the test specimens. Test fixtures, if used, must be of minimum mass and approved by the qualifying activity. No other mass (item that causes significant thermal lag) shall be added inside the chamber.

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Temperature life:

Applicable as specified for M49291/12-01A and M49291/12-02A (in accordance with 4.8.4 of MIL-PRF-49291).

Applicable for M49291/12-01 and M49291/12-02, except that the high exposure temperature shall be 165° C +5/-0° C (329°F +8/-0°F). Test samples shall be tested in accordance with TIA/EIA-455-4 for the duration of 1,000 hours at the high exposure temperature. The change in optical transmittance shall be measured after the test. The optical fiber shall be visually examined after the test to the extent feasible. Optical fiber shall not be damaged, and there shall be no distortion, cracking of coating, or other damage detrimental to the operation of the optical fiber. The requirement for the change in optical transmittance shall be met after the test. Performance of a cable/fiber retention test is not required as part of the final inspection for this test.

Nuclear radiation resistance: Nuclear radiation resistance requirements and test conditions shall be as shown below and in table III and table IV:

Light launch conditions: In accordance with TIA-455-78.

Wavelength: 1,300 ± 25 nm.

Source type: LED with FWHM spectral width ≤ 160 nm.

TABLE III. Steady state gamma radiation test conditions.

| Test temperature °C         | Dose rate                  | Total dose (rad Si) <u>1/</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| -28 ± 2<br>25 ± 2<br>85 ± 2 | 50 +0, -20<br>rad (Si)/sec | Classified                    |

1/ Some nuclear radiation resistance characteristics of this optical fiber are classified and shall be obtained from the qualifying activity. Application to receive these requirements must be made through the Department of the Navy, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, ATTN: Code W13, 17214 Avenue B Suite 125, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5147. Information concerning security clearance classification and "need to know" must be detailed in the request.

TABLE IV. Steady state gamma radiation test requirements.

| Maximum induced attenuation (dB/km) | Attenuation at specified recovery time (dB/km)                                   | Specified recovery time (sec) |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| ≤ 50 <u>1/</u>                      | ≤ 15 at -28° C (-18°F) <u>1/</u><br>≤ 5 at 25° C (-18°F)<br>≤ 5 at 85° C (185°F) | 1,000                         |

1/ The radiation induced loss for a given threat. The total dose associate with the threat is classified and not necessarily equal to the test total dose.

CONFORMANCE:

Test samples for qualification: Reels of optical fiber produced for initial qualification shall be from at least two different preforms (see 4.5.1 of MIL-PRF-49291).

Qualification: Qualification shall consist of performing testing specified in table V.

TABLE V. Qualification inspections.

| Test performed                       | Initial qualification |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial uncoiling preparation        |                       |
| Group 1 (3 spools-2 km ea) <u>1/</u> |                       |
| Visual and mechanical                | X                     |
| OTDR tests:                          |                       |
| Fiber length                         | X                     |
| Attenuation uniformity               | X                     |
| Parameter tests:                     |                       |
| Attenuation rate                     | X                     |
| Numerical aperture (MM only)         | X                     |
| Core diameter (MM only)              | X                     |

See footnotes at end of table.

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TABLE V. Qualification inspections - Continued.

| Test performed  | Initial qualification |
|---|-----------------------|
| Cutoff wavelength(SM only)  |                       |
| Mode field diameter (SM only)   |                       |
| Transient attenuation (MM only)   | X                     |
| Macrobend attenuation   | X                     |
| Bandwidth-overfill (MM only)  | X                     |
| Bandwidth-RML/EMBc (MM only)  | X                     |
| Chromatic dispersion  | X                     |
| Polarization mode dispersion (SM only)  |                       |
| Fiber curl (SM only)  |                       |
| Mass/unit length  | X                     |
| Geometry tests:   |                       |
| End view:   |                       |
| Core ovality (MM only)  | X                     |
| Cladding diameter   | X                     |
| Cladding ovality  | X                     |
| Core to cladding offset   | X                     |
| Side view:  |                       |
| Coating diameter  | X                     |
| Coating-cladding concentricity error  | X                     |
| Overall coating concentricity ratio   | X                     |
| Group 2 (samples off 3 spools) <u>1/</u>                                      |                       |
| Tensile proof   | X                     |
| Mechanical strippability  | X                     |
| Dynamic tensile strength  | X                     |
| Splice compatibility  | X                     |
| Group 3 (same 3 spools-2km ea <u>1/</u> , <u>2/</u> , <u>5/</u> , <u>6/</u> ) |                       |
| Thermal shock <u>3/</u>   | X                     |
| Storage temperature <u>4/</u>   | X                     |
| Temperature humidity cycling <u>4/</u>  | X                     |
| Mechanical strippability (post TH cycling)                                    | X                     |
| Temperature cycling <u>4/</u>   | X                     |
| Life aging (temperature life) <u>4/</u> =daily <u>7/</u>                      | X                     |
| Mechanical strippability (post Temp life)                                     | X                     |
| Group 4(samples off 3 spools)   |                       |
| Nuclear radiation resistance <u>4/</u>  | X                     |
| Fungus resistance   | X                     |

NOTES:

- 1/ See table I in basic specification (MIL-PRF-49291) for specimen lengths.
- 2/ OOT = Change in optical transmittance. Perform in accordance with TIA-455-20 for transmitted power adhering strictly to the setup and test procedure specified in measurement 2102 of MIL-STD-1678-2.
- 3/ Perform OOT after the test only.
- 4/ Perform OOT both during and after the test.
- 5/ Sample lengths: Recommend to prepare before group 1. For mechanical strippability, place in pans and remove from chamber after specified environmental test.
  - Mechanical strippability: each spool, 2 samples, 91.4 cm (3 ft) long.
  - Mechanical strippability-post temp/humidity: each spool, 2 samples, 91.4 cm (3 ft) long.
  - Mechanical strippability-post life aging: each spool, 2 samples, 91.4 cm (3 ft) long.
  - Dynamic tensile strength: each spool, 30 samples, 198.1 cm (6.5 ft) long (no humidity).
  - Nuclear radiation resistance: each spool, 1 sample, 200 meters (165.1 ft) long on spool.
  - Fungus resistance: each spool, 1 sample, 30.5 cm (1 ft) long.
- 6/ Prepare in loose coils and place in pans. Recommend to terminate with single ferrule connectors (such as ST connectors) on the fiber ends (for attachment to test instrumentation optical ports – to obtain more stabilized measurements).
- 7/ Measurements requested daily for informational purposes.

In group A testing length may be measured using mechanical methods.

In group C testing the mechanical strippability test may be omitted if the optical fiber coatings have not changed from when the mechanical strippability test was last performed. The manufacturer shall provide a certificate of compliance for mechanical strippability in the group C test report.

Qualification by similarity:

Change in glass:

Manufacturers who are qualified under this specification sheet and whose optical fiber with a change in the glass (composition, profile, etc.) passes the tests specified in table VI as specified herein are qualified under this specification sheet for the optical fiber with changed glass.

TABLE VI. Qualification by similarity (change in glass).

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| Visual and mechanical           |
| Fiber length                    |
| Attenuation uniformity          |
| Attenuation rate                |
| Numerical aperture (MM only)    |
| Core diameter (MM only)         |
| Cutoff wavelength (SM only)     |
| Mode field diameter (SM only),  |
| Transient attenuation (MM only) |
| Macrobend attenuation           |
| Bandwidth (MM only)             |
| Chromatic dispersion            |
| Temperature cycling             |
| Nuclear radiation resistance    |

Change in coating:

Manufacturers who are qualified under this specification sheet and whose optical fiber with a change in the coating (composition, thickness, etc.) passes the tests specified in table VII as specified herein are qualified under this specification sheet for the optical fiber with changed coating.

TABLE VII. Qualification by similarity (change in coating).

|                                     |
|-------------------------------------|
| Visual and mechanical               |
| Fiber length                        |
| Attenuation rate                    |
| Transient attenuation (MM only)     |
| Macrobend attenuation               |
| Coating diameter                    |
| Overall coating concentricity ratio |
| Mechanical strippability            |
| Dynamic tensile strength            |
| Thermal shock,                      |
| Storage temperature,                |
| Temperature humidity cycling,       |
| Temperature cycling,                |
| Life aging                          |
| Fungus resistance                   |

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Reference documents: In addition to MIL-PRF-49291, this document references the following:

|                  |                         |                |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| MIL-STD-1678-2   | MIL-PRF-85045/31        | TIA-455-62     |
| MIL-PRF-29504    | NAVSEA drawing. 8283255 | TIA-455-71     |
| MIL-PRF-29504/4  | TIA-455-3               | TIA-455-78     |
| MIL-PRF-29504/5  | TIA/EIA-455-4           | TIA-455-220    |
| MIL-PRF-49291/1  | TIA-455-20              | MIL-STD-1678-3 |
| MIL-PRF-49291/10 | TIA/EIA-455-34          |                |

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