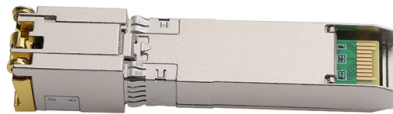


Working principle of dual-axis fiber optic collimator



Overview

The basic working principle is that the fiber's end face is placed at or near the focal point of a lens. Light exiting the fiber spreads out; if positioned correctly relative to the lens, the lens converts that diverging cone into a beam with minimal divergence (a collimated beam). Fiber optic collimators (also called fiber-optic collimators) are crucial optical components that convert the diverging output from an optical fiber into a collimated (parallel) beam, or conversely focus light from free space into a fiber. They can also be used in reverse to focus light into a fiber. In principle, a simple collimation lens (see Figure 1) is sufficient for that purpose. However, the fiber end has to be firmly fixed at a distance from the lens which is approximately equal to the focal length. Thorlabs offers a variety of fiber collimation and coupling solutions.



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