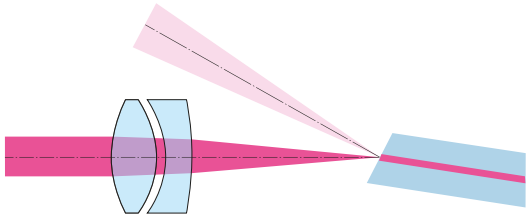
WHY USE A PREANGLED COUPLING AXIS?

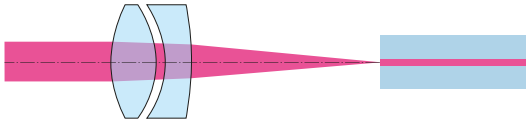
All Laser Beam Couplers and Fiber Collimators are supplied as type FC APC with a pre-angled coupling axis as standard.
The pre-angled axis has no diminishing effects on the coupling ratio and does not influence the collimated beam profile in any negative way. It only has advantages:

FIBER COUPLING: A PREANGLED COUPLING AXIS AND FC APC TYPE CONNECTORS AVOID BLACKREFLECTION



FIBER COUPLER WITH PREANGLED COUPLING AXIS

This shows the optical path of a fiber coupler with pre-angled coupling axis used with a fiber cable with type FC APC connectors (8°-polish).
Back-reflection into the laser system is suppressed and the laser spectrum does not change.
Inclined laser beam couplers / collimators ensure a coupling efficiency as high as those using a coaxial coupling axis with 0°-polish.

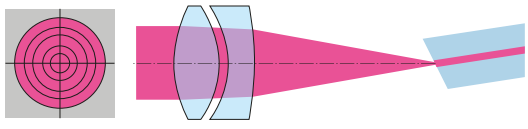


BACKREFLECTION: FIBER COUPLER WITH COAXIAL COUPLING AXIS

This shows the optical path of a fiber coupler with coaxial coupling axis used with a fiber cable with type FC PC connectors (0°-polish).
About 8% of radiation is reflected back into the laser system, which can cause multi-mode emission and optical noise.

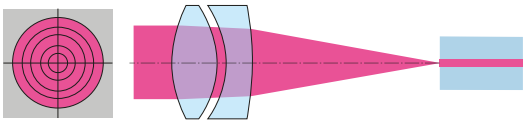
FIBER COLLIMATORS: A PREANGLED COUPLING AXIS DOES NOT CAUSE A DISTURBED BEAM PROFILE

The angled polish of connectors of type APC is considered by a pre-angled mechanical coupling axis that compensates the beam deflection and you can use the lens centrically. This minimizes aberrations simply resulting from a non-ideal beam path through the lens.



FIBER COLLIMATOR WITH PRE-ANGLED COUPLING AXIS

The angled polish of connectors of type APC is considered by a pre-angled mechanical coupling axis that compensates the beam deflection and you can use the lens centrically. This minimizes aberrations simply resulting from a non-ideal beam path through the lens.
The collimated beam is centered, Gaussian and concentrically symmetric.



FIBER COLLIMATOR WITH COAXIAL COUPLING AXIS

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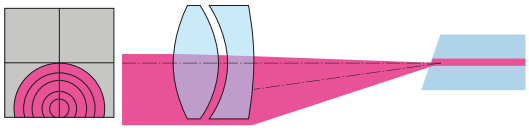
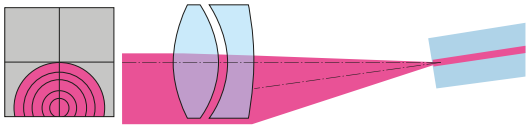
COMBINATION MISMATCH: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN FC PC AND FC APC TYPE COMPONENTS ARE MIXED?

When a combination mismatch occurs, either between an 8°-polish fiber inappropriately attached to a coaxially coupled fiber collimator or vice versa, a 0°-polish fiber connected to an inclined coupled fiber collimator, then the resultant beam is axially displaced, asymmetric and differs significantly from a Gaussian profile.



MISMATCH: DISTURBED BEAM PROFILE

Optical path of a fiber cable with FC APC type connectors with a FC PC type collimator.



MISMATCH: DISTURBED BEAM PROFILE

Optical path of a fiber Cable with FC PC type connector used with a FC APC type collimator.

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