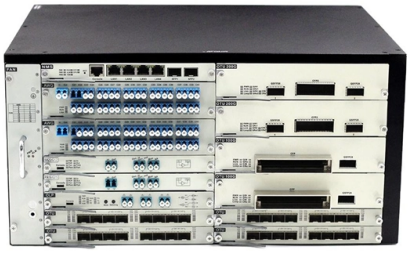
# Polarization beam splitter and polarization beam splitter



## Overview

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## Key Takeaways

A polarization beam splitter (PBS) separates an incident light beam into two linearly polarized beams with perpendicular polarization directions.

### Working Principle

A polarization beam splitter operates by exploiting the polarization properties of light. When an incident beam enters the PBS, the P-polarized component (parallel to the plane of incidence) is transmitted, while the S-polarized component (perpendicular to the plane of incidence) is reflected at 90° to the transmitted beam. This ensures that the resulting beams are mutually orthogonal in polarization, which is essential for applications requiring precise polarization control.

The separation is typically achieved using a polarizing beam splitting film deposited on the hypotenuse surface of two right-angle prisms bonded together. Anti-reflection coatings on non-hypotenuse surfaces minimize optical losses and improve performance.

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## Types of Polarization Beam Splitters

### Cube PB

S: Consists of two right-angle prisms bonded together. Ideal for durability, simplified mounting, and system integration.

### Plate PB

S: Thin optical plates that split light by polarization. Available in various sizes for ultraviolet, visible, or infrared wavelengths.

### Lateral Displacement PB

S: Splits the incident beam into two parallel, displaced beams, useful for compact optical setups. Other types: Include pellicle, polyhedral, and specialized high-power or broadband designs for laser applications.

### Key Specifications

Transmission and Reflection: P-polarized light typically has transmission >90%, while S-polarized light reflection can exceed 99. 5%. Extinction Ratio: High extinction ratios (e.g., >1000: 1) ensure effective polarization separation.

Wavelength Range: PBSs can be designed for specific laser lines or broadband operation (e.g., 420–1600 nm) with anti-reflection coatings. Angle of Incidence: Commonly designed for 0° or 45° incidence with 90° beam separation.

### Applications

Polarization beam splitters are widely used in: Laser systems: For splitting or combining beams based on polarization. Interferometry and imaging: Where precise polarization control is required. Optical isolators: To prevent feedback-induced damage in lasers.

Photonics instrumentation: Including semiconductor and optical communication devices.

PB

Ss are essential components in optical setups where polarization management, high extinction, and minimal loss are critical for system performance.

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