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Transparent Jacket Plastic Optical Fiber

## Data Sheet

## Cable Description

The AFBR-TUS500Z plastic fiber optic cable is constructed of a single step-index fiber sheathed in a transparent polyethylene jacket. The cable is supplied in spools of 500 m .

Figure 1 Typical POF Attenuation vs. Wavelength


## Features

- Compatible with Avago Versatile Link Family of connectors and fiber optic components
- $1.0 / 2.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter Plastic Optical Fiber (POF) with $0.21 \mathrm{~dB} / \mathrm{m}$ typical attenuation $\left(-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
- PMMA core
- Fluorinated polymer cladding
- Transparent polyethylene jacket
- Halogen free


## Applications

- Arc flash event detection
- Light detection

Figure 2 AFBR-TUS500Z Structure


## Plastic Optical Fiber Specifications: AFBR-TUS500Z

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter | Symbol | Min. | Max. | Unit | Note |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Recommended Storage Temperature | TS | -55 | +85 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Recommended Operating Temperature | TO | -40 | +85 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |
| Recommended Installation Temperature | Ti | 0 | +70 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 1 |
| Short Term Tensile Force | FT |  | 50 | N | 2, 3 |
| Long Term Tensile Load | FT |  | 1 | N | 2, 4 |
| Bend Radius | $r$ | 30 |  | mm | 5, 6, 7 |
| Humidity range | H |  | 85 | \% |  |

## NOTE

1. Installation temperature is the range over which the cable can be bent and pulled without damage. Below $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the cable becomes brittle and should not be subjected to mechanical stress.
2. Fail criteria for tensile force test: elongation higher than $5 \%$ of original length.
3. Short term: $\mathbf{3 0} \mathrm{mins}$.
4. Long term: 24 hours.
5. Bend angle is $90^{\circ}$. Bend radius is the radius of the mandrel around which the cable is bent.
6. Fail criteria for bend radius test: increase in attenuation higher than 0.5 dB .
7. Test duration: 24 hours.

## Mechanical Characteristics, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ unless Otherwise Specified

| Parameter |  | Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit | Note |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Numerical Aperture |  | NA |  | 0.48 |  |  | 1 |
| Diameter Core and Cladding |  | DC | 0.94 | 1.00 | 1.06 | mm |  |
| Diameter Jacket |  | DJ | 2.13 | 2.20 | 2.27 | mm |  |
| Refractive Index | Core | n |  | 1.492 |  |  |  |
|  | Cladding |  |  | 1.412 |  |  |  |
| Mass per Unit Length |  |  |  | 3.7 |  | $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{m}$ | 2 |

## NOTE

1. Fiber length longer than 2 meters
2. Without connectors

## Optical Characteristics, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ unless Otherwise Specified

| Parameter | Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit | Note |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cable Attenuation <br> Source: 650nm, LED, NA=0.5 <br> (Source: AFBR-1529Z) | 0 | 0.16 | 0.21 | 0.26 | $\mathrm{~dB} / \mathrm{m}$ |  |
| Capturing constant | C | $1.5 \mathrm{E}-9$ | $3 \mathrm{E}-9$ |  | m | 1,2 |
| Propagation delay constant | $\mathrm{I} / \mathrm{v}$ |  | 5 |  | $\mathrm{~ns} / \mathrm{m}$ | 3 |

## NOTE

1. The optical power $P$ at the photo detector can be calculated as $P=C \times L \times E / K$ with;

P: Optical power on detector [W]
C: Capturing constant [m]
L: Illuminated length of fiber [m]
E: Optical power density in illuminated area [W/m²], halogen lamp used as light source
K: Correction factor for transmission losses [1], calculated as: K=10^(A $\times \mathrm{L} 2 / 10)$
A: Transmission loss [dB/m]
L2: Length of fiber between illuminated area and photo detector [m], i.e. wiring length.

* Capturing constant determined with a fiber length of 12 m .

2. Minimum limit of the capturing efficiency is based on the calculation of the average value $-3 \times$ standard deviation for 51-cm-long segments of AFBR-TUS500Z. Capturing efficiency was measured with $17-\mathrm{cm}$-long segments of AFBR-TUS500Z ( 17 cm is the diameter of the integrating sphere used for characterization). The $51-\mathrm{cm}$-long segment was achieved by averaging three measurements taken over $17-\mathrm{cm}$-long segments.
3. Propagation delay constant is the reciprocal of the group velocity for propagation delay of optical power. Group velocity is $\mathrm{v}=\mathrm{c} / \mathrm{n}$, where c is the velocity of light in free space $\left(3 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}\right)$ and n is the effective core index of refraction.

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