

# BendBright<sup>XS</sup> Single-Mode Optical Fiber

Truly bend-insensitive fiber, fully backwards compatible



Coating Type: ColorLock<sup>xs</sup> and Natural

Single-Mode Fiber

For telecom applications

- Premises
- FTTx
- Access
- Metropolitan



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# **Key Industry Leading Milestones**

1998 ColorLock<sup>™</sup>

2002 BendBright: 1<sup>st</sup> bend improved SMF

2006 AT&T innovation award

BendBright<sup>XS</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> truly bend insensitive SMF Draka BendBright<sup>XS</sup> fiber combines two attractive features: excellent low macro-bending sensitivity and low water peak level. Together they allow unlimited use of the whole telecom wavelength window for a great variety of applications. This next generation behavior has been obtained by adding a trench with a lowered refractive index in the cladding area preventing the optical field to escape. This has been designed in such a way that no compromise has been made with respect to the main transmission parameters.

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Apart from its use in office installations, as patch cords and/or interconnection cables, the use of the BendBright<sup>XS</sup> in Fiber-to-the-Home networks offers significant added value to the network installers. Bend radii in fiber guidance ports can be reduced as well as minimum bend radii in wall and corner mountings. As the fiber is very forgiving for installation errors, reduced demands for the skills of the installation engineers may further reduce the costs. Its enhanced macro bending behavior further guarantee that the 1625 nm window (L-band) will be available for future use in this bandwidth hungry environment.

Draka's Advanced Plasma and Vapor Deposition (APVD™) manufacturing process ensures the highest quality and purity of fibers. Proprietary ColorLock™ coating process further enhances the performance, durability and reliability of the fiber, even in the harshest environments.

The fiber fully complies with or exceeds the ITU-T Recommendations G.652.D, G.657.A and G.657.B, the IEC International Standard 60793-2-50 type B.1.3 and B.6.A&B Optical Fiber Specification and is backwards compatible with all other G.652 fiber used in current optical networks.

| Features                                    | Benefits  |
|---|---|
| Low macrobending loss at very low           | Allows shorter radius storage of fiber over-length                              |
| radii (≤15 mm)                              | leading to more compact installations   |
|   | <ul> <li>Is more forgiving for installation errors in fiber</li> </ul>          |
|   | management systems and or splice protection                                     |
|   | devices   |
| Compatibility with other G.652 single-mode  | The BendBright <sup>XS</sup> can be spliced with similar                        |
| fiber installations                         | settings of the fusion splice program as applied for                            |
|   | other G.652 fibers  |
|   | <ul> <li>Low loss splicing of BendBright<sup>XS</sup> to other G.652</li> </ul> |
|   | fibers can be done with standard fusion splicers                                |
| Low bending at partial bends in the mm bend | Allows for tight in-building installations                                      |
| radius range                                | Allows for small volume patch panel installations                               |
|   | Prevents fiber coating degradation in case high                                 |
|   | power systems are used in up-grading scenarios                                  |
| Low microbending loss                       | Allows for highly demanding cable designs including ribbons                     |

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#### **Optical Specifications (Uncabled fiber)**

| Attenuation             |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
|                         | (dB/km)     |
| Attenuation at 1310 nm  | 0.33 - 0.35 |
| Attenuation at 1383 nm* | 0.32 - 0.35 |
| Attenuation at 1460 nm  | 0.25        |
| Attenuation at 1550 nm  | 0.19 - 0.20 |
| Attenuation at 1625 nm  | 0.20 - 0.21 |
| *                       |             |

<sup>\*</sup> Including H2-aging according to IEC 60793-2-50, type B.1.3

Other values available on request.

#### Attenuation vs. Wavelength

| Maximum attenuation change over the window from reference |                                  |  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Reference λ (nm)  | (dB/km)                          |  |  |
| 1310  | ≤ 0.03                           |  |  |
| 1550  | ≤ 0.02                           |  |  |
| 1550  | ≤ 0.04                           |  |  |
|   | Reference λ (nm)<br>1310<br>1550 |  |  |

#### Point discontinuities

No point discontinuity greater than 0.05 dB at 1310 nm and 1550 nm.

#### Attenuation with Bending

| Number of | Mandrel     | Wavelength | Attenuation |
|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Turns     | Radius (mm) | (nm)       | (dB)        |
| 10        | 15          | 1550       | ≤ 0.03      |
| 10        | 15          | 1625       | ≤ 0.1       |
| 1         | 10          | 1550       | ≤ 0.1       |
| 1         | 10          | 1625       | ≤ 0.2       |
| 1         | 7.5         | 1550       | ≤ 0.5       |
| 1         | 7.5         | 1625       | ≤ 1.0       |

#### **Cutoff Wavelength**

| Cable Cutoff wavelength (λccf) | ≤ 1260 nm   |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Cable Cuton wavelength (ACCI)  | 5 1200 IIII |

#### Mode Field Diameter

| Wavelength (nm) | (µm)       |
|-----------------|------------|
| 1310            | 8.5 - 9.3  |
| 1550            | 9.4 – 10.4 |

#### **Chromatic Dispersion**

| Zero Dispersion Wavelength (λ <sub>0</sub> ): | 1300 - 1322 nm                           |
|---|--|
| Slope (S <sub>0</sub> ) at $\lambda_0$ :      | $\leq 0.090 \text{ ps/(nm}^2.\text{km)}$ |

# Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD)

|                         | (ps/√km) |
|-------------------------|----------|
| PMD Link Design Value** | ≤ 0.06   |
| Max. Individual Fiber   | ≤ 0.1    |

<sup>\*\*</sup> According to IEC 60794 -3, Ed 3 (Q=0.01%)

#### **Geometrical Specifications**

| ~I | Geometry |  |
|----|----------|--|
|    |          |  |

| Cladding Diameter                | 125.0 ± 0.7 μm                     |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Core/Cladding Concentricity      | ≤ 0.5 µm                           |
| Cladding Non-Circularity         | ≤ 0.7 %                            |
| Fibre Curl (radius)              | ≥ 4 m                              |
| Coating Geometry                 |                                    |
| Coating Diameter                 | 242 ± 7 μm                         |
| Coating / Cladding Concentricity | ≤ 12 µm                            |
| Coating Non-Circularity          | ≤ 5 %                              |
| Lengths                          | Standard lengths up to 25.2 km     |
|                                  | Other lengths available on request |

## **Mechanical Specifications**

#### Proof test

The entire length is subjected to a tensile proof stress > 0.7 GPa (100 kpsi); 1% strain equivalent.

#### **Tensile Strength**

Dynamic tensile strength (0.5 meter gauge length):

Aged\*\*\* and unaged: median > 3.8 GPa (550 kpsi)

\*\*\* Aging at 85°C, 85% RH, 30 days

#### **Dynamic and Static Fatigue**

| Dynamic fatigue, unaged and aged*** | $n_d > 20$ |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Static fatigue, aged***             | $n_s > 23$ |

# Coating Performance

Coating strip force unaged and aged\*\*\*\*:

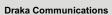
- Average strip force: 1 N to 3 N- Peak strip force: 1.3 N to 8.9 N
- \*\*\*\* Aging:
  - 0°C and 45°C
  - 30 days at 85°C and 85% RH
  - 14 days water immersion at 23°C
  - Wasp spray exposure (Telcordia)

## **Environmental Specifications**

| Environmental Test  | Test Conditions         | Induced Attenuation at 1310, 1550 nm (dB/km) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Temperature cycling | –60°C to 85°C           | ≤ 0.05                                       |
| Temperature-        | -10°C to 85°C, 4-98% RH | ≤ 0.05                                       |
| Humidity cycling    |                         |  |
| Water Immersion     | 14 days; 23°C           | ≤ 0.05                                       |
| Dry Heat            | 30 days; 85°C           | ≤ 0.05                                       |
| Damp Heat           | 30 days: 85°C: 85% RH   | < 0.05                                       |

# **Typical Specifications**

| Nominal Zero Dispersion Slope                          | 0.085 ps/(nm <sup>2</sup> .km) |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Effective group index @ 1310 nm                        | 1.467                          |
| Effective group index @ 1550 nm                        | 1.468                          |
| Effective group index @ 1625 nm                        | 1.468                          |
| Rayleigh Backscatter Coefficient for 1 ns pulse width: |                                |
| @ 1310 nm  | -79.1 dB                       |
| @ 1550 nm  | -81.4 dB                       |
| @ 1625 nm  | -82.2 dB                       |
|  |                                |
| Median Dynamic Tensile Strength                        | 5.3 GPa (750 kpsi)             |
| (Aged at 85°C, 85% RH, 30 days; 0,5 m gauge length)    |                                |



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