

Difficulty in manufacturing optical modules



Article Overview

Optical modules face complex manufacturing challenges including precision assembly, material quality, thermal management, and supply chain constraints.

Precision and Packaging Challenges

Optical modules require extremely precise assembly due to their small size and high-speed signal requirements. Packaging methods, such as TO-CAN, BOX, butterfly, or non-hermetic options like COB and COC, must be carefully selected to ensure reliability and performance. Misalignment of optical components, improper bonding, or surface defects can degrade signal quality and lead to early failures . Dimensional tolerances are critical, with plug length, width, and alignment tolerances often controlled within ± 0.05 – 0.1 mm .

Material and Component Issues

High-quality materials are essential. For example, optical lenses, prisms, and mirrors must be fabricated from highly purified glass or crystalline materials, with controlled annealing to avoid internal stress and refractive index variations . In laser manufacturing, epitaxial layers for InP lasers require precise deposition using tools like MOCVD, and limited qualified capacity can create bottlenecks . Substituting adhesives or materials without requalification can cause failures, such as lens clouding due to outgassing .

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