

Silicone Rubber Coated Fiber Optic Sensing



Article Overview

Silicone rubber coated fiber optic sensors enhance sensitivity, flexibility, and environmental resilience, enabling precise measurement of pressure, temperature, humidity, and force in diverse applications.

Overview and Functionality

Silicone rubber (SR) coated fiber optic sensors are designed to combine the optical properties of fibers with the mechanical and protective advantages of silicone rubber. The SR coating acts as a flexible diaphragm or protective layer, allowing the sensor to respond to physical changes such as pressure, force, or environmental conditions while maintaining optical signal integrity. The coating also provides mechanical compliance, which improves sensitivity to small changes in the measured parameter.

Sensing Mechanisms

One common implementation is the Fabry-Perot interferometric (FPI) sensor, where a segment of single-mode fiber is inserted into a silica tube coated with silicone rubber. The SR diaphragm forms one reflective surface of the cavity, producing an interference pattern that shifts in response to pressure or force changes. The cavity-length change or refractive index variation in the SR layer allows precise detection of gas pressure, liquid levels, or mechanical stress. These sensors exhibit high sensitivity (e.g., 0.68 nm/kPa) and low temperature cross-sensitivity, making them suitable for accurate measurements in variable environments

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