

Title (en)

MICRO/NANOSTRUCTURED OPTICAL WAVEGUIDING STRUCTURE FOR MONITORING BIREFRINGENCE

Title (de)

MIKRO-/NANOSTRUKTURIERTE LICHTWELLENLEITERSTRUKTUR ZUR ÜBERWACHUNG VON DOPPELBRUCHUNG

Title (fr)

STRUCTURE DE GUIDE D'ONDE OPTIQUE MICRONANOSTRUCTURÉ POUR LE CONTRÔLE DE LA BIRÉFRINGENCE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2010000824A1] The invention relates to a waveguiding structure, including a carrier substrate and a waveguide including at least one guide layer having an index of n_1 . Said layer includes a birefringence B area that includes recesses provided in the body of the guide layer and filled with a fluid or material having an index of n_2 . They are organized along at least two parallel rows, each row located in a plane perpendicular to the surface of the guide layer and parallel to the propagation direction of the optical wave in the guide layer; each row extending across a distance greater than or equal to the wavelength of the optical wave; the width of the recesses being $= 1/10$ th of the wavelength of the optical wave; each recess within a single row being spaced apart from an adjacent recess at a distance of $= 1/10$ th of the wavelength of the optical wave; the birefringence B value following the Formula (I), ff being the fill factor of the material having a refractive index of n_1 ; $n_{H,TE}$ ($n_{B,TE}$) and $n_{H,TM}$ ($n_{B,TM}$) being, respectively, the actual refractive indices of the mode TE and the mode TM of the guide layer having a higher (or lower) refractive index.

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