Motorized Variable Optical Delay Line



MDL Series: Motorized Variable Optical Delay Line (600ps).

Hirundo's motorized variable optical delay line provides precision optical path length adjustment of up to 1200 ps. Driven by a step motor, the MDL has a delay resolution of less than 10µm (34 fs), and an extremely low backlash of less than 8 fs. In addition, its advanced motion design guarantees longevity for long-term continuous operation. Low insertion loss and high reliability make this device ideal for integration in optical coherence tomography (OCT) systems, network equipment and test instruments for precision optical path length control or timing alignment.

Features:

- Compact
- High resolution
- Low backlash
- Low insertion loss
- High stability
- Highest delay to length ratio
- Long delay: up to 1600 ps

Applications:

- Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)
- Optical Fourier spectrum analysis
- Optical interferometry
- Delay generation and measurement
- Optical time division multiplexing (OTDM)
- Fiber sensors

Performance Specifications

Parameter	Unit	Values		
Center Wavelength (λc)	nm	850, 980, 1060, 1310, 1550 or 2000		
Operation Wavelength	nm	λc ± 40		
Optical Delay Range	ps	0 - 600 ps continuous		
Zero Point Delay Offset**	ps	~440		
Optical Delay Resolution		10 μm or 34 fs per encoder count		
Max. Insertion Loss	dB	1.0		
Max. Insertion Loss Variation	dB	0.5		
Max. PDL	dB	0.1		
Min. Return Loss	dB	50		
Max. Optical Power Handling (Continuous Wave)	mW	300		
Electrical Interface		2 - phase stepper motor drive signal		
		2 sensor connections		
Operating Temperature	°C	-5 to +70		
Storage Temperature	°C	-20 to +85		
Fiber Type		Singlemode or PM Panda fiber		
Dimensions	mm	60 × 150 × 23 (600ps version)		

^{*}IL is 0.3 dB higher, RL is 5 dB lower and ER is 2 dB lower for each connector added, measured at center wavelength

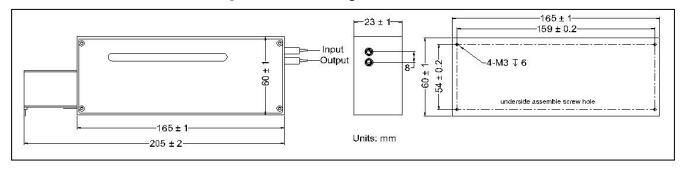
Outline Diagram

^{**}Absolute delay at 0 ps setting measured to the edge of the enclosure (excluding caps, boots, and pigtails).

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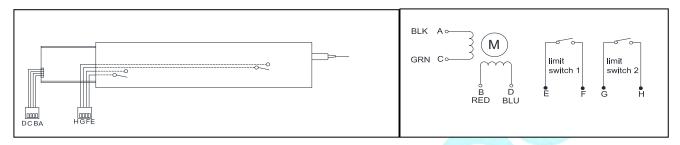




Motor Shaft: Single / Double

The Motorized Delayline can be used as manual version if choose the double shaft motor.

Electrical Interface



Electronic Connector Type: KF2510-4P

Ordering Information

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①①①①: Wavelength	2222: Delay Range	③: Connector Type	④: Fiber Jacket		
850 - 850 nm	300 - 300 ps	1 - FC/UPC	B - 250 μm bare fiber		
980 - 980 nm	500 - 500 ps	2 - FC/APC	L - 900 µm loose tube		
1060 - 1060 nm	600 - 600 ps	3 - SC/UPC	3 - 3 mm cable		
1310 - 1310 nm	800 - 800 ps	4 - SC/APC			
1550 - 1550 nm	1200 - 1200 ps	N - None			
2000 - 2000 nm					
⑤: Fiber Length	⑥: Fiber Type	⑦: Motor Shaft			
H - 0.5 m	S - Singlemode fiber	S - Single			
Q - 0.75 m	P - PM fiber	D - Double			
1 - 1.0 m					
S - Specify					