



# **1120 BARE FIBER ALIGNER USER'S GUIDE**

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## Safety Terms & Symbols

The following terms and symbols may appear throughout the user guide and have the following meanings.

**Caution:** Identifies conditions or practices that could result in damage to equipment or other property.

**Warning:** Identifies conditions or practices that could result in non-fatal personal injury.



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## Safety Precautions

**Warning - Laser Safety:** Care should be taken when connecting these devices to an optical source such as an OTDR as the total light power emitted from the light source may also be present at the output of the bare fiber aligner or at the output of an optical fiber inserted into the bare fiber aligner.

**Warning - Handling Optical Fibers:** Exercise care when handling the unprotected ends of optical fibers - use appropriate eye protection and dispose of discarded fiber ends in a safe manner.


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# PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner can be purchased in several different configurations to provide the optimal aligner for your application. The integrated 1120M Production Aligner shown above should be ideal for most production testing applications. However, it may be preferable to assemble a complete aligner from the components shown below. Several different configurations are possible by combining either a Field or Production Aligner (1120F or 1120P) with an 1120B Buffer Fiber or 1120J Jumper Fiber.. These components may also be purchased individually. Illustrations of each of the four production configurations are shown below:

Complete Module



1120M Production Aligner Module

1120M-125- [ ] - [ ] - [ ]

<b>Fibers Aligned</b> 125um OD	<b>Buffer Core/Clad</b> 10/125 = Single-mode 50/125 = 50 um Multimode 62/125 = 62.5 um Multimode	<b>Buffer Length</b> 0250 = 250 m 0500 = 500 m 1000 = 1000 m 1500 = 1500 m	<b>Connector</b> FCA = FC-APC FCP = FC-PC SCA = SC-APC STP = ST-PC
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Aligners



1120F Field Aligner




1120P Production Aligner

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<b>Configuration</b> F = Field Aligner P = Production Aligner	<b>Fibers Aligned</b> 125 = 125um OD 230 = 230um OD
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Buffers & Jumpers



1120B Buffer & 1120J Jumper

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<b>Type</b> B = Buffer Fiber J = Jumper Fiber	<b>Fiber Core/Clad</b> 10/125 = Single-mode 50/125 = 50 um Multimode 62/125 = 62.5 um Multimode	<b>Length</b> 0002 = 2 m (Jumper only) 0250 = 250 m 0500 = 500 m 1000 = 1000 m 1500 = 1500 m	<b>Connector</b> FCA = FC-APC FCP = FC-PC SCA = SC-APC STP = ST-PC
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# UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

Carefully remove the components of your 1120 from their shipping packages and take an inventory of the parts included.

## 1120P and 1120F Aligner Configurations parts include:

- 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner Coupling Module (1120P-000, 1120F-000) or module integrated with buffer fiber module (1120P-XXX, 1120F-XXX)
- One 112X-RMC Refillable Index Matching Cartridge
- Cleaning Wire

## 1120B Buffer Fiber parts include:

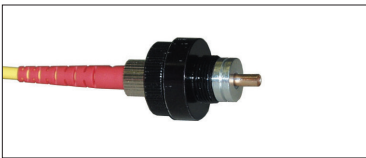
- 1120B Buffer Fiber Module with customer-specified connectors



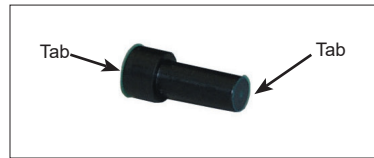
**BEFORE YOU BEGIN:** Load the the 112X-IMC or 112X-RMC Index Matching Cartridge into the 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner by following the instructions below.



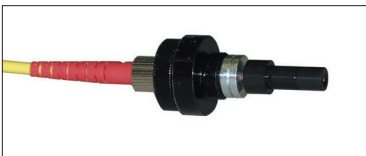
Locate the “D-shaped” coupling module end cap on the 1120F. Or, for the 1120P, simply pull the gray cylindrical end cap from the housing (some initial resistance will be encountered as the cap is restrained by an internal, spring-loaded ball plunger).



Unscrew and remove the coupling module end cap to expose the internal metal ferrule sleeve.



Remove the plastic tabs that seal the index matching cartridge. Leave any other cartridges sealed for later use.



After removing the tabs from the cartridge, push the larger end of the cartridge onto the metal sleeve.



Screw on the end cap to finger tight. Use the dust cap to seal the protruding cartridge when not in use.

# OPERATION

The 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner is used to quickly connect bare optical fiber to a test equipment optical connector. Before using the 1120, ensure that a 112X-IMC or 112X-RMC Index Matching Cartridge is loaded into the 1120's coupling module (see previous section) and that the opposite end of the 1120 is connected to the OTDR or other test equipment bulkhead.

To couple a fiber to the test instrument with the 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner:

1. Strip at least 35 mm of coating from the fiber to expose bare glass and clean the fiber with isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free wipe.
2. Either break or cleave the fiber at a point approximately 25 mm from the coating shoulder.
3. Slowly insert the fiber into the end of the 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner coupling module until it contacts the module's internal connector ferrule. If an optical connection is not accomplished on the first insertion, pull the fiber back about 1/8" and push it forward, again making contact with the connector. If a connection still cannot be established, completely remove the fiber and re-prepare the fiber end.

# SPECIFICATIONS

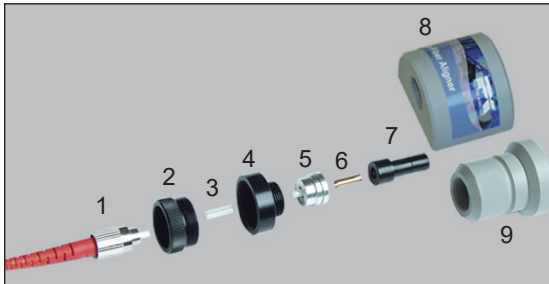
Coupling Loss	< 0.5 dB typical
Coupling Reflectance	< -45 dB typical
Operating Temperature	10 to 30°C
Dimensions	
Buffer Fiber Module (1120B)	12.5 x 12.5 x 2.5 cm (4.9 x 4.9 x 1.0 in.)
Field Aligner (1120F)	3.1 x 3.7 x 2.4 cm (1.2 x 1.5 x 0.9 in.)
Production Module (1120M)	11.9 x 16.3 x 4.9 cm (4.7 x 6.4 x 1.9 in.)
Production Aligner (1120P)	9.5 x 6.2 x 3.6 cm (3.7 x 2.4 x 1.4 in.)
Index Matching Gel Cartridge Lifetime	
112X-IMC	> 500 fiber couplings (typical)
112X-RMC	> 500 fiber couplings per refill (typical)

# MAINTENANCE

## CLEANING

Occasionally you may have to clean the jumper connector (with red strain relief) that is attached to the 1120 coupling module, and/or the ferrule assembly/metallic sleeve inside the 1120 coupling module. For the 1120M or P aligners, first pull the end cap (9) and attached coupling module assembly from the aligner housing (do not pull the end cap more than 20 cm out of the 1120M housing). To remove the connector (1) from the assembly, loosen the knurled retaining ring (2) by rotating it counterclockwise and then pull the connector ferrule out of the ceramic sleeve (3) inside the bulkhead housing. Clean the ferrule and then

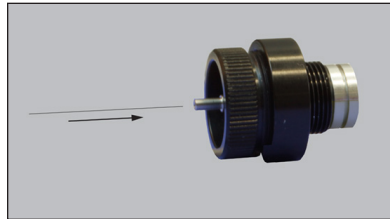
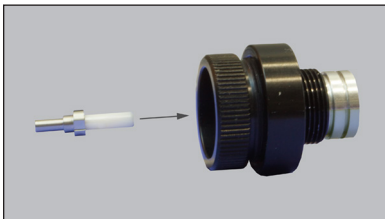
re-insert it back into the ceramic sleeve. Re-secure the ferrule by rotating the retaining ring (2) clockwise, being careful not to overtighten the ring. Note that over time the connector will wear, but they can be refurbished. Replacement jumper cables and jumper/buffer fiber assemblies are also available.



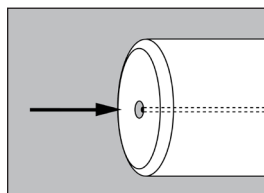
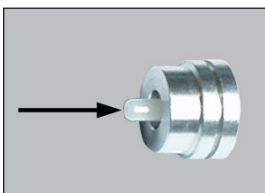
### Coupling Module Assembly

For more thorough cleaning, remove the coupling module assembly and gel cartridge (2-7) from the 1120F base (8) or the 1120M/P end cap (9) by unscrewing the adapter (4) from the base/end cap. Next, loosen the retaining ring (2) and pull apart the ferrule assembly (5,6) and gel cartridge (7) should slide out of the end cap/base (some gentle pressure on the end of the gel cartridge may be required). All parts, except for the cartridge, can be cleaned with 100% isopropanol. Complete immersion in an ultrasonic bath is optimal.

If a fiber happens to break off inside the ferrule assembly use the 112X-CLK Ferrule Cleaning Kit to clear the fragment. Simply insert the cleaning ferrule included in the kit into the ferrule assembly (2,3,4,5) as shown below left, and then feed a cleaning wire into the ferrule barrel and through both the cleaning and aligner ferrules to push out any fiber fragments.



If a cleaning ferrule is not available, it is possible to use just a cleaning wire to clear fiber fragments. First, disassemble the coupling module to access the aligner ferrule (5). Then grip a cleaning wire very close to its end (3-4 mm) and feed the wire into the ferrule as shown below. Note that some initial resistance may be encountered due to the recess surrounding the ferrule bore (right).



## INDEX MATCHING GEL CARTRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The 1120 Index Matching Cartridges contain enough matching compound which, under normal use, should last for over 500 fiber insertions. Inconsistent couplings or high coupling losses or reflections may indicate the need to refill (112X-RMC) or replace (112X-IMC) the cartridge.

In order to replace the index matching gel cartridge, hold the coupling module and unscrew its end cap (6). Pull the empty cartridge (5) from the sleeve (4) and discard. Insert a new cartridge by first removing and discarding the sealing tabs from the ends of the IMC replacement cartridge, then simply push the large end of cartridge into coupling module sleeve and screw on the end cap until it is finger tight.

## INDEX MATCHING GEL CARTRIDGE (112X-RMC) REFILLING

If you have purchased the refillable version of the index matching gel cartridge, the 112X-RMC, you can replenish the gel in your index matching gel cartridge with the gel-filled syringe (112X-SYR) that is purchased separately or included as part of the 112X-RFK Refill Kit.

To refill the RMC, remove it from the 1120 Coupling Module as described in the previous section. Next, unscrew the RMC cap and then, after removing the syringe dust cap, attach the RMC to the syringe's tip adapter. Inject index matching gel into the RMC until gel starts to emerge from the opposite end of the cartridge indicating that the cartridge is full. Remove the RMC from the syringe and replace its cap. Clean any excess gel from the cartridge with a lint free wipe. The RMC is now ready to be loaded into the 1120 coupling module. Store the syringe in an appropriate cool, dust-free location to prevent leakage or contamination.



**Refillable Index Matching Cartridge with 112X-SYR Syringe**



**Syringe with RMC Attached**



# TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Problem	Solution
High loss or no coupling	1) Poor cleave/end face quality on fiber under test. 2) Excessive contamination on either fiber under test or on 1120 coupling module connector. 3) Either 1) or 2) combined with insufficient index matching gel supply (IMC empty). 4) Broken fiber close to coupling point (either in 1120 jumper or fiber under test).	1) Re-cleave fiber under test and re-insert. 2) Clean 1120 coupling module connector. 3) Check IMC gel. Replace or re-fill IMC. 4) Use a visual fault locator to detect any severe bends or breaks near the coupling point.
High reflectance coupling	Insufficient index matching gel application	Check IMC. Replace or re-fill IMC.

# SERVICING AND REPAIRS

If you need to return your 1120 Bare Fiber Aligner for service, return the unit in its original shipping carton. Inadequate packaging may lead to serious damage and may invalidate your remaining warranty.

Before returning the 1120, you must obtain a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number from Photon Kinetics. To obtain an RMA number, please have your model number and serial number available, and call +1 503 526 4678 or send an email to [support@pkinetics.com](mailto:support@pkinetics.com). All aligners should be returned to the following address:

**Photon Kinetics, Inc.**

Attn: RMA # [enter RMA # received from Photon Kinetics]  
 9305 SW Gemini Drive  
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Please include the following with your shipment:

- Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number.
- Model number and serial number.
- Your name, address, phone number, fax number and email address.
- Address to which the 1120 should be returned.
- Description of the problem to be repaired.
- A purchase order for repair charges (not necessary for warranty repairs).
- Preferred shipping method. If no shipping instructions are received, shipping arrangements will be made by Photon Kinetics and charged to the customer.

# INDEX MATCHING GEL MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET  
MAY BE USED TO COMPLY WITH  
OSHA'S HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD  
CFR 1910.1200. STANDARD MUST BE  
CONSULTED FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS



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### SECTION 1

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CONDITIONS OF INTENDED AND NORMAL USE: ( ABBR. C.I.U. ) AS AN OPTICAL GEL AT NORMAL ROOM PRESSURE ( 760 mm Hg ), TEMPERATURE, 39 °F TO 104 °F IN A NON MISTED / NON AIRBORN STATE IN A ROOM HAVING NORMAL AIR CHANGES, ( 2 ) / HR., IN A TRAINED AND SUPERVISED LABORATORY / INDUSTRIAL SETTING USING STANDARD GL / GM PROCEDURES. SEE SECTIONS 7 AND 8

### SECTION 2 - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS	( COMMON NAME ( S ) )	OSHA PEL CEILING	SPECIFIC CHEMICAL IDENTITY INFORMATION		% ( OPTIONAL )
			ACGIH TLV T.W.A.	OTHER LIMITS RECOMMENDED	
TRADE SECRET	SILICA, AMORPHOUS	* 20 mppcf	** 20 mppcf	** ACGIH RESPIRABLE DUST: 5 mg / CUBIC METER	
				** ACGIH TOTAL DUST: 10 mg / CUBIC METER	
TRADE SECRET	ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBONS		5 mg / CUBIC METER *		

\*PEL CEILING & TLV T.W.A.s IF ANY SHOULD NOT OCCUR IF C.I.U. AND SECTIONS 7 & 8 FOLLOWED.

NOTE: PRODUCT NORMALLY SOLD IN 4 OZ. QUANTITIES. USED IN SINGLE DROP TO A FEW CUBIC CENTIMETERS PER APPLICATION. SEE REQUISITIONER FOR SPECIFIC QUANTITIES INVOLVED.

### SECTION 3 - PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

BOILING POINT AT 760 mm Hg	> 416 °C	>781 °F	SPECIFIC GRAVITY ( H <sub>2</sub> O = 1 ) TEMP. 23 °C / 73 °F	0.879
VAPOR PRESSURE IN mm Hg ( TEMP. )	73 °F	NIL	MELTING POINT	< -67 °C
VAPOR DENSITY ( AIR = 1 ) AT ( mm Hg & TEMP. )	760 73 °F	N.D.F.	EVAPORATION RATE AT 760 mm Hg & 23 °C / 73 °F ( MINERAL OIL = 1 )	< 1
SOLUBILITY IN WATER AT ( mm Hg & TEMP. )	760 73 °F	NIL	APPEARANCE AND ODOR	WATER WHITE ODORLESS GEL

### SECTION 4 - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

FLASH POINT ( CUP METHOD USED )	> 473 °F ( 245 °C ) C.O.C.	FLAMMABLE LIMITS	LFL	N.D.F.	UEL	N.D.F.
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA	TREAT AS PETROLEUM GREASE FIRE, USE CARBON DIOXIDE, DRY CHEMICALS, WATER SPRAY ( FOG ), FOAM					
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:	USE N.I.O.S.H. / MESA APPROVED S.C.B.A.					
UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:	SLIGHT, WHEN EXPOSED TO HEAT OR FLAME					
ABBREVIATIONS: N.A. = NOT APPLICABLE; N.D.F. = NO DATA FOUND; TR.S. = TRADE SECRET; N.E. = NOT ESTABLISHED; C.I.U. = CONDITIONS OF INTENDED USE; < = LESS THAN; > = GREATER THAN.						

SECTION 5 - REACTIVITY DATA				
STABILITY	UNSTABLE			
	STABLE	YES		
INCOMPATIBILITY ( MATERIALS AND / OR CONDITIONS TO AVOID )				
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION	MAY OCCUR		NONE	
	WILL NOT OCCUR	X	NONE	
SECTION 6 - HEALTH HAZARD DATA				
ROUTE ( S ) OF ENTRY: ( NOT LIKELY AT C.I.U. )	INHALATION? POSSIBLE	SKIN? SLIGHT	MUCOUS MEMBRANES / EYES? SLIGHT	INGESTION? POSSIBLE
HEALTH HAZARDS ( ACUTE AND CHRONIC )				
NONE KNOWN AT C.I.U.				
CARCINOGENICITY LISTED:	NTP? NO	IARC MONOGRAPHS? NO	OSHA CARCINOGEN? NO	
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE				
OILY FEEL; FUMES FROM OVERHEATING, OR BY-PRODUCTS OF DECOMPOSITION MAY BE RESPIRATORY IRRITANTS ( THERE ARE NONE AT C.I.U. ); MAY IRRITATE SKIN OR EYES; MAY HAVE LAXATIVE EFFECT IF INGESTED.				
MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE				
N.D.F.				
EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES: INCLUDE POSSIBLE MATERIAL THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MIXED WITH LIQUID DURING USE.				
INHALATION – ( NOT LIKELY AT C.I.U. ) IF CONCERN ARISES, REMOVE TO FRESH AIR. CONSULT PHYSICIAN.				
SKIN & CLOTHES – PROMPT SOAP AND WATER WASH. IF DISCOMFORT PERSISTS, CONSULT PHYSICIAN.				
EYES – FLUSH WITH WATER. CONSULT PHYSICIAN.				
INGESTION – WASH OUT MOUTH, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. CONSULT PHYSICIAN.				
SECTION 7 - PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFE HANDLING AND USE – FOLLOW C.I.U. SEE SECTION 1				
STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED				
SCOOP UP AND ABSORB, PLACE IN PLASTIC ( POLYETHYLENE OR POLYPROPYLENE ) CONTAINER, CAP OR TWIST TIE CLOSURE ( SEE SECTION 8 ).				
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:				
ALL CHEMICAL DISPOSALS MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.				
PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORING				
STORE BETWEEN 39 °F AND 104 °F ( 4 °C AND 40 °C )				
OTHER PRECAUTIONS				
N.A.				
SECTION 8 - CONTROL MEASURES; WHEN USED AS INTENDED ( SEE SECTION 1 )				
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION ( SPECIFY TYPE )				
SEE "VENTILATION"				
VENTILATION	LOCAL EXHAUST	*	SPECIAL	N.A.
	MECHANICAL ( GENERAL )	*	OTHER	N.A.
PROTECTIVE GLOVES	* PLASTIC SURGICAL TYPE, IF WORN		EYE PROTECTION	*
OTHER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT				
* = NOT MANDATORY EXCEPT AS GOOD LABORATORY INDUSTRIAL PRACTICES.				
ALWAYS USE GOOD HYGIENIC WORK / PRACTICES AS TO HOUSEKEEPING, PERSONAL HYGIENE, USE OF CHEMICAL LAB APRON AND SPLASH GOGGLES, AVOIDANCE OF VAPORS, PROLONGED AND REPEATED SKIN CONTACT.				
SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS				
N.A.				

## OPTIONS FOR REFILLING 112X-RMC MATCHING GEL CARTRIDGES

112X-RFK	Refill Kit (includes 1oz. index matching gel and syringe)
112X-GEL	Index Matching Gel (1 oz.)
112X-SYR	Index Matching Gel Filling Syringe
112X-RMC	Refillable Index Matching Cartridge (one, filled)

## DISPOSABLE MATCHING GEL CARTRIDGES

112X-IMC-03	Disposable Index Matching Cartridge (pack of 3)
112X-IMC-12	Disposable Index Matching Cartridge (pack of 12)

## SERVICING YOUR 112X BARE FIBER ALIGNER

112X-CLK	Ferrule Cleaning Kit (wires and cleaning ferrule)
112X-CLW	Ferrule Cleaning Wires
112X-RFB	Re-termination of the FC-PC end
112X-RSS	Replacement Sleeve Set
112X-RFA	Replacement Ferrule Assembly

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