

Reflection Coefficient of Unequal Displaced Rectangular Waveguides (Letters)

R. Levy. "Reflection Coefficient of Unequal Displaced Rectangular Waveguides (Letters)." 1976 Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques 24.7 (Jul. 1976 [T-MTT]): 480-483.

The IEC has suggested that maximum allowable displacements of waveguide flanges should not cause the inherent return loss due to waveguide tolerances to degrade more than 1 dB.

Calculations on displaced unequal waveguides at their extreme tolerances show that this leads to a maximum allowable displacement of 0.0175 of the broad (= a) dimension for a waveguide tolerance of $\pm a/500$. The worst return loss under these conditions is approximately -41dB.

However, it is suggested that this maximum allowable displacement is based on a statistically remote worse case condition, and relaxation to a value of 0.021a would be more realistic.

 [Return to main document.](#)