

Cutoff Conditions in Three-Layer Cylindrical Dielectric Waveguides

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Exact cutoff expressions for hybrid and circularly symmetric modes in three-layer cylindrical dielectric waveguides are derived. It analytically established that whenever the refractive index of the enter medium ($n_{\text{sup}2/}$) is higher than either the refractive index of the core ($n_{\text{sub}1/}$) or of the inner cladding ($n_{\text{sub}2/}$), i.e., $n_{\text{sub}1/} > n_{\text{sub}3/} > n_{\text{sub}2/}$ or $n_{\text{sub}2/} > n_{\text{sub}3/} > n_{\text{sub}1/}$, the dominant $\text{HE}_{\text{sub}11/}$ mode can have a nonzero cutoff frequency. Inequalities relating the permittivities to the ratio of the cladding radius to the core radius, as conditions for the nonzero cutoff of the $\text{HE}_{\text{sub}11/}$ mode, are determined. The cutoff conditions presented in this paper are also applicable to similar structures used io millimeter-wave communications.

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