

Nonradiative dielectric waveguide using cordierite ceramics

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Nonradiative dielectric waveguide (NRD-guide) using low-loss cordierite ceramics ($\epsilon_r = 4.9$, $\tan \delta = 2.6 \times 10^{-4}$ at 59 GHz) was examined at 60 GHz. High permittivity of the cordierite ceramics reduced the size of the waveguide compared with a conventional one of polytetrafluoro-ethylene (PTFE). The RF unit for 60 GHz FM-CW radar sensor was built in a 33 mm/33 mm/20 mm housing. We confirmed that the unit clearly detects a target located at distances of 5 to 148 m.

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