

# CTH:YAG Rods (2080 nm)



- High-efficiency 2 μm source
- Operate well at room temperature <sup>(1)</sup>
- Flashlamp or diode pumped
- Laser diode sources can pump the strong 780 nm Tm<sup>3+</sup> ion absorption line
- Chromium doping not necessary for diode-pumped applications
- Pump line width of 4 nm; 4 times wider than the corresponding Nd:YAG diode-pump line width
- Operate in a relatively eye-safe wavelength range
  
- Rod Lengths: 3 mm – 152.4 mm
- Rod Diameters: 2 mm – 12.7 mm

| <b>Standard Specifications</b>      |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Material Parameters</b>          |   |
| <b>Host:</b>                        | Yttrium Aluminum Garnet (Y <sub>3</sub> Al <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> )   |
| <b>Standard Melt Concentration:</b> | Chromium (Cr <sup>3+</sup> ): 0.85 at %<br>Thulium (Tm <sup>3+</sup> ): 5.90 at %<br>Holmium (Ho <sup>3+</sup> ): 0.36 at %<br>(Other Compositions Available) |
| <b>Orientation:</b>                 | [111] crystallographic directions ± 5°  |
| <b>Wavefront Distortion:</b>        | less than 1/2 wave per inch of length @ 1064 nm   |
| <b>Dimensional Tolerances</b>       |   |
| <b>Diameter:</b>                    | +0.000" / -0.002"   |
| <b>Length:</b>                      | +0.040" / -0.000"   |
| <b>Barrel Finish:</b>               | 55 ± 5 micro-inch   |
| <b>Chamfer:</b>                     | 0.005" ± 0.003" at 45° ± 5°   |
| <b>End Configuration</b>            |   |
| <b>Flatness:</b>                    | within λ / 10 wave at 633 nm wavelength   |
| <b>Parallelism:</b>                 | within 30 seconds of arc  |
| <b>Perpendicularity:</b>            | less than 5 minutes of arc  |
| <b>Surface Quality:</b>             | scratch-dig 10 - 5 per MIL-O-13830A   |
| <b>Anti-Reflection End Coatings</b> |   |
| <b>Reflectivity:</b>                | less than 0.25% at 2080 nm  |
| <b>Adhesion and Durability:</b>     | meets MIL-C-48497A standards  |
| <b>Pulsed Damage Threshold:</b>     | greater than 10 J / cm <sup>2</sup>   |
| <b>Major Pump Bands:</b>            | 400 - 800 nm  |

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| <b>Properties Cr, Tm, Ho:YAG</b>   |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Lasing Properties</b>           |                                  |
| Lasing Transition:                 | $^5I_7 - ^5I_8$                  |
| Lasing Wavelength                  | 2080 nm                          |
| Fluorescence Lifetime              | 8.5 ms                           |
| Stimulated Emission Cross-Section: | $7 \times 10^{-21} \text{ cm}^2$ |
| <b>Spectral Properties</b>         |                                  |
| Index of Refraction:               | 1.80 (at 2080 nm)                |
| Diode Pump Band:                   | 781 nm                           |
| Absorption Linewidth:              | 4 nm                             |
| Major Pump Bands:                  | 400 - 800 nm                     |

## CTH:YAG Absorption Coefficient

0.25nm SBW, corrected for Fresnel loss

