Chalcogenide glass is made from a mixture of the chalcogenide elements: sulfur, selenium and tellurium. It offers promising properties such as transmission in mid and far infrared regions of spectra, lower values of phonon energies, high refractive index and very large nonlinearities as compared to silica. Chalcogenide glass fibers are the ideal candidates for mid-infrared applications that require high power laser delivery, chemical sensing, thermal imaging and temperature monitoring.

IRflex’s **IRF-S Series** mid-infrared fiber, made from extra high purity chalcogenide glass As$_2$S$_3$, is specially designed, and manufactured to generate and/or guide mid-infrared wavelengths from 1.5 to 6.5µm with high transmission efficiency and nonlinearities about 100 times that of silica glass fiber.

**Applications**

- Mid-IR laser beam delivery
- IR spectroscopy
- Chemical sensing
- Scientific and medical diagnostics IR-imaging system
- Nonlinear supercontinuum generation
- Infrared countermeasure (IRCM)

**Benefits**

- Extra low loss, 0.05dB/m @2.8µm
- High power handling strength, tested in house, **3.7W CW in a 9µm core diameter fiber for 30 minutes without damage or degradation**
- High mechanical flexibility

IRflex Corporation is the only U.S. company totally dedicated to the development and manufacture of mid-infrared fibers and devices for wavelength from 1.5 to 11 micron.

IRflex has several patents on specialty optical fibers and expertise in specialty optical fiber design and development. A suite of patents relating to chalcogenide glass based fiber optics has been licensed to IRflex from the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). These strong patent portfolio and intellectual know-how, coupled with advanced manufacturing processes are the core competencies, which enable IRflex to sustain its leadership in the mid-infrared industry and provide cutting-edge products for mid-infrared applications.
Technical Specifications

Transmission Range (µm)  1.5 – 6.5
Typical Optical Loss (dB/m)  0.05 @ 2.8µm
Glass Composition  As2S3
Refractive Index  2.4
Numerical Aperture (NA)  0.28 – 0.30
Core Non-Circularity (%)  <1
Core/Clad Concentricity Error (µm)  <3
Tensile Proof Test (kpsi)  >15

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All the fibers are commercially available and can be sold as bare fiber or terminated with connectors except IRF-S-5 as there is no ferrule of its size available in the market.

The standard fiber cables are terminated with stainless steel ferrules, FC/UPC, FC/APC or SMA905 connectors. IRflex's FC/B® connector - the FC connector at Brewster Angle enables perfect coupling without reflection with polarized laser beam, is also available upon request.

The protective jacket can be stainless steel, stainless steel with PVC sheathing, PVDF or PVC.

Other different cable assembling configurations are offered upon request.

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