

1 Main Features

- High optical and photorefractive properties with Ce-doped and pure variants.
- Supports efficient phase-conjugation applications.
- Customizable size, doping levels, and antireflective coatings available.
- Poling and electrode customization options.
- Inclusion-free, homogenous structure for consistent optical performance.



2. Material General Description

Strontium-Barium Niobate (SBN:61) is a ferroelectric crystal with exceptional optical and photorefractive properties. Its high photorefractive sensitivity makes it a preferred material in electro-optics and nonlinear optics applications. The material features a tetragonal crystal structure with lattice parameters of **a** = **12.46** Å and **c** = **3.946** Å, ensuring uniformity and stability. SBN crystals are grown using the Modified Stepanov method to achieve a high-quality, inclusion-free product with dimensions up to **40 mm**. They can be doped with Cerium (Ce) to enhance photorefractive efficiency, expanding their application potential in advanced optical devices.

3. General Applications and Examples



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- **Optical Information Recording:** SBN crystals are widely used in holographic data storage and photonic memory systems, offering high-resolution capabilities and long-term stability.
- **Pyroelectric Detectors:** Their pyroelectric coefficients make them suitable for thermal imaging and infrared detection.
- Nonlinear Optics: Efficient phase-conjugation properties allow SBN crystals to be used in optical correlators and signal processing devices.
- Acousto-Optic Devices: The high photorefractive sensitivity supports beam deflection and modulation applications.
- **Custom Applications:** Self-pumped self-conjugation mirrors and electro-optic modulators benefit from SBN's exceptional transparency and refractive index.

Property	SBN:61 Values		
Composition	Sr_xBa_(1-x)Nb_2O_6		
Crystal Structure	Tetragonal (4 mm)		
Lattice Parameters	a = 12.46 Å, c = 3.946 Å		
Density	5.4 g/cm ³		
Mohs Hardness	5.5		
Melting Temperature	1480°C		
Curie Temperature	75°C		
Transparency Range	0.45–5.5 μm		

4. Chemical, Physical, and Structural Properties

5. Optical, Laser, and Nonlinear Optical Properties

Optical Properties	SBN:61 Values
Refractive Index (at 633 nm)	n_o = 2.3103, n_e = 2.2817
Birefringence ∆n	-0.0286
Half-Wave Voltage ($\lambda/2$)	240 V
Electro-Optic Coefficients	r_33 = 250 pm/V
Pyroelectric Coefficient	0.065 μC/cm² K
Dielectric Constant	880

6. Spectrum Transmission Curves



7. Coating Specifications

- Available as uncoated crystals; antireflective coatings available upon request.
- Custom coatings to enhance performance at specific wavelengths can be provided.

8. Standard Fabrication Specifications

Specification	Details				
Orientation	Short edge along tetragonal axis				
Poling	Poled or unpoled				
Electrodes	Carbon-water or no electrodes				
Clear Aperture	85%				
Face Dimensions Tolerance	±0.2 mm				
Thickness Tolerance	±0.2 mm				
Parallelism Error	<30 arcsec				
Protective Chamfers	<0.1 mm at 45°				
Surface Quality	40-20 S-D over aperture				
Surface Flatness	<λ/4 @632.8 nm				

9. POC Strength and Capabilities

Photonics On Crystals (POC) offers state-of-the-art fabrication techniques, ensuring precise control over doping levels, dimensions, and performance parameters. Our SBN crystals feature:

- High customizability in doping concentration (pure or Ce-doped options).
- Reliable growth process using Modified Stepanov techniques.
- Comprehensive design support for various optical and nonlinear optical applications.

10. Standard Products

Material	Face Dimensions	Length	Doping	SKU	Price (USD)
SBN:61	5 x 5 mm	5 mm	Undoped	73	1850
		10 mm	Undoped	74	2250



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Customization	Available upon request				Contact for pricing
		15 mm	CeO ₂ 0.01 wt. %	6946	2750
		10 mm	CeO ₂ 0.01 wt. %	6945	2250
		5 mm	CeO ₂ 0.01 wt. %	6944	1850
		15 mm	CeO₂ 0.002 wt. %	6942	2750
		10 mm	CeO ₂ 0.002 wt. %	6941	2250
		5 mm	CeO₂ 0.002 wt. %	6940	1850
		15 mm	Undoped	75	2750

This datasheet provides an in-depth overview of SBN crystals, consolidating their optical and physical properties for practical applications in photonics and electro-optics. For inquiries or custom specifications, please contact Photonics On Crystals (POC).