

Polarizers

Image Quality Polarizers (GS57010 Series)

Polarizers are commonly used to polarize radiation from unpolarized sources, attenuated radiation from polarized sources, or act as polarizing beamsplitters. Specac offers a range of holographic wire polarizers laid onto a transmitting substrate material for use in the 2 - 35 μ m (5000cm⁻¹ - 285cm⁻¹) spectral range.

These precision polarizers are manufactured in a class 1000 clean room facility at Specac's United Kingdom factory, by means of a holographic fabrication technique originally developed in conjunction with the United Kingdom's National Physical Laboratory (NPL).

The process involves exposing a photo-resist coating on a suitable material substrate to an interferometrically-generated fringe pattern from a monochromatic UV source. The regular sinusoidal profile of the developed photo-resist is subsequently metal coated at an oblique angle to create an array of fine parallel lines at a set period.

This technique lends itself well to the generation of extremely uniform sub-micron grid wire spacings at 4000 lines / mm, which have significantly reduced level of light scattering in comparison to traditional ruled wire grid polarizers. As the wire grid is formed on the photo-resist itself, the technique is also well suited to fabricating polarizers on substrates that do not otherwise lend themselves to the ruling process.

Specac offers a wide range of polarizers on infrared material substrates such as Barium Fluoride (BaF₂), Calcium Fluoride (CaF₂), KRS-5, Zinc Selenide (ZnSe), and Germanium (Ge), in a range of categories to meet a broad scope of customer requirements.

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Features of GS57010 Series Polarizers

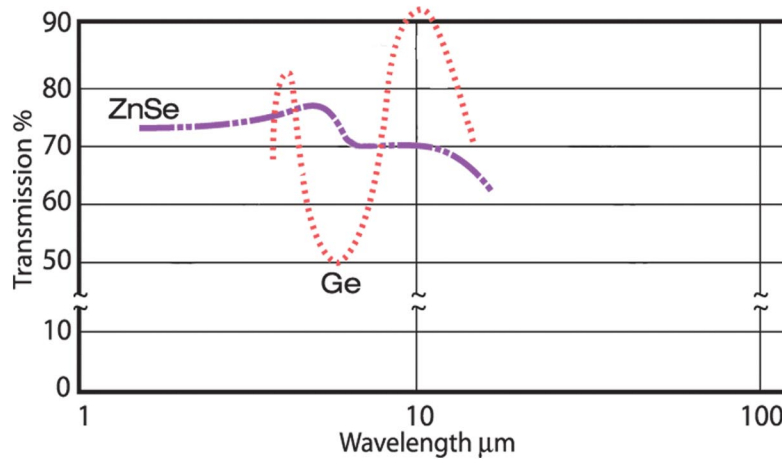
- 4000 lines/mm on substrate
- Anti-reflection coated for high optical flatness and parallelism
- Choice of Ge and ZnSe substrates
- Choice of C.A. and O.D. sizes
- Free standing by use of own ring mount
- Fit into polarizer rotatable mount options GS57340 Series and GS12510 Benchmark Series (38mm C.A.)

Applications

- Infrared spectroscopy of materials (typically plastics / polymers and crystallography)
- Infrared microscopy (sample characterization)
- NIR/Mid-IR thermal imaging systems
- Plasma diagnostics
- Beamsplitters in polarized light interferometry
- Analysis in infrared astronomy
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Substrate	ZnSe		Ge
	Spectral Range (μm)	3-5	8-12
Anti-reflection Coating	Yes	Yes	Yes
% Transmission Efficiency (K1)	4μm	93	-
	10μm	-	85
% Transmission of Unwanted Radiation (K2)	4μm	0.35	-
	10μm	-	0.12
% Degree of Polarization (K1-K2)/(K1+K2)	4μm	99.2	-
	10μm	-	99.7
Extinction Ratio expressed as K1/K2	4μm	130:1	-
	10μm	-	320:1
Damage Threshold (watts/cm ²) CW	50	50	50
Max. Operating Temperature °C	110	110	80

	Range (KRS μm)	OD (mm)	CA (mm)	t (mm)	Part Numbers
Ge	8-12	41	25	6.7	GS57078
	8-12	55	38	8.7	GS57079
	8-12	70	50	8.7	GS57068
	8-12	90	71	9.7	GS57069
ZnSe	3-5	41	25	6.7	GS57058
	3-5	55	38	8.7	GS57060
	3-5	70	50	8.7	GS57062
	3-5	90	71	9.7	GS57064
ZnSe	8-12	41	25	6.7	GS57059
	8-12	55	38	8.7	GS57061
	8-12	70	50	8.7	GS57063
	8-12	90	71	9.7	GS57065

These specifications represent typical minimum performance. Actual results may vary. Maximum operating temperature for Ge is 80°C, all others are 110°C. Other materials, including sapphire, CsI and MgF and custom specifications available upon request.

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