

MgF₂



DESCRIPTION

Magnesium Fluoride (MgF₂) is commonly used for UV windows, lenses and polarisers. It is also useful in its transmission range for some IR spectroscopy applications. Magnesium Fluoride (MgF₂) Windows offer excellent broadband transmission from the deep-UV to the mid-infrared. DUV transmission makes them ideal for use at the Hydrogen Lyman-alpha line and for UV radiation sources and receivers, as well as excimer laser applications. Windows, lenses, and prisms made of this material can be used over the entire range of wavelengths from 0.120 μm (vacuum ultraviolet) to 8.0 μm (infrared). MgF₂ is tough and works and polishes well, but it is slightly birefringent and should be cut with the optic axis perpendicular to the plane of the window or lens, Generally, Magnesium Fluoride for laser use is recommended to be oriented along the optic axis to avoid birefringent effects. It is particularly useful for excimer laser application.

APPLICATIONS

- Optical fiber communication
- Wave plate, High Energy WavePlate
- Achromatic Waveplates
- Glanprisms
- Window and focusing mirror for deep uv and excimer lasers

FEATURES

- Excellent transmission from 120nm to 7 μm
- Chemically stable
- Large resistance to thermal shock
- Irradiation does not lead to color centers
- Uniformly distributed Co



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PARAMETERS

Material and Specifications

Orientation	[100] or [001] $\pm 0.5^\circ$
Orientation Tolerance	<math>< 0.5^\circ</math>
Parallelism	5"
Perpendicularity	3'
Surface Quality	10-5 (Scratch/Dig)
Wavefront Distortion	$\lambda/4$ @632 nm
Surface Flatness	$\lambda/8$ @632 nm
Clear Aperture	>90%
Chamfer	<math>< 0.1 \times 45^\circ</math>
Thickness/Diameter Tolerance	± 0.05 mm
Maximum Dimensions	Dia 150 mm \times 60mm (C-cut)

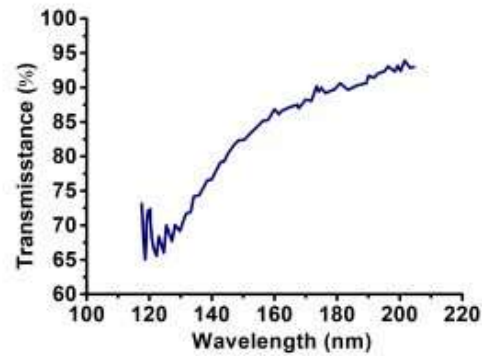
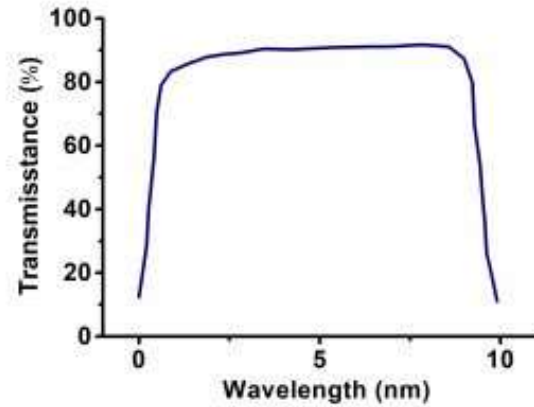
Physical and Chemical Properties

Crystal Structure	tetragonal
Lattice Constants	4.64
Density	3.18 g/cm ³
Melting Point	1255°C
Thermal Conductivity / (W·m ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹ @25°C)	0.3
Specific Heat / (J·g ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹)	1.003
Thermal Expansion / (10 ⁻⁶ ·K ⁻¹ @25°C)	13.7
Hardness (Mohs)	4.15
Young's Modulus /GPa	138.5

Optical Characteristics

Transmission Range	0.11 ... 7.5 μ m
Refractive Index	n _o = 1.3836, n _e = 1.3957 @0.405 μ m
Reflective Loss	5.1% @4.0 μ m; 11.2% @0.12 μ m
Poisson Ratio	0.271

Spectrum



Index of Refraction

μ m	No	Ne	μ m	No	Ne	μ m	No	Ne
0.1137	1.7805		0.1149	1.742		0.1179	1.68	
0.1198	1.651		0.121	1.628	1.632	0.13	1.566	1.568
0.14	1.5095	1.523	0.15	1.48	1.494	0.16	1.461	1.475
0.17	1.448	1.462	0.18	1.439	1.453	0.19	1.431	1.444
0.2	1.423	1.437	0.22	1.413	1.426	0.248	1.403	1.416
0.257	1.401	1.414	0.266	1.399	1.412	0.28	1.396	1.409
0.3	1.393	1.405	0.33	1.389	1.402	0.337	1.389	1.401
0.35	1.387	1.4	0.355	1.386	1.399	0.4	1.384	1.396
0.546	1.379	1.39	0.7	1.376	1.388	1.087	1.373	1.385
1.512	1.37	1.382	2	1.368	1.379	2.5	1.364	1.375
3.03	1.36	1.37	3.571	1.354	1.364	4	1.349	1.359
4.546	1.341	1.35	5	1.334	1.343	5.556	1.324	1.332

