DIFFRACTIVE OPTICS

Diffractive Optical Elements (DOE) Diffusers

Coherent provides Diffractive Optical Elements (DOEs) for demanding industrial and consumer applications. DOEs are lithographi- cally patterned and offer complete phase control of transmitted light without limitations imposed by refractive optics. A micron-thick active phase-transforming layer is directly etched into chemically inert dielectrics on robust fused silica substrate. An organics-free material platform is characterized by excellent reliability and can withstand harsh environmental conditions, high optical power and temperatures up to 500°C. Coherent DOEs undergo extensive quality assurance, have a proven reliability track record and are competitively priced.



FEATURES

- Designed for good transmissivity and uniformity
- Uniform illumination even in the corners
- Designed to reduce speckle noise
- Customizable design of power vs deflection angle
- Stock designs are optimized for Coherent VCSEL arrays
- Micron-scale active layer thickness
- Etched directly into robust fused silica substrate and chemically inert dielectrics, no organics or polymers
- Wafer-scale mass production
- Withstand temperatures up to 500°C
- High power handling up to 125 GW/cm2
- Excellent long-term reliability

APPLICATIONS

- Illuminators for Time-of-Flight 3D sensing (cell phones, consume electronics, autonomous vehicles)
- Flood illuminators for 2D sensing
- High power beam homogenizer (laser machining)



abrication is based on robust deep ultraviolet (DUV) photolithography and a reactive ion etch process. Wafer-scale DOE optics are mass-produced using robust volume fabrication methods of the electronic IC industry and is easily scalable to multiple millions of micro-optical devices per year.

Diffusers are used to homogenize light and expand a narrower source beam into a broader range of angles. Often diffusers are designed to have more optical power at larger deflection angles in order to produce uniform field of illumi- nation on a flat backdrop.

OEM-Customizable Specification

Description	Value	Units	Comments
Field of Illumination (FOI)	60x45	o	Full width half maximum, intensity vs. output angle
Power vs angle	custom	mW/°	"batwing" cos-7
Uniformity in FOI	± 10	%	Average deviation from design profile, intensity vs. angle
Design Wavelength	940 ± 10	nm	Custom wavelengths available
Transmissivity, min	>85	%	Ratio of input power to diffused power
Substrate (WxH)	Custom		± 0.1 mm dimension tolerance
Substrate thickness	0.675 ± 0.025	mm	0.3 mm option
Substrate (WxH)	Custom		± 0.1 mm dimension tolerance
Substrate thickness	0.675 ± 0.05	mm	Down to 0.2 mm custom
Substrate Material	Chemically inert dielectrics on glass substrate		
Back side AR coating	Yes		
Surface quality	60/40	Scratch/dig	40/20, 20/10 also available.
Operating temperature	-125 to 500	°C	



Camera view of far field on flat screen



Illumination vs output angle cross-section (blue: wide angle; red: narrow angle; input source NA 0.2)

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