

LightGate™ – TIR Prism for DLP™ Projection

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LightGate™ – the Total Internal Reflection (TIR) prism from Unaxis is used to separate the illumination and imaging path in digital light processing (DLP™) based light engines particularly for rear projection TVs. The LightGate™ is a key component for maximum contrast, high light throughput and highly uniform images. It enables on-axis illumination and compact designs. The LightGate™ from Unaxis is characterized by high performance AR coatings, superior quality of blackening and a tightly controlled air gap.



Benefits

- High performance AR allows higher acceptance angles which maximizes light throughput
- Highest contrast by excellent surface quality and superior blackening of nonactive surfaces and chamfers
- Customized masking on any surfaces offer even higher contrast
- Lowest image distortion by tightly controlled air gap
- Tight color control by neutral spectral characteristics
- High environmental durability and mechanical stability
- Further integration of lenses and additional mechanical fixtures
- Fast prototyping and customized designs

Applications

Unaxis Optics LightGate™ is designed to meet the demanding needs of Projection Displays based on the DLP™ technology. LightGate™ can be employed in all DLP™ based 1-chip and 3-chip designs. The advantages offered by the LightGate™ compared to

other designs are especially beneficial for rear PTV applications, particularly the on-axis illumination and a compact engine design.

Technical Data

Dimensions

Customized, tolerances typically ± 0.1 mm

Material

BK7 or equivalent

Flatness

3 fringes per inch at λ 633 nm

Scratch/dig

60/40

Transmission

see figure below

other specifications on request

Assembly

Per customer requirement, including lens or complete sub assemblies

Environmental resistance and durability

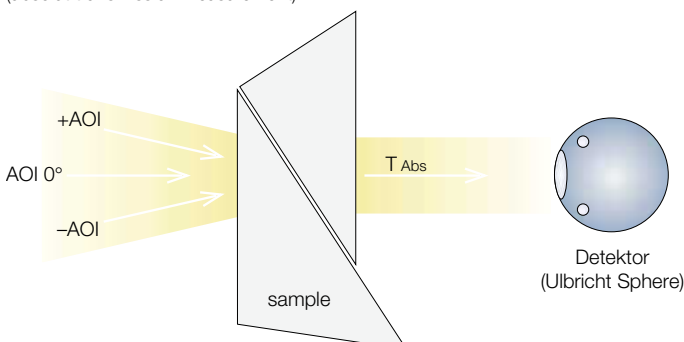
Operating temperature -10 °C to $+50$ °C

Storage temperature -20 °C to $+65$ °C

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Description of Measurement Method

(absolut transmission measurement)

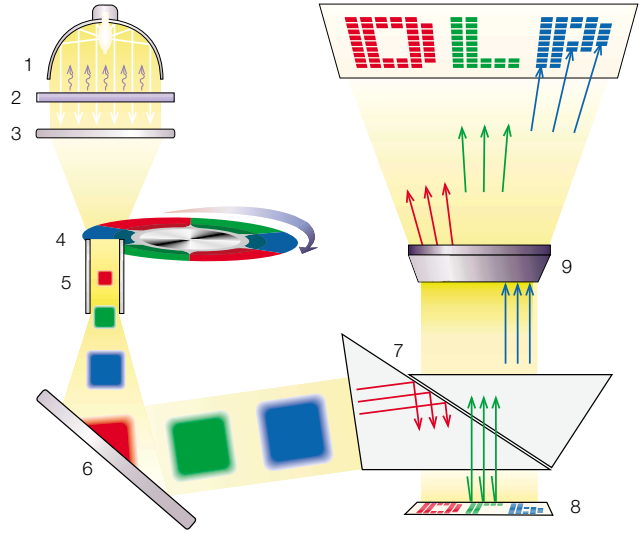


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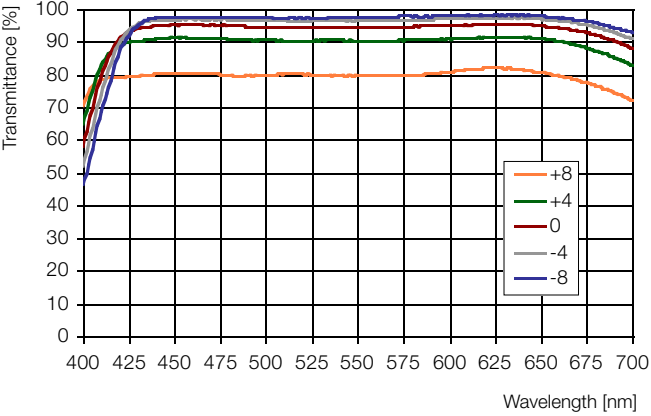
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Schematic of DLP™ brand projector showing ColorWheel™, LightTunnel™ and LightGate™

1. Lamp with Cold Light Reflector
2. UV-Blocking Filter
3. Field Lens
4. ColorWheel™
5. LightTunnel™
6. SILFLEX-VIS™
7. LightGate™
8. DMD™ (Digital Micromirror Device™)
9. Projection Lens

Absolut transmission of imaging path for AOI = ±8, ±4 and 0 degrees



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