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OPTOMAN - YOUR SIDECKICK FOR LASER OPTICS DEVELOPMENT

OPTOMAN designs, develops and manufactures advanced, high accuracy, and repeatability IBS thin film coatings and laser optics since 2017. R&D driven culture forces the OPTOMAN team to

constantly improve the performance and reliability of thin film coatings so our partners eventually could enjoy the benefits of lower total cost of ownership.

OPTOMAN as your sidekick is always willing and ready to help you with finding optimized solutions (ultra)fast and back you up in critical situations and finally get the job done as was promised.

High level development is possible with experienced staff and innovative ion-beam sputtering (IBS) technology. Progressive control and automated process allow the deposition of complex structures of several hundred thin film layers. The advantages of spectral control include features, such as: higher contrast, repeatable performance, and tighter tolerances. In combination with ISO-6 clean room environment, OPTOMAN manufactures outstanding overall quality laser optics.

Do not forget that with great laser power comes great responsibility for coaters!

**CORE COMPETENCE** 

- Ultrafast laser optics;
- High LIDT and enhanced lifetime;
- Durable and environmentally stable coatings;
- Extreme low loss coatings;
- Agility, flexibility, speed, and quick prototyping.



## High damage threshold optics:

- >80 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1030 nm, 10 ns;
- >50 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1064 nm, 10 ns, S-pol, 56°;
- >1 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1030 nm, 1 ps;
- >30 kW/cm, 1070 nm CW;
- >1 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 kHz, s-pol;
- >5 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 1030 nm, 10 ps, 10 kHz, s-pol;
- >0.25 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 266 nm, 180 fs, 10 kHz.

#### **Optics for Mid-IR applications:**

- Low absorption coatings;
- Spectral range 1 5 µm;
- Broadband turning/bending mirrors with R>99.8%;
- Chirped and GTI mirrors for ultrafast laser systems;
- Coatings on CaF<sub>2</sub>, MgF<sub>2</sub>, YAG, Sapphire, Silicon substrates.

## Some of cool stuff we do:

- Knife-edge coated optics (edge chips <50 µm).</li>
- 100% coated aperture components.
- Segmented/Masked coatings.
- Stress-compensated coatings (PV flatness <λ/20 @ 633 nm).</li>
- Coatings on multi-surface prisms.
- Coatings on micro lens assemblies.
- Coatings on big size wafers (up to a diameter of 300 mm).
- Zero phase shift mirrors.
- Coatings on laser and nonlinear crystals.

## Extreme low-loss coatings:

- Super Mirrors HR (R>99.998%);
- Precision Thin-film Polarizers (Tp/Ts ratio > 10000:1);
- R<0.01% Anti-Reflective Coatings;</li>
- Coating with an absorption loss of <1 ppm.

### Application oriented optics for:

- Medical lasers (Er:YAG/glass, Ho:YAG, Nd:YAG, Alexandrite...);
- Mirrors for galvo-scanners (Silicon, UVFS...);
- Membrane mirrors for deformable mirror assemblies;
- OPO, OPA, OPCPA;
- Defense & Aerospace industries.

## **Bread and butter:**

- Laser line and broadband mirrors (HR>99.99%).
- R<0.05% Anti-Reflective Coatings.
- Thin Film Polarizers (Tp/Ts extinction ratio > 1000:1).
- Pump, dichroic Mirrors
   (eg. HR>99.9% + HT>99%).
- Output couplers, plate beam splitters (eg. PR 50% +/-1%).
- Spectral range 200 nm 5000 nm.
- Component size: from 3 mm up to 300 mm.
- Coatings can be applied on plane, spherical, cylindrical, aspherical, elliptical surfaces, prisms and other exotic configurations.
- Typical turnaround for custom coatings is between 5-7 weeks.
- Ultrafast (express) prototyping service available.

## MEASURING CAPABILITIES FOR LASER OPTICS

As with great laser power comes great responsibility for coaters, OPTOMAN acts responsibly during the whole supply chain process, including post-coating quality checks. OPTOMAN is carefully inspecting the quality of the optics produced, so the customer could enjoy seamless usage of optical components, without investing his time and effort to ensure that optics are compliant to the specifications.

#### Measuring capabilities:

Cosmetic surface quality inspection	MIL-PRF-13830B, ISO 10110, or customer-specific conditions
Spectral measurements	Tsp, Rsp @ 220 nm - 5000 nm, from 0° to 75° AOI
LIDT & Lifetime testing	ISO 21254 (CW, ns, ps, fs)
Environmental testing	MIL-C-484197
GD, GDD, TOD measurements	500 nm - 1400 nm
Absorption measurements (Photothermal technology)	355 nm, 405 nm, 532 nm, 690 nm, 785 nm, 830 nm, 1064 nm, 1342 nm
Cavity ring-down measurements	532 nm, 638 nm, 1064 nm, AOI=0° and 45° (S-pol, P-pol)
Surface form errors	Down to λ/20 @ 633 nm. Measured aperture up to 4
Product design verification	First article inspection (FAI)

## WHERE DOES OPTOMAN WORK?

OPTOMAN spends a significant amount of time in manufacturing facilities, therefore he wants to show you how does his workplace look like and what are the key processes that allow him to offer you top-notch optical components.

#### Preparation of substrates

Firstly, thorough preparation of substrates is needed in order to make quality optical coatings as you don't want to start the coating process on unclean substrates:

OPTOMAN uses a 7-stage fully automated cleaning process, which makes the preparation of substrates efficient and effective.



### **Coating deposition**

As with great laser power comes great responsibility for coaters, OPTOMAN uses only the most advanced thin film deposition technology – Ion Beam Sputtering (IBS), which allows him to exploit his superpowers. IBS has the same meaning to OPTOMAN as Mjölnir hammer has to Thor. So yes, it s pretty important and OPTOMAN does not shy investments to have the best IBS machines in order to provide the best optics.



## Quality inspection and metrology

OPTOMAN doesn t call optical components high quality by default. Measurements and inspections are needed to define the quality. OPTOMAN is equipped to do it.





## **Final optical component**

Ta-da! OPTOMAN optics are ready to fulfill their purpose – become friends with your laser beam.



## **R&D ACTIVITIES**

- OPTOMAN heavily invests in R&D activities.
- OPTOMAN cooperate with leading research institutions for extensive characterization and proof of concepts.

## Ongoing R&D projects:

- INTENSITY Development of low total loss coatings for VIS-NIR range.
- UNIPULSE Development of high LIDT coatings for ps-fs applications for VIS-NIR range.
- INOSTART Development of MID-IR (1 5 μm) coatings based on oxide / semiconductor materials.
- Neo2Fast Development of broadband mirrors with High LIDT performance for multi-pass cells sub-10 fs applications.

"INTELLIGENCE IS A PRIVILEGE, AND IT NEEDS TO BE USED FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF LASER PEOPLE."

Dr. Otto Octavius



ABOUT ION-BEAM SPUTTERING TECHNOLOGY

#### Why IBS?

Ion Beam Sputtering (IBS) is a technique when the layer of a desired material is formed by molecules extracted from the target material by a highly energetic and precisely controlled ion beam.

As with great laser power comes great responsibility for coaters, OPTOMAN is equipped by IBS machines in order to meet the most demanding requirements from most demanding industrial and scientific applications.



## Inherently stable sputtering process

A very stable ion beam combined with high vacuum (~1x10<sup>-4</sup> mbar during the deposition) and ultra-high purity metal targets (>99.99%) result in a super stable deposition process. It enables a fully automatic deposition and the ability to precisely control refractive indices and thicknesses of each deposited layer.

#### High resistance to laser irradiation

By choosing proper deposition parameters and ensuring cleanliness in every step of the manufacturing chain, OPTOMAN is able to produce coatings with very low defect densities. That is the reason why IBS coatings exhibit excellent resistance to laser irradiation!



#### **Bulk-like packing density**



Near Bulk Density **E-beam** Porous Structure Due to the bulk-like layer's density, IBS coatings are completely immune to mechanical wear as well as changes in ambient temperature and humidity and ensure smooth operation of your laser under any circumstances. Moreover, OPTOMAN coatings may be used in harsh environments and even in outer space with no change in performance!

#### Scattering? What's that?!

Due to the near-bulk IBS coating density, the surface roughness of the coated component is mainly determined by the initial substrate roughness. Combine this with the completely amorphous coating layers and you will end up with almost scatter-free optics!



#### Forget short duty cycle issues!

It is well known that absorption losses are the main cause of thermal effects and a short duty cycle. A high and stable vacuum, extremely pure target materials, near bulk coating density, spatially separated sputtering and material condensation processes allow to form almost contamination-free layers with the absorption losses bellow 2ppm.

If you use high repetition rate fs, or a CW system and longevity is your concern, give OPTOMAN coatings a try and you will be surprised!



SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT LIFECYCLE

OPTOMAN acts responsibly during the whole product lifecycle.





It starts from the thorough selection and assessment of suppliers according to OPTOMAN values.

OPTOMAN has optimized production processes to ensure a high yield of production and clean optics.



OPTOMAN also reuses optical components not compliant to specifications by repolishing them to limit waste.



Absorption and scattering are the main limiting factors when trying to manufacture perfect coatings. But what if absorption loss and surface roughness were limited down to <2 ppm and <2 Å respectively? Pretty close to perfect, right? This has been an object of OPTOMAN R&D activities for the past few years. That is why OPTOMAN can manufacture Super Mirrors, 10000:1 contrast Thin Film Polarizers, R<0.01% AR Coatings, and many more extremely good stuff.



Roughness plays a critical role in managing total integrated scatter to be as low as possible. The big goal is to stay below 2 Å RMS value, which is possible with fancy super-polished substrates.

E\* Standard commercial substrate.

Light absorption is another loss driver and is responsible for unwanted thermal effects in high power laser systems. Keeping absorption rates below 2 ppm, reflectance value above 99.998% is achievable as well as component heating effect is negligible if existing at all.



Longitudinal photothermal absorption measured of HR@1064 nm and HR@532 nm coatings.

## SUPER MIRRORS

Dielectric mirrors with extremely low losses become Super Mirrors. Their superpower of high reflectance comes from the OPTOMAN's continuous effort to add more and more nines after the point when talking about reflectance values.

Standard IBS coated mirrors and super mirrors



#### **CRD** measurement results:

HR>99.998% @ 532 nm, AOI=0° Total loss=40 ppm

HR>99.9983% @ 638 nm, AOI=0<sup>c</sup> Total loss=17 ppm

HRs>99.99857% & HRp>99.99816% @ 1064 nm, AOI=45°

Total loss = 14.3 ppm (S-pol) and 18.4 ppm (P-pol)

HR>99.9997% @ 1064 nm, AOI=0° Total loss = 3 ppm

Disclaimer: Reflectance values for Super Mirrors illustrate the very best achieved values and illustrate current max

## **EXTINCT THIN FILM POLARIZERS**

Precise thin film polarizers have been extinct from the Earth for a few millennials, but OPTOMAN has found the recipe allowing to bring them back! OPTOMAN can manufacture thin film polarizers with a super high extinction ratio Tp/Ts~10'000:1 per coated surface at 45° or Brewster angle. And this is because of low scatter and absorption losses, which is the subject of proudness for OPTOMAN.







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## R<0.01% ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATINGS

Typical commercial AR coatings feature residual reflectance below 0.25% per surface. 0.1% is becoming quite a common value as well. In any case, imagine having a laser beam with 1 kW passing through such a component. Transmittance loss is ~2 W - 5 W and this light goes somewhere back to the laser system

With the low loss coating technology, OPTOMAN can reduce this number down to 0.2 W, because residual reflectance per coated surface can go below 0.01%.



## **Design example:**



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HERE'S SOME PROOF!

## LASER LINE AND BROADBAND MIRROR DESIGNS

- Rs and Rp >99.95% and 99.9% respectively for spectral bandwidths up to 200 nm.
- Optimization for highest LIDT or enhanced duty cycle.
- Spectral range 200-5000 nm.

## *MIRRORS FOR BIG & SCARY FS, PS LASERS*

100 LIDT, J/cm<sup>2</sup> (S-on-1000) 80 S-pol 60 40 S-pol 20 P-pol 0 355 355 1064 1030 532 Pulse width - 10 ns nm

Recorded Laser damage threshold examples

High laser power levels call for high-power measures. OPTOMAN is here to save the day with high reflectivity IBS mirror coatings designed for big & scary ultrafast Yb:YAG, Yb:KYW/KGW, Yb doped fiber lasers.

- Low GDD performance.
- Optimized for high average power ultrafast laser systems.
- Absorption within coating < 1 ppm @ 1064 nm.
- Zero-phase shift behavior.

While high laser-induced damage threshold is a buzzword when talking femtosecond & picosecond optics, it is not (only) the nominal LIDT value that matters. The separation of laser damage modes - catastrophic and color-change - is evident when measuring standard optics. The fatigue effect of color-change damage becomes even more significant for high-power mirrors after prolonged radiation (>103 pulses).

OPTOMAN has recently developed and introduced novel SuperHero League Mirrors (ULLM5SHL), which are optimized for low fatigue (color-change) effect and very high LIDT.



#### Market-Standard High Power Mirrors





## SUPERHERO LEAGUE MIRRORS (ULLM5SHL)

- Very high LIDT
- No color-change damage
- Fully characterized





High confidence level >1 J/cm<sup>2</sup>



confidence Pulsedurat val Repetition AOI: 45°

Pulseduration (FWHM): 491.1 fs Repetition rate: 10 kHz AOI: 45° Polarization: Linear S Beam diameter (1/ $e^2$ ): (177.4 ± 3.6) µr

	Standart (ULLM5)	SuperHero League (ULLM5SHL)			
Substrate	U\	/FS			
Surface Quality, S1	10-5 S-D (MIL	-PRF-13830B)			
Surface Flatness, S1	<λ/10 @ 633	nm over CA			
AOI	0° or 45° or	which ever °			
Coating (IBS)	HRs>99.95% & HRp>99.9% @ 1010 1050 nm (Yes, custom bandwidths available)				
Laser Induced	Femtosecond:	Femtosecond:			
Damage Treshold	> 0.4 J/cm², 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 kHz, p-pol > 0.7 J/cm², 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 kHz, s-pol	> 0.7 J/cm², 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 kHz, p-pol > 1 J/cm², 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 kHz, s-pol			
	<b>Picosecond:</b> > 2 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 1030 nm, 10 ps, 10 kHz, p-pol > 3 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 1030 nm, 10 ps, 10 kHz, s-pol	<b>Picosecond:</b> > 3 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 1030 nm, 10ps, 10 kHz, p-pol > 5 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 1030 nm, 10ps, 10 kHz, s-pol			

#### Rs > 99.95% & Rp > 99.9% @ 1010-1050 nm



## **Reflected Group Delay Dispersion**



#### IGDD RsI<20 fs<sup>2</sup>, IGDD RpI<50 fs<sup>2</sup>



#### Absorption @ 1064 nm ~1 ppm for s-pol component and ~2 ppm for p-pol component.

Measured by PCI technology.

2.2 % Absorption, 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.4 1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 ó 0.0 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 Distance, mm s-pol p-pol

# OPTOMAN DOESN'T STOP HERE...

Keep an eye out for our technological developments that are still in progress. Coatings featuring super high LIDT with no color-change degradation are under development. Preliminary R&D figures:

#### LIDT > 1.2 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 kHz, s-pol



LIDT > 6 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1030 nm, 10 ps, 10kHz, s-pol



## LASER LINE MIRRORS FOR ULTRA-VIOLENT LASERS

## **V** 343 NM & 355 NM HIGH REFLECTIVITY MIRRORS

## Can OPTOMAN defend optics from ULTRA-VIOLENT lasers?

## OPTIMIZED FOR NANOSECOND & PICOSECOND HIGH-POWER LASERS

To ensure a high degree of reflection in the UV range, scattering and absorption losses need to be well managed, as they increase considerably, when the wavelengths go down. Long-term degradation of the mirrors is another big issue when working with intense UV lasers.

However, OPTOMAN by exploiting his superpowers of a strong focus on the surface quality and well-optimized coating technology CAN defend his optical components from most of UV lasers and increase the longevity of optics.

## What makes OPTOMAN UV optics different?

## 1. HIGH LIDT

Laser damage is the arch-enemy of UV optics. To fight it, one must measure it. So OPTOMAN does, for picosecond and nanosecond scale.



## 2. COST-EFFECTIVE COATING DESIGN

OPTOMAN Superhero League mirrors feature high batch-to-batch repeatability and are suitable for high volume serial production.

## **3.** CONSISTENT QUALITY

OPTOMAN Superhero League mirrors feature high batch-to-batch repeatability and are suitable for high volume serial production.

		Measured parameters							
Parameters	Require- ments		Standard mirrors as samples				OPTOMAN samples		
		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	1562	1563	
Rabs @ 343 nm, AOI=45°	>99.8 %	99.66%	99.64%	-	-	-	99.79%	99.70%	
Ravg @ 339-346 nm, AOI=45°	>99.5 %	99.68%	99.67%	_	_	_	99.82%	99.73%	
Surface flatness @633 nm over CA	<λ/10	_	_	0.088 λ	0.087 λ	0.053 λ	0.093 λ	0.035 λ	
Surface quality over CA	20-10 S-D	20-20	20-20	20-10	20-10	20-10	20-10	20-10	



	SuperHero League @ 343 nm	SuperHero League @ 355 nm					
Substrate	UV	UV FS					
Surface Quality	10-5	S-D					
Surface Flatness	<λ/8 @ 633	nm over CA					
AOI	4	5°					
Coating	HRsp > 99.7% (at c	lesign wavelength)					
Laser Induced		Nanosecond					
Damage Treshold		(measured values):					
		> 6.97 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm, 6 ns,					
	100 Hz, p-pol						
	> 9.6 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm, 6 ns,						
		100 Hz, s-pol					
	Picosecond	Picosecond					
	(measured values):	(scaled values):					
	> 0.27 J/cm², 343 nm,	> 0.25 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm,					
	1 ps, 50 kHz, p-pol	1 ps, 50 kHz, p-pol					
	> 0.52 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 343 nm, > 0.5 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 n						
	1 ps, 50 kHz, s-pol	1 ps, 50 kHz, s-pol					

Design example:







# GTI AND CHIRPED MIRRORS

The Gires-Tournois Interferometer (GTI) mirror is a dielectric dispersive mirror with a spatial variation of the layer thickness values. Such mirrors are used for dispersion compensation in mode-locked lasers, for example.

## Pulse compression analysis: OPTOMAN can do a pulse compression analysis and present you with a data analysis after a specific number of bounces. Send OPTOMAN a message for more details.

# FEATURES:

- Dispersive mirrors chirped and GTI design;
- Spectral range 250nm 5000 nm;
- Negative GDD down to -5000 fs<sup>2</sup>;
- Positive dispersion mirrors;
- Low (flat) or predefined GDD behavior;
- LIDT >0.3 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 1030nm, 50 fs, 150 kHz;
- LIDT >0.25 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 266 nm, 180 fs, 10 kHz.



It is important to note that bandwidth and GDD are closely connected. A high value of negative GDD results in a very narrow bandwidth. For a better understanding, see the graph below.



Below graph indicates GDD dependence on operational bandwidth at a fixed coating thickness of 10 µm. Stars on the graph indicate experimentally produced designs,







Low GDD Ultrafast Mirrors are designed to handle high peak powers, provide reflectance greater than 99.95% and keep the GDD as close to 0 fs<sup>2</sup> as possible. This makes these mirrors ideal for femtosecond laser systems, like the Ti: Sapphire, where pulse broadening is a concern.





Wide spectral bandwidth and high reflection.



Mirror is optimized for highest possible spectral performance, where reflectance for both s and p polarization components is greater than 99.95 %



At the same time I GDD I for reflected laser light is controlled to be below 30 fs<sup>2</sup>.

## MIRRORS FOR MULTIPASS CELLS (MPC)

MPC are used for spectral broadening and compression of pulses. Nonlinear compression of laser pulses with tens of millijoule energy in a gas-filled multipass cell is a promising approach to realize a new generation of high average power femtosecond sources. HR mirrors are a key element of MPC as it enables to have a large number of reflections with low losses. OPTOMAN applied his superpowers for this application too and offers flat, concave, and convex mirrors with low GDD.

- Mirrors available in spectral range of 400-2000 nm;
- GDD up to ± 100fs<sup>2</sup> per bounce;
- HR (in gas) > 99.99%;
- LIDT: >1 J/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 1030 nm, 1 ps;
- Absorption: <2 ppm @ 1030 nm.</li>



HR>99.99% @ 970-1090 nm, AOI=0° (IGDDrl < 50 fs2 @ 980-1080 nm)



Wavelength Separators are very useful for several applications, and you always want that these laser optics would be strict about wavelength tolerances. IBS coated Wavelength Separators feature spectral drift-free performance, which is why very sharp edge configurations are feasible at optics made by OPTOMAN.



Can be designed as harmonic separators, OPO/OPA/OPCPA mirrors.



Low absorption UV or IR grade fused silica substrates.



Optimized for high power applications.



Available in short pass, long pass or bandpass configuration



Can be optimized for ultrashort laser pulses.



**PUMP/SIGNAL SEPARATOR** 

HRsp>99.9% @ 1030-1200 nm + HTsp>98% @ 900 - 980 nm, AOI=45°



Dichroic design incorporates precisely located and very steep transition between HT and HR zones maintaining polarization insensitive performance.

## BROADBAND NOTCH FILTER



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## **Design example:**





When it comes to a need for polarizing light from high power laser, thin film polarizer is the only valid choice. Fortunately, OPTOMAN has invested his efforts to optimize thin film polarization coatings by IBS technology.

Thin film polarizers have many variations of design:

- Angle of incidence: 45°, 56°, 72° or any other angle;
- Laser power: Standard or LIDT optimized;
- Extinction ratio: Standard (1'000:1) or Extinct (10'000:1);
- Bandwidth: Single wavelength, Twin wavelength or Broadband Low GDD.

OPTOMAN designs and manufactures all of them. But the list is not definite, OPTOMAN can optimize thin film polarizer design according to your specific application.

## LET OPTOMAN BE YOUR SIDEKICK FOR LASER OPTICS DEVELOPMENT!



Standard extinction of 1'000:1 (and up to the Extinct 10'000:1)

Application optimization: reflectance Rs>99.99% or transmittance Tp>99.9%



Various angles of incidence 45°, 56°, 72°...



Laser damage threshold for s polarization >0.7 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1030 nm, 500 fs, 10 Hz



Single wavelengh, dual-wavelengh, ultrafast and broadband polarizers



Rs>99.9% @ 1020-1040 nm + Tp>99.0% @ 1020-1040 nm, AOI=55.4°, Tp/Ts>1000:1

#### **Design example:**



Calculated reflectance ant transmittance graphs for s and p pol components at AOI=72°



Measured s and p-polarization reflectance graph at AOI=72°. Reflectance accumulated from both sides

Because of low scatter and absorption losses, OPTOMAN can manufacture thin film polarizers with a super high extinction ratio of Tp/Ts~10'000:1 per coated surface at 45° or Brewster angle.





It's not an easy task to split a laser beam into virtually two identical beams without destroying the polarization ratio. Fortunately, OPTOMAN thrives on difficult tasks, therefore he manufactures polarization insensitive beamsplitters with Rs and Rp matched within 1-2%.



S and P polarization components matched to within 5%, or down to 1% upon request

Wedge on back surface eliminates unwanted internal fringes



Back surface wedged or AR coated to eliminate ghosting



Laser Damage Threshold >10 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1064 nm, 20 ns, 20 Hz



Small R ratio beam samplers are used for beam diagnostics. This means that Rsp stability at any environmental conditions is critical. As IBS coatings are not affected by temperature and humidity, it s the perfect choice for beam samplers.



# AND OUTPUT COUPLERS

Partial reflection mirrors enable beam splitting or combining at a specific ratio and they are quite challenging optical components to make. It may not surprise you anymore, but OPTOMAN is an expert in this field too. OPTOMAN offers a variety of PR mirrors options, not limited to 45° angle of incidence or 50:50 splitting ratio.

Output couplers are an essential part of the laser cavity. By transmitting part of the circulating intracavity optical power, output couplers allow generating a useful output of the laser. It differs from PR mirrors by the angle of incidence as output couplers operate at 0° degree. Depending on the laser system design, output couplers can be coated on spherical substrates to enable focusing or defocusing effect on the output beam.



High LIDT output coupler designs optimized for intracavity applications



R:T split ratio accuracy down to 0.05%



Segmented, knife-edge coated components for compact setups

Water-free OC coatings for 2.6 µm 3.4 µm spectral range



Optimization for ultrafast applications – GDD control

Partial Reflection Mirror optimized for p polarization component with reflectance of 67% +/- 1%. Moreover, GDD for Rp and Tp beams is controlled to be <10 fs<sup>2</sup>.



98% Broadband Output Coupler



OC performance is optimized in 700 900 nm range with reflection tolerance of only +/- 0.5%.







ANTI-REFLECTION

Hundreds of companies Worldwide manufacture Anti-Reflection (AR) coated optics. What is so special about AR coated components from OPTOMAN?

IBS AR coatings are extremely durable and environmentally stable due to the density of layers. Incredible resistance makes them perfect for on-field applications.



IBS

Near Bulk

Density



**E-beam** Porous St<u>ructure</u>





## Low loss configuration allows transmittance higher than 99.98% of AR/AR coated components and absorption lower than 0.3 ppm @ 1064 nm, for example.



Absorption measurement@ 1064 nm. Low absorption is responsible for thermal shift-free performance and negligible fatigue of coated surfaces.

Typical commercial AR coatings feature residual reflectance below 0.25% per surface. 0.1% is becoming quite a common value as well. In any case, imagine having a laser beam with 1 kW power passing through such a component. Transmittance loss is  $\sim$ 2 W – 5 W and this light goes somewhere back to the laser system.

With the low loss coating technology, OPTOMAN can reduce this number down to 0.2 W, because residual reflectance per coated surface can go below 0.01%.

Damage threshold >20 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1064 nm, 10 ns, S-on-1.



## AR COATINGS AVAILABLE WITHIN RANGE FROM 200 NM UP 5000 NM ON

Glasses	Semicon- ductors	Laser crystals	Nonlinear crystals	Other
<ul> <li>Fused Silica</li> <li>Borosilicate</li> <li>Flint glass</li> <li>Crown glass</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Silicon</li> <li>SiC</li> <li>Germanium</li> <li>GaAs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nd:YAG</li> <li>Yb:YAG</li> <li>Pr:YLF</li> <li>Ti:Sapphire</li> <li>Yb:KYW/KGW</li> <li>Er:YAG, Ho:YAG</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LBGO</li> <li>Crystalline Quartz</li> <li>Sapphire</li> <li>YAG</li> <li>BBO</li> <li>TGG</li> </ul>	Big size wafers (up to Ø250 mm) CaF2 and MgF2 Spherical, cylindrical, aspherical surfaces

## BROADBAND AR COATINGS

Have a broad-spectrum light source or a laser with multiple-harmonic generation? OPTOMAN thinks about you too and produces broadband AR coatings to serve your versatile needs.

Note that broadband AR coatings tend to have higher reflectivity values than AR coatings designed for one specific wavelength. Reflectivity values depend on the spectral bandwidth, which can be seen in the figure below. Moreover, Ra has a sharper increase at higher spectral bandwidth for absolute values compared to the average ones, due to the difficulties to maintain stable transmission values throughout the whole desired spectral region.



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# **SPECIAL COATINGS AND OPTICS**



It is common knowledge that the Mid-IR region becomes more and more popular for laser applications. OPTOMAN is not only the lab guy, focused on developing innovations with the technology push approach. No, OPTOMAN has an open mind and listens to what the market has to say, therefore OPTOMAN, driven by the market, extends its capabilities into the Mid-IR region and now provides dielectric coatings in 1.5 - 5  $\mu$ m region.



Measured/tested/used at ELI-ALPS & ETH Zurich



MID - IR BROADBAND MIRROR



Theoretical and measured reflection graphs at AOI=0°

- HR >99.8% @ 2.8-4.2 μm AOI O°;
- GDD & TOD Rs, Rp optimized;
- LIDT: >10 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 15 fs.

## DISPERSIVE MIRRORS FOR MID-IR RANGE

OPTOMAN is one of the first companies worldwide offering IBS coated dispersive and broadband low GDD mirrors made for 2-5 µm.

Broadband dispersive mirrors for mid-IR range can reduce, or even eliminate, the need to use combinations of various materials to compensate dispersion and finally recompress broadband pulses close to Fourier limit duration in the sub-2 cycles regime.



## **Mirror specifications:**



343 nm & 355 nm High Reflectivity Mirrors Optimized for Nanosecond & Picosecond High-Power Lasers

#### Can OPTOMAN defend optics from ULTRA-VIOLENT lasers?

To ensure a high degree of reflection in the UV range, scattering and absorption losses need to be well managed, as they increase considerably when the wavelengths go down. Long-term degradation of the mirrors is another big issue when working with intense UV lasers.

However, OPTOMAN by exploiting his superpowers of a strong focus on the surface quality and well-optimized coating technology CAN defend his optical components from most of the UV lasers and increase the longevity of optics.

#### What makes OPTOMAN UV optics different?

## 1. HIGH LIDT

Laser damage is the arch-enemy of UV optics. To fight it, one must measure it. So OPTOMAN does, for picosecond and nanosecond scale.

#### OPTOMAN also loves competition and presents you the fight: Standard mirror vs. OPTOMAN mirror

#### Which one are you betting on?





Test mode	Standar	d mirror	OPTOMAN mirror		
rest mode	S-pol	P-pol	S-pol	P-pol	
10 <sup>3</sup> on 1	0.184 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.087 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.518 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.266 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	
5x10 <sup>6</sup> on - 1	0.003 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.003 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.181 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.129 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	



## 2. COST-EFFECTIVE COATING DESIGN

OPTOMAN Superhero League mirrors feature high batch-to-batch repeatability and are suitable for high volume serial production.

## **3.** CONSISTENT QUALITY

		Measured parameters						
Parameters	Require- ments	Standard mirrors as samples				Optoman samples		
		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	1562	1563
Rabs @ 343 nm, AOI=45°	>99.8 %	99.66%	99.64%	-	-	_	99.79%	99.70%
Ravg @ 339-346 nm, AOI=45°	>99.5 %	99.68%	99.67%	-	-	-	99.82%	99.73%
Surface flatness @633 nm over CA	<λ/10	-	-	0.088 λ	0.087 λ	0.053 λ	0.093 λ	0.035 λ
Surface quality over CA	20-10 S-D	20-20	20-20	20-10	20-10	20-10	20-10	20-10

	SuperHero League @ 343 nm	SuperHero League @ 355 nm					
Substrate	UV FS						
Surface Quality	10-5	S-D					
Surface Flatness	<λ/8 @ 633	nm over CA					
AOI	4	5°					
Coating	HRsp > 99.7% (at d	lesign wavelength)					
	Rs, Rp	o, GDD					
Laser Induced Damage Treshold		Nanosecond (measured values): > 6.97 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm, 6 ns, 100 Hz, p-pol > 9.6 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm, 6 ns, 100 Hz, s-pol					
	<b>Picosecond</b> (measured values): > 0.27 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 343 nm, 1 ps, 50 kHz, p-pol > 0.52 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 343 nm, 1 ps, 50 kHz, s-pol	Picosecond (scaled values): > 0.25 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm, 1 ps, 50 kHz, p-pol > 0.5 J/cm <sup>2</sup> , 355 nm, 1 ps, 50 kHz, s-pol					

#### SuperHero League @ 355 nm nanosecond LIDT measurements:



## **Design example:**



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As OPTOMAN successfully fights water absorption due to advanced IBS technology, which makes coatings near bulk structure, OPTOMAN offers high LIDT coated optics for Ho:YAG, Tm:YAG and Er:YAG lasers, which are found very useful for a handful of medical applications.

## COATINGS FOR HO:YAG AND TM:YAG LASERS LIDT Optimized Cavity Mirrors HR>99.9% @ 2100 nm, AOI=0° Reflectance, 100 % Reflectance, 99.9 99.8 99.7 99.6 99.5 99.4 99.3 99.2 99.1 99 1850 1900 1960 2000 2050 2100 2150 2200 2250 2300 2350 2400 - Ra O° Wavelength, nm LIDT Optimized Cavity AR Coated Lenses AR<0.1% @ 2100 nm, AOI=0° 0.5 0.48 0.46 0.42 0.42 0.38 0.36 0.34 0.32 0.32 0.28 0.26 0.24 Reflectance, % 'n Transmittanceå, 0.24 0.22 0.2 0.18 0.16 0.14 0.12 0.12 0.08 0.06 0.04 0.02 0 1950 2000 2050 2100 2150 2200 2250 2300

Wavelength, nm



Thin Film Polarizers HRs>99.9% @ 2100 nm & HTp>98% @ 2100 nm, AOI=56° HRs>99.8% @ 2100 nm & HTp>97% @ 2100 nm, AOI=45°



Ra O°



Your laser is as durable as its weakest link. Having that in mind, OPTOMAN makes customized, high-performance and durable optical components to help medical laser manufacturers minimize the cost of ownership by avoiding laser systems breakdowns caused by low-quality optical components.

## COATINGS FOR ER:YAG LASERS

2900 nm 3000 nm range is more complicated and is still under intense development @ OPTOMAN.



## Sapphire AR/AR Coated Window AR<0.1% @ 2940 nm, AOI=0°

l ypical residual reflectance graph per single surface.

#### Output Couplers PR=90% +/-1% @ 2940 nm, AOI=0° PR=95% +/-1% @ 2940 nm, AOI=0° PR=98% +/-0.5% @ 2940 nm, AOI=0°

#### Cavity Mirror HR>99.9% @ 2940 nm, AOI=0°



Reflectance, %

Multi Wavelength Bending Mirror HR>99% @ 2940 nm + HR>99% @ 1535 nm + Ta>20% @ 635 nm, AOI=0°







Let's say ugly laser beam wavefront is making your images worse: the object in a picture looks distorted and it's due to not-good-enough quality mirrors. The distortion sounds good in rock music with all those guitars, but definitely not in optics. OPTOMAN offers a weapon against distortion – IBS coated membrane mirrors!

OPTOMAN can help to correct the distorted wavefront with IBS dielectric coatings. The main exceptionality of this product is that OPTOMAN is able to control surface flatness and can make coatings on very thin substrates.

## Features & Benefits

- Substrate diameter up to Ø270mm;
- Variety of angle of incidence;
- HR > 99.9%;
- GDD maintenance;
- Flatness definition per various parts of clear aperture;
- High LIDT.

#### **Design example:**





Scanning mirrors can be used for scanning laser beams in one or two dimensions. They are used in galvo-scanning systems – motorized mirror mounts for laser-beam steering or scanning applications. As galvo-scanning systems are ideal for moving small laser beams fast, with incredible accuracy, mirrors needed for these systems have to be lightweight, but precise. Here comes the superpower of OPTOMAN – optimized IBS coating processes enable OPTOMAN to offer custom design, high reflectance mirrors with controllable flatness on relatively thin substrates.



Low-loss laser line or broadband design

More durable and environmentally stable than metallic coated mirrors



Optimization for fs, ps laser processing systems



Wide acceptance angle of incidence



Measured linear power density -30 kW/cm @ 1070 nm, CW.



Optical coatings on Silicon, SiC, Berillium and UVFS substrates

## DIELECTRIC VS METALLIC

Metal-coated mirrors have a quite uniform reflectivity over a wide spectral range and are insensitive to the angle of incidence and polarization, so they have their place under the sun and are useful in galvo-scanning systems. Nevertheless, metal coated mirrors have drawbacks which can significantly influence the performance of galvo-scanning system:



OPTOMAN manufactures dielectric coated mirrors, which not only by its nature have significantly lower absorption than metallic ones, OPTOMAN went an extra mile to minimize the absorption and thus increase the reflectivity and resistance to your laser beam. In addition, OPTOMAN knowing the challenges of galvo-scanning systems, enlarged the acceptance of angle of incidence.

## Let's do a test - finish the following sentence:

If you want to improve the performance of your galvo-scanning system...





Optimized pre- and after-coating processes as well as a high yield of production enables OPTOMAN to reliably make dielectric coatings on various laser crystals, to reduce the energy losses and increase the overall efficiency.

OPTOMAN offers the final product or can serve your needs by coating crystals.



Coatings on variety of laser and nonlinear crystals (Yb:Yag, Yb:KYW, KTF, Er:YAG, LBO, BBO...)



High yield of production



Single wavelength, dual-wavelenght, broadband AR and HR coating

## **Design example:**





## R&D EFFORTS ON IMPROVING LIFETIME

OPTOMAN is aware of laser and nonlinear crystals degradation problem at high power laser applications and is applying his superpowers to solve it by increasing LIDT values and improving the lifetime.

Here are some intermediate results of hours and hours of brutal R&D on precious Yb:YAG laser and LBO & BBO nonlinear crystals:





LIDT measurement results







LIDT measurement results



#### Absorption measurement results











Have an application that could use different types of coatings on the same substrate? You re at the right place! OPTOMAN can make HR, AR, PR, or Polarizing coatings sandwich and do it according to your taste. The same optical substrate can be segmented and placed at different coating processes.





**Design example:** 

Reflectance, %

Segment1: AR@950 nm - 1080 nm, AOI=0° Segment2: PR=50% +/-2% @ 950 nm - 1080 nm, AOI=0°, GDD R, T= 0 fs<sup>2</sup> +/- 10 fs<sup>2</sup> Segment3: PR=66% +/-2% @ 950 nm - 1080 nm, AOI=0°, R, T= 0 fs<sup>2</sup> +/- 20 fs<sup>2</sup> Segment4:PR=75% +/-2% @ 950 nm - 1080 nm, AOI=0°, GDD R, T = 0 fs<sup>2</sup> +/- 20 fs<sup>2</sup>

Segment1: AR@950 nm - 1080 nm, AOI=0°











# **REASONS TO CHOOSE OPTOMAN IN A NUTSHELL**



Accuracy and repeatability



Cost effective custom solutions



High level customization

Ultrafast turnaround

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