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Diffraction gratings for high-power laser applications

Demanding applications. Customized solutions.



Cover: Diffraction gratings.

Top: Dielectric reflection gratings during a full size measurement scan of diffraction efficiency.

Description

Customized diffraction gratings for laser applications are designed, fabricated with lithographic technologies and characterized with respect to their optical parameters.

Parameters

■ Reflection (R) or Transmission (T)

Line density: up to 3500 l/mm
 Polarization: TE or TM
 Wavelength: 266 – 2100 nm
 Bandwidth: 20–100 nm

• Angle of incidence: Littrow (T) < +/- 5° off Littrow (R)

Efficiency: > 95 % over bandwidth

> 99 % possible

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■ Element size: < 260 x 120 mm² or

< 200 x 200 mm²

Substrate: fused silica

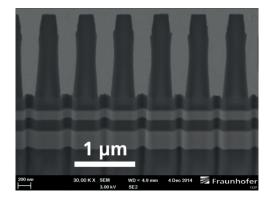
Service / technology

- Grating design
- Lithographic wafer-level processing:
 - Electron beam lithography
 - Reactive ion etching

- Characterization
 - Diffraction efficiency
 - Wave front error
- Dicing / machining of grating elements
- Backside anti-reflection coating (T)

Applications

- Laser pulse compression
- Phase gratings for FBG-Inscription
- DWM-components
- Beam shaping



SEM micrograph (post processed) of a grating profile cross section. Grating etched into a dielectric layer stack.

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