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PL0145 - November 15, 2017

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LASER LINE GENERATOR LENSES



OVERVIEW

Features

- Produce a Uniform, Diverging Laser Line
- Divergence Fan Angles of $30^\circ,\,45^\circ,\,60^\circ,\,and\,75^\circ$
- Designed for a Ø0.8 mm Beam at 633 nm
- Uniform Line Intensity Within 30%

These Laser Line Generator Lenses, also known as Powell lenses, generate a straight, uniform laser line by fanning out a collimated beam in one dimension, as shown in the diagram above. The apex of each lens features an aspheric curve that evenly distributes the optical power, resulting in an intensity variation of less than 30% over the center portion of the line. This can be contrasted with standard cylindrical lenses, which can be used to produce diverging laser lines with Gaussian intensity profiles. The relative shape of laser lines with uniform and Gaussian intensity profiles can be seen in the image to the right.



Click to Enlarge Uniform Laser Line Produced by a Laser Line Lens (Top) and Gaussian Laser Line Produced by a Cylindrical Lens (Bottom)



Click to Enlarge PL0160 Line Generator Lens in an AD9.5F Adapter Mounted in an LM1XY Translation Mount

The lenses are available with output fan angles of 30° , 45° , 60° , or 75° . They are designed for use at 633 nm with an input beam diameter of 0.8 mm (1/e²). To achieve this beam diameter using a fiber-coupled light source, we recommend using our F230FC-B Fixed Focus Fiber Collimation Package. A plot of the typical laser line intensity profile can be found in the *Specs* tab. These laser line generator lenses are produced from N-BK7 or N-SF6 glass substrates.

These lenses can be mounted by using our LMRA9 adapter for Ø9 mm optics, which would then be mounted into a Ø1/2" mount; this solution requires the lens to be epoxied into the adapter. Alternatively, the lenses can be secured in the SM1-threaded AD9.5F adapter without the need for epoxy. Please note that these lenses are very sensitive to misalignment, and that great care should be taken when aligning the incoming beam over the apex of the lens. Therefore, we recommend securing these mounting adapter in a translation mount, such as the post-mountable LM1XY or LM1XY/M.



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Design Wavelength	633 nm			
Input Beam Diameter (1/e ²)	0.8 mm			
Fan Angle	30°	45°	60°	75°
Fan Angle Tolerance	±3%			
Line Intensity Variation ^a	<30%			
Typical Line Intensity Data (Click for Graph)				
Line Straightness	<0.1% ^b			
Contained Power	80% ± 5% ^b			
Lens Diameter	Ø8.89 mm			
Lens Diameter Tolerance	+0.00/-0.13 mm			
Clear Aperture	>Ø4.0 mm	>Ø4.4 mm	>Ø5.2 mm	>Ø5.8 mm
Centration	<15 arcmin			
Surface Quality	40-20 Scratch-Dig			
Suggested Mounting Adapters	LMRA9, AD9.5F			

• Defined as the peak-to-valley difference in intensity over the center portion of the line containing 80% of the optical power.

• Defined over the central 80% of the line's width.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
PL0130	Customer Inspired!Laser Line Generating Lens, 30° Fan Angle, N-BK7	\$143.00	Lead Time
PL0145	Customer Inspired!Laser Line Generating Lens, 45° Fan Angle, N-SF6	\$143.00	Lead Time
PL0160	Customer Inspired!Laser Line Generating Lens, 60° Fan Angle, N-SF6	\$143.00	Lead Time
PL0175	Customer Inspired!Laser Line Generating Lens, 75° Fan Angle, N-SF6	\$143.00	Today

