# **PRISMS**



CVI Laser Optics manufactures a large selection of high quality prisms for use in many applications including diverse industrial and scientific uses, laser tracking and alignment, spectroscopy, and military applications such as range finding and atmospheric monitoring. The CVI prism offering includes wedge prisms, right-angle prisms, and Pellin Broca prisms. Standard products are available in Standard Grade Corning 7980 1-D (Fused Silica) and N-BK7, and depending on the application, can be coated with one of our many available anti-reflection coatings. Custom dimensions and coatings are also available. We encourage you to contact CVI Laser Optics directly for more information.

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CVI Laser Optics specializes in prototype to volume production manufacturing!

Give us a call and we will be honored to assist you with your custom needs.

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# **SELECTION GUIDE**

PRODUCT TYPE	DESCRIPTON	PAGE
WEDGE WINDOWS/PRISMS: LW-C,LW-UV		
	Wedge windows or prisms deviate an incident beam at a precise angle. Two wedge prisms of equal power can be combined to create a beam-steering apparatus that can place a beam anywhere within a cone defined by the deviation angle.	145
RIGHT-ANGLE PRISMS: RAP-C, RAP-UV, P90	)-C, P90-UV, P180-C, P180-UV	
R.	Right-angle prisms bend the image by 90° and invert the image. Right-angle prisms may also be used to retroreflect a collimated beam (bend the image 180°).	146
PELLIN BROCA PRISMS: PLBC		
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ $\lambda_1$	In a Pellin Broca prism, light enters the right-angle prism normal to one of its faces, is turned exactly 90°, is presented to the second "half" dispersing prism in minimum deviation, and hence exits the Pellin Broca prism deviated at exactly 90° to its initial direction. This is what is meant by calling the Pellin Broca prism a "constant deviation prism".	148

#### LARGE WEDGE WINDOWS: LW



# Specifications

Product Code: LW

#### Optical Material:

Standard Grade Corning 7980 1-D (Fused Silica)

Diameter Tolerance: +0/-0.25mm Thickness Tolerance: ±0.25mm Wedge Tolerance: ±6 minutes

Chamfer:  $\emptyset \le 50.8$ mm: leg width 0.35mm at  $45^{\circ}$  nominal  $\emptyset > 50.8$ mm: 0.85mm leg width at  $45^{\circ}$  nominal

Surface Quality: 10-5 scratch-dig per MIL-PRF-13830b Transmitted Wavefront Error (TWE):  $< \lambda/10$  p-v at 633nm

Clear Aperture: ≥85% of central diameter

Large wedge windows are laser quality windows manufactured with wedges of 1° or 3°. These larger wedges prevent interference by stray back reflection and have several applications in beam steering.

- All CVI Laser Optics low loss, high energy AR coatings available
- Other dimension, wedge or material options available for OEM applications

LARGE WEDGE WINDOWS					
Standard Grade	Corning 7980 1-D	(Fused Silica)			
Ø	* t (mm)	* $t$ (mm) Wedge $\alpha$			
25.4	9.53	1°	LW-1-1037-UV		
50.8	9.53	1°	LW-1-2037-UV		
25.4	9.53	3°	LW-3-1037-UV		
50.8	9.53	9.53 3° LW-3-2037-			
76.2	12.7	3°	LW-3-3050-UV		
N-BK7					
Ø	* t (mm)	Wedge $\alpha$	PART NUMBER		
25.4	9.53	1°	LW-1-1037-C		
50.8	9.53	1°	LW-1-2037-C		
25.4	9.53	3°	LW-3-1037-C		
50.8	9.53	3°	LW-3-2037-C		

<sup>\*</sup>Thick end of wedge

To apply an AR coating on any of the RW products refer to page 93 and replace Steps 2,3,4 with any of the product codes listed above.

### Using Large Wedge Windows

For small angles of incidence, the deviation of a ray incident on a wedged window with wedge angle  $\alpha\,$  is

$$\theta_{\rm d} = \frac{\eta_{\rm S}}{\eta_{\rm o}} \alpha$$

The first reflected ray is misaligned from the initial axis by an angle defined by

$$\theta_{\rm r} = \frac{2\eta_{\rm s}\alpha}{\eta_{\rm a}}$$

If  $\eta_a = 1$ , then  $\theta_r = 2\eta_s \alpha$ .

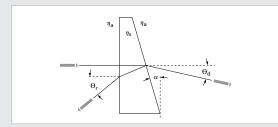


Figure 1. Deviation and reflection of beam by a wedged window of wedge  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ 

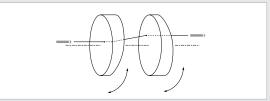


Figure 2. A beamsteering wedge formed from two wedged prisms

# RIGHT-ANGLE PRISMS: RAP-C, RAP-UV



# Specifications

Product Code: RAP-C, RAP-UV

Optical Material: N-BK7 or Standard Grade Corning

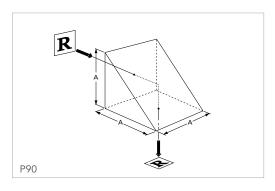
7980 1-D (Fused Silica)

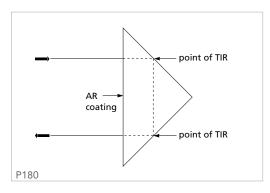
Dimensional Tolerance: +0/-0.25mm Angular Deviation: ±3 arc minutes

Chamfer: 0.35mm leg width at 45° nominal Surface Quality: Per MIL-PRF-13830b; see table

Surface Figure:

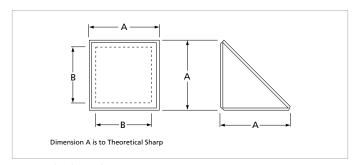
N-BK7:  $< \lambda/4$  p-v at 633nm before coating Fused Silica:  $< \lambda/10$  p-v at 633nm before coating





Right angle prisms (RAP) are most commonly used for image rotation, redirection of light, and as components for both polarizing and non-polarizing beamsplitter cubes. Because of their simple 45°-45°-90° design and high-quality surface polish, they can be used as high energy 90° bending prisms or 180° folding prisms. They can be anti-reflection coated in these applications to increase overall transmission, or metal coated for use as external turning mirrors.

 Contact CVI Laser Optics for other dimensions or material options for OEM applications



Uncoated right-angle prisms

RIGHT-	angle pf	RISMS			
N-BK7					
*Surface Figure	Surface Quality	A (mm)	Clear Aperture B (mm) min.	PART NUMBER	
< λ/4	20-10	5.0	3.0	RAP-020-C	
< λ/4	20-10	10.0	8.0	RAP-040-C	
$<\lambda/4$	20-10	12.7	10.8	RAP-050-C	
< λ/4	20-10	15.0	12.8	RAP-060-C	
$<\lambda/4$	20-10	20.0	17.0	RAP-080-C	
$<\lambda/4$	20-10	25.4	21.6	RAP-100-C	
$<\lambda/2$	60-40	40.0	RAP-157-C		
Standard Grade Corning 7980 1-D (Fused Silica)					
*Surface Figure	Surface Quality	A (mm)	Clear Aperture B (mm) min	PART NUMBER	
< λ/10	10-5 10.0		8.0	RAP-040-UV	
< λ/10	10-5	12.7 10.8 RAP-0		RAP-050-UV	
< λ/10	10-5	25.0	25.0 21.0 RAP-090-U		
< \lambda/10	10-5	25.4	21.6	RAP-100-UV	

<sup>\*</sup> Measured p-v at 633nm

### PRECISION RIGHT-ANGLE BENDING & FOLDING PRISMS: P90-C, P90-UV, P180-C, P180-UV



### Specifications

Product Code: P90-C, P90-UV, P180-C, P180-UV

Optical Material: N-BK7 or Standard Grade Corning 7980 1-D (Fused Silica)

Dimensional Tolerance: +0/-0.25mm Angular Deviation: ±3 arc minutes Chamfer: 0.35mm leg width at 45° nominal

Surface Figure:

N-BK7: <  $\lambda$ 4 p-v at 633nm before coating Fused Silica: <  $\lambda$ /10 p-v at 633nm before coating

Surface Quality:

**N-BK7:** 20-10 scratch-dig per MIL-PRF-13830b **Fused Silica:** 10-5 scratch-dig per MIL-PRF-13830b

Clear Aperture: ≥85% of central dimension

Anti-reflection Coating:

Single wavelength:  $R\le0.25\%$  per surface Broadband:  $R_{avg}\le0.50\%$  per surface Adhesion and Durability: Per MIL-C-48497a

Damage Threshold:

Pulsed: 10 J/cm<sup>2</sup>, 20ns, 20Hz at 1064nm

cw: 10 MW/cm² at 1064nm

P90 right-angle bending prisms utilize the inherent total internal reflection (TIR) at the hypotenuse to invert the image and achieve a 90° change in direction. P180 right-angle folding prisms utilize the inherent total internal reflection at the leg faces to achieve a 180° change in direction (i.e., retroreflection). Antireflection coatings are applied to maximize the overall throughput and reduce any back-reflection.

- Use P90 series 90° bending prisms as broadband, high energy 90° reflectors: CVI Laser Optics high energy AR and BBAR coatings can be applied to legs
- ▶ Use P180 series 180° folding prisms as broadband, highenergy retroreflectors: CVI Laser Optics high energy AR and BBAR coatings can be applied to hypotenuse
- Aluminized hypotenuse with black overcoat, other dimensions or wavelengths available for OEM applications

BUILD YOUR PART NUMBER				
STEP-1	STEP-2	STEP-3	STEP-4	
PRODUCT CODE	SIZE CODE	AR COATING WAVELENGTH (nm)	MATERIAL CODE	
P90	050	1064	С	
EXAMPLE: P90 - 050 - 1025 - C				

#### CHOOSE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW.

1. PRODUCT CODE	
P90	90° bending prism
P180	180° folding prism

2. SIZE CODE DIMENSION A (mm) (Theoretical Sharp)			
050	12.7		
100	25.4		

3. WAVELENGTH OF AR COATING (nm)				
193*	266*	532	1064	
248*	355*	633	1050-1600	
248-355*	415-700	632-1064	1500	

4. MATERIAL CODE	MATERIAL
С	N-BK7
UV	Standard Grade Corning 7980 1-D (Fused Silica)

#### Please see page T-31 for Anti-reflection Coating Traces.

<sup>\*</sup>Only available in Standard Grade Corning 7980 1-D (Fused Silica).

### PELLIN BROCA PRISMS: PLBC



### Specifications

Product Code: PLBC

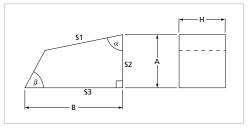
Optical Material: Heraeus Suprasil 1 or Crystal Quartz

Dimensional Tolerance:  $\pm 0/-0.25$ mm Angular Deviation:  $\alpha$ : $\pm 30$  arc min  $\beta$ : $\pm 2^{\circ}$ Chamfer: 0.35mm leg width at 45° nominal Surface Figure:  $< \lambda/10$  p-v at 633nm

Surface Quality: 10-5 scratch-dig on three polished

surfaces per MIL-PRF-13830b

Clear Aperture: ≥85% of central dimension



PLBC Pellin Broca prism

In a Pellin Broca prism, an ordinary dispersing prism is split in half along the bisector of the apex angle. Using a right-angle prism, the two halves are joined to create a dispersing prism with an internal right angle bend obtained by total internal reflection. See Figure 1.

A simple dispersing prism always deviates the longer wavelength less than the shorter wavelength. In a Pellin Broca prism, whether the longer wavelength is deviated more or less depends on the orientation of the prism. This is an important consideration when designing ahigh power Pellin Broca beam separator. This is illustrated in Figures 2 and Figures 3.

- ▶ Ideal for 90° wavelength deviation or beam separation
- ► Suprasil 1 for 180 to 240nm region
- Crystal quartz is specifically designed for high power Q-switched 266nm laser pulsesabove fluence levels of 50 mJ/cm²

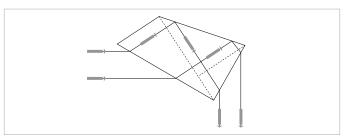


Figure 1. One of the wavelengths deviates by exactly  $90^{\circ}$  to its initial direction

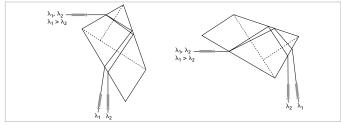


Figure 2. Whether the longer wavelength is deviated more or less depends on the orientation of the prism.

PELLIN BR	OCA	PRISN	1S			
Optical Material	A (mm)	B (mm)	H (mm)	Clear Aperture (mm)	α	PART NUMBER
Suprasil 1	11.0	20.0	6.4	5.0	79.5°	PLBC-5.0-79.5-SS
Crystal Quartz	23.5	40.0	12.7	10.0	77.2°	PLBC-10.0-77.2-CQ