Germanium Window



Germanium is popular for its high index of refraction (around 4.0 from 2-14µm). Due to its high index, an antireflection coating is required for sufficient transmission in the region of interest. Our Germanium windows are available from stock with two AR coating options: 3~12µm for mid IR or broadband multi-spectral applications, or 8-12µm for thermal imaging applications. Germanium is subject to thermal runaway, meaning that the transmission decreases as temperature increases. As such, they should be used at temperatures below 100°C. Germanium's high density (5.33g/cm3) should be considered when designing for weight-sensitive systems. The 8-12µm coated Germanium windows are typically used in thermal imaging and FLIR applications. The Knoop Hardness of Germanium (780) is approximately twice that of Magnesium Fluoride, making it ideal for IR applications requiring rugged optics.

Specifications:

Material	Ge(Optical Grade)
Clear Aperture	90% of Diameter
Diameter Tolerance	+0.0/-0.1mm
Thickness Tolerance	±0.1mm
Surface Quality	40-20
Surface Accuracy	λ/10@632.8nm
Parallelism	<1 arc min
Coating	No Coating

P/N	Φ	т
10701	10.00	1.50
10702	12.70	2.00
10703	15.00	2.00
10704	20.00	2.00
10705	25.40	3.00

•Demension unit:mm

•Other sizes and coatings are available upon request.