



PS932M - Aug. 26, 2016

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- ▶ 90° Deviation of Beam without Changing Polarization Handedness
- ▶ N-BK7 Prism with Aluminum-Coated Reflective Faces
- 30 mm Cage Cube Mount with SM1-Threaded Ports





OVERVIEW

Features

- · Deviate Beams without Reversal or Inversion of the **Beam Profile**
- 90° Beam Deviation is Insensitive to Beam/Prism Alignment
- N-BK7 Prism with Aluminum-Coated Reflective Faces
- Post Mountable and 30 mm Cage System Compatible

Penta prisms deviate a beam by 90° degrees without reversing or inverting an image (i.e., without changing the polarization handedness). In addition the 90° beam deviation is not dependent on a precise alignment of the prism with respect to the incoming beam or image, making penta prisms an effective alternative to turning mirrors. The only limitation on alignment is the clear aperture of the housing.

Thorlabs' Mounted Penta Prism is fabricated from N-BK7 with two aluminized reflective faces protected by an inconel and black paint overcoat. It features a clear aperture of >Ø12 mm and is mounted inside a standard 30 mm cage system cage cube. The prism is epoxied within a cage cube mount and cannot be removed. The housing provides an 8-32 (M4) tap for post mounting, SM1-threaded (1.035"-40) input and output ports, and four 4-40-tapped holes for cage rods on the entrance and exit faces. The PS932M features four SM1-threaded ports, while the CCM1-PS932/M has SM1-threaded ports only at the exit and entrance faces of the prism. Any Ø1" lens tube cap can be used to close off the unused ports in the PS932M. The penta prism cage cube can also be connected to other cage cubes using cage rods and ERSCA adapters. For a complete selection of our cube-mounted optics please see the Mounted Optics Guide tab.

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We also offer 10, 20, 40, and 60 mm unmounted penta prisms. Empty 30 mm cage cubes are available for mounting our 20 mm unmounted penta prism.

Specifications					
Prism Material	N-BK7 ^a				
Unmounted Prism	PS932				
Reflective Coating	Aluminum with Inconel and Black Paint Overcoat				
Clear Aperture	>Ø12 mm ^b				
Surface Flatness	λ/10 at 633 nm				
Surface Quality	40-20 Scratch-Dig				
Angular Tolerances	±1 arcmin				
Beam Deviation	90° ± 1 arcmin				
Prism Dimensions	A = B = C = 20 mm L ₁ = L ₂ = 28.3 mm				
Dimensional Tolerance	±0.1 mm				

· Click Link for Detailed Specifications on the Substrate Glass

· The clear aperture of the mounted prism is limited by the housing.





Prism Dimension Schematic



Click to Enlarge CCM1-PS932/M two SM1threaded ports and has two closed sides to minimize light leakage.





Click to Enlarge Mounted Penta Prisms are Compatible with Thorlabs' 30 mm Cage System

Selection Guide for Prisms

Thorlabs offers a wide variety of prisms, which can be used to reflect, invert, rotate, disperse, steer, and collimate light. For prisms and substrates not listed below, please contact Tech Support.

Beam Steering Prisms

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Prism	Material	Deviation	Invert	Reverse or Rotate	Illustration	Applications
	N-BK7, UV Fused Silica,	90°	90°	No		90° reflector, independent of entrance beam angle. Used in optical systems such as telescopes and periscopes.
Right Angle Prisms Calcium Fluoride, or Zi Selenide	Calcium Fluoride, or Zinc	180°	180°	No		180° reflector, independent of entrance beam angle.Acts as a non-reversing mirror and can be used in binocular configurations.
Retroreflectors	N-BK7	180°	180°	No	THE STATE	 180° reflector, independent of entrance beam angle. Beam alignment and beam delivery. Substitute for mirror in applications where orientation is difficult to control.
Penta Prisms and Mounted Penta Prisms	N-BK7	90°	No	No	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	90° reflector, without inversion or reversal of the beam profile. Can be used for alignment and optical tooling.
Roof Prisms	N-BK7	90°	90°	180 ⁰ Rotation		90° reflector, inverted and rotated (deflected left to right and top to bottom). Can be used for alignment and optical tooling.
		No	180°	2x Prism Rotation	20 40	Dove prisms may invert, reverse, or rotate an image based on which face the light is incident on. Prism in a beam rotator orientation.
Unmounted Dove Prisms and Mounted Dove Prisms	N-BK7	180°	180°	No	A CONTRACT OF A	Prism acts as a non-reversing mirror.

						Same properties as a retro- reflector or right angle (180° orientation) prism in an optical setup.
		Models	No	No	R	Beam steering applications. By rotating one wedged prism, light can be steered to trace the circle defined by 2 times the specified deviation angle.
Wedge Prisms N-BK7	N-BK7	Available from 2° to 10°	No	No	ØØ	Variable beam steering applications. When both wedges are rotated, the beam can be moved anywhere within the circle defined by 4 times the specified deviation angle.
Coupling Prisms	Rutile (TiO ₂) or GGG	Variable ^a	No	No	Lator Fin Substrate	High index of refraction substrate used to couple light into films. Rutile used for n _{film} > 1.8 GGG used for n _{film} < 1.8

• Depends on angle of incidence and index of refraction

Dispersive Prisms

Prism	Material	Deviation	Invert	Reverse or Rotate	Illustration	Applications
Equilateral Prisms	F2, N-SF11, Calcium Fluoride, or Zinc Selenide	Variable ^a	No	No		Dispersion prisms are a substitute for diffraction gratings. Use to separate white light into visible spectrum.
Pellin Broca Prisms	N-BK7, UV Fused Silica, or Calcium Fluoride	90°	90°	No	D R B 90°	Ideal for wavelength separation of a beam of light, output at 90°. Used to separate harmonics of a laser or compensate for group velocity dispersion.
Dispersion Compensating Prism Pairs	Fused Silica, Calcium Fluoride, SF10, or N-SF14	Variable Vertical Offset	No	No	Z	Compensate for pulse broadening effects in ultrafast laser systems. Can be used as an optical filter, for wavelength tuning, or dispersion compensation.

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Depends on angle of incidence and index of refraction

Beam Manipulating Prisms

Material	Deviation	Invert	Reverse or Rotate	Illustration	Applications
					Variable magnification along one axis.
N-KZFS8 or N-SE11	Variable Vertical	No	No	+=	Collimating elliptical beams (e.g., laser diodes)
N-SF TT	Unset				Converts an elliptical beam into a circular beam by magnifying or contracting the input beam in one axis.
		N-KZFS8 or Variable Vertical	N-KZFS8 or Variable Vertical	Material Deviation Invert Rotate N-KZFS8 or Variable Vertical No No	Material Deviation Invert Rotate Illustration N-KZFS8 or Variable Vertical No No No

Polarization Altering Prisms

Prism	Material	Deviation	Invert	Reverse or Rotate	Illustration	Applications		
Glan-Taylor, Glan- Laser, and α-BBO Glan-Laser Polarizers	Glan-Taylor: Calcite Glan-Laser: α- BBO or Calcite	<i>p</i> -pol 0° s-pol 112° ^a	No	No	*	 Double prism configuration and birefringent calcite produce extremely pure linearly polarized light. Total Internal Reflection of <i>s</i>-pol. at the gap between the prism while <i>p</i>-pol. is transmitted. 		
Rutile Polarizers	Rutile (TiO ₂)	s-pol 0° <i>p</i> -pol. absorbed by housing	No	No	Unpolarized Light	Double prism configuration and birefringent rutile (TiO ₂) produce extremely pure linearly polarized light. Total Internal Reflection of <i>p</i> -pol. at the gap between the prisms while <i>s</i> -pol. is transmitted.		
Double Glan-Taylor Polarizers	Calcite	<i>p</i> -pol 0° <i>s</i> -pol. absorbed by housing	No	No	*	 Triple prism configuration and birefringent calcite produce maximum polarized field over a large half angle. Total Internal Reflection of <i>s</i>-pol. at the gap between the prism while <i>p</i>-pol. is transmitted. 		
Glan Thompson Polarizers	Calcite	<i>p</i> -pol 0° s-pol. absorbed by housing	No	No	Rod Hon	 Double prism configuration and birefringent calcite produce a polarizer with the widest field of view while maintaining a high extinction ratio. Total Internal Reflection of <i>s</i>-pol. at the gap between the prism while <i>p</i>-pol. is transmitted. 		

Wollaston Prisms and Wollaston Polarizers	Calcite	Symmetric <i>p</i> -pol. and <i>s</i> -pol. deviation angle	No	No	0.65° (14mm) ++++ 20° typ T	Double prism configuration and birefringent calcite produce the widest deviation angle of beam displacing polarizers. <i>s</i> -pol. and <i>p</i> -pol. deviate symmetrically from the prism. Wollaston prisms are used in spectrometers and polarization analyzers.
Beam Displacing Prisms	Calcite	2.7 or 4.0 mm Beam Displacement	No	No		Single prism configuration and birefringent calcite separate an input beam into two orthogonally polarized output beams. <i>s</i> -pol. and <i>p</i> -pol. are displaced by 2.7 or 4.0 mm. Beam displacing prisms can be used as polarizing beamsplitters where 90° separation is not possible.
Fresnel Rhomb	N RK7	Linear to circularly polarization Vertical Offset	No	No	CIRCULAR OUTPUT FOLARIZATION	 λ/4 Fresnel Rhomb Retarder turns a linear input into circularly polarized output. Uniform λ/4 retardance over a wider wavelength range compared to birefringent wave plates.
Retarders	N-BK7	Rotates linearly polarized light 90°	No	No	Ш- Ш-	 λ/2 Fresnel Rhomb Retarder rotates linearly polarized light 90°. Uniform λ/2 retardance over a wider wavelength range compared to birefringent wave plates.

• s-polarized light is not pure and contains some p-polarized reflections.

Beamsplitter Prisms

Prism	Material	Deviation	Invert	Reverse or Rotate	Illustration	Applications
Beamsplitter Cubes	N-BK7	50:50 splitting ratio, 0° and 90° <i>s</i> - and <i>p</i> - pol. within 10% of each other	No	No		Double prism configuration and dielectric coating provide 50:50 beamsplitting nearly independent of polarization. Non-polarizing beamsplitter over the specified wavelength range.
Polarizing Beamsplitter Cubes	N-BK7, UV Fused Silica, or N-SF1	<i>p</i> -pol 0° s-pol 90°	No	No		Double prism configuration and dielectric coating transmit <i>p</i> -pol. light and reflect <i>s</i> -pol. light. For highest polarization use the transmitted beam.

MOUNTED OPTICS GUIDE

30 mm Cage-Cube-Mounted Optics Selection Guide

The table below provides links to all of our 30 mm Cage-Cube-Mounted optics. For our selection of 16 mm Cage-Cube-Mounted Optics, please see our 16 mm Cage Systems guide.

Non-Polarizing Beamsplitter Cube	Polarizing Bea	amsplitter Cube	High-Power Polarizi	ng Beamsplitter Cube	
Pellicle Beamsplitters	Laser Line Polarizir	ng Beamsplitter Cube	Circular / Var	iable Polarizers	
Penta Prisms	Turning	g Mirrors	Variable Beamsp	litters / Attenuators	
30 mm Cag	e Cube Empty Op	otic Mounts Select	ion Guide		
Rectangula	ar Dichroic Mirrors and Filters	Empty Compact 30 mm Ca	age Cube		
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Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
CCM1-PS932/M	Customer Inspired!30 mm Cage Cube-Mounted Penta Prism, 12 mm x 14 mm Clear Aperture, M4 Tap	\$150.00	Today
PS932M	30 mm Cage Cube-Mounted Penta Prism, 12 mm x 14 mm Clear Aperture	\$150.00	Lead Time

Visit the *Mounted Penta Prism* page for pricing and availability information: https://www.thorlabs.com/newgrouppage9.cfm?objectgroup_id=6827