

R1CA200 - April 13, 2020

Item # R1CA200 was discontinued on April 13, 2020. For informational purposes, this is a copy of the website content at that time and is valid only for the stated product.

ANNULAR APERTURE OBSTRUCTION TARGETS

- ❑ Obstruction Diameters Ranging from 50 μm to 1700 μm
- ❑ Pinhole Diameters Ranging from 100 μm to 2000 μm
- ❑ Blocking Region with Optical Density ≥ 6
- ❑ 0.5 mm Thick Quartz Substrate in $\varnothing 1"$ Aluminum Housing



R1DF100
 Annular Aperture Target
 Obstruction Diameter = 100 μm
 Pinhole Diameter = 1000 μm

Application Idea
 R1CA2000 Obstruction Target Mounted in a CXY1Q Translation Mount with Quick-Release Plate



[Hide Overview](#)

OVERVIEW

Features

- Increase Contrast when Imaging Biological Systems
- Filter Out Lower Order Spatial Modes
- 0.5 mm Thick Quartz Substrate
- Blocking Region ($OD \geq 6$) Created Using a Chrome Mask
- AR Coating Over Chrome Mask to Minimize Back Reflections
- Aluminum Housing with a 1" Outer Diameter

Thorlabs' Annular Aperture Obstruction Targets (AAOTs) are ideal for increasing the contrast when imaging biological systems or filtering out lower order modes. Each AAOT is characterized by the ratio (ϵ) between the obstruction diameter (OD) and the pinhole diameter (PD). Thorlabs offers Annulus Aperture targets that are designed with either a constant 1 mm pinhole diameter for high-pass spatial filtering applications, or a constant ϵ ratio for confocal microscopy applications.

They are fabricated from 0.5 mm thick quartz glass substrate that has high transmission in the 400 - 2200 nm wavelength range. The clear aperture annulus is created using a chrome mask with an optical density ≥ 6 that blocks light from being transmitted through the inner obstruction target and outer obstruction region. The AAOT is then mounted within a housing that has a 1" outer diameter for mounting within our translation mounts for $\varnothing 1"$ optics, as shown in the image above. The glass substrate is mounted with the chrome mask facing towards the engraved side of the housing. To minimize back reflections, we recommend having the AR-coated chrome mask facing the light source when used.

[Hide Obstruction Targets: Annular Aperture, 0.05 or 0.10 Ratio](#)

Obstruction Targets: Annular Aperture, 0.05 or 0.10 Ratio

- ▶ Constant Pinhole Diameter of 1 mm
- ▶ Obstruction Diameters of 50 μm or 100 μm
- ▶ $\varnothing 1"$ Housing can be Mounted in Many of our Translation Mounts for Fine Alignment
- ▶ Ideal for High-Pass Spatial Filtering Applications
- ▶ Can be Used in Our Pre-Assembled Spatial Filter System

$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{Obstruction Diameter}}{\text{Pinhole Diameter}}$$



Click to Enlarge
 Close-Up Photo of an
 Obstruction Pinhole
 OD: Obstruction
 Diameter
 PD: Pinhole Diameter

These Annular Aperture Obstruction Targets have an obstruction-to-pinhole ratio (ϵ) of either 0.05 or 0.10, making them ideal for use as high-pass or edge-enhancement filters. When the Fourier plane is imaged onto the filter, the center region, which contains Gaussian light (TEM_{00}), will become blocked by the center obstruction. This allows the higher order modes of the Fourier plane, which contain diffraction information, to pass through and form the image. This will cause an overall loss of light intensity and generalized, smooth features, but it will enhance any sharp lines or boundaries.

Shown to the right is a close up photo of an obstruction pinhole with the pinhole diameter (PD) and obstruction diameter (OD) labeled. The chrome-masked area appears black, and light is transmitted through the clear aperture.

Item #	ϵ Ratio ^a	Obstruction Diameter	Pinhole Diameter	Annular Aperture Concentricity		Glass Thickness
				with Respect to Housing ^b	with Respect to Substrate ^c	

R1DF50	0.05	50 μm	1 mm	<0.41 mm	$\leq 216 \mu\text{m}$	0.5 mm
R1DF100	0.10	100 μm				

- Ratio of the Obstruction Diameter to the Pinhole Diameter (See Photo to the Above Right)
- Concentricity of the Annulus with Respect to the Outer Diameter of the Quartz Glass
- Substrate Concentricity of the Annulus with Respect to the Outer Diameter of the Aluminum Housing

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
R1DF50	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $\varnothing 50 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Today
R1DF100	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.10$, $\varnothing 100 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Today

[Hide Obstruction Targets: Annular Aperture, 0.85 Ratio](#)

Obstruction Targets: Annular Aperture, 0.85 Ratio

- ▶ Constant ϵ Ratio of 0.85
- ▶ $\varnothing 1"$ Housing can be Mounted in Many of our Translation Mounts for Fine Alignment
- ▶ Ideal for Confocal Microscopy Applications
- ▶ Can be Used in Our Pre-Assembled Spatial Filter System

$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{Obstruction Diameter}}{\text{Pinhole Diameter}}$$



Click to Enlarge
Close-Up Photo of an
Obstruction Pinhole
OD: Obstruction
Diameter
PD: Pinhole Diameter

These Annular Aperture Obstruction Targets have a constant obstruction-to-pinhole ratio (ϵ) of 0.85, making them ideal for increasing the lateral spatial resolution within confocal imaging systems. These filters are designed to be placed directly in front of the output of a light source such as a fiber-coupled laser. The system should be aligned so that the first bright diffraction spot of the light source is larger than the pinhole diameter of the annular aperture.

These annular apertures are often used in confocal and two-photon excitation microscopy to increase the lateral resolution of the imaging system or in confocal theta fluorescence microscopy to increase the lateral and axial resolution of the imaging system.

Shown to the right is a close up photo of an obstruction pinhole with the pinhole diameter (PD) and obstruction diameter (OD) labeled. The chrome-masked area appears black, and light is transmitted through the clear aperture.

Item #	ϵ Ratio ^a	Obstruction Diameter	Pinhole Diameter	Concentricity		Glass Thickness
				with Respect to Housing ^b	with Respect to Substrate ^c	
R1CA100	0.85	85 μm	100 μm	<0.41 mm	$\leq 216 \mu\text{m}$	0.5 mm
R1CA200		170 μm	200 μm			
R1CA300		255 μm	300 μm			
R1CA1000		850 μm	1000 μm			
R1CA2000		1700 μm	2000 μm			

Limited
STOCK

The R1CA100, R1CA200, and R1CA300 will be retired without replacement when stock is depleted. If you require these parts for line production, please contact our OEM Team.

- Ratio of the Obstruction Diameter to the Pinhole Diameter (See Photo to the Above Right)
- Concentricity of the Annulus with Respect to the Outer Diameter of the Quartz Glass
- Substrate Concentricity of the Annulus with Respect to the Outer Diameter of the Aluminum Housing

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
R1CA100	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.85$, $\varnothing 85 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Today
R1CA200	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.85$, $\varnothing 170 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Lead Time
R1CA300	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.85$, $\varnothing 255 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Today
R1CA1000	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.85$, $\varnothing 850 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Today
R1CA2000	Customer Inspired! Annular Obstruction Target, $\epsilon = 0.85$, $\varnothing 1700 \mu\text{m}$ Obstruction	\$165.56	Today

