

## Mica Waveplates

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Mica waveplates are zero-order (first-order) retardation plates (phase plates) which are designed

at 550nm wavelength and effective from 400 – 700nm. A mica sheet is sandwiched between optical glass discs for protection and ease of use.

- These products utilize birefringence of mica and give phase difference of  $\lambda/4$  ( $\pi/2$ , 90°) or  $\lambda/2$  ( $\pi$ , 180°) to the input beams.  $\lambda/4$  plates convert linearly polarization to circularly and circularly polarization to linearly.  $\lambda/2$  plates convert the direction of polarization in 90 degrees.
- Usually linearly polarized beams are input to the waveplates in a leaning of 45 degrees against its optical axis.



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Outline Drawing		(in mm)
The optical axis is indicated on the surface of the products by two dots.	Mica Waveplate  optical glass (Uncoated)	$lacktriangle$ Tolerance Diameter $\phi$ D±0.2 Thickness t±0.2

Specifications		
Material	A mica sheet is sandwiched between optical glass discs for protection and ease of use.	
Wavelength Range	400 – 700nm	
Transmitted wavefront distortion	2λ λ=550nm	
Incident angle	0°	
Design wavelength	580nm	
Theoretical retardation	λ/4: 145nm λ/2: 290nm	
Surface Quality (Scratch-Dig)	40–20	

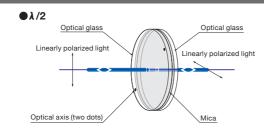
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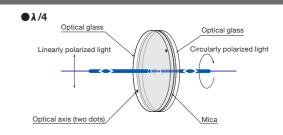
## Attention

- ▶ Mica waveplates cannot be used for high-power laser applications because of their relatively high absorption coefficient and occasional inhomogeneities.
- ▶ Be sure to wear laser safety goggles when checking optical path and adjusting optical axis.
- If you want to use the polarization measurement, please use the crystal waveplate.

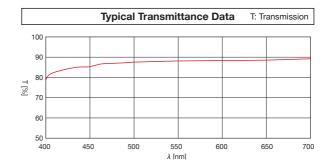
## Schematic



λ/2			
Part Number	Diameter φD [mm]	Thcikness t [mm]	
WPM-10-2P	φ10	2.5	
WPM-20-2P	φ20	2.5	
WPM-25-2P	φ25	2.5	
WPM-30-2P	φ30	2.5	
WPM-40-2P	φ40	3.5	
WPM-50-2P	φ50	3.5	



λ/4		
Part Number	Diameter φD [mm]	Thcikness t [mm]
WPM-10-4P	φ10	2.5
WPM-20-4P	φ20	2.5
WPM-25-4P	φ25	2.5
WPM-30-4P	φ30	2.5
WPM-40-4P	φ40	3.5
WPM-50-4P	φ50	3.5



Compatible Optic Mounts

PH-30-ARS / SPH-30-ARS