

Broadband Quartz Waveplates WPQW

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Air spaced two piece waveplates are suitable for use with high-energy lasers (no optical contact occurs). These products utilize birefringence of quartz and give phase difference of $\lambda/4$ ($\pi/2$, 90°) or $\lambda/2$ (π, 180°) to the input beams. $\lambda/4$ retarders convert linearly polarization to circularly and circularly polarization to linearly. $\lambda/2$ retarders convert the direction of polarization arbitrarily.

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• Air spaced type waveplates are zero-order (first-order) retardation plates (phase plates) which are assembled from pairs of crystalline quartz plates and are mounted on aluminum frames.



Linearly polarized light

Multi-layer anti-reflection co

Linearly polarized light

Multi-layer anti-reflection

•λ/4

Visible

Optic axis (slow)

Optic axis (slow)

Optic axis (fast)

Aluminum frame

Aluminum frame

Circularly polarized light

Linearly polarized light

Multi-layer anti-reflection coating

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Specifications	
Material	Optical grade crystalline quarts, MgF ₂
Material of frame	Aluminum Finishing: Black anodized
Clear aperture	14×14mm
Transmitted wavefront distortion	$\lambda/4$ (per one surface)
Angular deviation of beam	<5″
Coating	Both surfaces: Narrowband multi-layer anti-reflection coating (Four surfaces)
Transmittance	> Average 98%
Surface Quality (Scratch-Dig)	20–10

Guide

- Custom-made air spaced broadband guartz waveplates for other wavelengths are also available, contact our Sales Division with you requests.
- Standard thickness of Aluminum frame is 6mm (subject to differ without notice).
- Optical axis is parallel to the edge of 14mm squared plate.

Attention

- These products can be used for the beams which wavelengths are in +/-1% of rated wavelength.
- The surface flatness is the reflected wavefront distortion of the surface before coating.
- Be sure to wear laser safety goggles when checking optical path and adjusting optical axis.



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Polarizers

Part Number Type	Turne	Wavelength Range λ		Laser Damage Threshold*			
	[nm]	λ=400nm	λ =500nm	λ=600nm	λ=700nm	[J/cm ²]	
WPQW-VIS-2M	λ/2	400 – 700	184.6	259.0	300.3	328.9	4
WPQW-VIS-4M	λ/4	400 – 700	92.8	130.0	150.6	164.9	4

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	Part Number Type	Turne	Wavelength Range λ		Theoretical re	Laser Damage Threshold*		
		Type	[nm]	λ =650nm	λ=700nm	λ=750nm	λ=800nm	[J/cm ²]
	WPQW-65/78-2M	λ/2	650 – 780	325.3	352.7	376.9	398.8	7
	WPQW-65/78-4M	λ/4	650 – 780	162.2	175.9	188.0	198.9	7

700 – 1000nm									
Part Number	Туре	Wavelength Range λ [nm]		Theoretical re	Laser Damage Threshold*				
			λ=700nm	λ=800nm	λ=900nm	λ =1000nm	[J/cm ²]		
WPQW-NIR-2M	λ/2	700 – 1000	344.8	402.0	450.4	494.4	7		
WPQW-NIR-4M	λ/4	700 – 1000	172.4	201.0	225.2	247.2	7		

1000 – 1600nm									
Part Number	Туре	Wavelength Range λ		Laser Damage Threshold*					
		[nm]	λ=1000nm	λ=1200nm	λ=1400nm	λ=1600nm	[J/cm ²]		
WPQW-IR-2M	λ/2	1000 – 1600	510.2	595.4	696.3	814.3	7		
WPQW-IR-4M	λ/4	1000 – 1600	255.1	297.7	348.1	407.1	7		

* Laser pulse width 10ns, repetition frequency 20Hz

Catalog Code W3030



Compatible Optic Mounts

PH-30-ARS / SPH-30-ARS