

# Air Spaced Polarizer

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Originally designed to conform to stringent military specifications, SYNOPTICS' Air Spaced Polarizer is now being offered for commercial applications. The Air Spaced Polarizer is an alternative to calcite and Brewster-type polarizers which offers:

- High transmission ( $T_P$ )
- High contrast ratio ( $T_P / T_S$ )
- Excellent damage threshold
- Resistance to temperature / humidity extremes
- Minimal beam deviation
- Wide acceptance angle
- Low wavefront distortion

Air Spaced Polarizers exhibit higher transmission and better damage threshold than calcite polarizers and do not produce the unwanted beam displacement associated with Brewster-type polarizers.

The logical choice for high power polarization needs, SYNOPTICS' Air Spaced Polarizers are presently available for use at 1064, 1053 and 1047 nanometers.

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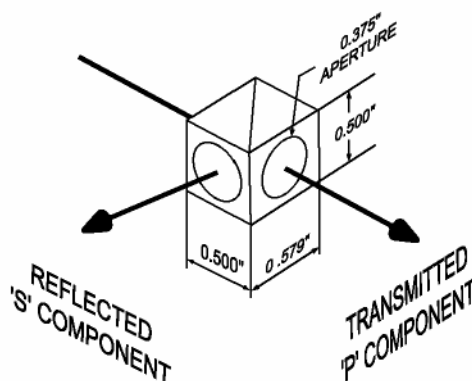
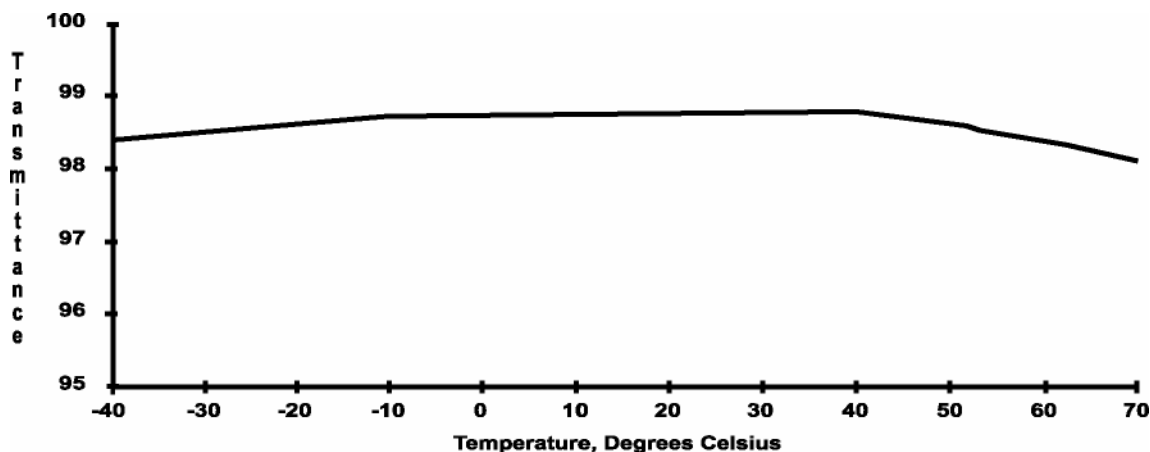
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## Standard Specifications

	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
<b>Polarization transmittance, <math>T_P</math></b>	> 98.0%	> 97.5%	> 97.0%
<b>Contrast ratio, <math>T_P / T_S</math></b>	> 500:1	> 500:1	> 500:1
<b>Damage threshold @ 1064 nm, 20 ns pulse</b>	500 MW / cm <sup>2</sup>	500 MW / cm <sup>2</sup>	300 MW / cm <sup>2</sup>
<b>Transmitted wavefront distortion @ 633 nm</b>	$< 1 / 8 \lambda$	$< 1 / 8 \lambda$	$< 1 / 4 \lambda$
<b>Transmitted beam deviation</b>	$< 2$ arc minutes	$< 3$ arc minutes	$< 3$ arc minutes
<b>Reflected beam deviation</b>	$< 4$ arc minutes	$< 4$ arc minutes	$< 4$ arc minutes
<b>Acceptance angle</b>	$+0.5^\circ$ to $-0.5^\circ$	$+0.5^\circ$ to $-0.5^\circ$	$+0.5^\circ$ to $-0.5^\circ$
<b>Surface quality, scratch-dig</b>	20 - 10	40 - 15	60 - 20
<b>Surface reflectivity</b>	$< 0.15\%$	$< 0.25\%$	$< 0.25\%$
<b>Operating temperature range</b>	$-40^\circ \text{C}$ to $+70^\circ \text{C}$	$-40^\circ \text{C}$ to $+70^\circ \text{C}$	$-40^\circ \text{C}$ to $+70^\circ \text{C}$
<b>Standard wavelength</b>	1064 nm	1064 nm	1064 nm

**P Component Transmittance vs. Temperature**



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