

BBO crystals

BBO is a new ultraviolet frequency doubling crystal.

Features of BBO Crystals:

- Broad phase matchable range from 409.6 nm to 3500 nm;
- Wide transmission region from 190 nm to 3500 nm;
- Large effective second-harmonic-generation (SHG) coefficient about 6 times greater than that of KDP crystal;
- High damage threshold;
- High optical homogeneity with $\delta n \approx 10^{-6}/\text{cm}$;
- Wide temperature-bandwidth of about 55°C.



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Technical parameters

Dimension tolerance	(W±0.1mm)x(H±0.1mm)x(L+0.5/-0.1mm) (L≥2.5mm)(W±0.1mm)x(H±0.1mm)x(L+0.1/-0.1mm) (L<2.5mm)
Clear aperture	central 90% of the diameter No visible scattering paths or centers when inspected by a 50mW green laser
Flatness	less than L/8 @ 633nm
Wavefront distortion	less than L/8 @ 633nm
Chamfer	≤0.2mm x 45°
Chip	≤0.1mm
Scratch/Dig	better than 10/ 5 to MIL-PRF-13830B
Parallelism	≤20 arc seconds
Perpendicularity	≤5 arc minutes
Angle tolerance	≤0.25
Damage threshold[GW/cm ²]	>1 for 1064nm, TEM00, 10ns, 10HZ (polished only) >0.5 for 1064nm, TEM00, 10ns, 10HZ (AR-coated)>0.3 for 532nm, TEM00, 10ns, 10HZ (AR-coated)

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Basic properties	
Crystal Structure	Trigonal, Space Group R3c
Lattice Parameter	a=b=12.532Å,c=12.717Å,Z=6
Melting Point	About 1095°C
Mohs Hardness	4
Density	3.85 g/cm ³
Thermal Expansion Coefficients	$\alpha_{11}=4 \times 10^{-6}/K$; $\alpha_{33}=36 \times 10^{-6}/K$
Thermal Conductivity Coefficients	$\perp c: 1.2 W/m/K$; //c: 1.6W/m/K
Transparency Range	190-3500nm
SHG Phase Matchable Range	409.6-3500nm (Type I) 525-3500nm (Type II)
Thermal-optic Coefficients (°C)	$d\eta/dT = -16.6 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ C$ $d\eta_e/dT = -9.3 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ C$
Absorption Coefficients	<0.1%/cm(at 1064nm) <1%/cm(at 532nm)
Angle Acceptance	0.8mrad·cm (θ , Type I, 1064 SHG) 1.27mrad·cm (θ , Type II, 1064 SHG)

Temperature Acceptance	55°C·cm
Spectral Acceptance	1.1nm·cm
Walk-off Angle	2.7° (Type I 1064 SHG) 3.2° (Type II 1064 SHG)
NLO Coefficients	$d_{eff}(I) = d_{31} \sin \theta + (d_{11} \cos 3\Phi - d_{22} \sin 3\Phi) \cos \theta q$ $d_{eff}(II) = (d_{11} \sin 3\Phi + d_{22} \cos 3\Phi) \cos 2\theta$
Non-vanished NLO susceptibilities	$d_{11} = 5.8 \times d_{36} (KDP)$ $d_{31} = 0.05 \times d_{11}$ $d_{22} < 0.05 \times d_{11}$
Sellmeier Equations(λ in μm)	$n(\lambda) = 2.7359 + 0.01878/(\lambda^2 - 0.01822) - 0.01354\lambda^2$ $n(\lambda) = 2.3753 + 0.01224/(\lambda^2 - 0.01667) - 0.01516\lambda^2$
Electro-optic coefficients	$\gamma_{22} = 2.7 \text{ pm/V}$
Half-wave voltage	7 KV (at 1064 nm, 3x3x20mm ³)

