

Meadowlark Optics LC Variable Retarder, Uncompensated, 1" Dia 450-700nm



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General

Type:

Liquid Crystal Variable Retarder, Uncompensated

Note:

Item supplied with retardance vs voltage performance data. Coaxial cable with mating connector is provided. Controller ([#72-848](#) or [#72-849](#)) required for operation.

Physical & Mechanical Properties

Clear Aperture CA (mm):

9.4

Diameter (mm):

25.40 ±0.13	
Thickness (mm):	
31.24 ±0.13	
Optical Properties	
Coating:	
AR-Coat	
Substrate: □	
Optical Qualitysynthetic fused silica	
Reflection (%):	
≤ 0.5% per surface at 0°deg AOI	
Surface Quality:	
40-20	
Beam Deviation (arcmin):	
≤ 2	
Transmitted Wavefront Distortion (RMS):	
≤ λ/4 @ 632.8nm	
Wavelength Range (nm):	
450 - 700	
Damage Threshold, Reference:	
500 W/cm ² , CW 300 mJ/cm ² , 10 ns, visible	
Retardance Range:	
~30nm to λ/2	
Threading & Mounting	
Mount:	
Anodized Aluminium	
Material Properties	
Retarder Material:	
Nematic Liquid Crystal	
Environmental & Durability Factors	
Operating Temperature (°C):	
0 to 50	
Regulatory Compliance	
Certificate of Conformance:	
View	
Country of Origin:	
United States	
Imported By:	
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Product Details

- Enable Precision Electrical Control of Polarization
- Multiple Options for UV to NIR wavelengths
- Compatible with [Meadowlark Optics Liquid Crystal Controllers](#)

Meadowlark Optics Liquid Crystal Variable Retarders enable precise electrical control of polarization through variation of effective birefringence with applied voltage. This alters the input polarized light to any chosen elliptical, linear, or circular polarization. These retarders are constructed using a birefringent nematic liquid crystal material between optically flat fused silica windows coated with transparent conductive Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) for maximum transmission within a specified wavelength range. Meadowlark Optics Liquid Crystal Variable Retarders are ideal for active polarization control in metrology and medical applications such as stress analysis, pharmaceutical ingredient analysis, and biological microscopy. For uncompensated retarders, there will be a residual retardance of around 30nm at high voltage.

Note: These variable retarders should be electrically driven with an AC waveform with no DC component to prevent ionic buildup which can damage the liquid crystal layer. For control, a 2 kHz square wave of adjustable amplitude is required. The [Meadowlark Liquid Crystal Analog and Digital Controllers](#) ensure the drive requirements are met and are recommended for use.

Meadowlark Optics Liquid Crystal Variable Retarders enable the precision electrical control of polarization through the variation of effective birefringence with applied voltage, altering the input polarized light to any chosen elliptical, linear, or circular polarization. As voltage is increased, retardance is decreased. For uncompensated retarders, there will be a residual retardance of around 30nm at high voltage.

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Each Meadowlark Optics Liquid Crystal Variable Retarder is supplied with retardance vs voltage performance data for the specified wavelength range, and a coaxial cable with mating connector is provided for easy attachment to one to Meadowlark Optics Liquid Crystal Controllers.

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