Bach Research Corporation

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Oration CURRENT CAPABILITIES IN GRATING MANUFACTURING

Outline:

Capabilities

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Facilities Recent Projects

Large Gratings Echelles Grisms Diamond Turning Sample results.

Facilities

- 20,000 sq. ft. facility
- Coating Laboratory: 6 vacuum chambers up to 32" aperture, PVD and electron gun sources
- Diamond Turning: 5 turning lathes up to 36" in diameter
- 6 ruling Engines : Geared for specific types of gratings IR- UV. Curved surfaces (23mm radius to plano.) Variable blazed and VLS gratings



Facilities

- Ruling Laboratory: 6 ruling engines and associated replication facilities
- Metrology Laboratory: AFM, surface roughness, Wavefront testing, efficiency testing (um to nm)



Past Projects











Large Gratings

- Typical Dimensions:
 10² x 10² mm
- Up to 1200mm
- Typical Line Densities:
 10² 10³ /mm

- Efficiency: 80%< % Eff.
- Wavefront:
 λ/10







Mechanically rule vs Diamond Machined gratings

 Burnished material vs Removal of Material.











Echelles & Echelons









Light weighted substrates & replicas





Diamond Turning





Sample results.

OSIRIS



Sample results.

JWST NirSpec









Bach Research Facilities:

20,000 sqft; Office, Manufacturing areas; Coating, Ruling and Diamond turning / Testing areas/ Machine shop/ Clean room and storage.

<u>Coating Laboratory</u>; 6 coating chambers (cryo pumped and diffusion pumped) Material deposited: AU, AL Chromium, Nickel, Rhodium, Platinum, Iridium, Osmium,

<u>Diamond Turning Laboratory:</u> 5 single point diamond turning lathes. 36" plano apertures, curves, spheres. Materials, AL, Cu, ZnSe, Germanium.

<u>Ruling Laboratory:</u> 6 Ruling Engines. Each engine with it's own dedicated temperature controlled room. Ruling engines are geared and sequenced for certain designs of diffraction gratings. Wavelength coverage and groove densities vary; Far IR- Xray. Convex & Concave gratings

Lowest line spacing: 7.2millimeter per line/groove. Highest Linespacing: 7,200 lines per millimeter. Blaze angles: 0.1°- 90° Largest grating manufactured: 10" x 48" AIRs Echelle NASA. Although we do have ruling gines capable of 48"x48" gratings - no customer has approached us with a requirement for that size. Types of gratings: Type 1 Gratings, Reflection and Transmission.

- (1) IR gratings/ High Laser Damage threshold gratings- Course low line density typically under 600 l/ mm and on metal substrates Invar, Cu etc.
- (2) Curved Gratings for Hyperspectral applications Offner/ Dyson gratings. IR- UV Fastest radius ~23mm convex or concave to Plano. Spheres- toroids

Original Gratings and Replicated Gratings:

Once a Master grating is made- we can make hundreds of replica copies from that Master. (example is XXM Newton spacecraft. We replicated 448 3x6" gratings on to SiC substrates for the RGA engineering model &flight model.)

Replicated Gratings: The grating is replicated from a Master/ Original grating into an epoxy film that is over coated with a metallic coating for reflection or dielectric coating for transmission.

Testing Areas: Multiple Lasers, HeNe, HeCd, C02, Air tables. Microscopes, Nomarskis, Interference Microscopes 12" Zygo, Wyko, AFM profilers, Spectrometers, Angstrometers. Some projects require a specific set up to test performance. We negotiate and work with customer if they want to test at Bach or Test at customer.