

Calcite



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Specifications:

Size:	max.30~45mm
Length:	max.25~35mm
Surface Quality:	20/10
Optical Deviation:	<3 arc min
Optical Axis Orientation:	+/-0.5°
Flatness:	< λ/4 @633nm
Wave Front:	< λ/4 @633nm
Coating:	According to custmer request

Physical Properties:

Transparency Range	350~2300nm
Partical Shape	Crystalline rhombihedral
Density	2.7g/cm3
Thermal Expansion Coefficient	Low susceptibility to moisture
Mohs Hardness	3
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Crystal Class	Negative uniaxial with no=na=nb, ne=nc
Refractive index, birefringence(Δ =ne-no) and walk-off angle at 45°C(ρ)	no=1.6557, ne=1.4852 $\Delta n=-0.1705, \rho=6.20@630nm$ no=1.6629, ne=1.4885 $\Delta n=-0.1705, \rho=6.20°@1300nm$
Sellmeier Equation	no2=2.69705+0.0192064/(λ2-0.01820)-0.0151624λ2 ne2=2.18438+0.0087309/(λ2-0.01018)-0.0024411λ2