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Optotune ELM-50-3.5-18-C

Test report

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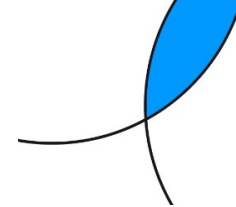
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Summary

- **Working distance (WD) range of 200mm-Inf**
- **Performance close to the Nyquist rate of 2.74 μ m pixel size**
 - Resolution >150 lp/mm for WD range of >300 across the field
 - Resolution >180 lp/mm under certain conditions
- **For short WDs (<300mm) a 5mm spacer is recommended**
- **Very negligible field curvature and distortion**
 - Magnification and resolutions stays constant across the field
- **Very negligible vignetting (<2%)**
- **Resolution degrades (~20%) due to the gravity-coma for horizontal optical axis**
- **Very good polychromatic performance**
 - Performance very similar between white and blue backlights



ELM-35-3.5-18-C Datasheet



Lens module specifications

	EL-12-30-TC-VIS-16D	EL-7-20-TC-VIS-14D	
Effective focal length		46.4	mm
F/# (fixed)	3.5	5.6	
Maximum sensor format		1.1	inch
Maximum image circle (Φ)		18	mm
Lifecycles (10-90% sinusoidal)		>1'000'000'000	cycles
FOV for 1.1" sensor	Diagonal	20.3	°
	Horizontal	14.5	°
	Vertical	14.5	°
Back focal length (BFL)		10.08	mm (in air)
Optical distortion		<2.0	%
Pixel size (recommended)		2.74	μm
Wavelength range		420-900	nm
Relative illumination	>94	>94	%
Max chief ray angle		8.0	°
Working distance (WD) range ¹		200 to inf	mm
Optimal WD		600	mm
WD at 0 dpt		1000	mm
Mount		C-mount	
Filter thread		M55x0.5	
Connector type		Hirose (6 pins)	
Total track length (TTL)		91.1	mm
Dimension (Φ x L)		47.0 x 81.0	mm
Weight		289	g
Operating temperature		-20 to +65	°C
Storage temperature		-40 to +85	°C

Focus tunable lens specifications

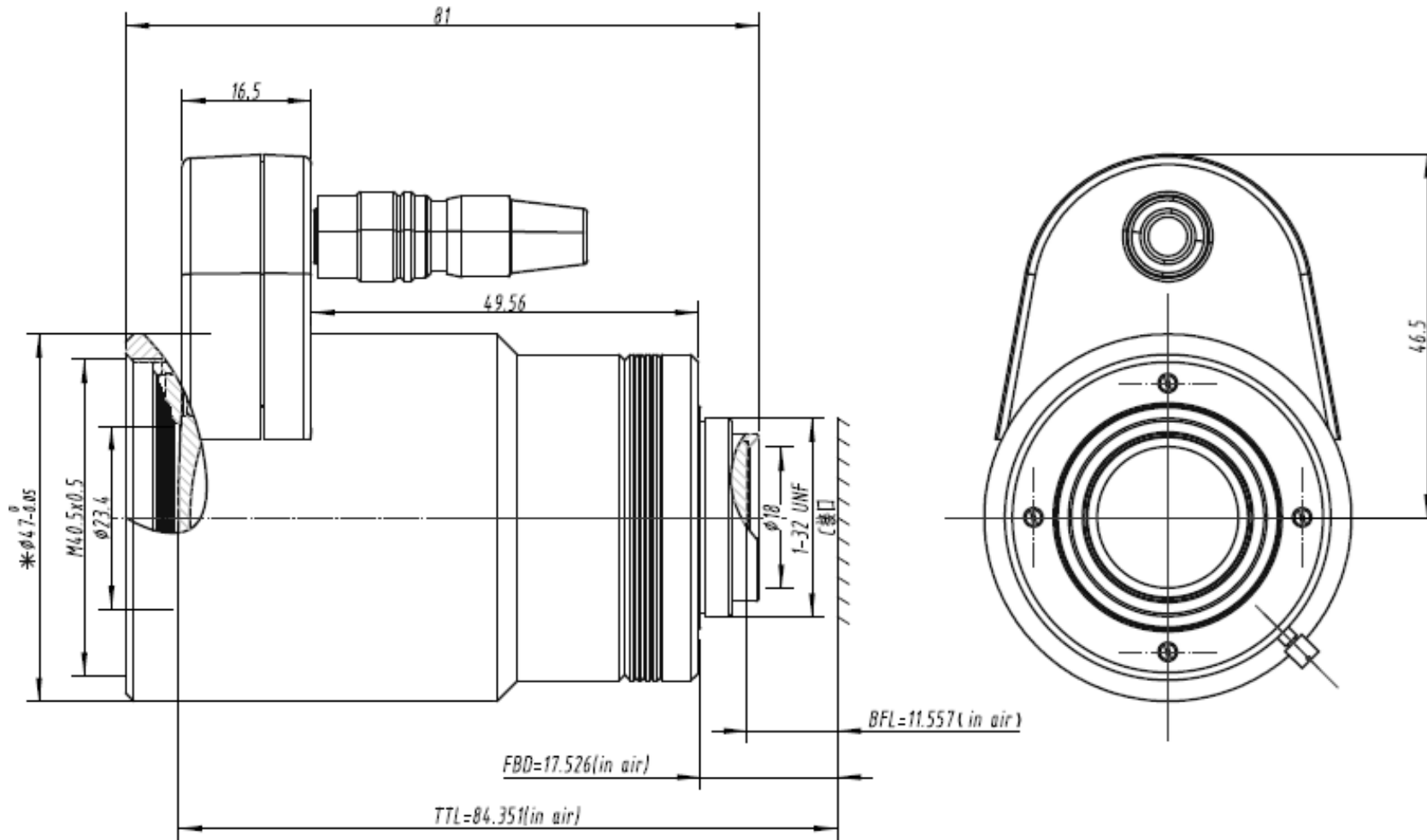
	EL-12-30-TC-VIS-16D	EL-7-20-TC-VIS-14D	
Focal power range (@25°C)	-6 to +10	-6 to +8	dpt
Focal power range for module WD range		-2.0 to 4.2	dpt
Temperature sensor and EEPROM		Yes	
Control current (typical)		-250 to +250	mA
Max. control current		-300 to +300	mA
Motor coil resistance @ 30°C	15	12	Ω
Absolute maximum voltage (coil)	6	6	V

Electrical layout

Hirose connector (HR10G-7R-6PB)	Function	Sensor pins	
Pin 1	Control current +	-	
Pin 2	Control current -	-	
Pin 3	Ground	1-4	
Pin 4	Vcc (3.0-3.7V)	8	
Pin 5	I ² C SCL	6	
Pin 6	I ² C SDA	5	

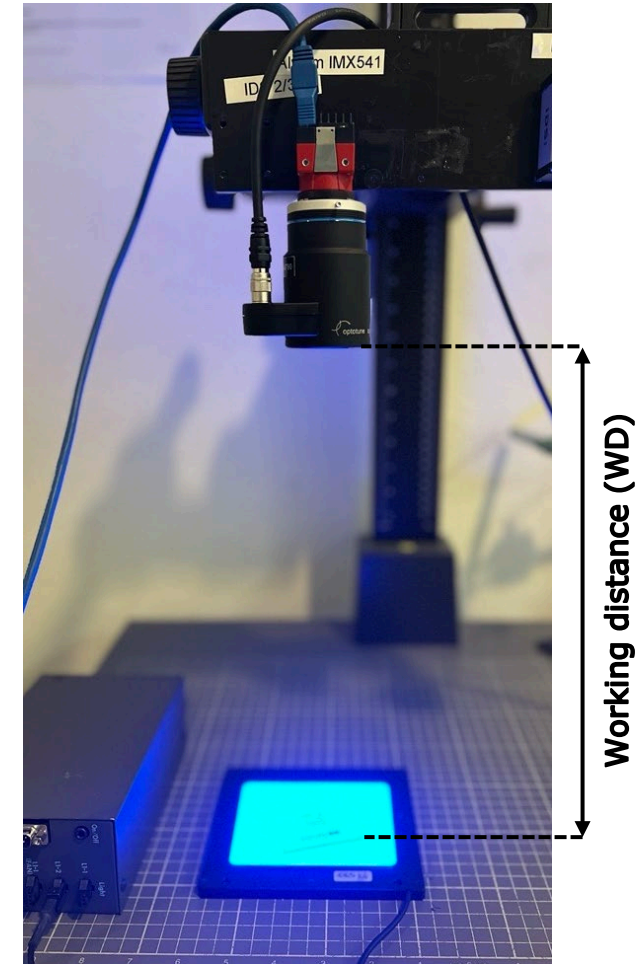
Hirose connector (HR10G-7R-6SB)	Function	Value	
Pin 1	GPIO Trigger	-	
Pin 2	Analog In	0-10V	
Pin 3	UART Tx / I ² C SCL	TTL	
Pin 4	UART Rx / I ² C SDA	TTL	
Pin 5	GND	-	
Pin 6	Vcc	5-24V	

Mechanical drawing



Test Setup

Camera:	Alvium 1800 C-2040 1.1" 4512 x 4512 px Pixel size = 2.74 μ m Nyquist rate = 182 lp/mm C-mount
Lens:	ELM-50-3.5-18-C
Tunable lens:	EL-12-30-TC-VIS-16D SN: CGAJ4790
Orientation:	Vertical Optical Axis
Driver:	ECC-1C SN: CXAB0261, FW: 2.0.741433
Target:	USAF chrome target, positive
Light:	White backlight (LED1-FLS-110x110W) Blue backlight



Field of view with 1.1" sensor

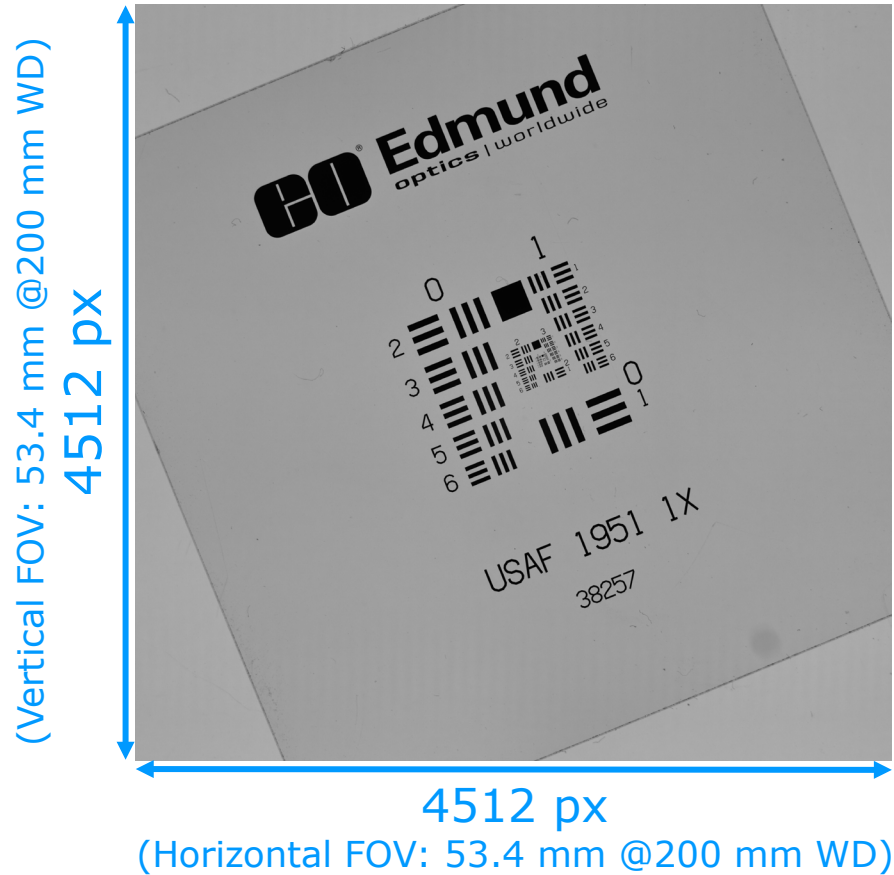
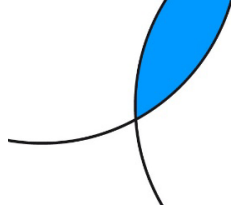
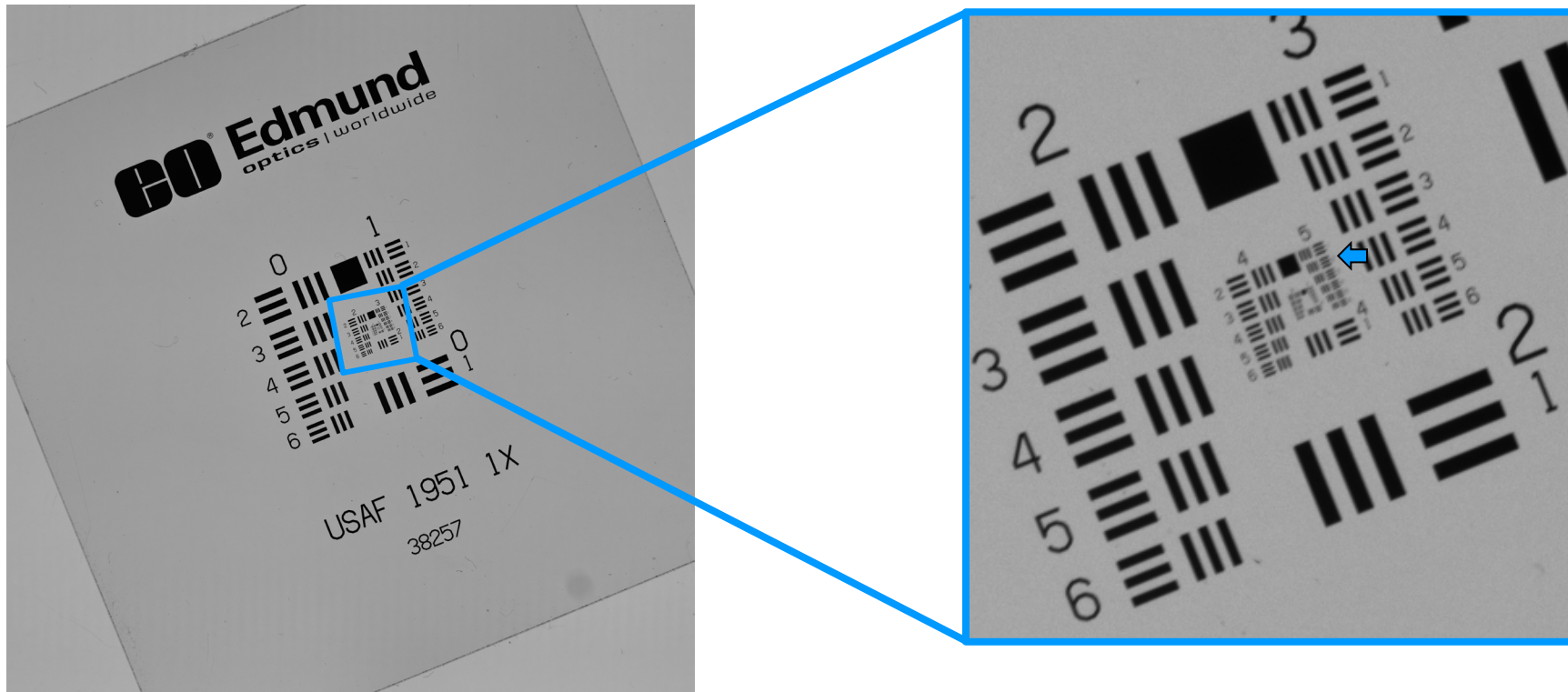


Image size (2.74 μm pixel size):

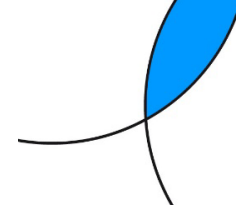
- Width = 12.4 mm
- Height = 12.4 mm
- Diagonal = 17.5 mm

Image evaluation

- All the images are taken at Gain 0, and without gamma correction
- The intensity of illumination is controlled to adjust the histogram of the images
- After acquisition, images are zoomed in to show the resolution-limited element

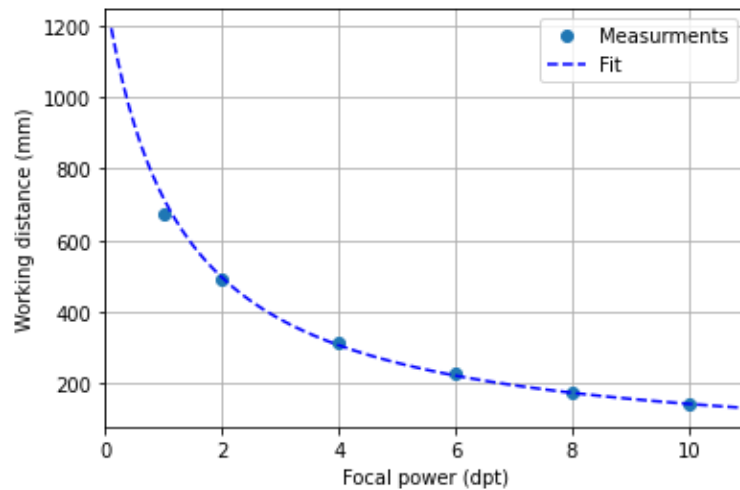


Working distance, Magnification, and MTF

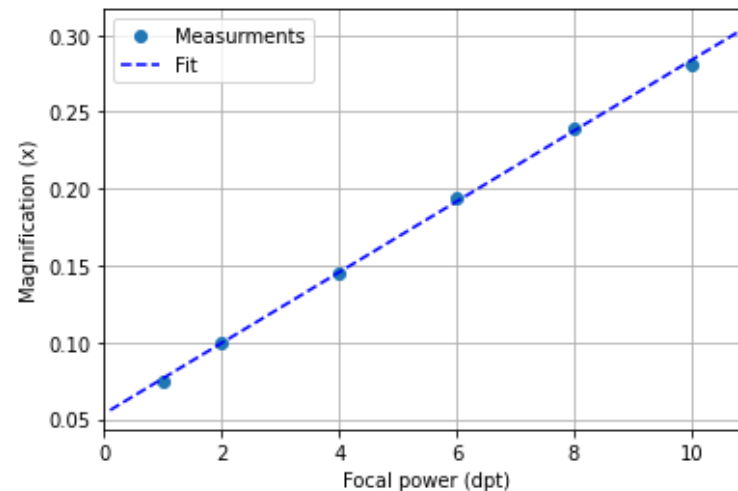


- Magnification and working distance of this ELM is very well aligned with an ento-centric lens

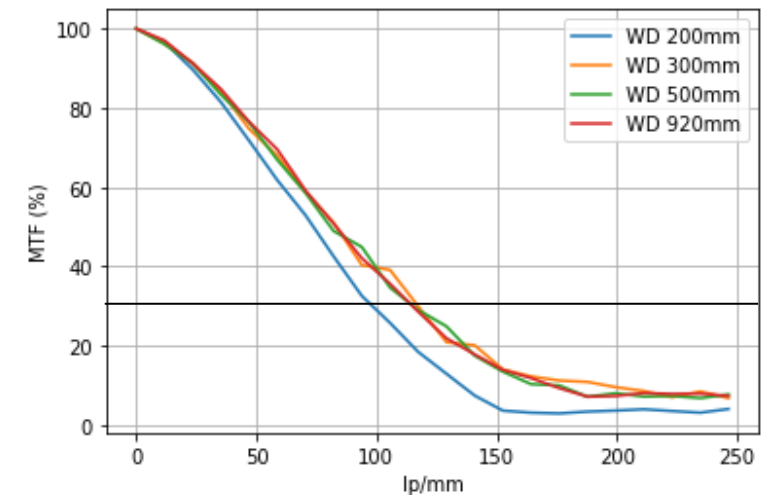
Working distance



Magnification



MTF @ center

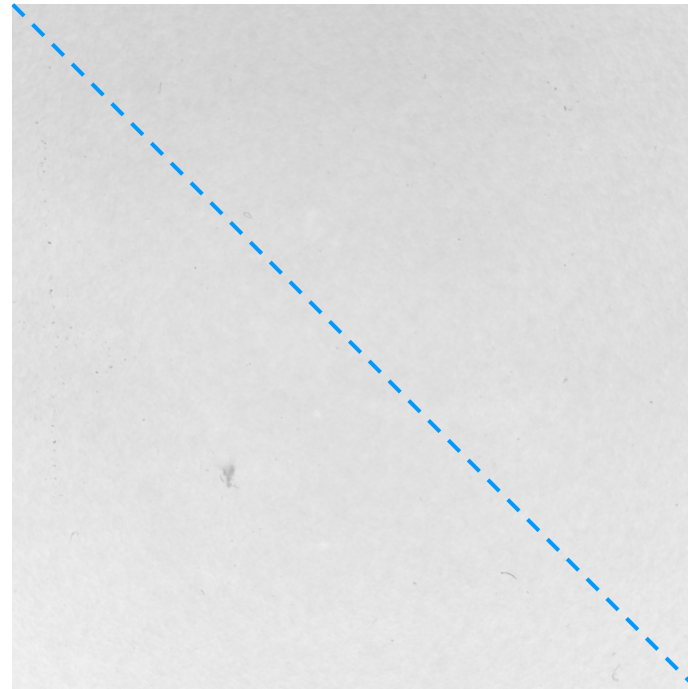


- * Measured with blue LED backlight
- * Magnification measured at the center of the image
- * Slanted-Edge method is used to extract MTF data

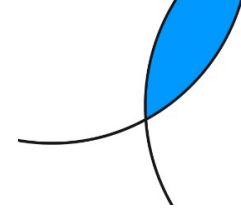
Relative illumination

- Vignetting of this ELM is 0.028EV (1.9%) for 1.1" sensor
- A 5mm spacer is used for the test at 200mm and 300mm
- There is a negligible dependence to the focal power/WD for the vignetting

Image taken at WD 200mm, +3.15dpt



WD 920 mm: +0.18dpt, Blue light Performance is close to Nyquist limit



Camera

Sensor size = 4512 x 4512 px

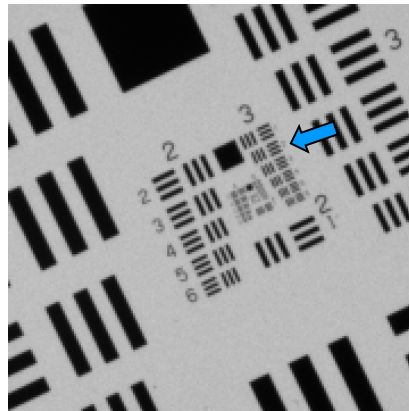
Pixel size = 2.74 μm

Nyquist limit = 182 lp/mm

Light

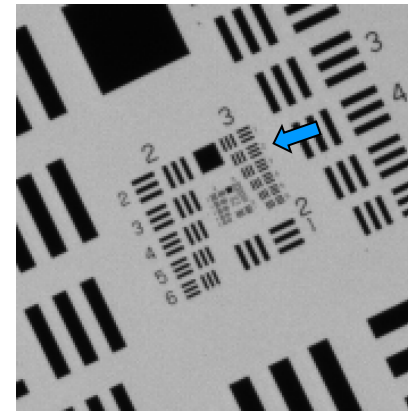
Blue background illumination

Center



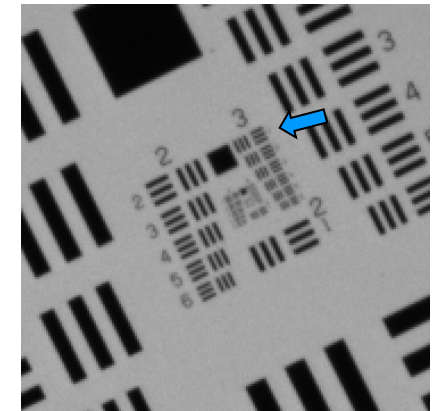
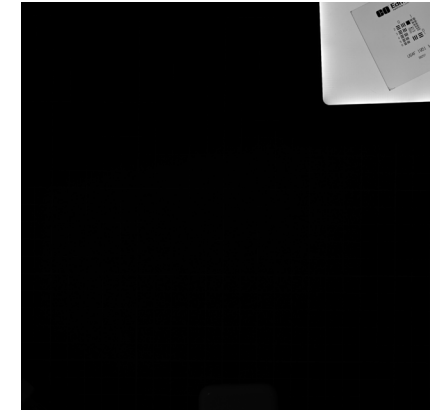
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Line width (μm):	55.68
Lp/mm (object):	9
Magnification:	0.053
Lp/mm (image):	169

Edge



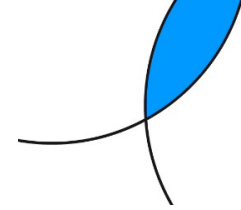
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Magnification:	0.054
Lp/mm (image):	166

Corner



USAF element:	3/1
Line width (μm):	62.5
Lp/mm (object):	8
Magnification:	0.054
Lp/mm (image):	148

WD 500 mm: +1.92dpt, Blue light Performance is close to Nyquist limit



Camera

Sensor size = 4512 x 4512 px

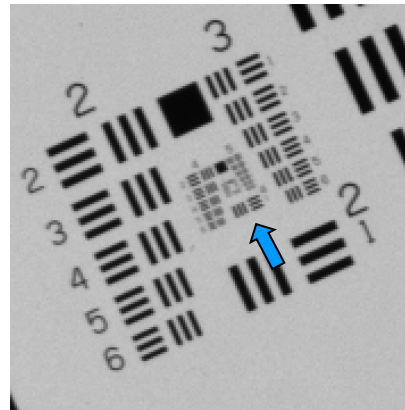
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Light

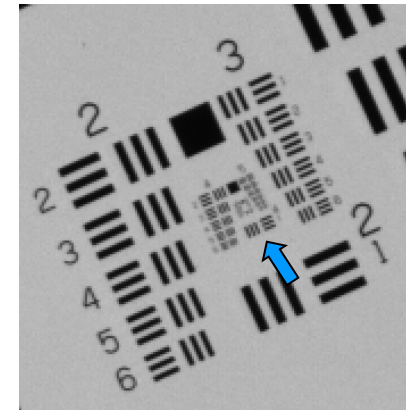
Blue background illumination

Center



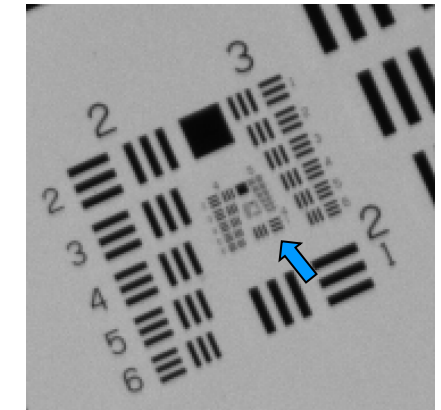
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Edge



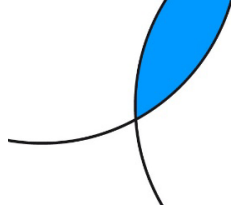
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Lp/mm (image):	170

Corner



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Line width (μm):	31.25
Lp/mm (object):	16
Magnification:	0.094
Lp/mm (image):	170

WD 300 mm: +0.54dpt, 5mm Spacer, Blue light Performance is close to Nyquist limit



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Sensor size = 4512 x 4512 px

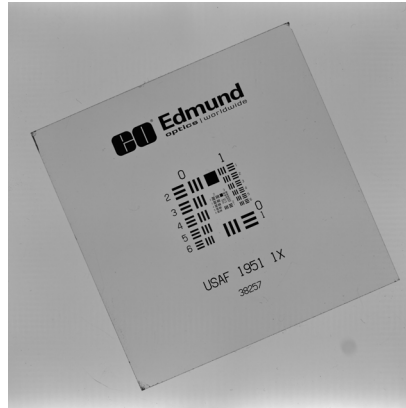
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Light

Blue background illumination

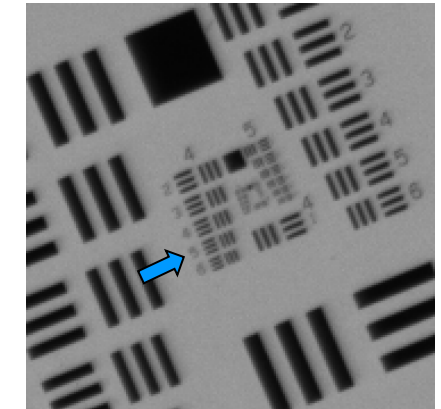
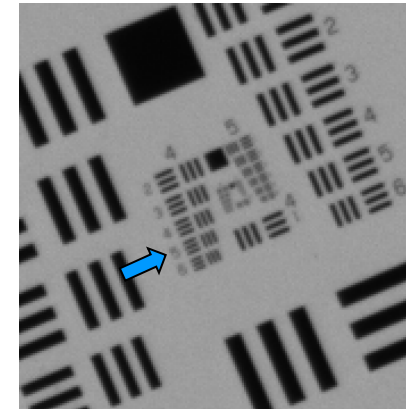
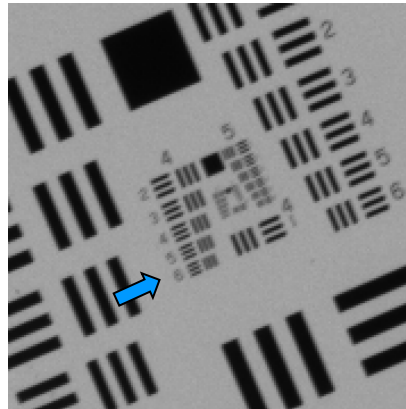
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Edge



Corner

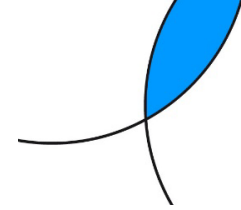


USAF element:	4/6
Line width (μm):	17.54
Lp/mm (object):	29
Magnification:	0.157
Lp/mm (image):	182

USAF element:	4/5
Line width (μm):	19.69
Lp/mm (object):	25
Magnification:	0.158
Lp/mm (image):	161

USAF element:	4/5
Line width (μm):	19.69
Lp/mm (object):	25
Magnification:	0.160
Lp/mm (image):	159

WD 200 mm: +3.09dpt, 5mm Spacer, Blue light Performance is close to Nyquist limit



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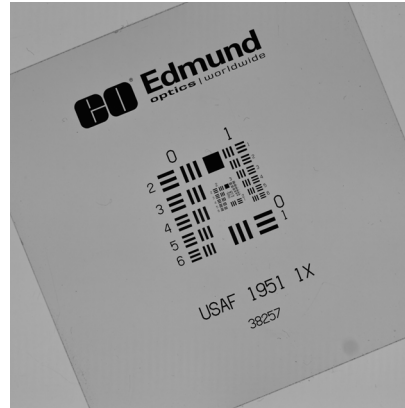
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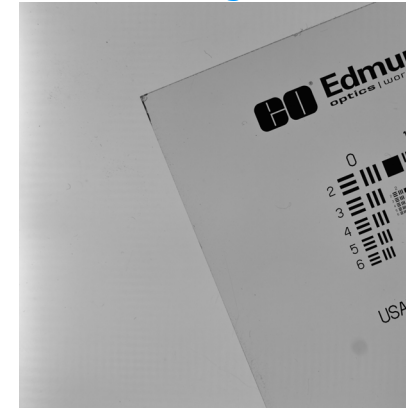
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Blue background illumination

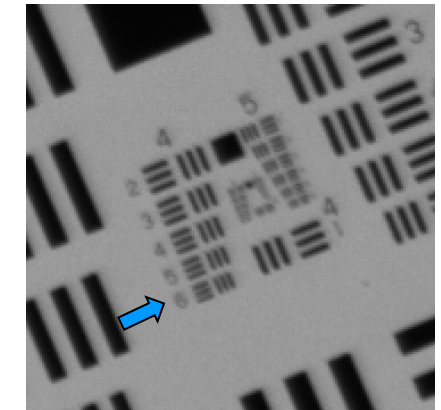
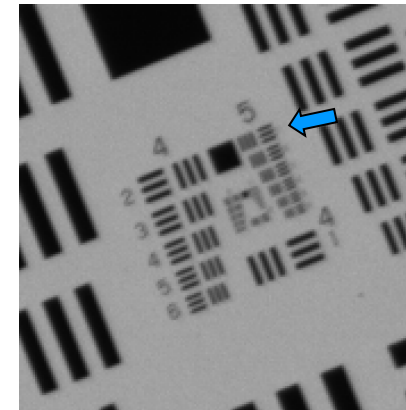
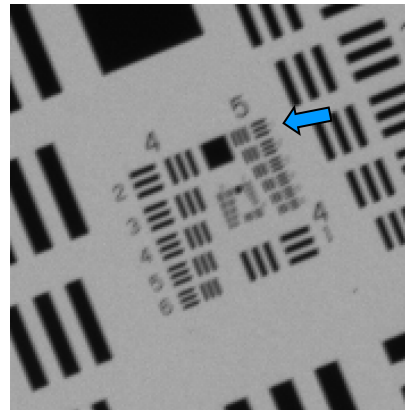
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Edge



Corner



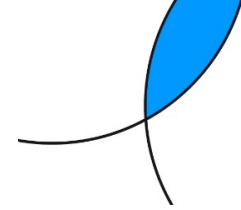
USAF element: 5/1
 Line width (μm): 15.63
 Lp/mm (object): 32
 Magnification: 0.232
Lp/mm (image): 138

5/1
 15.63
 32
 0.235
136

4/6
 17.54
 29
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121

Polychromatic performance: White LED vs. Blue LED

WD 300mm, +0.54dpt, 5mm Spacer



Camera

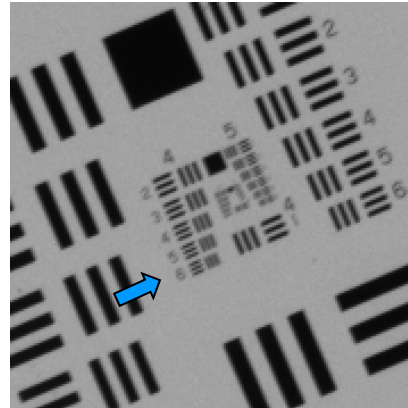
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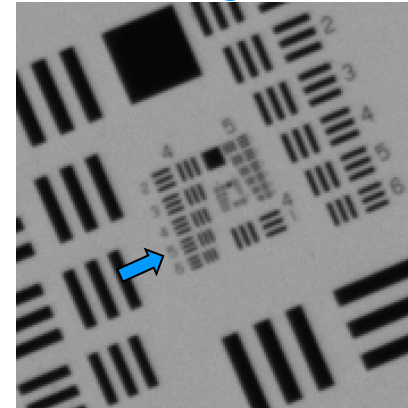
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Center



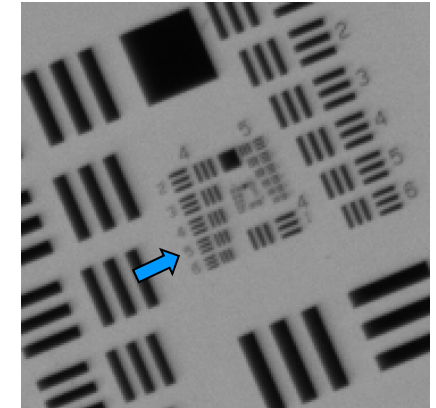
182 LP/mm

Edge



161 LP/mm

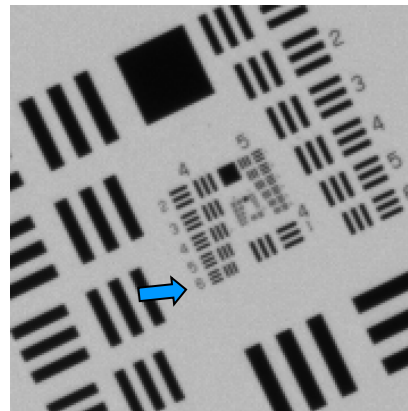
Corner



159 LP/mm

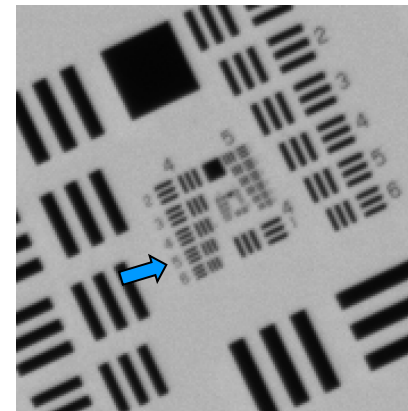
White

Center



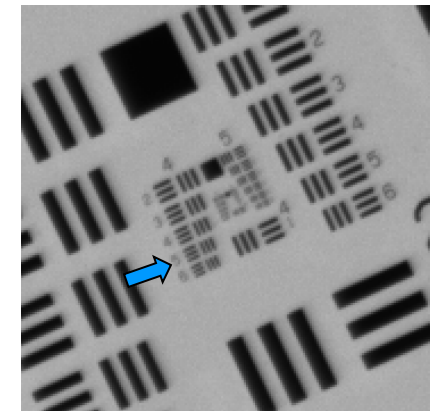
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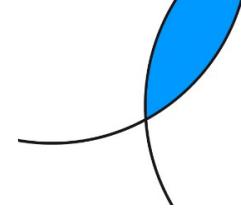
Corner



159 LP/mm

Vertical vs. Horizontal optical axis

WD 300mm, +0.54dpt, 5mm Spacer, White LED



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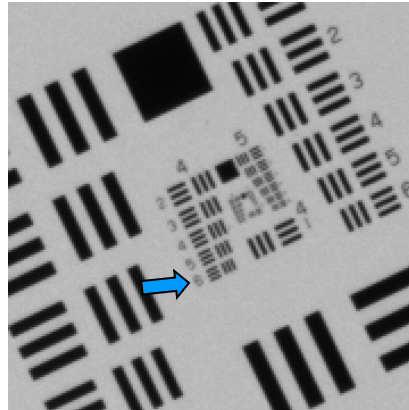
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White background illumination

EL-12-30 Gravity coma: 0.18λ

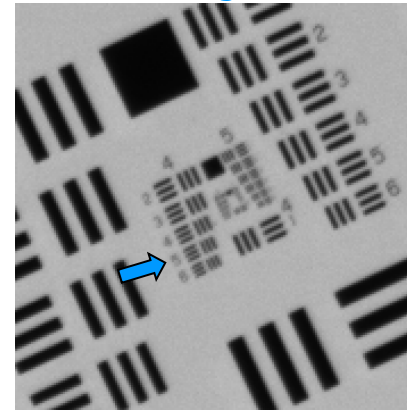
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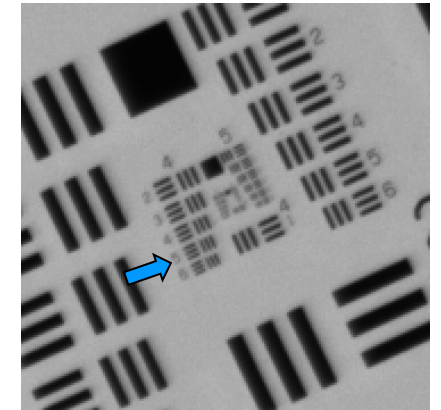
182 LP/mm

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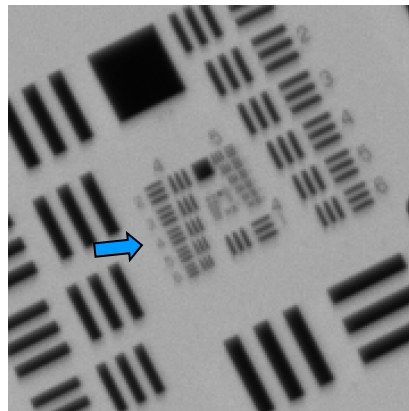
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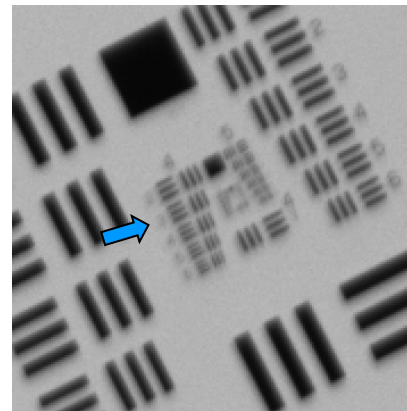


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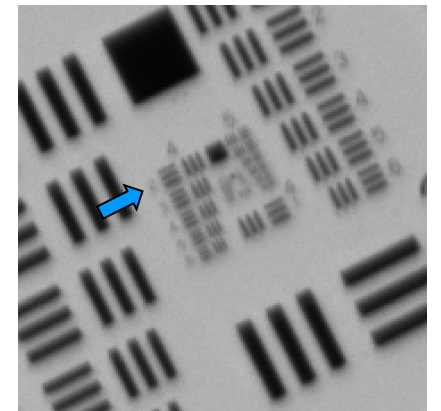
Horizontal OA



144 LP/mm



128 LP/mm



112 LP/mm