

# Adaptable Gratings with Wavefront Transformation Functionality

## **Description**

This device is a deformable substrate with diffraction grating grooves formed on its surface, attached to an opening of a vessel. The grooves are formed using a flat substrate stamp produced using photolithography, mask-less lithography, holography or mechanical ruling. These adaptable gratings can be used for the fine tuning of modern spectrometer systems to achieve better resolution and aberration control.

#### **Features and Benefits**

- A diffractive grating element has the unique ability to change wavefront properties of diffracted or reflected light.
- The pressure within the vessel can be manipulated to achieve variable curvature of the deformable substrate.
- This device is able to optimize imaging or spectra in a particular diffraction order, or imaging of reflective light through wavefront transformation.

### **Applications**

This tool is useful for calibrating telescopes, interferometers and other optical systems.

#### **For More Information**

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