Hind High Vacuum (HHV) is India’s premier thin film and vacuum technology company with over 50 years of expertise in the design and manufacture of high vacuum equipment for research and industrial applications. HHV is a global developer of vacuum coating systems for optical, decorative and functional coatings, astronomical telescope mirror coaters and special purpose vacuum equipment for complex metallurgical applications.

HHV is a leading manufacturer of high precision optical components and thin film coatings. HHV’s products are integral to multiple sectors that include Aerospace, Automotive, Defense and Space.

HHV has multiple manufacturing facilities located in Bengaluru, India and offices located globally. HHV is an ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 and OSHAS 18001:2007 certified company.
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TECHNOLOGY & EXPERTISE

THIN FILM COATING

The Thin Films and Optics Division has a wide range of technical coating and optics capabilities such as:

1. Single and wide band Anti-Reflection coatings
2. High Reflective Metal and Dielectric coatings
3. Beam Splitter coatings
4. Transparent Conductive coatings
5. Short pass, Long pass, Band pass and Notch Filter coatings
6. Custom coatings based on customer requirements

HHV's Thin Films and Optics Division has numerous coating systems with the capability for coating a full range of optical coating materials. Our coating technologies include:

- Ion-Assisted E-Beam Deposition Systems
- Magnetron Sputtering Systems
- Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapour Deposition Systems
- Atomic Layer Deposition Systems
- Resistance Evaporation Systems

PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY LAB

HHV's Photolithography Lab (PLL) develops Thin Film Metallized Circuits on alumina substrates.

The Photolithography Lab produces various types of circuits with multi-layers of metallization for different frequencies.

HHV's PLL is equipped with a laser writer for mask fabrication, UV exposure systems, an etching room containing a chemical wet bench, dicing machines to cut the metallized substrates to required sizes and high-performance microscopes and profile projectors for inspection and measurement of the patterned substrates.

HHV's Photolithography Lab has ISO 7, ISO 8 clean rooms and class 100 laminar flow stations that allow us to achieve resolutions of up to 40 microns.
HHV’s precision Optics Fabrication Lab (OFL) is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and machinery to fabricate high precision optical components for the visible and infrared spectrum.

HHV offers end to end solutions, from substrate manufacture to the thin film coated component, for complex optical system requirements, especially for space and defense departments.

HHV’s OFL is equipped with high quality machines for slitting, trepanning, curve generation, grinding, polishing, centring and edging for spherical and aspherical optics.

Finished products go through rigorous quality checks with equipment such as Zygo interferometers with transmission spheres to measure surface figures up to 1/10th of lambda, Davidson autocollimators to measure surface angles and parallelism to an accuracy of one arc second, and Trioptics spherometers to measure the radius of curvature of various components to an accuracy of one micron.

HHV’s expertise comes from its superior thin film coating ability and knowledge of handling materials like fused silica, zeroDur, optical glass for the visible spectrum and silicon, germanium, zinc sulphide, barium fluoride, calcium fluoride and lithium fluoride materials for the infrared spectrum.

HHV’s new OFL unit develops lenses, flats, prisms and infra-red domes for applications including visible, night vision optics, binoculars, periscopes, astronomical telescopes and defense products.

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

HHV’s Thin Film and Optics R&D team consists of scientists and engineers who are uniquely qualified to provide a variety of application integration services to customers by creating ideal solutions for thin film requirements. Our R&D team is equipped to develop products through our extensive design and manufacturing resources to create products that meet customer needs.

**Design capabilities**

We utilize several software programs including Essential Macleod, TF-Calc and CODE to create coatings with the best possible design, optimisation, and sensitivity.

**Development contracts**

We have worked on multiple development projects for major government organizations such as: ADA, BEL, RCI, DRDL, BARC, ISRO, BELOP and IACS and MNCs such as ITC, GE, L&T, Valeo and TITAN.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

HHV has the ability to perform a wide range of quality tests to ensure products are compliant to customer standards. All our characterization equipment are tested, controlled, calibrated and maintained to meet the requirements of our Quality System.

A list of our characterization equipment follows:
PRODUCT FEATURES
- Substrate: Borosilicate Glass, Quartz, Stainless Steel, Aluminium
- Dimension: Lengths up to 400 mm
- Durability: MIL-C-48497A
- Custom profiles and designs available upon request

APPLICATIONS
- Drying and curing inks for label printing
- Adhesion reduction of semiconductor dicing tape
- Curing optically clear adhesives in LCD panels
- Curing varnishes and paints to process wood
- Curing conformal coatings on electronic components
- Curing adhesives for mobile phone components

We provide end to end services from cutting and bending the substrate to coating and marking the reflectors.
2. UV REFLECTOR
Fibre Optics

UV curing systems utilize UV reflectors to rapidly and evenly cure fibre optic cables, from core to clad, using high intensity light. Glass optical fibre is produced on a multi-story drawing tower where a preform is heated and pulled to thin strands at high speeds. Fibres cured with UV radiation are especially resistant to abrasion and scratches at higher production speeds.

HHV’s fibre optic reflector coatings are carried out through a thin film deposition technique that uses alternate layers of high and low index oxide layers.

The UV cured optical fibre coating is used to close notches that occur during pultrusion. It also prevents cracks and protects and strengthens the optical fibres.

UV paints are applied and cured on optical fibres for colour coding and marking. Vented reflectors are commonly used with microwave powered UV lamp systems that are required to filter ozone out of the system. Based on the configuration and placement of the reflector with respect to the UV lamp source, the reflector can be classified as front or back and act as a hot or cold mirror.

End reflectors include a small hole for holding the UV bulb in the focus position for maximum peak irradiance. The reflectors have precisely shaped geometry to maximise UV light and can directly replace OEM products.

The coatings have high reflectance in the UVA, UVB and UVC regions with high absorbance of IR energy. Our reflectors are available with or without dichroic coatings.

PRODUCT FEATURES
- Substrate: Aluminium
- Dimension: Lengths up to 10 inches
- Durability: MIL-C-48497A
- Custom profiles and designs available upon request

APPLICATIONS
- Curing of optical fibres for telecommunications
- Curing of inks on wire and cable products for colouring
HHV’s IR blocker coatings are deposited on quartz glass substrates and selectively filter ultra-violet energy from the source, while blocking unwanted visible and infra-red energy. IR blockers are used in conjunction with UV reflectors, and the entire system acts as a UV filter. IR blockers are placed in front of a UV lamp source and function as a hot mirror, thus keeping the UV system cool by protecting heat-sensitive materials, lamps and reflectors from ink evaporants. Our IR blocker coatings have thermal stability up to 400 °C and high transmission in the UV range.

**APPLICATIONS**
- UV curing systems for temperature-sensitive materials

**PRODUCT FEATURES**
- Substrate: Quartz
- Dimension: Lengths up to 400 mm
- Thickness: 2 to 3 mm
- Durability: MIL-C-48497A
- Custom profiles and designs available upon request

An optical filter is a device which selectively transmits light of a specific wavelength. HHV offers a broad range of optical coatings that span the UV, visible and IR spectrum.

HHV produces fluorescence filters, narrow band interference filters, flame photometry filters, neutral density filters, short pass filters, long pass filters, band pass filters, notch filters, edge filters and coloured glasses.

The filters are coated with dielectric coatings and can be tailored to transmission and optical density requirements. HHV’s optical filters offer superior hardness and durability.

Our filter coatings can be deposited on a single substrate or multiple substrates and laminated with optical cement to form a single element.

**APPLICATIONS**
- Determination of Sodium and Potassium levels in body fluids
- Determination of Calcium in milk, beer, fruit juice and biological fluids
- Determination of potassium in soil, fertilizers and plant-derived resins
- Fluorescence microscopy
- Biomedical instrumentation
- Lasers

**PRODUCT FEATURES**
- Substrates: BK7, Borofloat, UV Fused Silica, Quartz
- Filters are available in standard wavelengths of 340 nm, 405 nm, 450 nm, 492 nm, 505 nm, 546 nm, 578 nm, 630 nm and 700 nm
- Dimension: Diameter up to 1 inch
- Durability: MIL-STD-810E
- Custom wavelengths can be developed and produced on request
HHV continues to lead the way in technologically advanced laser safety glasses that adhere to international laser safety standards. Laser safety eyewear is designed to reduce hazardous laser eye exposure to safe and permissible levels by providing an optical density (OD) that attenuates the laser that is being used, while allowing enough visible light transmission (VLT) for comfortable visibility.

HHV offers the highest quality laser safety glasses with ODs suitable for most photonics applications. Our coatings cover visible to near-infrared wavelengths. HHV’s thin film laser glasses have multi-layer coatings with high ODs and VLT.

Our laser glasses offer safety against Class 3R, Class 3B and Class 4 lasers.
6. LASER OPTICS

High reflective laser mirrors are used in laser resonators to increase the intensity of the beam. HHV’s multilayer coatings ensure high reflection, durability and high Laser Induced Damage Thresholds (LIDT).

HHV has proven expertise in designing laser mirrors that offer high damage threshold. Beam steering mirrors are used outside the laser cavity and are used to fold the laser beam. These mirrors are mounted at a 45° angle to the beam direction.

Our laser mirror coatings are hard and durable, have achieved more than 99.95% reflectance and can withstand damage thresholds up to 20 J/cm².

Our cavity laser mirrors for diamond cutting achieve more than 99.5% reflectance and can be used in laser cavities that are designed for single line, multi-line or broadband sources.

PRODUCT FEATURES
- Substrate: UV Fused Silica, Quartz, BK7
- Dimension: Diameter from 6 to 50 mm
- Durability: MIL-C-675C
- Custom coating designs are available upon request

APPLICATIONS
- Lasers for diamond cutting
- High reflection mirrors in laser gyros
- Industrial lasers for cutting
- Medical lasers for various operations

Spectral Graphs

Diamond Laser Cutting setup

Laser optics
Night vision technology uses infrared radiation for imaging in a dark environment. The three main classes of night vision technology are NIR, low-light and thermal imaging. NIR imaging uses an infrared illuminator to provide grey-scale images. Low-light imaging uses an image intensifier tube to amplify available light.

Thermal imaging creates an electronic image from an object’s heat signature. HHV offers a variety of coatings for Night Vision Devices (NVD) on silicon and germanium. For applications such as thermal windows, a high efficiency and high durability anti-reflection coating is coupled with a hard and adherent Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC) coating to provide superior properties in terms of transmission and hardness.

Our AR coatings contain no radioactive materials and have a high transmission in the MWIR band for Silicon and LWIR and MWIR bands for Germanium.

The DLC coatings possess high hardness and high transmission in the MWIR band for Silicon and LWIR and MWIR bands for Germanium.
8. PERISCOPE PRISMS

Periscope prisms consist of ITO coated heater plates that are laminated with a prism through an autoclave process for sealing and encapsulation.

A periscope makes use of two triangular prisms to change the direction of light by 90°. The reflective portion of the prism consists of a silver coating that is deposited directly on the prism.

Our reflective coatings are finished with protective paint to prevent it from atmospheric degradation. The entire assembly is bullet-proof and chemically inert.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- Substrate: Radiation-resistant glass
- Dimension: Lengths up to 240 mm
- Durability: Temperatures: -40 °C to +60 °C, Relative humidity of 95%
- Custom prisms can be designed and produced upon request

APPLICATIONS

- Periscopes in submarines for defense
- Periscopes in battle tanks for defense

9. TRANSPARENT HEATERS

Transparent heaters are substrates coated with transparent and electrically conductive ITO coatings. Controlling the sheet resistance of the film and the resistance of the heating element allows us to control the attainable temperature of the heater. The shape or pattern of the resistor circuit can be fine-tuned for optimum performance.

Bus bars are provided at the edge of the heater for integration with an external power source. ITO coatings can be applied on glass, plastics such as acrylic and polycarbonate and flexible substrates such as PET and Kapton which are widely used in flat panel displays, scientific research and LCD / OLED manufacturing processes.

Additionally, ITO coatings can be index-matched (IMITO) along with an anti-reflective coating to reduce reflectance at various interfaces. ITO glasses are laminated and autoclaved for higher strengths.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- Substrate: Glass, Polycarbonate, Acrylic, Kapton, PET
- Dimension: Lengths up to 250 mm
- Durability:
  - Autoclaved heaters: -40 °C to +60 °C, Relative humidity of 95%
  - ITO Coatings on glass and plastic: MIL-STD-810F
- Shapes, profiles and resistance can tailored to customer requirements

APPLICATIONS

- Defogging windows
- Electronic devices
- LCD panels
- Cockpit displays
- Automobile windshields and headlights
- Slides for microscopes
- Camera security systems
HHV’s thin film metallization process is carried out through magnetron sputtering. The deposited metal layers show superior adhesion, structural and electrical properties in comparison to non-vacuum methods.

Metallization schemes that we offer:

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The metallization schemes start with a bonding layer of titanium-tungsten or chromium and a conductive layer of gold or copper on a ceramic substrate. For resistor applications we use tantalum-nitride (TaN) or nickel-chromium (NiCr) layers and for solderable applications nickel or copper is added to the metallization scheme. All the metal layers are deposited in a single cycle without breaking the vacuum process.

The sheet resistance of TaN and NiCr layers can be tuned from 10 to 250 Ω/sq depending on the application.

Subsequent to the metallization, the substrates are patterned in an in-house photolithography facility. We use positive photo resist to produce mask plates. For patterning, the substrates are first coated with a negative photoresist through spin coating and baked.

The patterns are generated using a mask aligner and UV exposure system.

The photoresist is then developed to realize the required pattern. With our in-house direct laser writing facility, we can achieve resolutions of 1 micron on photomasks and our lithography facility is capable of producing patterns with 40 micron linewidths.

**PRODUCT FEATURES**
- Substrate: Alumina, Zirconia
- Dimension: Up to 2*2 inches
- Durability: Qualified for Space applications
- Custom patterns and metallization schemes can be developed and produced on request

**APPLICATIONS**
- RF/Microwave integrated circuits
- Hybrid micro circuits
- SAW devices
- RADAR
- Thin film resistors
- Reticules
11. BLACK ABSORBER COATING

HHV’s black absorber coatings are developed using an optimal design of multiple metal-dielectric layers on stainless steel substrates. These coatings are hard and adherent and have an average reflectance of less than 1% in the visible range. They are widely used in space applications.

These high absorbance coatings provide superior stray light suppression and attenuation, thereby significantly improving signal to noise ratio. Coatings are space worthy.

PRODUCT FEATURES
- Substrate: SS-304, Glass
- Dimension: Diameter up to 200mm
- Durability: MIL-C-675A, MIL-M-13508C
- Custom coating designs developed and produced on request

APPLICATIONS
- Used for light trapping applications in lens housings, light baffles, IR sensors and light detectors

12. EMI SHIELDING COATINGS

EMI shielding coatings are used to eliminate interference of stray electromagnetic rays that can damage sensitive devices and components. Both metallic and transparent coatings can be used for EMI shielding. Commonly used metallic coatings include aluminium, copper and nickel.

HHV specializes in offering EMI shielding coatings on metallized plastic enclosures with complex geometries and can also custom make the coatings based on the required frequency and shielding effectiveness.

HHV also offers transparent EMI shielding coatings on glass and plastic substrates by depositing transparent conducting oxides such as ITO or AZO films that have high transmission in the visible range. Shielding effectiveness of our metallic EMI shielding coating is better than 80 dB for frequencies up to 1 GHz.

Shielding effectiveness of our ITO coatings are in the range of 50 to 60 dB. Index-matched ITO (IMITO) coatings can also be developed for enhanced transmission.

PRODUCT FEATURES
- Substrate: Glass, Plastic
- Dimension: Lengths up to 1 meter
- Durability: MIL-STD-810F
- Custom requirements for resistance and coating thickness upon request

APPLICATIONS
- Smoke and fire sensors for industrial purposes
- Communication equipment and display devices for defense
- Ultrasound sensors for medical equipment
- Cockpit windshield for Aerospace
Zinc Sulphide is used for missile windows due to its broadband optical transparency.

Zinc Sulphide (ZnS) domes are used as impact sensors on seeker missiles. When the missile makes contact with the target, the impact sensor sets off the warhead.

HHV has in-house facilities to fabricate ZnS domes. These domes are coated with a high durability anti-reflection coating suitable for the LWIR and MWIR regions with transmittance of more than 92%.

The coatings are corrosion resistant, have excellent adhesion and coated with a gold band to ensure a resistance of less than 12Ω.

PRODUCT FEATURES
- Substrate: Zinc Sulphide
- Dimension: Diameter up to 200 mm
- Durability: MIL-C-675, MIL-C-48497A
- Custom profiles can be generated upon request

APPLICATIONS
- Seeker missiles for defense

Spectral Graphs

Transmittance: ARC (3-5) on ZnS
Reflectance: ARC (3-5) on ZnS

Transmittance: ARC (8-12) on ZnS
Reflectance: ARC (8-12) on ZnS
CONSUMABLES

HHV offers a wide variety of thin film deposition materials and consumables for high vacuum purposes.

OPTICAL WINDOWS

HHV offers a wide variety of optical windows which are used to allow optical radiation to pass from one environment to another while preventing components of these environments from mixing. Windows or blanks come in Germanium, Silicon, Zinc Sulphide, B270, BK7, Quartz, Sapphire, and UV Fused Silica. We also offer quartz tubes of various diameters and lengths.

SPUTTERING TARGETS

HHV provides high performance sputtering targets in a wide range of materials, sizes and forms. These materials and forms include but are not limited to:

- Target backing plates with customised sizes and configurations can be provided in a wide variety of materials including copper, aluminium, molybdenum and stainless steel.

EVAPORATION MATERIALS

HHV offers a full range of thin film materials and compounds in a variety of shapes and sizes for thin film deposition which includes slugs, pellets and starter sources. These materials and forms include but are not limited to:

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QUARTZ CRYSTALS

We supply a wide range of crystals for thickness measurements and for electron beam evaporation, thermal evaporation and sputtering.

These crystals are available with a gold coating for deposition of low-stress materials such as Au, Al, Ag and Cu and silver coatings for higher-stress materials such as Ni, Cr and Ti.
HHV is an ISO certified company. HHV is also qualified by the Space Applications Centre for its metallization process. HHV's laser optics are certified by international testing agencies for laser damage.
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