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Preface

This comprehensive and cohesive work includes all the relevant data to allow optical engineers worldwide to meet present and upcoming challenges in their day-to-day responsibilities. The thrust of the *Handbook of Optical Engineering* is toward engineering and technology rather than theoretical science.

The book has 26 chapters that cover most but not all topics in optics, beginning with a few chapters describing the principles of optics elements. These are followed by more technical and applied chapters.

All authors prepared their chapters with the following criteria in mind:

Descriptions are restricted to explaining principles, processes, methods, and procedures in a concise and practical way so that the reader can easily apply the topics discussed. Fundamental descriptions and a how-to-do-it approach are emphasized.

Useful formulas are provided wherever possible, along with step-by-step, worked-out examples, as needed, to illustrate applications and clarify calculation methods. Formulas are arranged in the best sequence for use on a computer or calculator.

The book is replete with tables, flow charts, graphs, schematics and line drawings in the tradition of useful reference books and major handbooks. National and ISO standards are included where appropriate, and permitted, in suitable abridgement for useful reference. Overlapping among different chapters has been avoided unless absolutely necessary.

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