PANDA DIRC bar production at Lytkarino – Dubna

Two stage of the PANDA DIRC bar prototypes production:

- 10 short bars (300 mm) from Russian fused silica «KS-4V»
- 4 long bars (900 mm) from fused silica «Spectrosil 2000». Blanks were delivered by Saint Gobain Quartz PLC (now Heraeus Quartz UK Ltd)

Polishing was made at Russian Enterprise "Lytkarino Optical Glass Plant"

Production area





Big polishing machine to treat 6 m optic ware with accuracy ~ 1 nm







Preliminary results (Russian)





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- 1. Results consistent with the specifications
- 2. Shape defect that was detected during the quality control

Fused silica bulk material quality:

Our requirement to

- optical homogeneity of the fused silica bulk material,
- homogeneity of the refractive index in the batch of the fused silica blanks,
- homogeneity of the average dispersion in the batch of the fused silica blanks,
- transmission,
- birefringency category
- bubbles, inclusions, striae etc ...

were defined during negotiation for the St. Gobain contract according with standards, high but possible critical quality performances.

Problem of mutual understanding was facilitated especially because there was kept some experience of collaboration with BaBar

4 bar blanks from Spectrosil 2000 fused silica were delivered by St. Gobain









Physical dimensions specifications:

 The dimensions for all pieces shall be identical to a tolerance of 0.5 mm absolute. In addition, in groups of two bars, the widths shall be identical to 0.05 mm with a goal of 0.025 mm, and the thickness identical to 0.25 mm with a goal of 0.025 mm.

Physical Dimensions

№	<mark>900 ^{+0.000} mm</mark>	<mark>35 ^{+0.000} -0.500</mark> mm	17 ^{+0.000} mm
1	899.5	34.8	16.7
2	899.5	34.8	16.7
3	899.6	34.8	16.7
4	899.6	34.8	16.7

Parallelism and Flatness specifications

- The sides / faces shall be parallel to 0.025 mm.
- The bar faces shall be flat to 0.1 mm max.
- The bar sides shall be flat to 0.025 mm.
- They shall be flat to 0.0025 mm over any 25×25 mm² area.

Parallelism and Flatness

N⁰	35×900 mm	17×900 mm	17×35 mm	Newton rings for Ø30 mm
1	0.03	0.03	0.02	1 ~ 0.275 мкм
2	0.03	0.03	0.02	1 ~ 0.275 мкм
3	0.03	0.03	0.02	1 ~ 0.275 мкм
4	0.03	0.03	0.02	1 ~ 0.275 мкм

Surface quality specifications:

- The surface finish of the sides and faces shall have a surface roughness of 10 Å *rms* or better.
- The surface finish of the ends should have a surface roughness of 20 Å rms.

Roughness measurements

- roughness of specimens-"witnesses" was measured by scanning probe microscope "NTEGRA- Prima"
- the specimens-"witnesses" 10×10×7 mm³, corresponded to differend quartz bar sides and different polishing stages
- for every samples the atomic-force images of 60×60 μm, 30×30 μm, 10×10 μm and 5×5 μm were obtained.



Рис. 3. 2D ACM изображения поверхности образца №1 во второй точке.



Рис. 4. 3D ACM изображения поверхности образца №1 во второй точке.

Surface roughness of specimen №1 in point 2

Scanned area,	Measured surface roughness, nm			
μm	R_{\max}	$R_{\rm mean}$	Ra	R_{q}
60×60 мкм	109.435	8.820	0.492	0.839
30×30 мкм	36.916	8.912	0.432	0.583
10×10 мкм	10.544	8.240	0.361	0.469
5×5 мкм	4.084	2.828	0.268	0.338

Resulting surface roughness and finish (purity).

Nº	35×900 mm, nm	17×900 mm, nm	17×35 mm, nm	Ρ
1	0.472- 0.749	0.790- 0.881	1.510- 0.631	V
2	0.472- 0.749	0.790- 0.881	1.510- 0.631	V
3	0.472- 0.749	0.790- 0.881	0.564- 0.604	V
4	0.472-0.749	0.790- 0.881	0.564- 0.604	V

Squareness

Not measured, but attributed by producer as "ideal". Should to be investigated.

Edges

Look safficiently and sharp, but quite a few chips were damaged due to wrong manipulation when bars were taken off from the polishing table.

- **Surface and Edge Imperfections**
- Bar №1: 2 chips 0.6×0.4×0.1 mm
- Bar №2: 3 chips 1.8×1.0×0.1 mm; 1.4×0.9×0.4 mm; 1.4×0.9×0.4 mm;
- Bar №3: 4 chips 3.0×1.7×0.3 mm; 0.7×0.5×0.3 mm; 3.6×1.8×0.2 mm; 0.5×0.4×0.1 mm
- Bar №1: 1 chip 0.7×0.4×0.2 mm

The end