REFRACTIVE INDEX AND TRANSMITTANCE OF REPRESENTATIVE GLASSES

Typical values of the index of refraction and internal transmittance (fraction of light transmitted through a one centimeter thickness) are tabulated here for selected types of glasses, as well as for synthetic fused (vitreous) silica. Nominal compositions are given in the first part of the table. The second part gives the index of refraction, relative to air, and the internal transmittance for representative samples of each glass at wavelengths in the infrared, visible, and near-ultraviolet regions. It should be emphasized that wide variation of these parameters may be found among subtypes of each glass. More detailed data may be found in Reference 3.

Assuming that the Lambert-Beer Law is followed, the transmittance of a glass plate of thickness *d* (in centimeters) can be obtained by raising the transmittance value in the table to the power *d*.

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Type	Name	Composition in percent by mass									
		SiO_2	B_2O_3	Al_2O_3	Na_2O	K_2O	CaO	BaO	ZnO	PbO	P_2O_5
PK	Phosphate crown		3	10		12	5				70
PSK	Dense phosphate crown		3	5			4	28			60
BK	Borosilicate crown	70	10		8	8	1	3			
K	Crown	74			9	11	6				
ZK	Zinc crown	71			17				12		
BaK	Barium crown	60	3		3	10		19	5		
SK	Dense crown	39	15	5				41			
KF	Crown flint	67		2	16				3	12	
BaLF	Barium light flint	51			6	5		20	14	4	
SSK	Extra dense crown	35	10	5				42	8		
LLF	Extra light flint	63			5	8				24	
BaF	Barium flint	46				8		16	8	22	
LF	Light flint	53			5	8				34	
F	Flint	47			2	7				44	
BaSF	Dense barium flint	43			1	7		11	5	33	
SF	Dense flint	33				5				62	
KzFS	Short flint										
SiO_2	Fused silica	100									

Type	Index of refraction				Transmittance of 1 cm plate			
	1.060 μm	546.1 nm	365.0 nm	312.6 nm	1.060 μm	546.1 nm	365.0 nm	310 nm
PK	1.51519	1.52736	1.54503	1.5574	0.997	0.998	0.987	0.46
PSK	1.54154	1.55440	1.57342	1.5868	0.996	0.998	0.984	0.46
BK	1.50669	1.51872	1.53627	1.5486	0.999	0.998	0.987	0.35
K	1.50091	1.51314	1.53189	1.5454	0.998	0.998	0.988	0.40
ZK	1.52220	1.53534	1.55588	1.5708	0.996	0.998	0.976	0.27
BaK	1.55695	1.57124	1.59407	1.6108	0.998	0.997	0.986	0.28
SK	1.59490	1.60994	1.63398		0.998	0.998	0.959	0.28
KF	1.50586	1.51978	1.54251	1.5600	0.998	0.996	0.989	0.49
BaLF	1.57579	1.59166	1.61804		0.996	0.998	0.933	0.010
SSK	1.60402	1.61993	1.64595		0.999	0.998	0.915	0.010
LaK	1.69710	1.71616	1.74573		0.999	0.998	0.882	0.17
LLF	1.52775	1.54344	1.57038		0.998	0.997	0.990	0.32
BaF	1.56873	1.58565	1.61524		0.999	0.997	0.992	0.004
LF	1.56594	1.58482	1.61926		0.999	0.998	0.981	0.008
F	1.58636	1.60718	1.64606		0.997	0.998	0.959	
BaSF	1.60889	1.62987	1.66926		0.999	0.998	0.857	
SF	1.71350	1.74620	1.8145		0.998	0.997	0.650	
KzFS	1.59680	1.61639	1.64849	1.6739		0.998	0.672	0.012
SiO_2	1.44968	1.46008	1.47435[a]	1.53430[b]				

[a] At 366.3 nm.
[b] At 213.9 nm.