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**NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT
HOLOGRAPHIC WIRE GRID POLARIZERS**

***HOLOGRAPHIC POLARIZERS YIELD HIGH TRANSMISSION AND EXTINCTION RATIOS
FOR INFRARED APPLICATIONS***

Ayer, Massachusetts, 31 October 2000 —Optometrics USA, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of Infrared Polarizers on a variety of substrates including: Calcium Fluoride, Barium Fluoride, Zinc Selenide and KRS-5.

Fabricated in Optometrics' Holographic Laboratory, the polarizers have 2400 grooves per mm and can be used in applications requiring performance beyond 30 microns (using KRS-5). These products are characterized by an extended infrared range, high transmission and high extinction ratios.

Coupled with the existing line of ruled wire grid polarizers on Calcium Fluoride and Zinc Selenide, Optometrics can offer customers polarizers with a balance of optical characteristics, power ratings and cost.

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