



A portable, fast and accurate beam alignment system

- Versatile: Measures both Beam Position (over area up to 9mm diameter), Angle (up to 180 mRad) and Power (from 10 μW to 5 mW without filters)
- Precise: Down to 0.1 µm resolution & 50 Hz digital filter, ±15µm absolute accuracy for the Position sensor, and down to 0.005 mRad resolution, ±0.125 mRad accuracy for the Angle sensor
- Convenient: USB2.0 interface, detectors and software work with any Notebook/Desktop under Win XP/7 (32 & 64 bit)
- Easy to use: User-friendly software, complete on-line Help routine

Key Features

- Power input through USB2.0 port
- New hardware having 24 bit A/D
- Convenient automatic Gain setting
- Simultaneous operation of Position and Angle sensors
- ActiveX package for integration in user application program
- Multiple device operation available
- Data streaming via RS232, direct data logging to Excel files
- Real time display of Position, Angle and Power measurements



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— Measurement Specifications

Each AlignMeter head is composed of two PSD's, beam splitter and lens assembly.

PSD size (two optionals)	9mmX9mm	4mmX4mm
Туре	Dual-axis Si resin, no glass cover	Dual-axis Si resin, no glass cover
Usable beam size range	50µm to Ø8mm	50µm to Ø3mm
Update rate	Max 150 Hz at 500 Hz digital filter	Max 150 Hz at 500 Hz digital filter
Spectral range	350 – 1100nm	350 – 1100nm
Position measurement range	8mm diameter circle max. centered on the PSD	3mm diameter circle max. centered on the PSD
Power range	$10 \ \mu W - 10 \ mW$ with attenuating ND filters	$10\;\mu W-10\;m W$ with attenuating ND filters
Power accuracy (*)	±5%	±5%
Lens type	Plano convex achromat, A/R coated	Plano convex achromat, A/R coated
Beam splitter	50:50 A:R coated, non-polarized	50:50 A:R coated, non-polarized
Temperature range	0°c to 35°c	0°c to 35°c
Optional accessories	ND filters (See Optional Accessories on page 4)	ND filters (See Optional Accessories on page 4)
	Hood for ambient light obstruction	Hood for ambient light obstruction
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(*) To maintain full calibration accuracy, attenuating optical filters (ND) may be necessary for operation with beams greater than 1 mW per PSD (the total of 2.5mW per assembled head. Saturating "non-linear" effects depend on the beam size, type and wavelength.

There are 2 main models with variation in lens focal length:



AlignMeter-100 (Standard configuration)



Lens focal length Position resolution

Position accuracy Angle measurement range Angle resolution Angle accuracy Weight

100mm Down to 0.1 μ m at 50 Hz digital filter with averaging on

with averaging on $\pm 15 \ \mu\text{m} \ \text{edge-to-edge}$ ($\pm 8 \ \mu\text{m}$) $80 \ \text{mRad}$ ($40 \ \text{mRad}$) $0.01 \ \text{mRad}$ ($0.006 \ \text{mRad}$) $0.25 \ \text{mRad} \ \text{edge-to-edge}$ ($0.15 \ \text{mRad}$) $180 \ \text{gr. Excluding cables}$

Note: All values (in parentheses) refer to 4x4 mm PSD version



Bandwidth Vs. Resolution



The digital filter controls the bandwidth of the detector's response, where lower digital filter attenuates the system noise and increases system's resolution. Change digital filter via Position Setup, Hardware Tab, Digital Filter function.





Software Presentations

Position



Real time display of X,Y beam centroid.

Main features: set relative center, perform zooming, alarm setting, average.





Real time measurements of beam angular deviations.

Main features: set relative center, perform zooming, alarm setting, average.

Digital

Power

0.25

mW

0.335

Setup

Filter



Display position or angle as large digits easily seen from a long work distance.



Display changes in the X,Y position, or in the X,Y angle versus time, with autoscaling and saving options.

Power Plot

Chart



Display changes in Power versus time, for the Position sensor or for the Angle sensor, with autoscaling and saving options.

– Main Software Features

Display power with analog and digital

Main Features: change measuring units,

suppression. Power is displayed for each

load a filter file, perform ambient light

- Real time display of Position, Angle and Power
- Simultaneous presentations of Position, Power, Plot and Chart modes
- Data streaming via RS232 or TCP/IP
- Multiple systems operation

displays.

PSD.

Direct data logging to Excel files

Main Applications



1. Alignment monitoring

Using the AlignMeter system it is possible to test the drift, centration, alignement of the beam relative to the outer housing or tube. The beam power fluctuations are also monitored. Using the Position and Angle screens simultaneously it is easy to track the beam, while the Chart functions record and save the characteristics over time.

- 3. Alignment of articulated arms
- 4. Alignment of lasers and laser tubes
- 5. Alignment of laser systems for wafer inspection



2. Examining errors in slideways

The AlignMeter can measure tolerances and errors in mechanical devices with high precision. An AlignMeter head is rigidly mounted perpendicular to a traveling carriage, and a laser is aligned towards the detector to define a straight optical path. As the carriage moves along the slideways the AlignMeter measures changes in beam position and angle in two axes perpendicular to the direction of motion. Any changes in the position and angle readings will indicate deformities in the rails, play in the bearings, or both.

Hardware Requirements

Pentium 4, 2.4GHz and above with 512MB RAM, 15MB HDD free, one CD ROM, VGA 8MB 1024X768 resolution, 16 bit, one USB2.0 socket, Windows XP/7

- Ordering Information

Complete system including a manifold box, USB2.0 cable, measuring head, software and user manual on CD, carrying case.

ALIGN-USB-50 :	Measuring head with focal length f=50mm
ALIGN-USB-100:	Measuring head with focal length f=100mm (Standard configuration)

- Optional Accessories

ALIGN-FLT-NG4 :	NG4 filter in housing
ALIGN-FLT-NG9 :	NG9 filter in housing
ALIGN-FLT-NG10 :	NG10 filter in housing
ALIGN-Hood :	55mm long, for ambient





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