A photograph of a glass substrate with a grid of micro-drilled holes. The text 'DR Laser' is etched onto the surface. A hand in a blue glove is holding the substrate from the left side.

Laser Accelerated Chemical Etching (LACE)

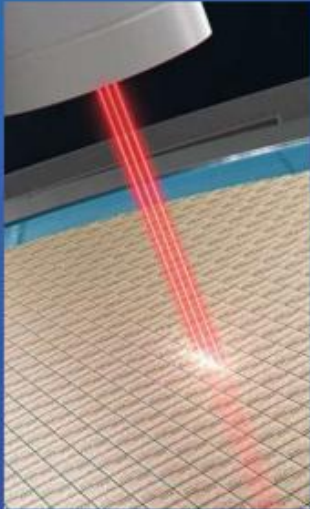
DR Laser Equipment Solution for Through-Glass Via (TGV) Micro-drilling

LACE Technology

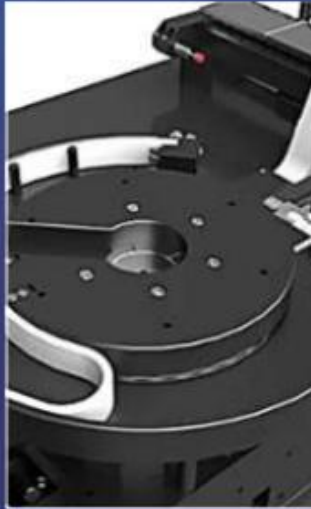
DR Laser

DR Laser has developed our **LACE** technology to meet the needs of Through-Glass Via (TGV) fabrication. The **Laser Accelerated Controlled Etching technology** is a two-step process:

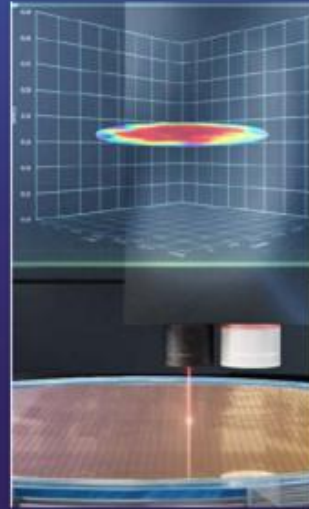
- 1 A customized laser is used to induce the phase-change of glass material properties based on design requirements. This enables specific regions to exhibit accelerated chemical etching efficiencies.
- 2 The entire glass undergoes a wet etching process to complete the controlled formation of precise and high-quality TGVs.



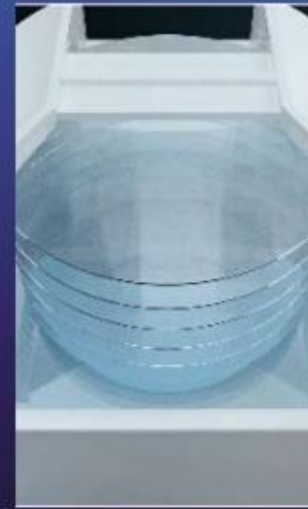
Strong expertise in the bespoke integration of customised laser, using in-house developed optics to create designs based on the customer's choice of glass material.



The specially ordered high-precision XY platform is designed to support the fast, precise, and efficient processing of glass wafers and panels.



The automatic focusing function adapts to substrate surface and height changes during moving, ensuring the processing effect of the product's modified layer.



Wet chemical etching is available in the single-chamber or multi-tank models. The design is made to fulfil the needs of actual manufacturing conditions.



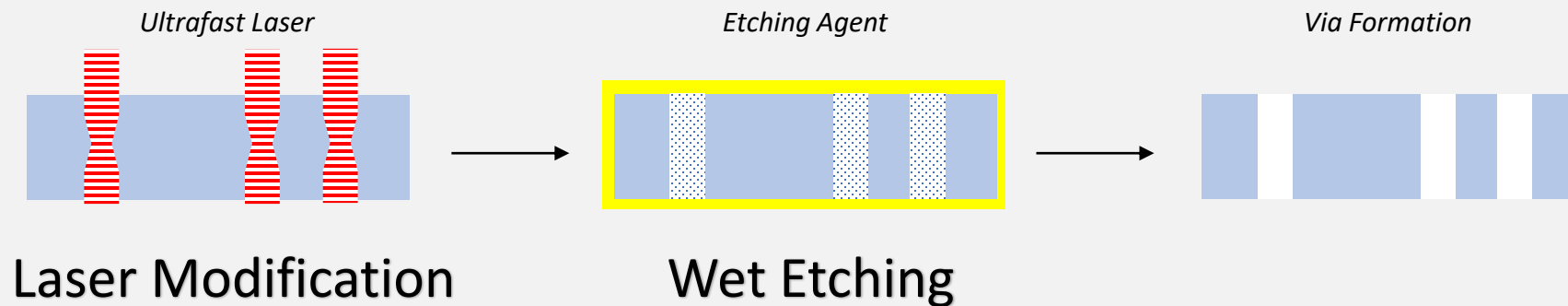
The DR laser proprietary software algorithm is developed to plot efficient laser processing paths, enabling it to handle complex designs.



Automated loading and unloading of cassette enables the seamless transfer of glass material during the laser and etching process.

DR Laser – TGV micro drilling solution

Working principle



This is a two-step subtractive fabrication process: (1) Laser Modification, followed by (2) Wet Etching.

(1) An ultrafast laser *bessel beam* is used to induce the phase-change of glass material properties within designated regions.

(2) The entire glass undergoes a wet etching process. The regions that received laser treatment are etched faster than surrounding areas, thereby completing the controlled formation of precise and high-quality micro-vias.

DR Laser – TGV micro drilling solution

Product development

Year 2019 – Glass micro via drilling R&D project was established.

Year 2020 – Prototype equipment was developed based on laser modification and wet etching techniques.

Year 2021 – Wafer-level TGV processing solution achieved successful applications.

Year 2022 – Developed 1st generation Wafer-level TGV processing equipment.

Year 2023 – Launched *ThruGlas* product line based on in-house *LACE* technology.

Year 2024 – Developed 2nd generation Panel-level TGV processing equipment.

Year 2025 – Currently developing 3rd generation TGV processing equipment for semiconductor applications.

Track Record

Year 2022 – Sale of Wafer-level TGV processing equipment (non-semiconductor customer).

Year 2023 – Sale of Wafer-level TGV processing equipment (semiconductor customer).

Year 2024 – Sale of Panel-level TGV processing equipment in Mainland China.

Year 2025 – Received order for Panel-level TGV processing equipment in Taiwan. (Ship-out date: July 2025)

Product Lineup: ThruGlas series

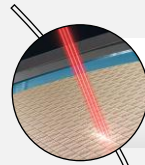
Processing equipment for the TGV micro-drilling applications

<p>Wafer-level (300x300mm, up to 12-inch)</p>	<p>ThruGlas LA-300</p> 	<p>ThruGlas CE-300</p> 	<p>ThruGlas INS-300</p> 	<p>Core Specifications</p> <p>@300 mm range, 800 mm/s speed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning accuracy: $\leq \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$ • Repeatability: $\leq \pm 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ • Pattern placement accuracy: $\leq \pm 3 \mu\text{m}$
<p>Panel-level (510x515mm, up to 650x750mm)</p>	<p>ThruGlas LA-510</p> 	<p>ThruGlas CE-510</p> 	<p>ThruGlas INS-510</p> 	<p>Core Specifications</p> <p>@600 mm range, 1000 mm/s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning accuracy: $\leq \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$ • Repeatability: $\leq \pm 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ • Pattern placement accuracy: $\leq \pm 5 \mu\text{m}$ <p>@300 mm range, 800 mm/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning accuracy: $\leq \pm 1 \mu\text{m}$ • Repeatability: $\leq \pm 0.75 \mu\text{m}$ • Pattern placement accuracy: $\leq \pm 3 \mu\text{m}$

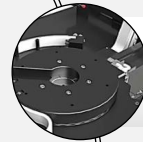
Wafer-level, Laser modification



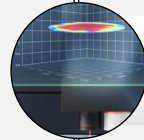
ThruGlas LA-300



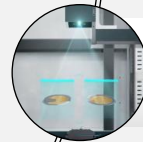
Fully customized laser optical system is designed to be suitable for a wide variety of glass materials, with stable and reliable processing effects.



High-precision platform tracks motion in real-time using fast-response control module, to enable accurate and efficient glass processing.



DR Laser developed software with thoughtful UI/UX considerations to provide a user-friendly human-machine interface in both English & Chinese operation.



Multiple vision alignment modes can be employed, such as based on unique marks, or material contours.



Custom configuration is available. Please consult our R&D team for discussion.

ThruGlas LA-300 (Wafer-level, Laser modification)



■ Specifications

Laser source	Customised Ultrafast Laser	Footprint	2800 (L) *2300 (W) *2300 (H)
Substrate size	4~12" wafer & panel	Weight	≤5tons
Substrate thickness	0.1~1.1mm	Drawing file format	DXF
Loading / Unloading	4~12" (cassette) automated	Repeatability	≤±1um
Processing Method	Fixed laser + High-precision mechanical platform	Positional Accuracy	≤±2um
Processing Speed	800mm/s	Variation (from drawing)	≤±3um across 300mm area

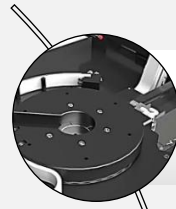
■ Operation Flow



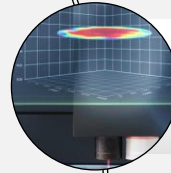
Wafer-level, Wet etching



ThruGlas CE-300



Multi-rinsing removes impurity to ensure maximum material cleaning, leading to enhanced uniformity of micro-hole fabrication effects.



DR Laser developed software with thoughtful UI/UX considerations to provide a user-friendly human-machine interface in both English & Chinese operation.



Chemical formulation is developed based on DR Laser's LACE technology to optimise etching efficacy for different glass materials.



Custom configuration is available. Please consult our R&D team for discussion.

ThruGlas CE-300 (Wafer-level, Wet etching)



■ Specifications

Substrate material	Quartz/Schott BF33/AF32/Corning/others	Footprint	6000 (L) *2000 (W) *2200 (H) (Customisable based on request)
Substrate size	4~12" Wafer / Panel	Pass-line	1000±20mm
Substrate thickness	0.1~1.1mm	Electrical	3-phase 380V 50HZ
Loading / Unloading	4~12" Cassette, Automated	Waste discharge	Can be connected to facilities, or stored in tanks independently
Main build	High Strength SUS304 Frame Acid & Alkali Resistant PP cover	Discharge / Refill	Automatic mode available
Operation mode	Semi-automatic; up to 1000 sets of recipe	Material transfer	XYZ-axis mechanical arm module
Etching chamber	Circulation, overflow, automatic refilling (at low fluid level)	Rinsing module	QDR: top-spray, base water submerge
Wetting module	Ultrasonic + Vacuum + Overflow	FR Module	80/120KHz, adjustable power

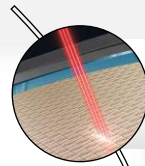
■ Operation Flow



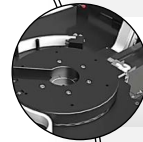
Panel-level, Laser modification



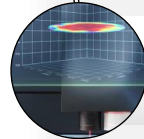
ThruGlas LA-510



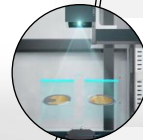
Fully customized laser optical system is designed to be suitable for a wide variety of glass materials, with stable and reliable processing effects.



Specially designed large high-precision platform tracks motion in real-time using fast-response control module, to enable accurate and efficient glass processing.



DR Laser developed software with thoughtful UI/UX considerations to provide a user-friendly human-machine interface in both English & Chinese operation.



Multiple vision alignment modes can be employed, such as based on unique marks, or material contours.



Custom configuration is available. Please consult our R&D team for discussion.

ThruGlas LA-510 (Panel-level, Laser modification)



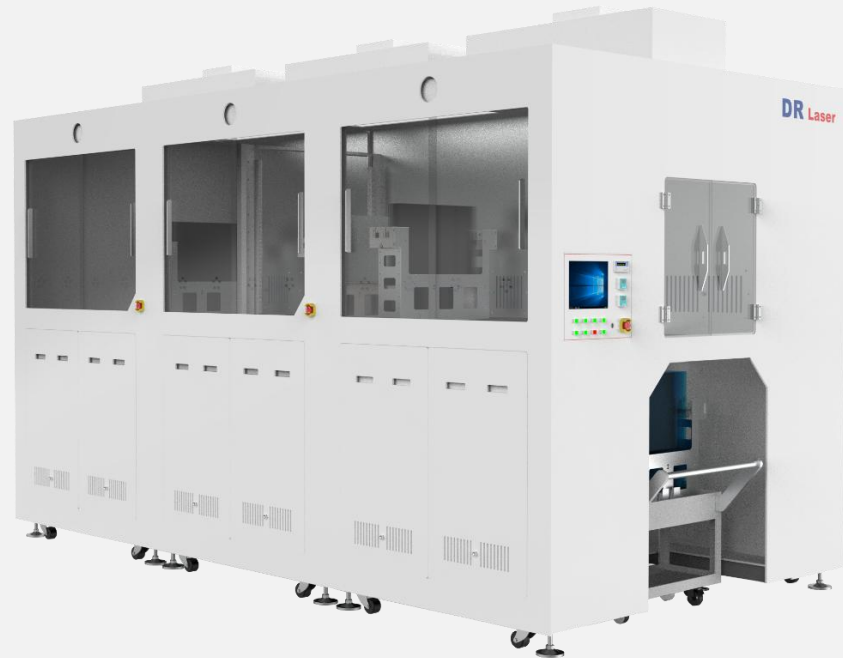
■ Specifications

Laser source	Customised ultrafast laser	Footprint	3700 (L) *2500 (W) *2300 (H)
Substrate size	< 650x650mm	Weight	≤10tons
Substrate thickness	0.1~1.1mm	Drawing file format	DXF
Loading / Unloading	Mechanical arm / FOUP	Repeatability	≤±1.5um
Processing Method	Laser + High-precision mechanical platform	Accuracy	≤±3um
Processing Speed	1000mm/s	Variation (from drawing)	≤±3um across 300mm area ≤±5um across 600mm area

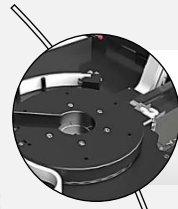
■ Operation Flow



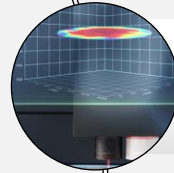
Panel-level, Wet etching



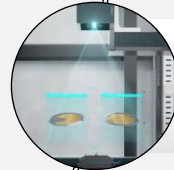
ThruGlas CE-510



Multi-rinsing removes impurity to ensure maximum material cleaning, leading to enhanced uniformity of micro-hole fabrication effects.



DR Laser developed software with thoughtful UI/UX considerations to provide a user-friendly human-machine interface in both English & Chinese operation.



Chemical formulation is developed based on DR Laser's LACE technology to optimise etching efficacy for different glass materials.



Custom configuration is available. Please consult our R&D team for discussion.

ThruGlas CE-510 (Panel-level, Wet etching)



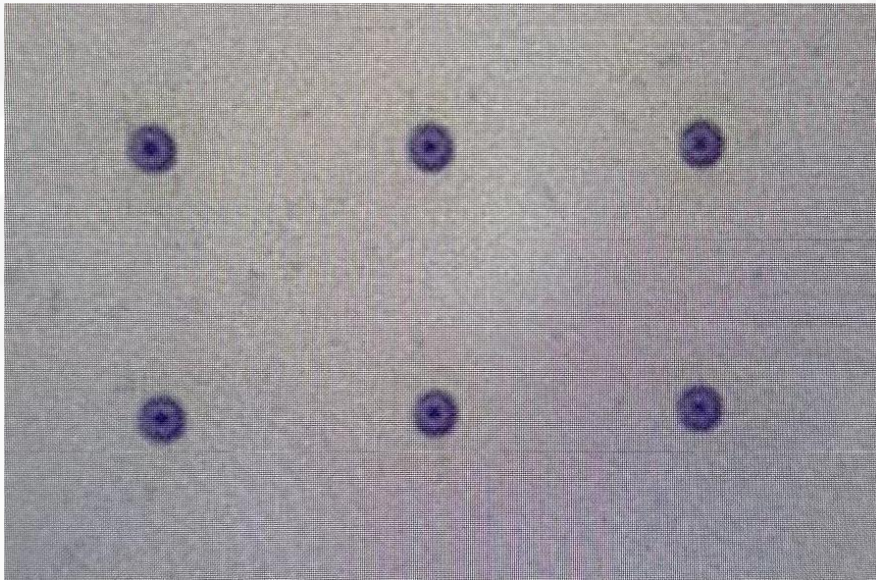
■ Specifications

Substrate material	Quartz/Schott BF33/AF32/Corning/others	Footprint	4300 (L) *2300 (W) *2700 (H) (Customisable based on request)
Substrate size	650x650mm	Pass-line	1000±20mm
Substrate thickness	0.1~1.1mm	Electrical	3-phase 380V 50HZ
Loading / Unloading	Manual, trolley/cart	Waste discharge	Can be connected to facilities, or stored in tanks independently
Main build	High Strength SUS304 Frame Acid & Akali Resistant PP cover	Discharge / Refill	Automatic mode available
Etching chamber	Circulation, overflow, automatic refilling (at low fluid level)	Rinsing module	QDR: top-spray, base water submerge
Wetting module	Ultrasonic + Vacuum + Overflow	FR Module	80/120KHZ, adjustable power

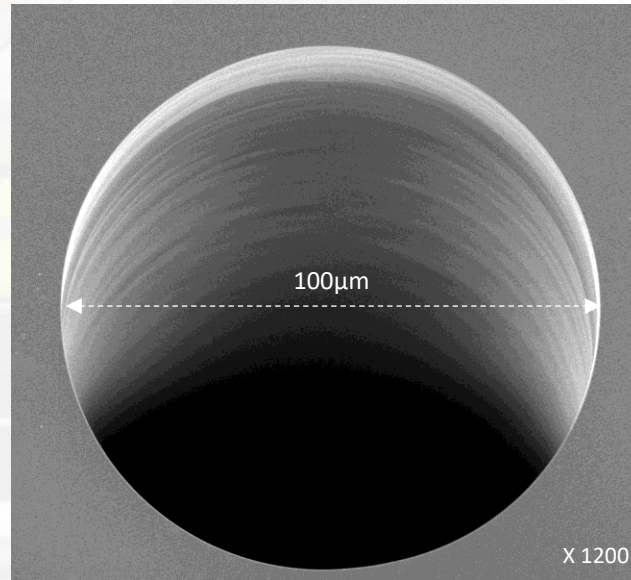
■ Operation Flow



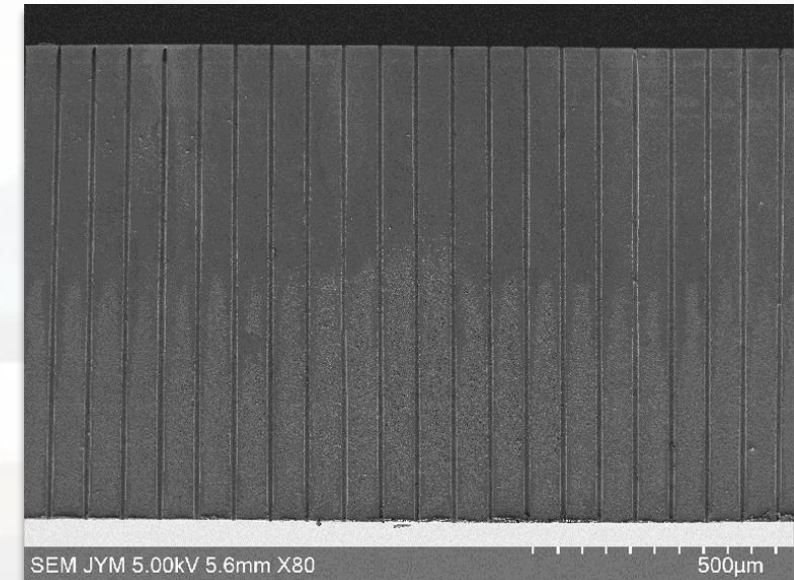
DR Laser TGV Capabilities



Laser modification using circular beam spot

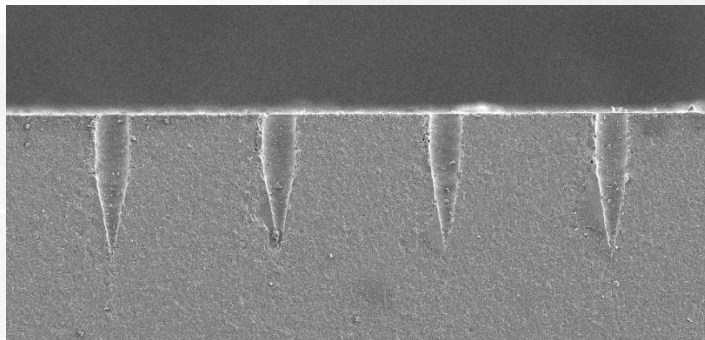
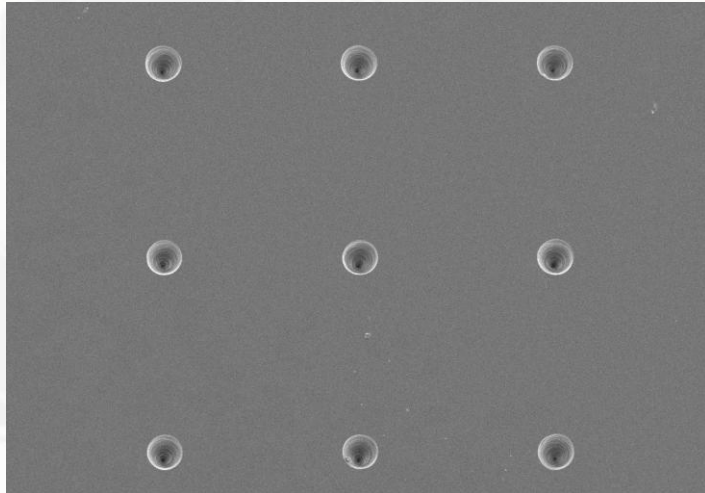


Wet etching process to create via holes with good surface quality

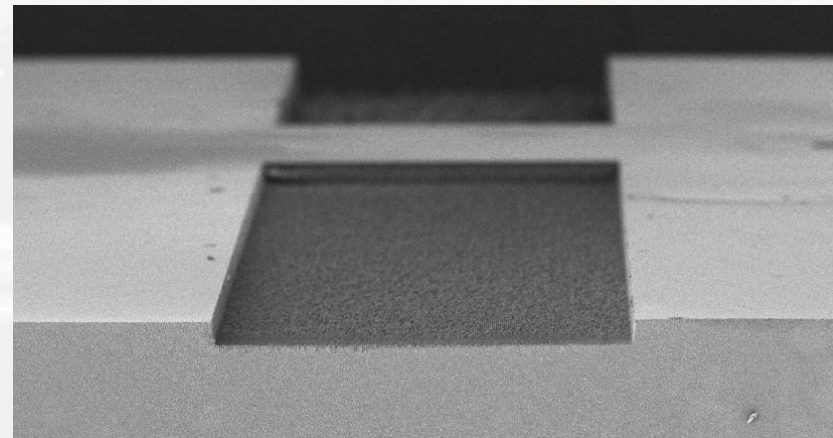
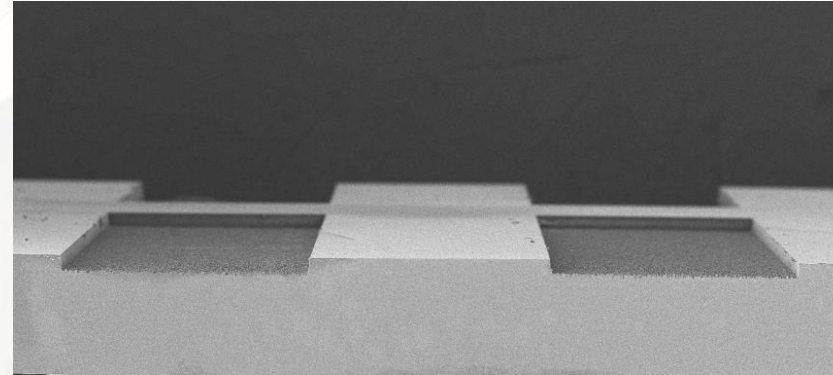


**Maximum aspect ratio of 100:1
1mm thickness, 10µm hole size
*varies depending on material**

DR Laser TGV Capabilities

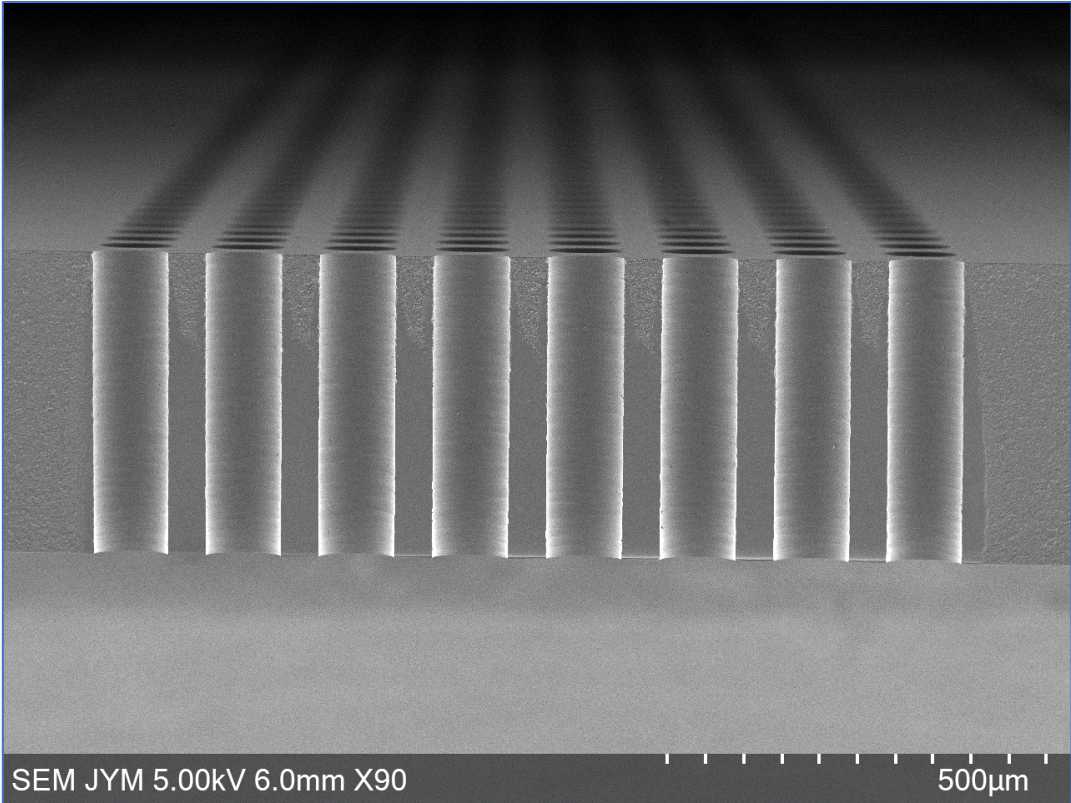


Blind hole
(BF33, 0.5mm thickness, 80 μ m depth,
20 μ m diameter)

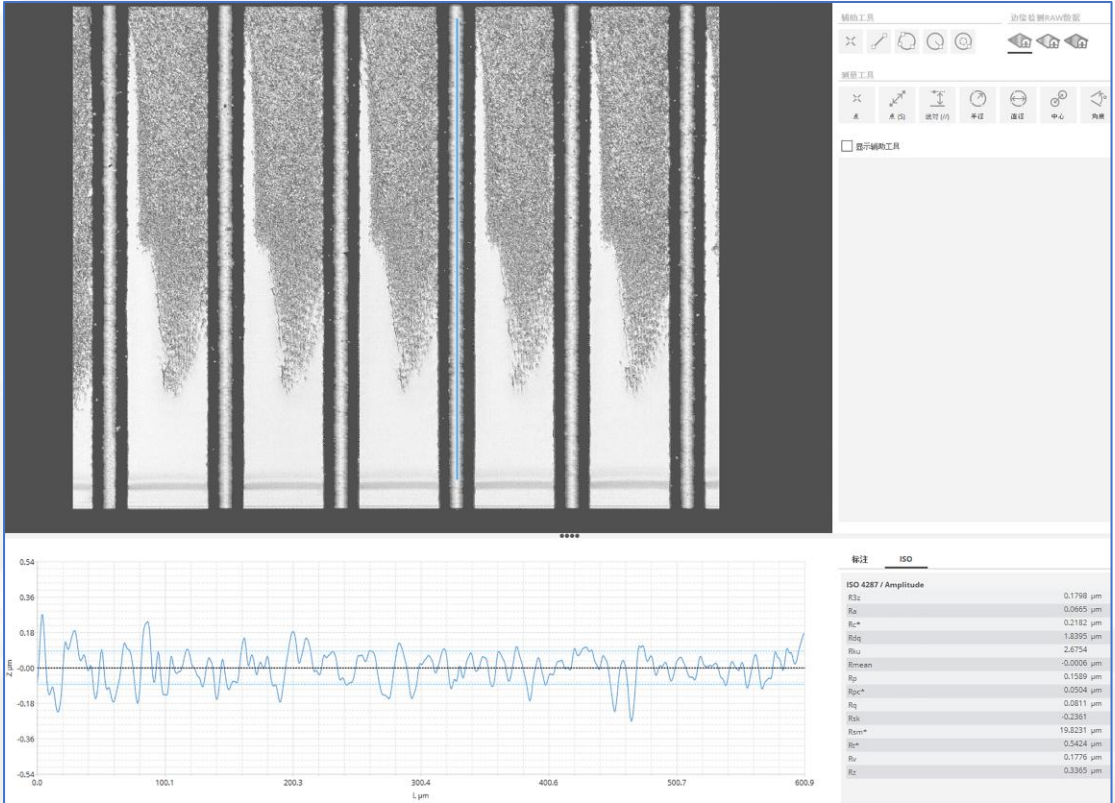


Blind trench
(BF33, 0.5mm thickness, 40 μ m depth, 1mm
width)

DR Laser TGV Capabilities

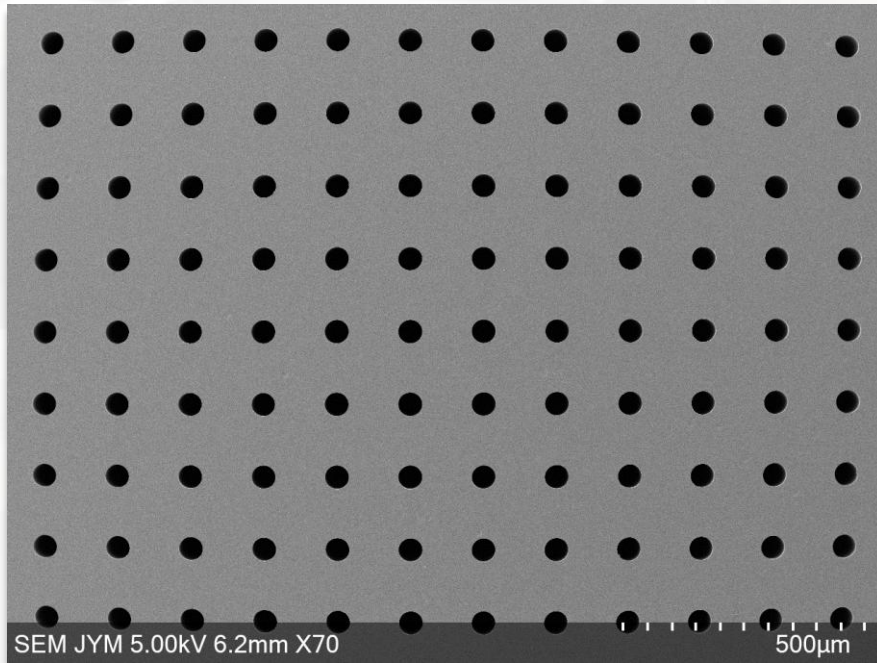


Taper angle* < 0.1°
***varies depending on material**



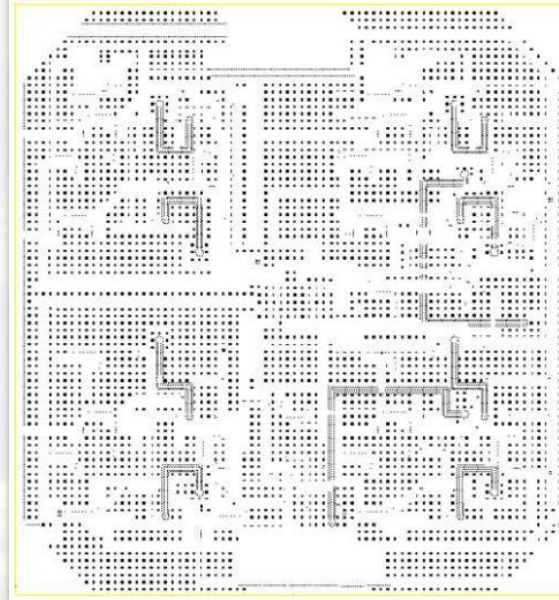
Hole cross-section line roughness
Ra < 100nm

DR Laser TGV Capabilities

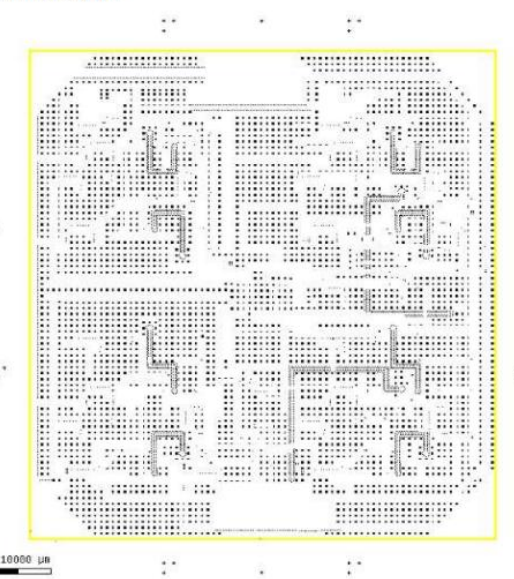


Circularity > 95%

检测对象版图:



缺陷结果分布:



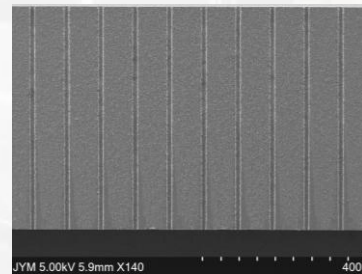
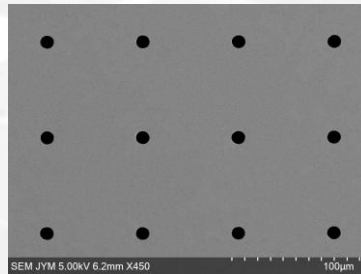
Built-in detection module to ensure 100% through-hole penetration yield

DR Laser TGV Capabilities

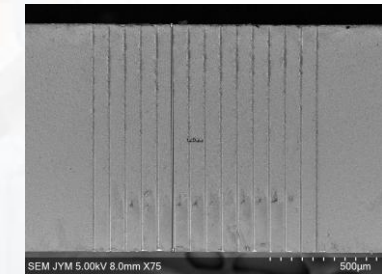
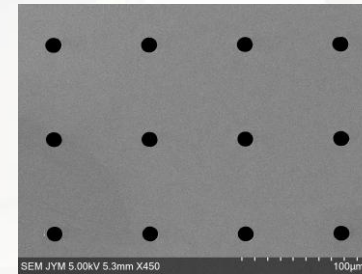
BF33 (0.5mm thickness)

BF33 (1.1mm thickness)

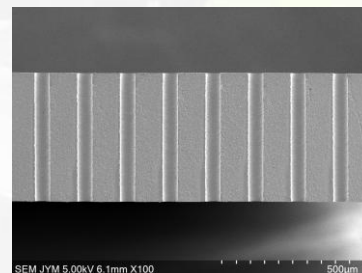
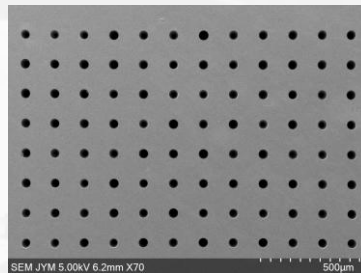
10um



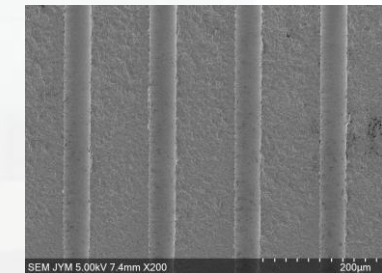
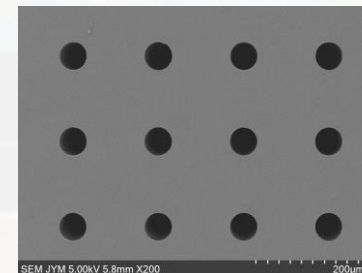
10um



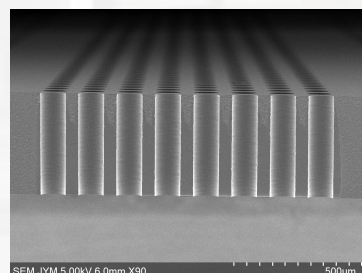
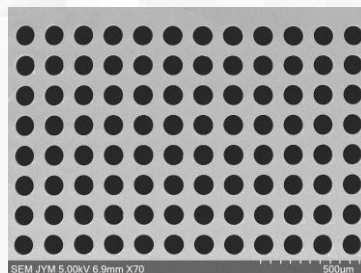
50um



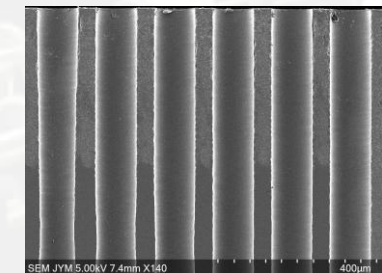
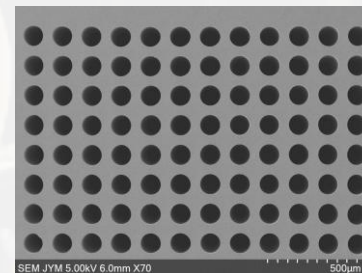
50um



100um



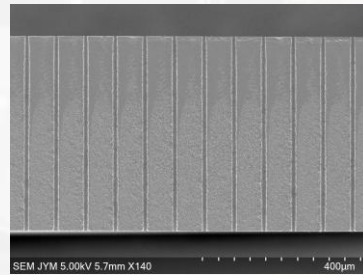
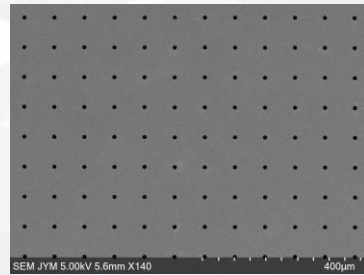
100um



DR Laser TGV Capabilities

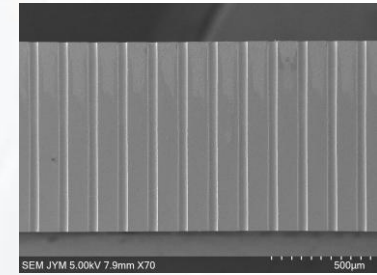
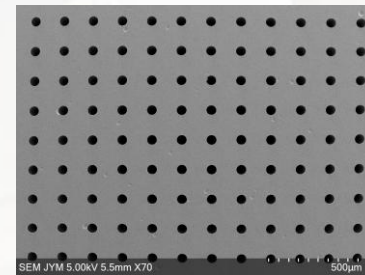
Quartz (0.5mm thickness)

10um

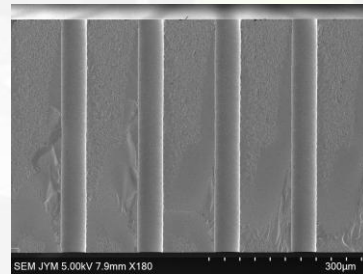
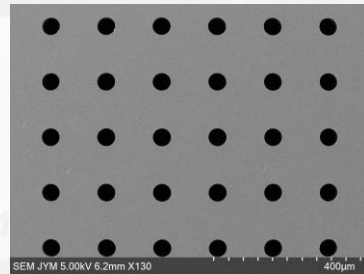


Quartz (1mm thickness)

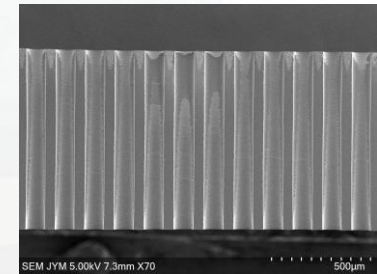
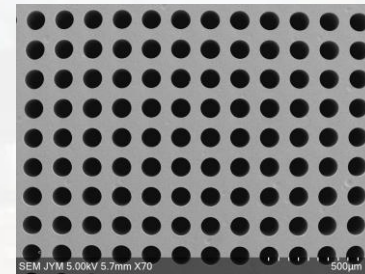
50um



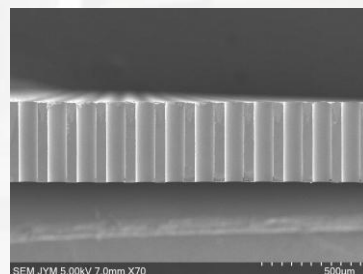
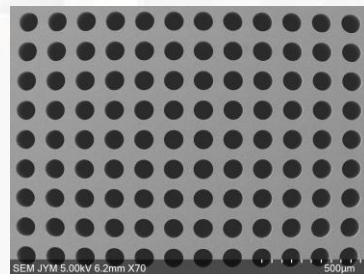
50um



100um



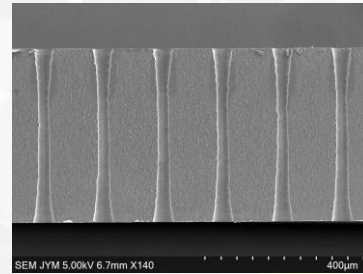
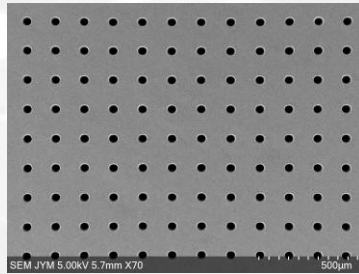
100um



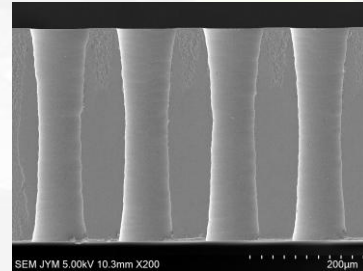
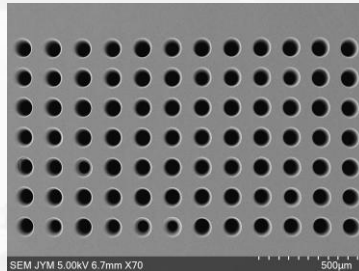
DR Laser TGV Capabilities

Corning EXG (0.5mm thickness)

50um

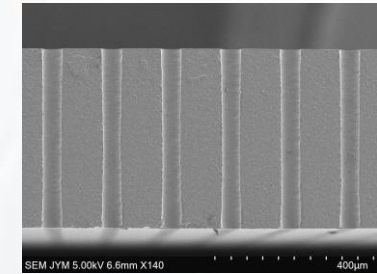
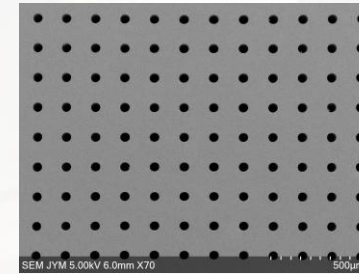


100um

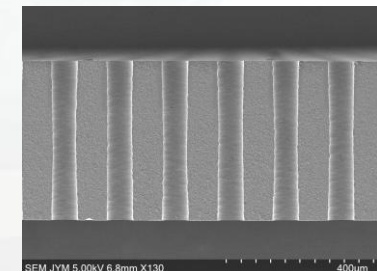
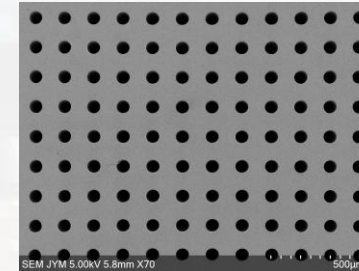


Corning SG3.4 (0.5mm thickness)

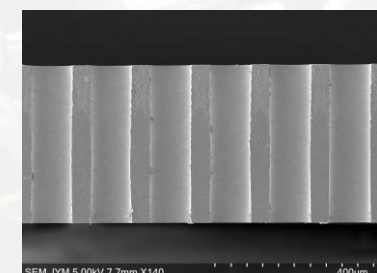
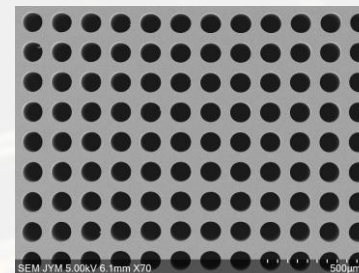
50um



70um



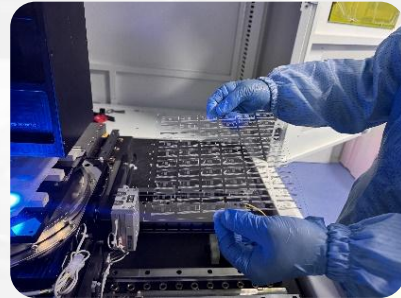
100um



DR Laser TGV Prototyping Lab



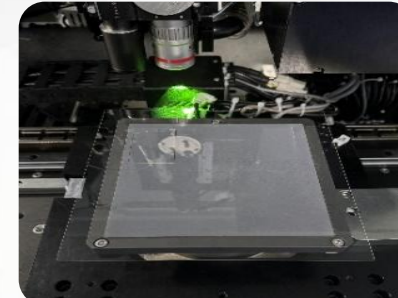
Sample cleaning & verification



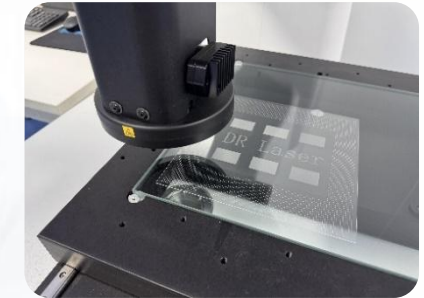
Laser processing



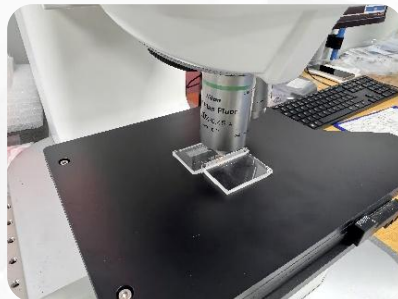
Chemical etching



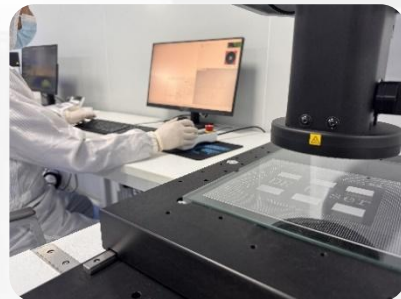
Cross-section cutting



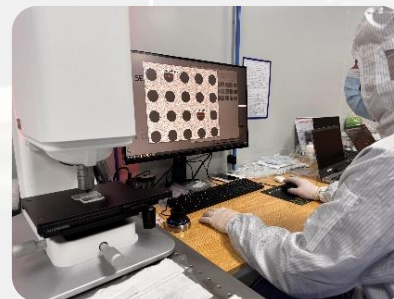
Vision inspection of through-hole penetration



Cross-section roughness measurement



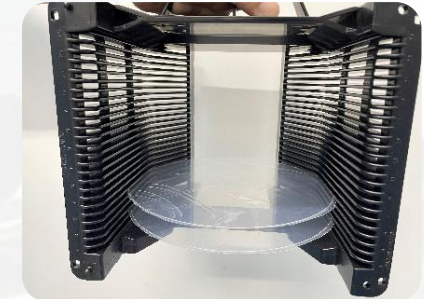
Hole dimensional measurements



Circularity measurement



Chemical formulation optimisation



Batch processing for small-scale manufacturing validation

Thank you

Mr. Edmond Soh
Business Development Manager
+65 8189 1512
edmondsoh@drlaser.com.sg

DR Laser Singapore Pte Ltd
31 International Business Park Rd, #05-05,
Singapore 609921