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CVI announces Next Day shipping of Crystal Quartz Waveplates



With over 7,000 pieces in stock, CVI is proud to announce next day shipment of multiple- and zero-order crystal quartz waveplates in over 45 standard wavelengths. Orders received before 1pm can be shipped the same day from our Albuquerque facility.

Additionally, increased manufacturing throughput and improved state-of-the-art metrology allows CVI to offer rapid turnaround times for waveplates in custom wavelengths and sizes.

The complete list of wavelengths available for shipment from stock can be found at <http://www.cvilaser.com/quartzwaveplates.aspx>. CVI's article on waveplate selection can be found at <http://www.cvilaser.com/waveplate-article.aspx>.

Bob Soales, VP of Sales and Marketing, says "we are pleased to be able to offer quick turnaround times for all of our customers, catalog and custom. We have been able to realize a 75% reduction in manufacturing cycle times for our waveplate product line. We believe this is the largest inventory of laser-grade crystal quartz waveplates in

the industry. Our waveplate manufacturing processes support over 90 wavelengths from 193nm up to 2300nm."

CVI's unique waveplate metrology ensures industry leading $\lambda/200$ retardation tolerances for the ultraviolet region and challenging custom applications.

Serving semiconductor, biotech, industrial, commercial, aerospace and research industries, CVI combines 30 years of optics manufacturing expertise with precision machining and mechanical design to produce integrated opto-mechanical assemblies. CVI is a leading manufacturer of optical components, providing engineering, rapid prototype delivery, high volume production, and system integration for challenging optical requirements. Headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, CVI operates manufacturing facilities in New Mexico, California, the Isle of Man, and South Korea with sales representatives and distributors located worldwide.

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