

ABSTRACT

A machining method includes irradiating a first main surface of a glass plate with a beam-shaped gas cluster; moving the glass plate such that a point at which the first main surface of the glass plate is irradiated with the gas cluster is moved; and blocking fluid matter that is expected to form a defect on at least one of a second main surface of the glass plate and an end surface of the glass plate by using a blocking unit that moves together with the glass plate, the second main surface being opposite to the first main surface.

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