

OPTICAL COMPONENT**Abstract**

The optical component substantially comprises an anisotropic layer of cross-linked liquid crystal monomers with varying local orientation of the liquid crystal molecules. The liquid crystal layer is in contact with an orientation layer comprising a photo-orientable polymer network (PPN).

In order to manufacture the optical component, the liquid crystal monomers are oriented by interaction with the PPN layer and the orientations are fixed in a subsequent cross-linking step.

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