Overview: composite optical elements



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Today

- Apertures & Stops
 - Aperture
 - Entrance Pupil
 - Exit Pupil
 - Field Stop
 - Entrance Window
 - Exit Window



Aperture Stop and Numerical Aperture







The Chief & Marginal Rays



Chief Ray: Starts from off-axis object, goes through the *center* of the Aperture **Marginal Ray:** Starts from off-axis object, goes through the *edge* of the Aperture

Together, the C.R. and M.R. define the angular acceptance of spherical ray bundles originating from an off-axis object.





Chief Ray also goes through the *center* of the Entrance & Exit Pupils Marginal Ray also goes through the *edge* of the Entrance & Exit Pupils The Chief and Marginal Rays meet again at the image













Entrance & Exit Windows













































Note: The angular acceptance of rays emanating from an off-axis point object is *smaller* than the angular acceptance of rays from an on-axis point object. This phenomenon is called "vignetting."

Vignetting is generally undesirable; if it is allwoed, the image off-axis appears to be dimmer than the image on-axis.





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