

3-D PRINTING FOR LENSES AND FRAMES

LAURIE PIERCE LDO, ABOM, NCLC
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LPIERCE@HCCFL.EDU

On behalf of Vision Expo, we sincerely thank you for being with us this year.

Vision Expo Has Gone Green!

We have eliminated all paper session evaluation forms. Please be sure to complete your electronic session evaluations online when you login to request your CE Letter for each course you attended! Your feedback is important to us as our Conference Advisory Board considers content and speakers for future meetings to provide you with the best education possible.





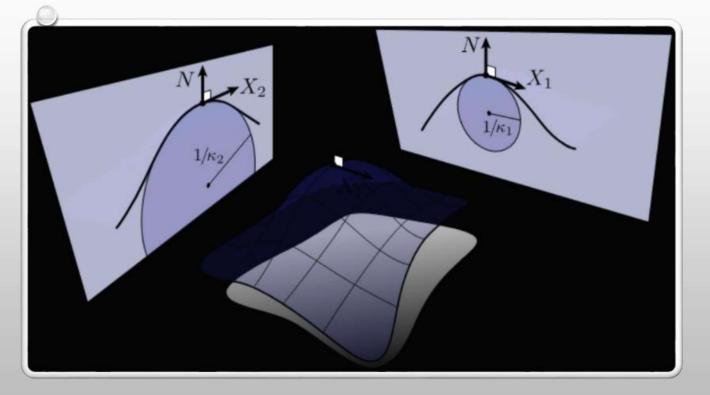
- CURVATURE
- THICKNESS
- INDEX OF REFRACTION





- CURVATURE
- THICKNESS
- INDEX OF REFRACTION





CURVATURE

- THE STEEPER THE CURVE, THE STRONGER THE POWER
- THE FLATTER THE CURVE, THE WEAKER THE POWER



THICKNESS

- THE THICKER THE LENS, THE STRONGER THE POWER
- THE THINNER THE LENS, THE WEAKER THE POWER

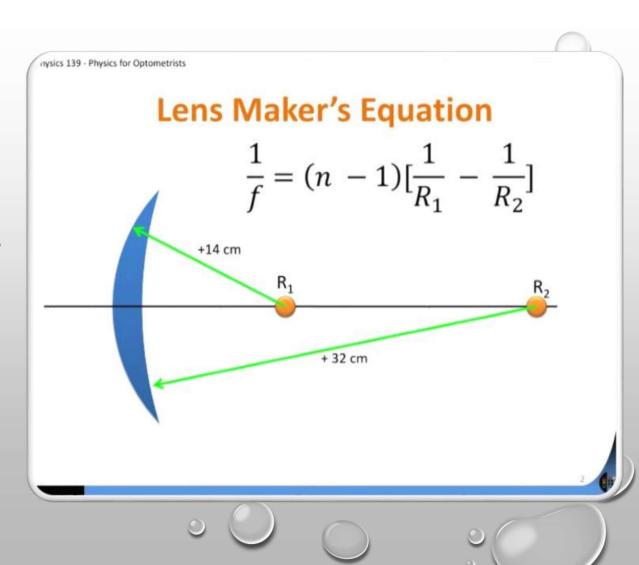


INDEX OF REFRACTION

The Lens Maker's equation is 1/f = (n - 1)(1/R1 - 1/R2 + (n - 1)d/(n R1 R2)),



LENS MAKER'S EQUATION





MR. CURVATURE MR. THICKNESS MR. INDEX OF REFRACTION

TRADITIONAL METHODS OF MANUFACTURE

• TRADITIONALLY, A LENS BLANK IS CREATED IN A LARGE MANUFACTURING PLANT. THE BLANK IS SHIPPED TO THE OPHTHALMIC LAB WHERE IT IS STOCKED UNTIL REQUIRED. WHEN A CERTAIN LENS PRESCRIPTION IS PRESCRIBED FOR A PATIENT, THE APPROPRIATE BLANK IS SELECTED FROM A LARGE INVENTORY OF BLANKS AND THE FINISHING PROCESS BEGINS. EXCESS MATERIALS ARE CUT AWAY IN SEVERAL STEPS, TO CREATE THE FINAL SHAPE AND THE RESULTING LENS IS POLISHED TO OBTAIN A SMOOTH SURFACE. THE PROCESS REQUIRES MANY MANUAL HANDLING STEPS AND MORE THAN 10 MACHINE PROCESSING STEPS.



SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING

- AROUND 80% OF ORIGINAL MATERIALS ARE WASTED IN THE CUTTING (GRINDING) PROCESS.
- SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING RESULTS IN STOCKPILES OF INVENTORY AND LOW YIELD.



ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

- IN CONTRAST TO SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES, A MATERIAL IS ADDED TO CREATE A LENS. 3D PRINTING REDUCES INDUSTRY EXPENSES BY COMBINING EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE PRODUCTION FLOW.
- SUBTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CAN NOW BE REPLACED WITH A SINGLE STEP: 3D PRINTING THE OPHTHALMIC LENS.









- SIMILAR TO PLASTIC MONOMER, THE 'INK' FOR 3D LENSES HAS SPECIFIC OPTICAL PROPERTIES:
- INDEX OF REFRACTION
- ABBE VALUE
- SPECIFIC GRAVITY



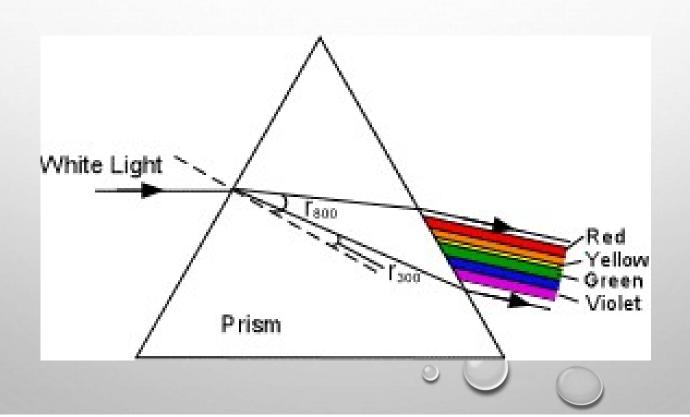
- INDEX OF REFRACTION: 1.5225
- ABBE VALUE: 45
- SPECIFIC GRAVITY (WEIGHT): 1.15 G/CM3

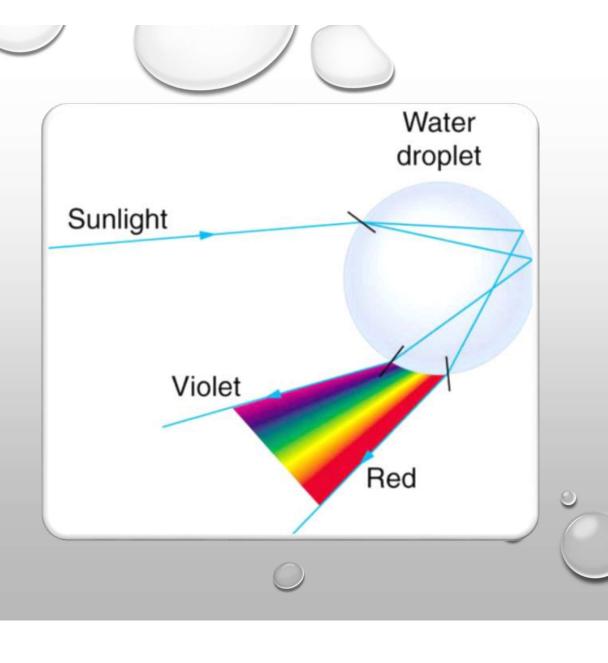
• INDEX OF REFRACTION: 1.5225



- ABBE VALUE: 45
- ABBE VALUE TELLS US HOW MUCH DISPERSION IS INHERENT IN A LENS.
- THE GREATER THE DISPERSION, THE LOWER THE ABBE VALUE
- LOW ABBE VALUES RESULT IN UNWANTED CHROMATIC ABERRATION

DISPERSION OF LIGHT THROUGH A LENS





DISPERSION OF LIGHT THROUGH A DROPLET



- ISO POWER: COMPLIANT WITH ISO 8980-1:2004 FOCAL POWER
- TESTED BY COLTS LAB (REPORT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)
- DROP BALL: PASSED

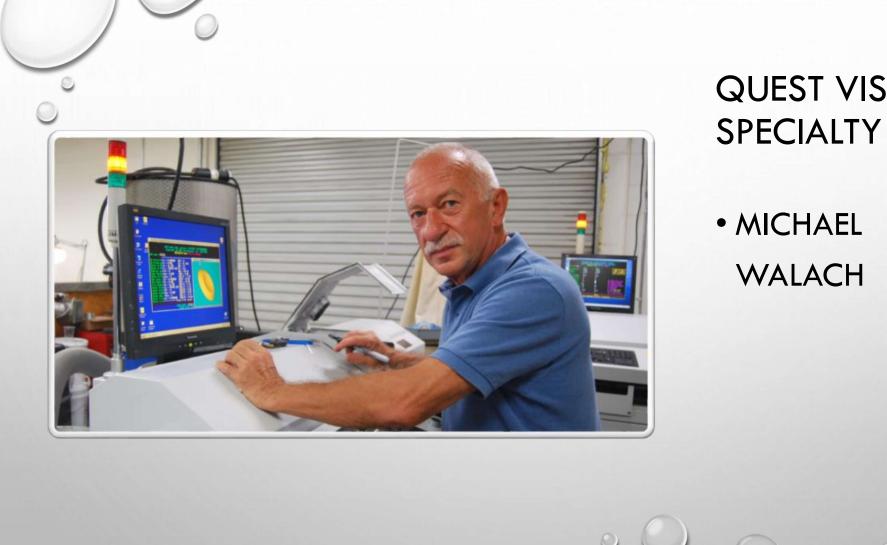




UNIQUE APPLICATIONS OF 3D LENS PRINTING

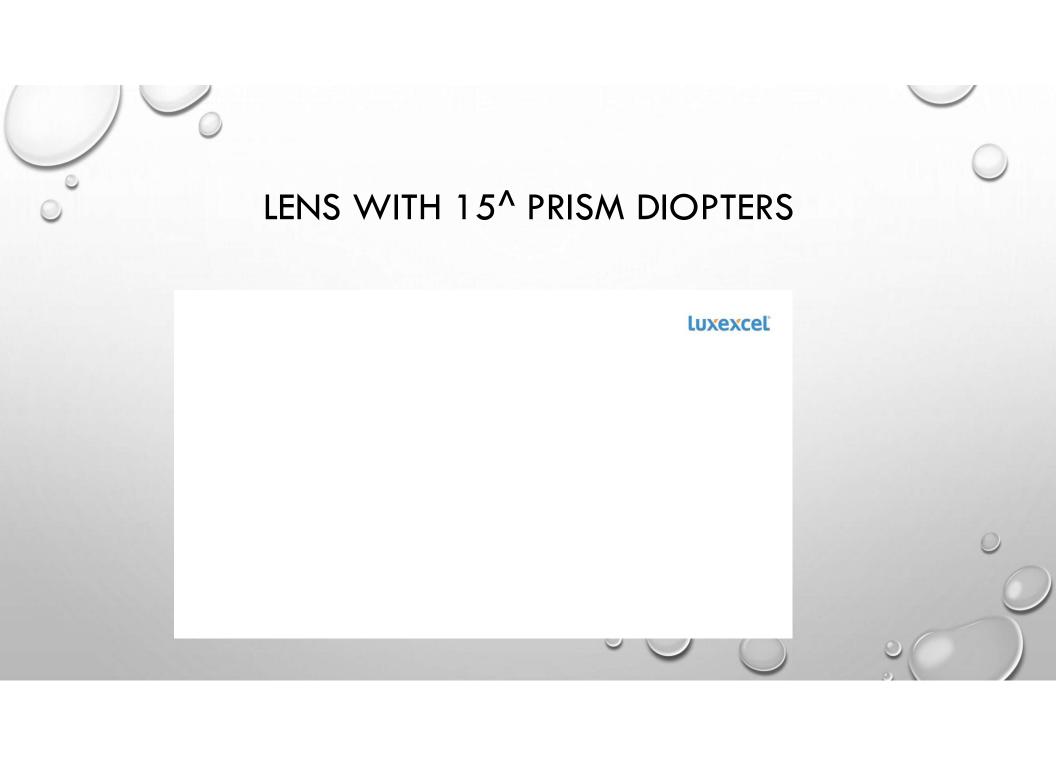
QUEST SPECIALTY LAB: LARGO FLORIDA

• INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND: NORTH CAROLINA

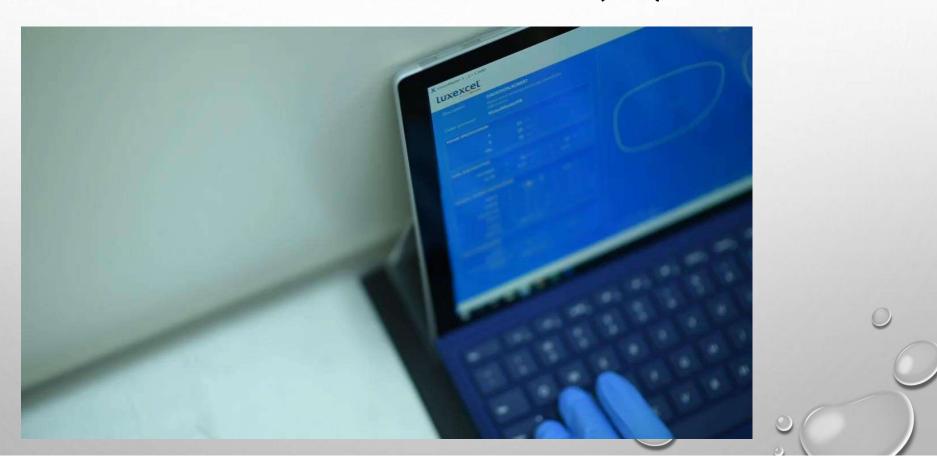


QUEST VISION SPECIALTY LAB













MANUFACTURING A 3D FRAME

- FRAMES ARE MADE TO ORDER WITH A 3D PRINTER
- 'ONCE THE FOUNDATIONS HAVE BEEN PRINTED, WE WORK WITH OUR HANDS TO POLISH,
 BUFF, AND ASSEMBLE EACH AND EVERY FRAME'. (SPECSY CANADA)

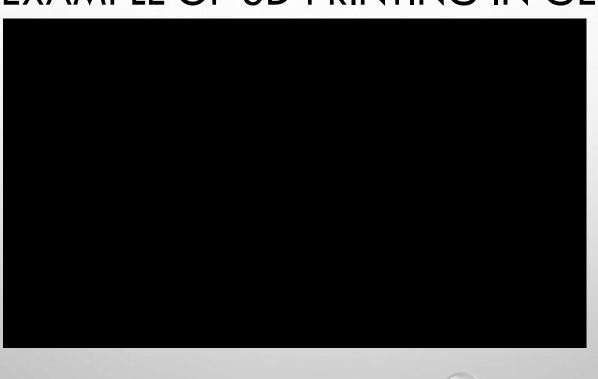


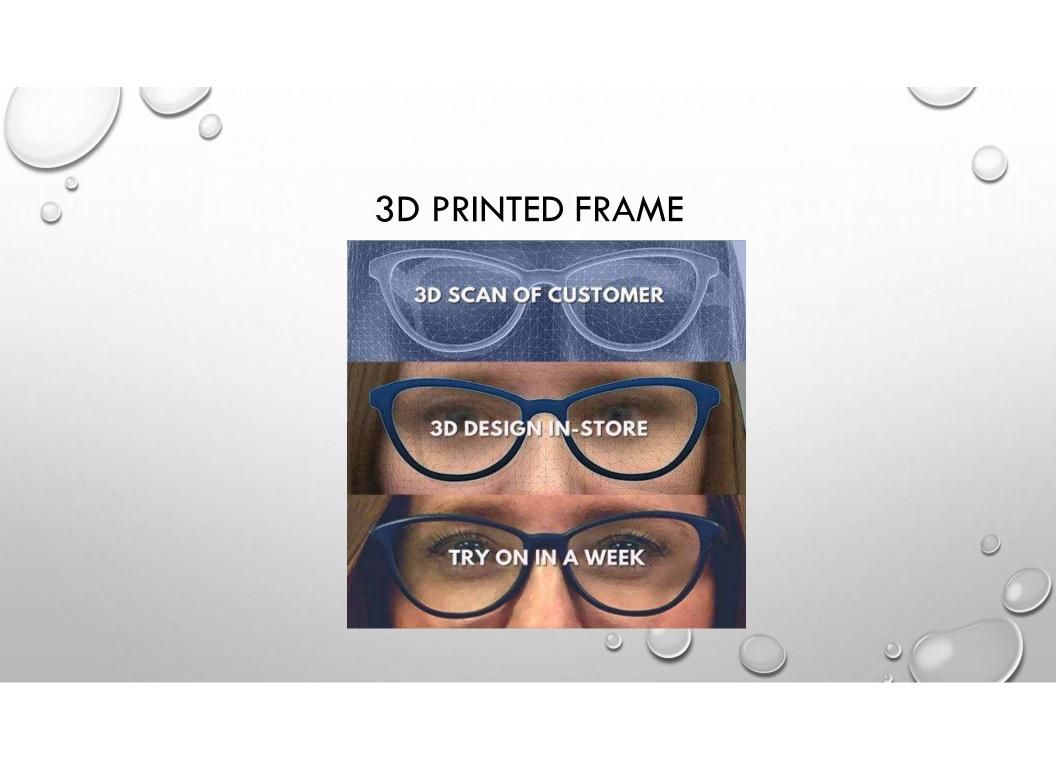
3D FRAMES

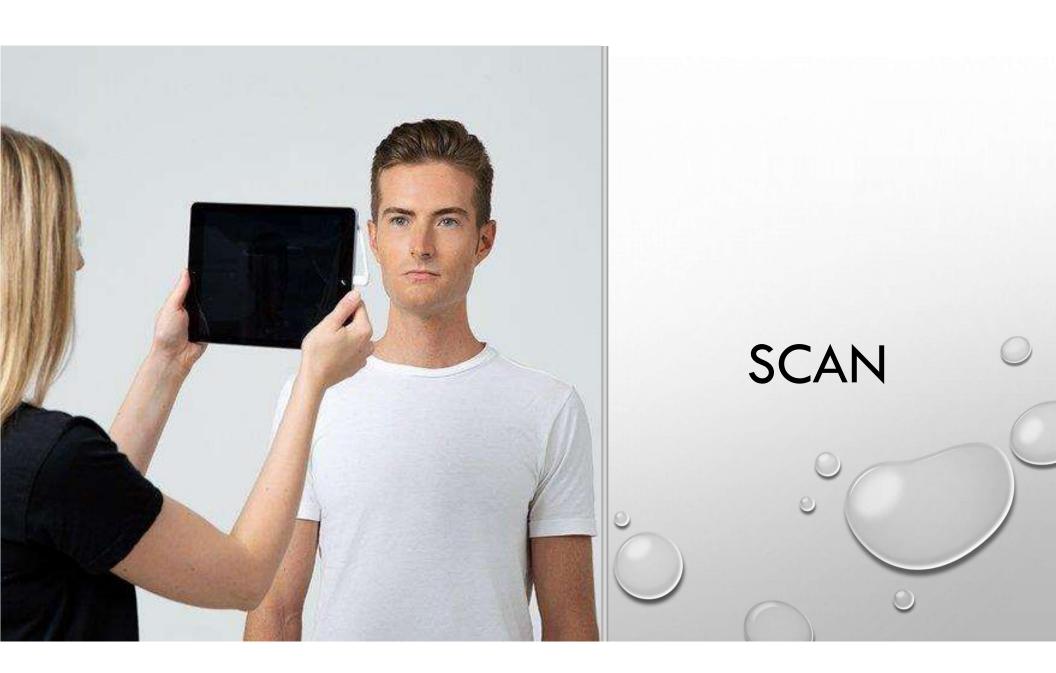
FRAMES ARE CRAFTED FROM NYLON. OUR FRAMES PASS THROUGH A POST-PRODUCTION
PROCESS THAT RESULTS IN A FRAME THAT IS LIGHTER WEIGHT AND MORE DURABLE THAN
TRADITIONAL ACETATE.

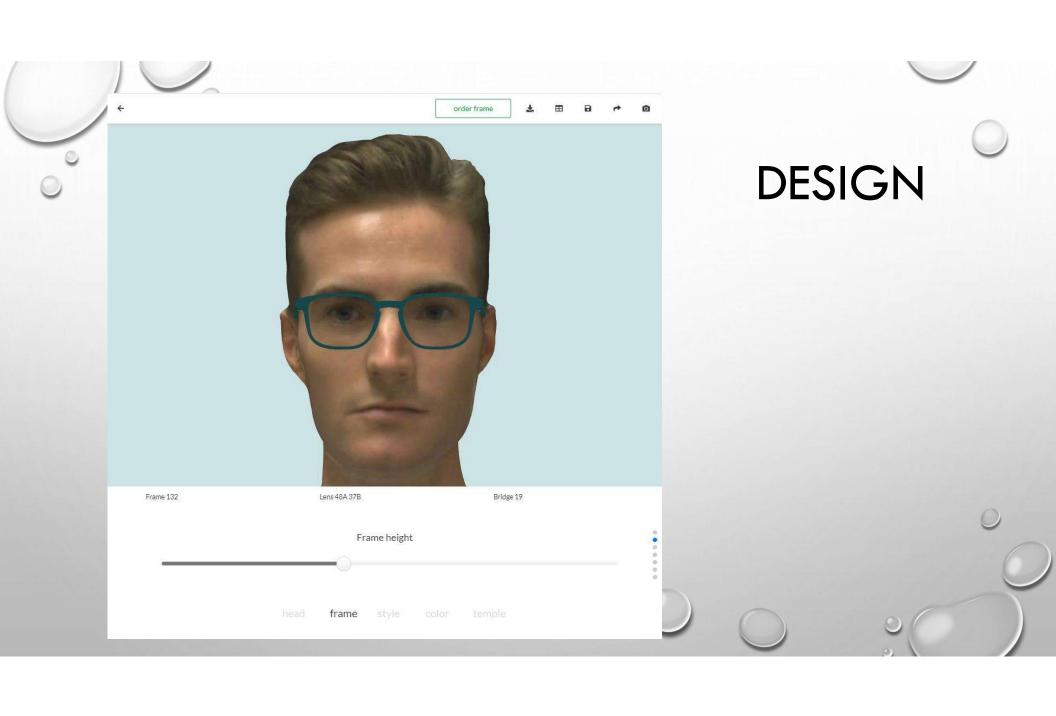
• FRAMES ARE ADJUSTABLE WITH THE USE OF A HOT AIR WARMER.

EXAMPLE OF 3D PRINTER CAPABILITIES (AN EXAMPLE OF 3D PRINTING IN GENERAL)











THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

QUESTIONS?

LAURIE PIERCE

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LPIERCE@HCCFL.EDU