

Acton Research SpectraPro<sup>®</sup> monochromators and spectrographs use diffraction to separate polychromatic "white" light into individual wavelengths. When polychromatic light encounters the grating it is dispersed so that each wavelength reflects from the grating at a slightly different angle. The monochromator or spectrograph then reimages dispersed light so that individual wavelengths (or a desired band of wavelengths) can be directed to a detection system or sample. Roper Scientific/Acton Research offers over 100 high-performance gratings for the SpectraPro line of monochromators and spectrographs.

<b>S</b> E L E C T I N	G THE PROPER GRATING
Groove density (or groove frequency): the number of grooves contained on a grating surface, expressed in grooves per mm (g/mm) or lines per mm (l/mm).	Groove density affects the mechanical scanning range and the dispersion properties of a system. It is an important factor in determining the resolution capabilities of a monochromator. Higher groove densities result in greater dispersion and higher resolution capabilities.
	Select a grating that delivers the required dispersion when using a CCD or array detector, or the required resolution (with appropriate slit width) when using a monochromator.
Mechanical scanning range: the wavelength region in which an instrument can operate.	Refers to the mechanical rotation capability (not the operating or optimum range) of a grating drive system with a specific grating installed.
	Select a grating groove density that allows operation over your required wavelength region.
<b>Blaze wavelength:</b> the angle in which the grooves are formed with respect to the grating normal, often termed blaze angle.	Diffraction grating efficiency plays an important role in monochromator or spectrograph throughput. Efficiency at a particular wavelength is largely a function of the blaze wavelength if the grating is ruled, or modulation if the grating is holographic.
	Select a blaze wavelength that encompasses the total wavelength region of your application(s), and if possible, favors the short wavelength side of the spectral region to be covered (see Grating Efficiency Curves).
<b>Quantum wavelength range:</b> the wavelength region of highest efficiency for a particular grating.	Normally determined by the blaze wavelength.
	Select a grating with maximum efficiency over the required wavelength region for your application(s).

## Advantages of Multiple-Grating Turrets

0

2

0

4

2

ے

Quite often it becomes necessary to select two or three gratings to achieve efficient light throughput over a broad spectral region. That's why SpectraPro monochromators and spectrographs are equipped with multiple-grating turrets as a standard feature. Turrets make grating changes an easy push-button or computer-controlled operation, while reducing the risk of handling the delicate gratings.

Contact your local Roper Scientific sales representative for assistance in selecting the best gratings for your applications.



ROPER SCIENTIFIC<sup>™</sup> Acton Research

530 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720 tel: 978.263.3584 fax: 978.263.5086 email: mail@acton.research.com web: www.roperscientific.com

## **Roper Scientific / Acton Research Product Literature**

Data sheets

Gratings

CCD Chips

GS 1024 x 128 Front

GS 1024 x 128 Back

GS 1024 x 256 Front

*GS 1024 x 256 Back* 

S 1340 x 100 Front

S 1340 x 100 Back

S 1340 x100 Red

S 1340 x 100 Back Red

S 1340 x 400 Front

S 1340 x 400 Back

S 1340 x 400 Red

S 1340 x 400 Back Red

S 1024 x 256 Front

S 1024 x 256 Open Elect.

S 1024 x 256 Back

## Brochures

SpectraPro monochromators

Spectrum Acquisition Systems

Spectroscopy accessories

Guide to system configuration

