

# Zink Selenide (ZnSe)

## 1. General

The ZnSe lenses are made of high-quality material with lowest absorption values. An anti-reflective coating allows focusing of a high-power CO<sub>2</sub> laser with excellent precision. For highest laser powers above 4 kW, we offer a low absorption AR/AR coating that minimises thermal lensing. ZnSe is also used for many IR components such as windows, prisms and lenses.

## 2. Material properties

Chemical symbol:	ZnSe
Molar weight:	144.33
Crystal structure:	Cubic, fcc
Density:	5.27 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Melting point:	1525 °C
Heat capacity:	399 J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Thermal conductivity:	18 W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Refractive index, 10.6µm	2.4028
Absorption coefficient, 10.6µm	0.0005 cm <sup>-1</sup>

## 3. Standard tolerances:

Diameter:	+/- 0.1 mm
Thickness:	+/- 0.2 mm
Parallelism:	< 3 arc min
Free aperture:	90 % of diameter

## 4. Surface quality:

Figure: up to 1/10

## 5. Delivery forms

- planar
- spherical / aspherical
- cylindrical

## 6. Coatings

- Broadband AR for IR applications
- Laserline AR for IR lasers
- Output couplers for CO<sub>2</sub> lasers

Safety advice: Zinc selenide oxidises from approx. 300 °C and decomposes from approx. 700 °C forming toxic gases. Zinc selenide optics should not be heated above 250 °C.