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Some adhesive key functions



Reliable bonding Of various materials and components



Precise & fast alignment

Of sensitive optical components



Thermal / electrical conductivity For heat dissipation / electrical connections



Acoustic damping To improve the sound quality

Optical functionality Optically clear / adjustable RI / tailored transmission

Lightweight Lighter than glass or metal

Enable mass production Fast and reproducible processability for high UPH



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DUAL CURING FOR HIGHER PRODUCTION RATE

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Compact camera module - bonding challenges



Active alignment

 fast preliminary UV fixation for highprecision placement of housing

- 2 Lens barrel attach
 - adjusted flowability
 - good bonding strength to PC/LCP
- **3** Retainer ring replacement
 - black dual-curing adhesives
 - fast UV / light fixation

4 Bracket bonding

- heat-curing adhesives
- very good flow properties



Active alignment



Active alignment process



Adhesive technical properties

- High UPH due to UV fixation
 - » << 1 s with DELOLUX 503
- Very low shrinkage for high optical stability
- Low temperature curing
 - » typically +80 °C, +60 °C also possible
- Excellent adhesion to plastic substrates
- Passes all reliability tests, for example
 - » +85 °C / 85 % r.h. > 500 h
 - » Drop test, tumble test
 - » Temperature cycling

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Adhesive / polymer



Nanoimprint Lithography (NIL)



Replication of optical elements (lens, DOE) from a UV-curing optical polymer



Material solutions for wafer-level micro-optics

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Adjusting Refractive Index

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Broad range of RI available to enable optical design freedom



Nanoimprint Lithography (NIL)







Benefits of wafer-level packaging with polymers

- All liquid process
- Maximum design freedom
- Minimum package size
- Maximize UPH
- Optimized mechanical stability
- Reflow stable package



Nanoimprint of grating structures

Polymer-based diffractive optical elements

- Surface relief gratings (SRG) imprinted on glass waveguide
- High refractive index of polymer
- Allows arbitrary grating structures*
 - » slanted, blazed, binary, analog
 - » Modulation of depth, slant, duty cycle
- Mass-producible on the wafer- or panel-scale via UV Nanoimprint Lithography (UV-NIL)

*depending on master template





Combines high quality glass substrate with easy and fast processability of polymer Currently dominant waveguide technology





Summary

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Adhesives enable ARVR

- Adhesives can do more than just bond parts together!
- Smart usage of adhesives enables completely new designs and processes
- Involve adhesive experts early in your project to benefit from their know-how
- Be smart don't underestimate the importance of proper adhesive selection!

We are looking for...

- New process ideas and partners to transfer those into mass production
- Raw materials to extend our current product portfolio
- Innovative companies who want to push boundaries for high-tech adhesives

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