

Martin Materials Solutions Technology Developments

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Martin Materials Solutions LLC

- An upstart coverglass supplier celebrating its tenth year in business!
- Growing business now collocated with strategic coating partner Visimax Technologies in Twinsburg, Ohio
- Our Mission: Strengthen the U.S. space industrial base by promoting domestic manufacturing through innovation, integrity & technology.



Working together, we re-established U.S. spaceglass manufacturing to the space solar power market

Spaceglass™ Materials

- Materials-agnostic philosophy
- Large stock of heritage Corning 0214 glass
- Glass solutions for diverse orbits:
 - Thin 0214 replacement for future LEO/GEO/Lunar requirements
 - Thick glass for high radiation MEO missions

Thickness	Equivalent MW
100µm	1.6
150µm	2.7





0214 Replacement Initiative

- MMS processing inventory 0214 (100 μ m and 150 μ m only)
 - New 0214 material is unavailable → a replacement is needed
- Many glass compositions to evaluate
 - Internal material research + coordination with Aerospace Corporation
 - *Non-radiation resistant glass not under consideration*
- Key players for **spaceglass™**:
 - Schott (Heritage 0787, Solar Glass exos)
 - Corning (Heritage 0213/0214, UTG 0217, 0218)
 - AGC (EG-S1, EG-S2)



0214 Replacement Factors

Radiation
Stability

Optical
Performance

Strength

Flatness

TTV

Thickness
Range

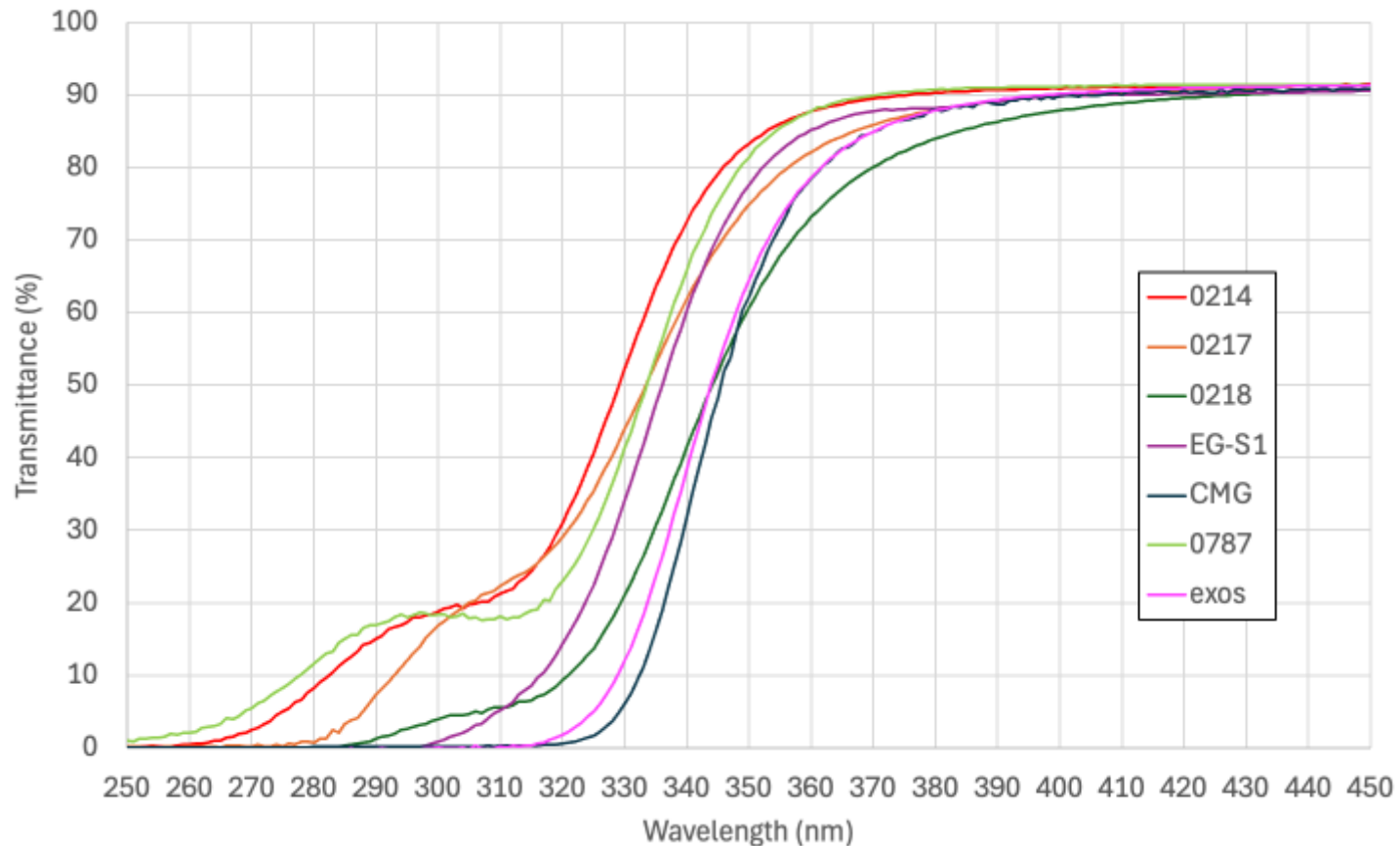
Availability

Cost

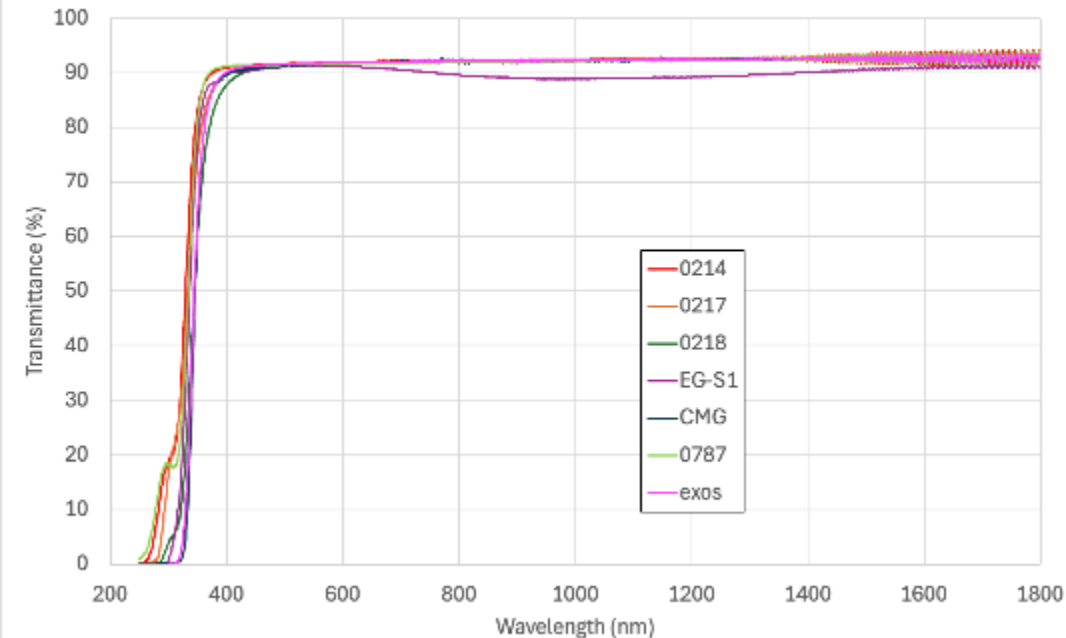


Transmission Performance

Glass Comparison 100 micron



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Thick Coverglass: MMS AB-1

*AB = Alternative to
Borosilicate microsheet*

Thick coverglass for high radiation missions

Alternative to microsheet & Fused Silica

Machined, not slot-drawn

Wide thickness range (400 μ m to >1mm)

Extensive radiation testing performed

Next step is full ECSS qualification and flight

Customer evaluation & testing underway

Baseline solution on many MEO proposals

- Benefits over Fused Silica
 - Better CTE (8.0 vs. 0.5)
 - UV Absorption
 - Lower cost
- Benefits over Borosilicate Microsheet
 - Radiation performance
 - Flatness
 - TTV
 - Thickness ranges





AB-1 Test Regime

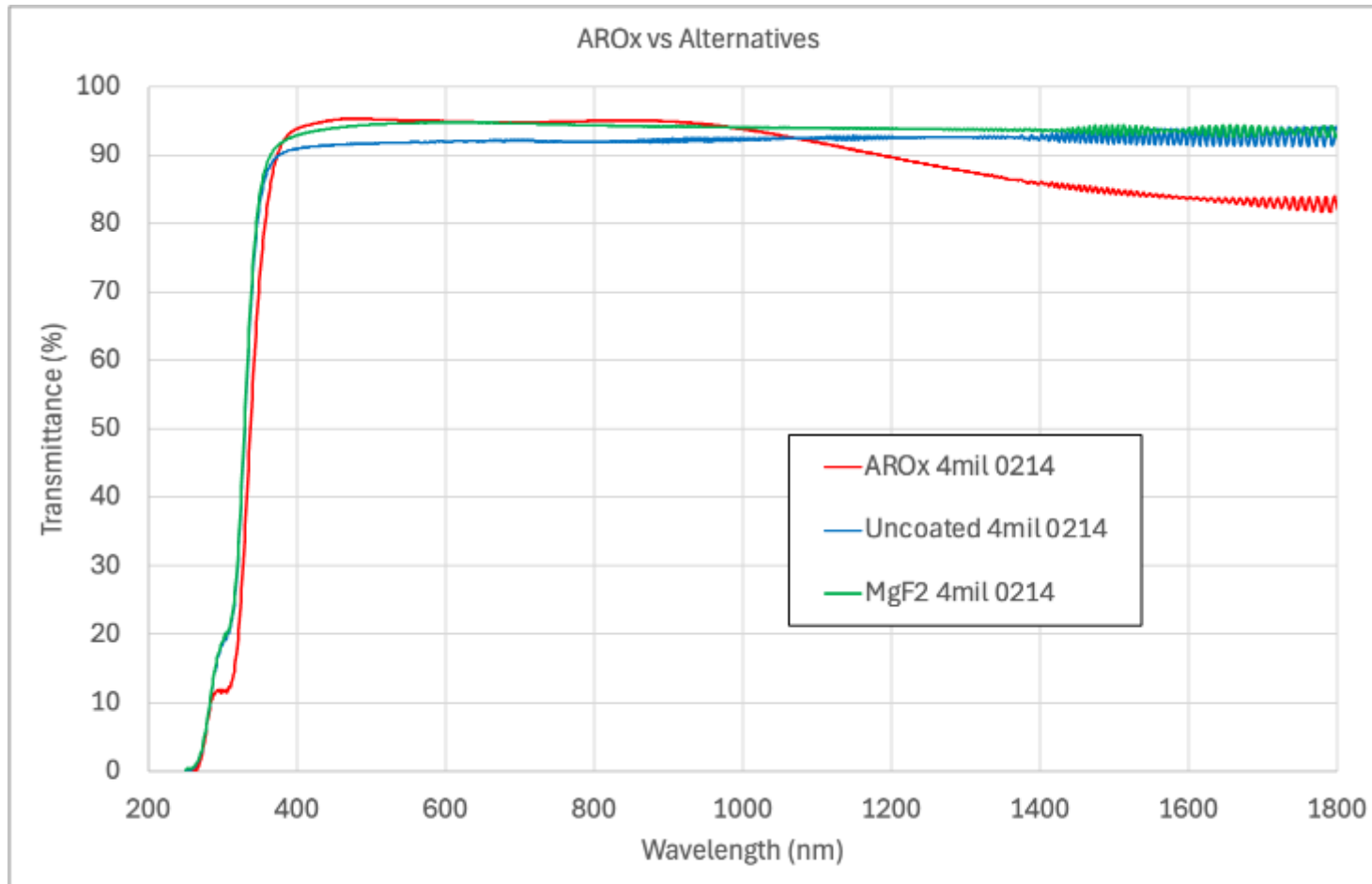
- Radiation Testing – excellent results!
 - $8e14$, 3.0MeV proton irradiation
 - $1.0e15$, 1MeV electron irradiation
 - 2000ESH UV exposure
 - Multi-Fluence, Multi-Energy Proton Testing (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, & 20Mev)
 - Reports & Specs available upon request
 - MMS-MAT-002 Rev D Characterization of Radiation Shielding Glass AB-1
 - MMS-CG-100A Rev - AR-coated Product Spec
 - MMS-CG-000A Rev - Uncoated Product Spec
- Environmental & Mechanical testing planned for 2Q26-3Q26



AR_{Ox} Coating for Atomic Oxygen

- Increasing number of LEO/VLEO missions in high ATOX environments
- MgF₂ coatings do not perform well → customers who opt to use uncoated glass face BOL performance penalty
- Requirement for AR coating that can withstand high ATOX
- Solution: Multi-layer oxide-based coating that can be tailored to maximize performance
 - e.g. top and middle TJ sub-cells
- Designed to be cost competitive to MgF₂ AR

AROX Coating for Atomic Oxygen



- Proprietary coating with ZrO_2/SiO_2 materials
- High %T in the wavelength range relevant to top/middle cells of 3J
- Reduction in IR %T to bottom cell reduces thermal efficiency losses



AROX Testing Performed & Planned

- Initial testing: electron, humidity, and ATOX
 - ATOX testing was inconclusive – possible contamination
 - Retest to be scheduled + alternative Plasma Asher testing planned
- Sampling program underway at numerous customers
- ECSS qualification testing planned for 3Q2026
- MMS-CG-600 Rev - AROX Product Spec (Preliminary)
 - *Available upon request*



Thermal Control Mirrors

- Thermal control mirrors (TCMs) used for spacecraft radiators (and potentially other surfaces)
- TCM performance is based on low α and high ϵ
- Much more robust than polymer-based tape and paint
- Heritage product uses silver as the reflective material, but MMS can be more flexible (i.e. Aluminum)
- 0214 Glass low absorbance reduces the need for complex front-surface coatings (high performance at lower cost)

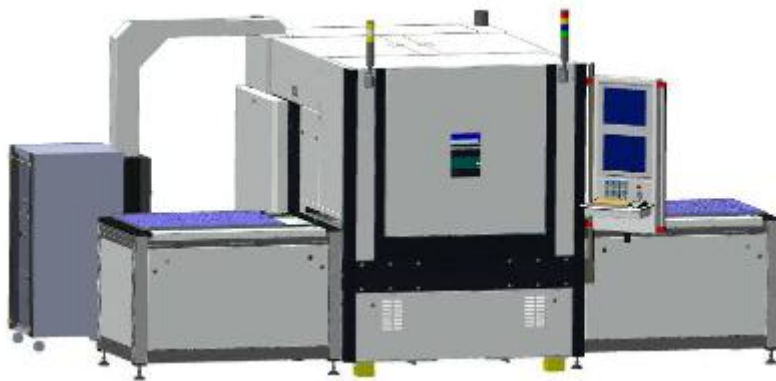


TCM Performance & Testing

- Development challenges included pinholes and edge delamination
 - Solved with process optimization and introduction of laser-scribed edges
- Solar absorptance is approximately 0.07 without UV reflector coating
- Thermal emittance is approximately 0.88
- Solubility passed
- Humidity passed
- Adhesion (tape) passed
- UV, Proton, & electron testing 3Q26 – 4Q26

Manufacturing at MMS

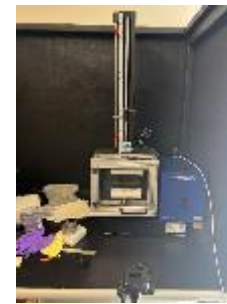
- Increase vertical integration of processing steps
- Streamlined processes = lower cost and lead time
- Investments in state-of-the-art processing and metrology equipment



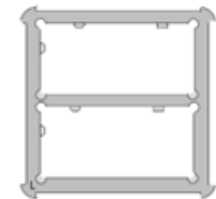
CLT45G Laser



Nikon VMM

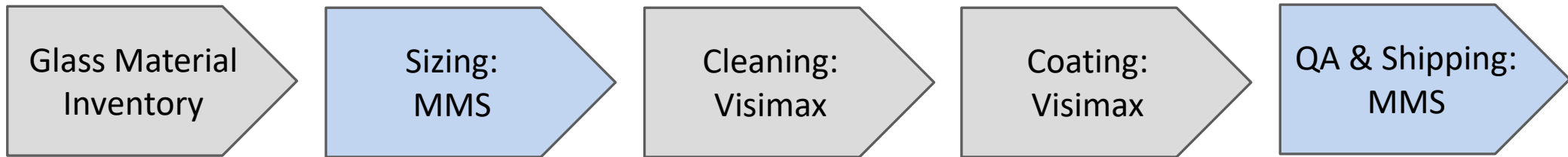


Admet Load Cell

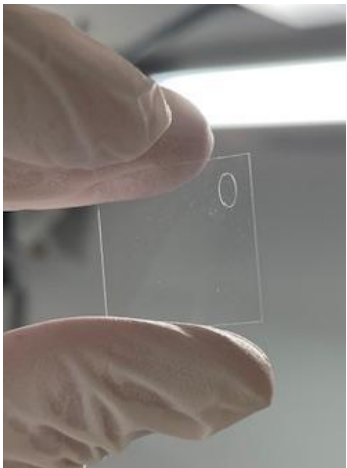


Smart Tooling

Manufacturing at MMS



Co-located with thin film coating supplier Visimax



<p>Corning CLT45 laser scribe system</p> <p>Steps removed: scribing, flattening, blocking, CNC machining, de-blocking, de-waxing</p>	<p>ELMA ultrasonic cleaning system at Visimax. Second system to be procured for capacity and removing single point failure</p>	<p>Smart coating tooling and laser marking to provide coated face ID.</p> <p>Removes organic solvent inks from the product</p>	<p>Digital data packs & innovative packaging allows MMS to support customers' automated processes</p>
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Growth

- The first 10 years: Organic growth through reinvestment & customer retention
- Recognized as a strategic supplier to the U.S. space and defense industrial base
- 3-year DPA Title III proposal submitted
 - Increase manufacturing capacity & capability
 - Facilitate acquisition and qualification of 0214 replacement glass
 - Grow in-house metrology capabilities



Conclusion

- MMS is here to stay
- Continue to build onshore spaceglass™ capability & capacity
- Widely accepted as a qualified supplier and/or preferred source
- Sustained success through close collaboration with partners across the space industry to identify optimal solutions that meet space qualification requirements.