Ray Optics Kit
OS-8516A

Introduction

The Ray Optics Kit is a set of optics components designed for use with a ray box such as the Basic Optics Light Source. The storage box doubles as a tank for studying lenses under water.

About the Components

To use any of the components, place them on a flat tabletop in the path of rays from your ray box (either a single ray or parallel rays). Place a white sheet of paper on the table to facilitate ray tracing and to make the rays more visible. The concave and convex lenses have one flat edge. Place the flat edge on the table so the lens stands stably without rocking.

The hollow lens has three sections that you can fill with water or leave empty to make lenses of different shapes. To study a lens made of air and surrounded by water, use the storage box as a water tank. Remove the foam insert, but leave the white plastic sheet in the box to serve as a reflective surface. Put the hollow lens in the box with a small weight on top to stop it from floating. Fill the box with water to just below the top of the hollow lens. Use an eye dropper or pipette to empty and fill the sections of the lens. Use a pencil to trace rays on the plastic sheet under water.

Included Equipment

1. Mirror
2. Convex Lens
3. Concave Lens
4. Acrylic Trapezoid
5. Hollow Lens
6. Storage Box/Water Tank with foam insert and white plastic sheet

Recommended Equipment

Basic Optics Light Source OS-8470
### Specifications

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<th>Mirror</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sides</td>
<td>Convex, Concave, and Plane</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radius of curvature</td>
<td>12.5 cm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Width of each side</td>
<td>6 cm</td>
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<td>Height</td>
<td>1.5 cm</td>
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#### Convex and Concave Lenses

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<th>Shape</th>
<th>Convex-convex and concave-concave</th>
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<td>Radius of curvature</td>
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<td>Width</td>
<td>5.7 cm</td>
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<td>Height</td>
<td>3.8 cm</td>
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<td>Material</td>
<td>Acrylic</td>
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<td>Index of refraction</td>
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#### Acrylic Trapezoid

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<th>90°, 90°, 45°, 135°</th>
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<td>3.2 cm, 3.2 cm, 6.4 cm, 4.5 cm</td>
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#### Hollow Lens

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