

Meadowlark Optics Cleaning/Handling Tips*

- ✓ **Always wear gloves and handle optics by the edges.** Fingerprints are easily left on optics.
- ✓ **Never handle optics with metal tools.**
- ✓ **Store and place optics on clean, soft surfaces.** When storing it is best to wrap in lens tissue.
- ✓ **Use a clean air duster. Only if there is still dirt should you use Methanol & lens tissue.**
Note: Acetone is only safe for some optical surfaces. It is best to use Methanol or Isopropyl Alcohol. Clean air is typically compressed/filtered air or Nitrogen.
- ✓ **When cleaning with lens tissue, it is best to use the wipe method.** To apply the wipe method, first fold some lens tissue to an appropriate size for the optic. Then apply enough Methanol to wet the tissue (should be wet but not dripping). Clean the edges first. Once you have cleaned the edges, use a new piece of lens tissue to wipe. Wipe slowly in one direction across the optic (NOT back and forth). After you have wiped once, start over with a new piece of lens tissue if there is still debris (this avoids grinding in the particles you are trying to remove).
- ✓ **Let air dry.**

***Note: If your part is designed for wavelengths above 2 microns, or is a wire-grid polarizer, the above cleaning instructions may not be correct and could cause damage to your part.**

If you meet these criteria, please contact a representative for proper cleaning instructions.