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THE USE OF AN 8X BEAM CONDENSER WITH THE  
BECKMAN IR-11 AND IR-12\*

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A new 8X beam condenser has been designed by the Beckman Instruments, Inc., for use with the supersize IR-11 and IR-12. This letter will report on results obtained with this accessory.

The supersize instruments are required because a larger sampling area (10" wide) is needed to accommodate the beam condenser. The optical diagram of a supersize instrument is shown in Fig. 1. The beam geometry is essentially that of the standard type instruments.

Fig. 2 shows an optical schematic of the beam condenser, which was used with a high pressure diamond cell. The image size at the cell is about 3.5 mm high by 1.0 mm wide, with a relative aperture of about f1.4. Fig. 3 shows the beam condenser with the diamond cell in the IR-12 spectrophotometer. The entire sampling area is covered with a lucite lid fitted with rubber gloves for manipulation in a dry atmosphere.

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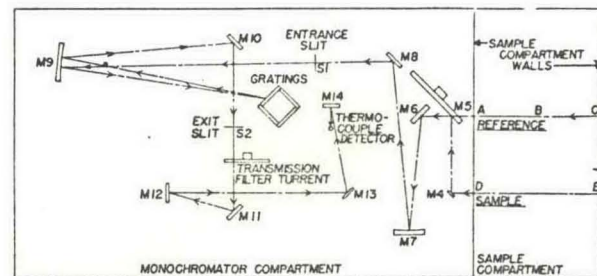


IMAGE SIZES	
WIDE	HIGH
A- 1.00"	2.00"
B- .20"	1.00"
C- .80"	2.00"
D- .20"	1.40"
E- 1.20"	1.80"
F- 1.75"	2.00"

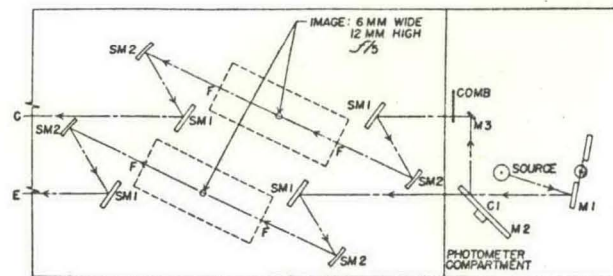


Fig. 1. Optical Diagram of Supersize Beckman Instrument