Lens Mechanism Technology

D. F. Horne

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There exist many texts on the design of optical systems and the fabrication of optical components, but the literature has been sadly lacking in treatments of the mechanical design of lens systems. While the techniques of lens design have been studied by many investigators, there has persisted a general lack of understanding of the problems of mounting these components. The recent text by D. F. Horne, Lens Mechanism Technology, represents an attempt to fill this void.

This book is devoted to the mechanical design of lens mounts, and more particularly to camera systems. One finds sections on stop and iris designs, shutter design and zoom systems. Other chapters describe turning techniques, alloys and their finishing, injection molding and the manufacture of springs. A number of these chapters treat the machinery in great detail; but in many cases Horne does not teach the principles. One other failing of this work is the lack of tolerance analysis. In mechanical design, the tolerance of decentration, tilt and other factors becomes most important. Its inclusion would add to this work's value.

In many ways, this volume reads like a catalog for the machinery of various manufacturers (complete with detailed engineering drawings). It appears that a number of sections—for example, spring manufacturing and silk-screen printing—do not pertain to the main topic. Further, a number of figures may be regarded as unnecessary. Such illustrations are referenced only in passing and not used to illustrate the text.

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Nuclear and Particle Physics A: Background and Symmetries

H. Frauenfelder, E. M. Henley 573 pp. W. A. Benjamin, Reading, Mass., 1975. \$21.50 clothbound, \$13.50 paperbound

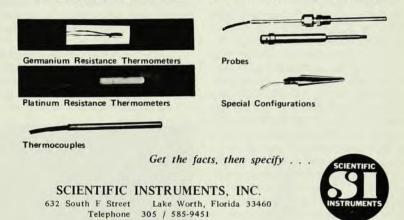
This is the first volume of a graduate text, with volume B (subtitled "Electromagnetic and Weak Interactions") in preparation.

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