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Abstract

In this work, electro-pneumatically operated x-y table was fully designed, installed, tested and operated in order to micro-machine coloured acrylic sheets to increase thermal insulation.

The x-y table had been designed and installed to give a longitudinal distance of 100mm, with variable speed from 500 mm/s down to nearly 21% of it. The lateral electrically operated part of the table was designed to give a step of 1mm down to 47µm distance along the overall lateral distance of 50mm. The table was used to move Polymethylmetacrylate, PMMA, sheets of 100 x 100 x 2mm under irradiation of CO₂ laser to engrave micro-channels resemble blackbody cavities. Five colours of PMMA were chosen for this purpose, namely red, green, blue, black and white sheets, RGBKW. Laser power 30, 25, 20 and 15 Watts, beside 1, 2, 3 and 4 laser passes were also chosen to give a combinations of 35 samples different in parameters.

When thermal infrared radiation enter these micro-channels they will undergo multiple reflections and re-emission losing some of their energy and resulted in reduction of the transmitted thermal radiation crossing the channels.

Experimental results showed temperature reduction between micromachined and standard samples of PMMA, when using different colours, laser powers and laser passes, which fulfilled the state of increased thermal insulation of acrylic sheets when laser micro-machined, and consequently fulfill the purpose of this research.

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في هذا البحث، تم التصميم الكامل والترصيف والأختبار والتشغيل للطاولة الكهرو-هوائية وذلك لعمل التشغيل الميكروني لألواح من الأكريلك بألوان مختلفة بغرض زيادة عزلها الحراري.

تم تصميم وترصيف الطاولة ذات الحركة في المحورين السيني والصادي لتعطي مسافة حركة طولية مقدار ها ١٠٠ ملليمتر وسرعات متغيرة تبدأمن ٥٠٠ملليمتر في الثانية نزولا ل٢١% من هذه القيمة. تم تصميم جزء الحركة المستعرضة المشغل كهربائيا ليعطي مسافة عرضية مقدار ها ١٠٠ملليمتر لكل خطوة الي٤٧ ميكروميتر لمسافة كلية مقدار ها ٥٠ملليمتر.

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عند دخول الاشعة تحت الحمراء الحرارية هذه القنوات الميكروية ستخضع لانعكاسات متتالية واعادة انبعاث لطاقتها ماينتج عنه انخفاض في الاشعة الحرارية النافذة من هذه القنوات.

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List of Abbreviations

PMMA Poly-methyl-methacrylate

CO₂ Laser Carbon dioxide laser

DVD Digital versatile disc

LMP Laser material processing

Nd:YAG Laser Neodemium-Yettrium-Auminium-Garnet

laser

D Depth of heat penetration

α Diffusivity of materials

dT Pulse duration

I Laser intensity

Io Laser intensity at the top surface

a Absorption coefficient

As Surface absorptivity

UV Ultraviolet

IR Infrared

CW Continuous Wave

TEM Transverse electromagnetic mode

SP Spatial distribution of laser intensity

 λ Wavelength

D_{min} Focal spot size

D Unfocused beam diameter

PDAs Personal digital assistan

MAV Micro-aerial vehicles

3D 3-dimentional

SEM Scanning electron microscope

LIGA From German, Lithographie, Galvanoformung,

Abformung meaning lithography, electroplating

And molding

 Θ Half the divergence angle

W Beam waist size

M² Beam quality number

f Focal distance

δ Minimum spot size diameter

Thermal relaxation time

k Thermal diffusivity

MALDI Matrix-assisted laser deposition/ionization

LIBS Laser induced breakdown spectroscopy

PLD Pulsed laser deposition

LIMPS Laser-induced periodic microstructures

eV Electron volt

PC Polycarbonate

PS Polystyrene

PEEK Poly-ether-ether-ketone

R Fraction of light reflected

S Fraction of light scattered

T Fraction of light transmitted

SRI Solar reflectance index

CRRC Cool roofing rating council

A Absorptivity

ε Emissivity