

LACROIX OPTICAL COMPANY & MRF[®] POLISHING

A Powerful Combination

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MANTRA: "Better technology means we can deliver higher quality optics with superior service, more efficiently"

MRF[®] Technology: Q22-XE owner since 2006

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Raymond LaCroix Jr., CEO

QED'S MRF[®] POLISHING TECHNOLOGY

Optics manufacturers and their customers count on MRF[®] for superior product quality, manufacturing performance, and profitability. It's the difference between a good optics manufacturer and a great one.

Superior optics manufacturing starts with MRF[®].

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LaCroix Optical Company was originally founded in 1947 by Raymond LaCroix, Sr. in Chicago, IL using surplus equipment from WWII. When Mr. LaCroix started LaCroix Optical Co., he had a very clear vision of what this company would guarantee every customer... custom optics made to specification with unmatched service and a fair price. Today, LaCroix Optical Co. has become one of the largest independent manufacturers of precision optics in the USA. Raymond LaCroix, Jr.



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has taken the helm and the same commitment to customer service continues without change. LaCroix Optical Co. recently celebrated its 60th anniversary, proving that dedication to meeting customer needs is a path to success.

Now located in Batesville, AR, the company has over 120 employees all housed under one roof and has 30,000 square feet of manufacturing space, with additional plans for expansion in the works.

Producing optics for many diverse markets (including medical, scientific, industrial, and defense), LaCroix Optical Co. manufactures high volume and prototype quantities of visible optics including, lenses, windows, prisms, wedges, mirrors, and achromats in sizes that range from 3mm up to 180mm and accuracies of up to 1/20th wave. Additional capabilities in both reflective and anti-reflective coatings allow LaCroix to provide value-added services to their customers. LaCroix Optical Co. manufactures optics using a combination of state-of-the-art and conventional

equipment helping to keep the prices of their precision optical components low.

LaCroix Optical purchased its first Q22-XE MRF® system in the Fall of 2006. The team at LaCroix had been following the technology and developments at QED Technologies for a long time and knew it had a place at LaCroix Optical. Once the right opportunity presented itself, it was an easy decision and they moved quickly to make a place for it on the factory floor. They saw immediate benefits from their acquisition.

Upon learning that LaCroix had made the jump to MRF technology, some of their existing customers immediately awarded LaCroix new business contracts that they had previously sent elsewhere, because LaCroix did not have the capabilities to meet their specifications without MRF. This was to the mutual benefit of LaCroix and their customers. LaCroix was happy to have the additional business, and their customers were able to get their optics from a single trusted vendor.

Since its installation in 2006, MRF has become an important tool in the LaCroix Optical Co. manufacturing line. With high volume manufacturing, efficiency is critical and MRF can make short work of even the most difficult parts, thus avoiding costly delays and bottlenecks in production. MRF gives their operators confidence in getting parts through the system. The confidence factor is also important to the Sales Team and Manufacturing Engineers, giving them the confidence to go after work that they would not have been able to bid on before. LaCroix Optical Company also expects MRF technology to play a critical role as they expand their business and target new markets.

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For more information about LaCroix Optical Company, please visit their website: www.lacroixoptical.com.

