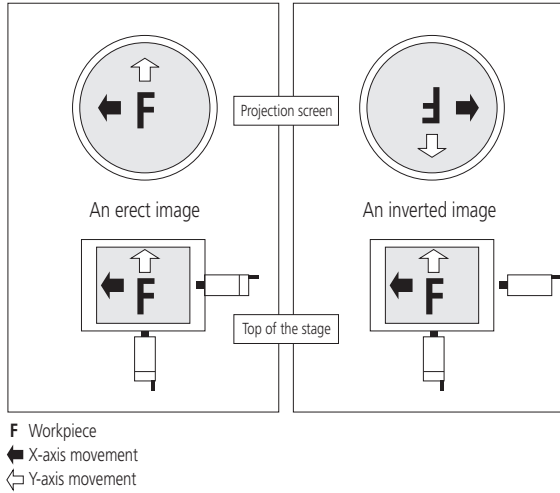


Profile Projectors

Erect Image and Inverted Image

An image of an object projected onto a screen is erect if it is orientated the same way as the object on the stage. If the image is reversed top to bottom, left to right and by movement with respect to the object on the stage (as shown in the figure below) it is referred to as an inverted image (also known as a reversed image, which is probably more accurate).



Magnification Accuracy

The magnification accuracy of a projector when using a certain lens is established by projecting an image of a reference object and comparing the size of the image of this object, as measured on the screen, with the expected size (calculated from the lens magnification, as marked) to produce a percentage magnification accuracy figure, as illustrated below. The reference object is often in the form of a small, graduated glass scale called a 'stage micrometer' or 'standard scale', and the projected image of this is measured with a larger glass scale known as a 'reading scale'.

(Note that magnification accuracy is not the same as measuring accuracy.)

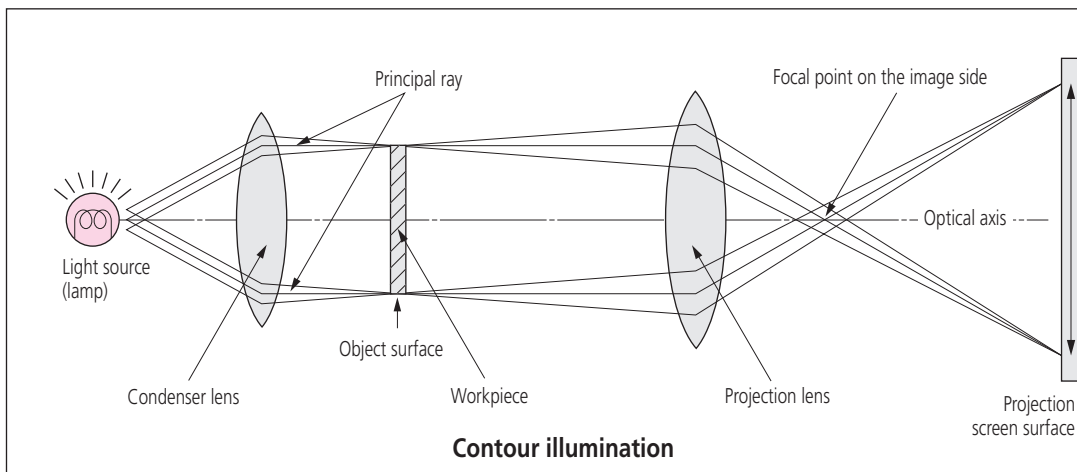
$$\Delta M(\%) = \frac{(L - \ell M)}{\ell M} \times 100$$

- $\Delta M(\%)$: Magnification accuracy expressed as a percentage of the nominal lens magnification
- L: Length of the projected image of the reference object measured on the screen
- ℓ : Length of the reference object
- M: Magnification of the projection lens

Telecentric Optical System

An optical system based on the principle that the principal ray is aligned parallel to the optical axis by placing a lens stop on the focal point on the image side. Its functional feature is that the center of an image will not vary in size though the image blurs even if the focal point is shifted along the optical axis.

For measuring projectors and measuring microscopes, an identical effect is obtained by placing a lamp filament at the focal point of a condenser lens instead of a lens stop and illuminating with parallel beams. (See the figure below.)

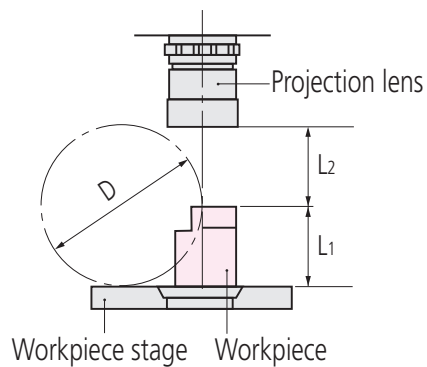


■ Type of Illumination

- Contour illumination: An illumination method to observe a workpiece by transmitted light and is used mainly for measuring the magnified contour image of a workpiece.
- Coaxial surface illumination: An illumination method whereby a workpiece is illuminated by light transmitted coaxially to the lens for the observation/measurement of the surface. (A half-mirror or a projection lens with a built-in half-mirror is needed.)
- Oblique surface illumination: A method of illumination by obliquely illuminating the workpiece surface. This method provides an image of enhanced contrast, allowing it to be observed three-dimensionally and clearly. However, note that an error is apt to occur in dimensional measurement with this method of illumination. (An oblique mirror is needed. Models in the PJ-H30 series are supplied with an oblique mirror.)

■ Working distance

Refers to the distance from the face of the projection lens to the surface of a workpiece in focus. It is represented by symbol L2 in the diagram below.



■ Field of view diameter

The diameter of a workpiece projected onto the projection screen.

$$\text{Field of view diameter (mm)} = \frac{\text{Screen diameter of profile projector}}{\text{Magnification of projection lens used}}$$

[Example]

If a 5X projection lens is used for a projector with a projection screen of $\varnothing 500\text{mm}$:

Field of view diameter is given by $500\text{mm}/5 = \varnothing 100\text{mm}$