





Reflectance


 The ratio of reflected light to the total amount of light falling on the surface.

Examples


 Magnesium Oxide	98%
 Silver	95%
 Black	< 5%

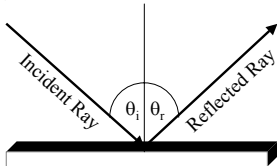
Laws of Reflection

1st Law

 The angle of incidence is equal to the angle of reflection

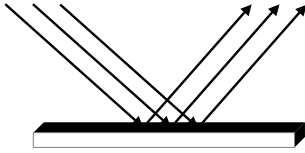
2nd Law

 The incident and reflected ray lie in the same geometric plane.



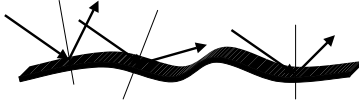
Regular Reflection

- A narrow beam of light reflects without loss of definition or intensity.
- Reflected rays are parallel to each other
- Caused by specular (polished) surfaces

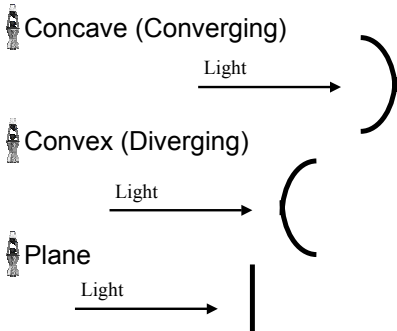


Diffuse Reflection


- Law of reflection still holds, but the normals at the points of intersection are not parallel.
- Reflected rays are not parallel to each other
- Caused by "rough" surfaces



Mirrors



Images

 The "picture" of the object seen in the mirror.

Types





Real

- Rays of light are reflected and actually pass through the point where the image is located.


Virtual

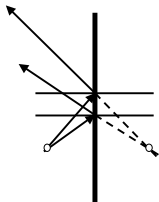
- Rays of light appear to come from the point where the image is located, but actually do not

Describing Images

 Type: Real or virtual
 Orientation: Upright or inverted
 Size: Larger, smaller, or same
 Distance: Farther, closer, or same

Plane Mirrors

 Create virtual, upright, same size images that appear the same distance behind the mirror as the object is in front.



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