

# Gregory-Maksutov Telescope

# Introduction

The Gregory-Maksutov telescope is a simple catadioptric telescope comprising a spherical corrector lens and a spherical primary mirror. In this example, the corrector lens and mirror are formed using the 'Spherical Lens 3D' and 'Spherical Mirror 3D' parts, respectively, from the Ray Optics Module Part Library. A cross-section of the optical design is shown in Figure 1.

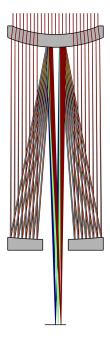


Figure 1: Overview of the Gregory-Maksutov telescope.

The origin of the Gregory-Maksutov telescope was a desire to avoid the aspheric corrector used in the Schmidt family of telescopes. An example of this type of telescope, the Schmidt-Cassegrain Telescope, can also be found in the Ray Optics Module Application Library. At least four optical designers, including Dmitri Maksutov, found a solution involving a meniscus corrector lens in the early 1940s, and it was John Gregory who, in 1957, popularized the design used in this tutorial.

# Model Definition

Details of the Gregory-Maksutov telescope used in this tutorial can be found in Ref. 1. This telescope has a 200 mm entrance aperture and an f/15 focal ratio. The detailed optical prescription is given in Table 1.

Details		Material	Radius (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Diameter (mm)
Object		_	_	Infinity	0
I	Reference surface	_	_	75.0000	0
2	Central obstruction	_	_	20.0000	70.0000
Stop	Corrector, surface I	N-BK7	-268.6151	30.0000	200.1688
4	Corrector, surface 2	_	-286.1193	453.0476	208.0594
5	Primary mirror <sup>a</sup>	Mirror	-1111.6100	-453.0476	217.0732
6	Secondary mirror <sup>b</sup>	Mirror	-286.1193	453.0476	48.2704
7	Primay mirror vertex	_		200.0000	0
Image	Image surface		_	_	26.0556

TABLE I: GREGORY-MAKSUTOV TELESCOPE OPTICAL PRESCRIPTION.

a. The primary mirror central hole diameter is d = 60.0 mm.

b. The secondary mirror surface is on surface 2 of the corrector.

The telescope geometry is constructed using parts from the Ray Optics Module Part Library. The meniscus corrector is created using an instance of the Spherical Lens 3D part, whereas the Spherical Mirror 3D part is used to create the primary mirror. The secondary mirror is defined by an aperture on surface 2 of the meniscus corrector. That is, the surface is intended to be reflective within this aperture. Other predefined selections on this part are used to define the corrector clear apertures as well as the central obstruction.

When constructing a geometry in COMSOL to be used in a Geometrical Optics ray trace, it is important to appreciate that the order in which optical elements are placed in a geometry sequence does not affect the results of the trace. However, it is convenient to place optical elements relative to one another. This can be achieved by taking one of the built-in work planes in a Part Instance as the reference for the placement of the next Part Instance. The resulting Gregory-Maksutov telescope geometry sequence is shown in Figure 2. Detailed instructions for creating the geometry can be found in Appendix — Geometry Instructions.

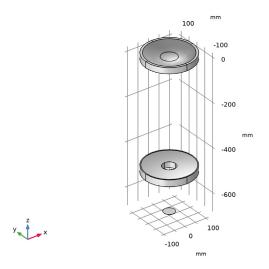


Figure 2: The Gregory-Maksutov telescope geometry sequence.

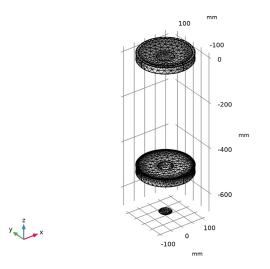


Figure 3: The mesh for the Gregory-Maksutov telescope. Note that the default Physics-based mesh should be slightly refined in order to improve the ray tracing accuracy.

A ray trace has been performed using three wavelengths (486 nm, 546 nm, and 656 nm) at three field angles (0, 0.125, and 0.25 degrees). Figure 4 shows the resulting ray trajectories; the **Color Expression** represents the ray positions on the image surface.

In Figure 5, the intersection of the rays with the image surface is shown. This spot diagram shows each of the three field angles, where the **Color Expression** is the wavelength.

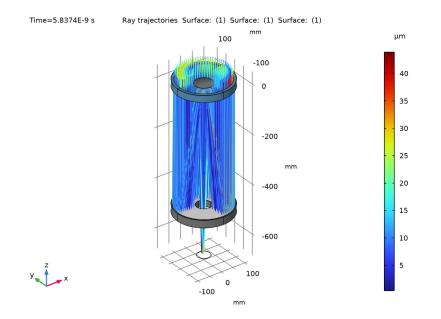


Figure 4: Ray diagram for the Gregory-Maksutov telescope colored by radial distance from the centroid.

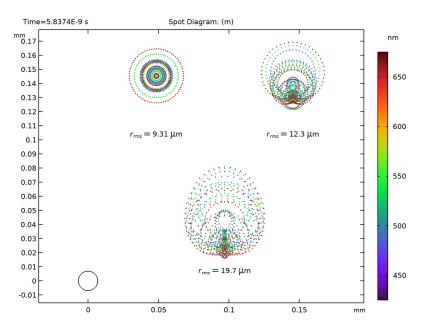


Figure 5: Spot diagram for the Gregory-Maksutov telescope colored by wavelength. For reference, the Airy disc is shown in the lower-left corner.

# Reference

1. G.H. Smith, R. Ceragioli, and R. Berry, *Telescopes, Eyepieces, and Astrographs: Design, Analysis, and Performance of Modern Astronomical Optics*, Willmann-Bell, 2012.

**Application Library path:** Ray\_Optics\_Module/Lenses\_Cameras\_and\_Telescopes/ gregory\_maksutov\_telescope

# Modeling Instructions

From the File menu, choose New.

#### NEW

In the New window, click 🔗 Model Wizard.

## MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click 间 3D.
- 2 In the Select Physics tree, select Optics>Ray Optics>Geometrical Optics (gop).
- 3 Click Add.
- 4 Click  $\bigcirc$  Study.

5 In the Select Study tree, select Preset Studies for Selected Physics Interfaces>Ray Tracing.

6 Click 🗹 Done.

## GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

## Parameters 1: Lens Prescription

- I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, type Parameters 1: Lens Prescription in the Label text field. The lens prescription will be added when the geometry sequence is inserted in the following section.

## Parameters 2: General

The simulation parameters can be loaded from a text file.

- I In the Home toolbar, click Pi Parameters and choose Add>Parameters.
- **2** In the **Settings** window for **Parameters**, type **Parameters 2**: General in the **Label** text field.
- **3** Locate the **Parameters** section. Click *I* **Load from File**.
- **4** Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file gregory\_maksutov\_telescope\_parameters.txt.

## COMPONENT I (COMPI)

- I In the Model Builder window, click Component I (compl).
- 2 In the Settings window for Component, locate the Curved Mesh Elements section.
- **3** From the **Geometry shape function** list, choose **Cubic Lagrange**. The ray tracing algorithm used by the Geometrical Optics interface computes the refracted ray direction based on

a discretized geometry via the underlying finite element mesh. A cubic geometry shape order usually introduces less discretization error compared to the default, which uses linear and quadratic polynomials.

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Insert the prepared geometry sequence from file. You can read the instructions for creating the geometry in the appendix. Following insertion, the lens definitions will be available in the **Parameters** node.

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, locate the Units section.
- 3 From the Length unit list, choose mm.
- 4 In the Label text field, type Gregory-Maksutov Telescope.
- 5 In the Geometry toolbar, click Insert Sequence and choose Insert Sequence.
- 6 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file gregory\_maksutov\_telescope\_geom\_sequence.mph.
- 7 In the Geometry toolbar, click 📗 Build All.
- 8 Click the Orthographic Projection button in the Graphics toolbar. Compare the resulting geometry to Figure 2.

## ADD MATERIAL

- I In the Home toolbar, click 🙀 Add Material to open the Add Material window.
- 2 Go to the Add Material window.
- 3 In the tree, select Optical>Schott Glass>Schott N-BK7 Glass.
- 4 Click Add to Component in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the Home toolbar, click 🙀 Add Material to close the Add Material window.

## MATERIALS

Schott N-BK7 Glass (mat1)

- I In the Settings window for Material, locate the Geometric Entity Selection section.
- 2 From the Selection list, choose All (Corrector).

## **GEOMETRICAL OPTICS (GOP)**

I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (comp1) click Geometrical Optics (gop).

**2** Select Domain 2 only.

- **3** In the **Settings** window for **Geometrical Optics**, locate the **Ray Release and Propagation** section.
- 4 From the Wavelength distribution of released rays list, choose Polychromatic, specify vacuum wavelength.
- **5** In the **Maximum number of secondary rays** text field, type **0**. In this simulation stray light is not being traced, so reflected rays will not be produced at the lens surfaces.
- **6** Select the **Use geometry normals for ray-boundary interactions** check box. In this simulation, the geometry normals are used to apply the boundary conditions on all refracting surfaces. This is appropriate for the highest accuracy ray traces in single-physics simulations, where the geometry is not deformed.

Medium Properties I

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Geometrical Optics (gop) click Medium Properties I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Medium Properties, locate the Medium Properties section.
- **3** From the **Refractive index of domains** list, choose **Get dispersion model from material**. The material added above contains the optical dispersion coefficients which can be used to compute the refractive index as a function of wavelength.

Material Discontinuity I

- I In the Model Builder window, click Material Discontinuity I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Material Discontinuity, locate the Rays to Release section.
- 3 From the Release reflected rays list, choose Never.

#### Mirrors

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Boundaries and choose Mirror.
- 2 In the Settings window for Mirror, type Mirrors in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose Mirrors.

#### Obstructions

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Boundaries and choose Wall.
- 2 In the Settings window for Wall, type Obstructions in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Boundary Selection** section. From the **Selection** list, choose **Obstructions**.
- 4 Locate the Wall Condition section. From the Wall condition list, choose Disappear.

#### Image

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🔚 Boundaries and choose Wall.
- 2 In the Settings window for Wall, type Image in the Label text field.

3 Locate the Boundary Selection section. From the Selection list, choose All (Image plane).

## Release from Grid 1

Release rays from a set of hexapolar grids using quantities defined in the **Parameters 2:** General node.

- I In the Physics toolbar, click 🖄 Global and choose Release from Grid.
- 2 In the Settings window for Release from Grid, locate the Initial Coordinates section.
- **3** From the **Grid type** list, choose **Hexapolar**.
- **4** Specify the  $\mathbf{q}_{c}$  vector as

dx1	x
dy1	у
dz	z

**5** Specify the **r**<sub>c</sub> vector as

0	x
0	у
1	z

6 In the  $R_c$  text field, type P\_nom/2.

7 In the  $N_{\rm c}$  text field, type N\_ring.

8 Locate the Ray Direction Vector section. Specify the  $L_0$  vector as

vx1	x
vy1	у
vz	z

- 9 Locate the Vacuum Wavelength section. From the Distribution function list, choose List of values.
- 10 In the Values text field, type lam1 lam2 lam3. These wavelengths were defined in the Parameters 2: General node.

Release from Grid 2

- I Right-click Release from Grid I and choose Duplicate.
- 2 In the Settings window for Release from Grid, locate the Initial Coordinates section.

**3** Specify the  $\mathbf{q}_{c}$  vector as

dx2 x dy2 y

**4** Locate the **Ray Direction Vector** section. Specify the  $L_0$  vector as

vx2 x vy2 y

Release from Grid 3

I Right-click Release from Grid 2 and choose Duplicate.

2 In the Settings window for Release from Grid, locate the Initial Coordinates section.

**3** Specify the  $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{c}}$  vector as

dx3 x dy3 y

**4** Locate the **Ray Direction Vector** section. Specify the  $L_0$  vector as

vx3	x
vy3	у

## MESH I

Next, build the mesh. First, slightly refine the mesh to improve the ray tracing accuracy.

I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Mesh I.

2 In the Settings window for Mesh, locate the Physics-Controlled Mesh section.

**3** From the **Element size** list, choose **Finer**.

**4** Click **Build All**. The mesh should looks like Figure 3.

## STUDY I

Step 1: Ray Tracing

- I In the Model Builder window, under Study I click Step I: Ray Tracing.
- 2 In the Settings window for Ray Tracing, locate the Study Settings section.
- **3** From the Time-step specification list, choose Specify maximum path length.
- 4 From the Length unit list, choose mm.
- 5 In the Lengths text field, type 0 1750.

6 In the **Home** toolbar, click **= Compute**.

## RESULTS

## Ray Diagram

Now, make some modifications to the default Ray Trajectories plot.

- I In the Settings window for 3D Plot Group, type Ray Diagram in the Label text field.
- 2 Locate the Color Legend section. Select the Show units check box.

## Ray Trajectories 1

In the Model Builder window, expand the Ray Diagram node.

Color Expression 1

- I In the Model Builder window, expand the Ray Trajectories I node, then click Color Expression I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Color Expression, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type at('last',gop.rrel). This expression gives the radial distance from the centroid of the spot on the image plane generated by each release feature.
- 4 From the Unit list, choose µm.

#### Filter I

- I In the Model Builder window, click Filter I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Filter, locate the Ray Selection section.
- **3** From the **Rays to include** list, choose **Logical expression**.
- 4 In the Logical expression for inclusion text field, type at(0,atan2(qy,qx)>-pi/2). This filter removes 1/4 of the rays so that the optical geometry is visible.

#### Ray Diagram

In the following we add and color surface plots to show the various telescope optical elements.

## Surface 1

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Ray Diagram and choose Surface.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- **3** From the **Coloring** list, choose **Uniform**.
- 4 From the Color list, choose Custom.

- **5** On Windows, click the colored bar underneath, or if you are running the cross-platform desktop the **Color** button.
- 6 Click Define custom colors.
- 7 Set the RGB values to 54, 140, and 203, respectively.
- 8 Click Add to custom colors.
- 9 Click Show color palette only or OK on the cross-platform desktop.

## Selection I

- I Right-click Surface I and choose Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Selection, locate the Selection section.
- 3 From the Selection list, choose Exterior (Corrector).
- **4** Select Boundaries 5–9, 11, 18, 19, 22, and 24 only. Remove the central obstruction and mirror surfaces from this selection.

#### Transparency I

In the Model Builder window, right-click Surface I and choose Transparency.

#### Surface 2

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Ray Diagram and choose Surface.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- **3** From the **Coloring** list, choose **Uniform**.
- 4 From the Color list, choose Gray.

## Selection I

- I Right-click Surface 2 and choose Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Selection, locate the Selection section.
- **3** From the Selection list, choose Mirrors.

## Surface 3

- I In the Model Builder window, right-click Ray Diagram and choose Surface.
- 2 In the Settings window for Surface, locate the Coloring and Style section.
- **3** From the **Coloring** list, choose **Uniform**.
- **4** From the **Color** list, choose **Custom**.
- 5 On Windows, click the colored bar underneath, or if you are running the crossplatform desktop — the **Color** button.
- 6 Click Define custom colors.

- 7 Set the RGB values to 105, 105, and 105, respectively.
- 8 Click Add to custom colors.
- 9 Click Show color palette only or OK on the cross-platform desktop.

#### Selection I

- I Right-click Surface 3 and choose Selection.
- 2 In the Settings window for Selection, locate the Selection section.
- **3** From the Selection list, choose Obstructions.
- **4** In the **Ray Diagram** toolbar, click **I** Plot.
- 5 Click the Zoom Extents button in the Graphics toolbar. Compare the resulting image to Figure 4.

## Spot Diagram

- I In the Home toolbar, click 🚛 Add Plot Group and choose 2D Plot Group.
- 2 In the Settings window for 2D Plot Group, type Spot Diagram in the Label text field.
- **3** Locate the **Color Legend** section. Select the **Show units** check box.

#### Spot Diagram 1

- I In the Spot Diagram toolbar, click More Plots and choose Spot Diagram.
- 2 In the Settings window for Spot Diagram, locate the Layout section.
- **3** From the **Origin location** list, choose **Average over area**. This option centers each spot on the midpoint of all rays.
- 4 Click to expand the Annotations section. Select the Show circle check box.
- 5 In the **Radius** text field, type r\_Airy. The Airy disc radius was defined in the **Parameters** node.

#### Color Expression 1

- I Right-click Spot Diagram I and choose Color Expression.
- 2 In the Settings window for Color Expression, locate the Expression section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type gop.lambda0.
- 4 From the **Unit** list, choose **nm**.
- 5 Click to expand the Range section. Select the Manual color range check box.
- 6 In the Minimum text field, type 425.
- 7 In the Maximum text field, type 675.
- 8 Locate the Coloring and Style section. From the Color table list, choose Spectrum.
- 9 In the Spot Diagram toolbar, click 💿 Plot.

**10** Click the **Compare the resulting** image to Figure 5.

Appendix — Geometry Instructions

From the File menu, choose New.

## NEW

In the New window, click 🙆 Model Wizard.

#### MODEL WIZARD

- I In the Model Wizard window, click 间 3D.
- 2 Click **M** Done.

#### GREGORY-MAKSUTOV TELESCOPE GEOMETRY SEQUENCE

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Geometry I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Geometry, type Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Units section. From the Length unit list, choose mm.

## GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

Parameters 1

- I In the Model Builder window, under Global Definitions click Parameters I.
- 2 In the Settings window for Parameters, locate the Parameters section.
- 3 Click 📂 Load from File.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file gregory\_maksutov\_telescope\_geom\_sequence\_parameters.txt. This file contains details of the telescope optical prescription.

## PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click 📑 Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl) click Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select Ray Optics Module>3D>Spherical Lenses> spherical\_lens\_3d in the tree.
- 4 Click ा Add to Geometry.

- 5 In the Select Part Variant dialog box, select Specify clear aperture diameter in the Select part variant list.
- 6 Click OK.

## GREGORY-MAKSUTOV TELESCOPE GEOMETRY SEQUENCE

#### Corrector

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (comp1)>Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence click Spherical Lens 3D I (pi1).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, type Corrector in the Label text field. An aperture on the rear surface of the corrector is also used to define the secondary mirror.

Name	Expression	Value	Description
RI	R1_corr	-268.62 mm	Radius of curvature, surface 1 (+ convex/-concave)
R2	R2_corr	-286.12 mm	Radius of curvature, surface 2 (- convex/+concave)
Tc	Tc_corr	30 mm	Center thickness
d0	d0_corr	225 mm	Lens full diameter
dl	d1_corr	205 mm	Diameter, surface I
d2	d2_corr	0 m	Diameter, surface 2
d1_clear	d1c_corr	70 mm	Clear aperture diameter, surface I
d2_clear	d2c_corr	60 mm	Clear aperture diameter, surface 2
nix	nix	0	Local optical axis, x-component
niy	niy	0	Local optical axis, y-component
niz	niz	-1	Local optical axis, z-component

3 Locate the Input Parameters section. In the table, enter the following settings:

## PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click 📑 Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, click Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence.
- **3** In the **Part Libraries** window, select **Ray Optics Module>3D>Mirrors>spherical\_mirror\_3d** in the tree.
- 4 Click ा Add to Geometry.
- 5 In the Select Part Variant dialog box, select Specify clear aperture diameter in the Select part variant list.

## 6 Click OK.

## GREGORY-MAKSUTOV TELESCOPE GEOMETRY SEQUENCE

## Primary mirror

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (compl)>Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence click Spherical Mirror 3D I (pi2).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, type Primary mirror in the Label text field.

3 Locate the Input Parameters section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
R	R_prim	-1111.6 mm	Radius of curvature (+convex/- concave)
Tc	Tc_prim	25 mm	Center thickness
d0	d0_prim	225 mm	Mirror full diameter
dl	d1_prim	217.5 mm	Mirror surface diameter
d_clear	dc_prim	0 m	Clear aperture diameter
d_hole	dh_prim	60 mm	Center hole diameter
nix	0.0	0	Local optical axis, x-component
niy	0.0	0	Local optical axis, y-component
niz	1.0	I	Local optical axis, z-component

- 4 Locate the Position and Orientation of Output section. Find the Coordinate system to match subsection. From the Take work plane from list, choose Corrector (pil).
- 5 From the Work plane list, choose Surface 2 vertex intersection (wp2).
- 6 Find the **Displacement** subsection. In the **zw** text field, type **z\_prim**.

## PART LIBRARIES

- I In the Home toolbar, click 📑 Windows and choose Part Libraries.
- 2 In the Model Builder window, click Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence.
- 3 In the Part Libraries window, select Ray Optics Module>3D>Apertures and Obstructions> circular\_planar\_annulus in the tree.
- 4 Click  **Add to Geometry**.

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#### Image plane

- I In the Model Builder window, under Component I (comp1)>Gregory-Maksutov Telescope Geometry Sequence click Circular Planar Annulus I (pi3).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, type Image plane in the Label text field.
- 3 Locate the Input Parameters section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Expression	Value	Description
d0	d0_img	50 mm	Diameter, outer
dl	0.0	0 m	Diameter, inner

- 4 Locate the Position and Orientation of Output section. Find the Coordinate system to match subsection. From the Take work plane from list, choose Primary mirror (pi2).
- 5 From the Work plane list, choose Mirror vertex intersection (wpl).
- 6 Find the **Displacement** subsection. In the **zw** text field, type z\_img+delta\_z\_img. The image plane z-coordinate is offset to account for the fact that the ray trace is performed in a vacuum.
- 7 Click 🟢 Build All Objects.
- 8 Click the **1** Orthographic Projection button in the Graphics toolbar.
- **9** Click the **F Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

In the following sections we create selections that can be used to define the physics and during postprocessing. Note that the predefined Boundary Selections can be used to create custom definitions of clear apertures and obstructions.

#### Corrector (pil)

- I In the Model Builder window, click Corrector (pil).
- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, click to expand the Domain Selections section.
- 3 In the table, select the Keep check box for All.
- 4 Click to expand the **Boundary Selections** section. In the table, select the **Keep** check boxes for **Exterior** and **Surface 1**.
- 5 Click to select row number 2 in the table.
- 6 Click New Cumulative Selection.
- 7 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog box, type Obstructions in the Name text field.
- 8 Click OK.

## 9 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.

**IO** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Кеер	Physics	Contribute to
Edges		$\checkmark$	Obstructions

II Click to select row number 3 in the table.

**I2** Click New Cumulative Selection.

13 In the New Cumulative Selection dialog box, type Mirrors in the Name text field.

I4 Click OK.

15 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.

**I6** Click to select row number 4 in the table.

**I7** Click New Cumulative Selection.

**18** In the **New Cumulative Selection** dialog box, type **Clear Apertures** in the **Name** text field.

I9 Click OK.

**20** In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.

**2** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Кеер	Physics	Contribute to
Surface 2 obstruction		$\checkmark$	Clear Apertures

Primary mirror (pi2)

I In the Model Builder window, click Primary mirror (pi2).

2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.

**3** In the table, enter the following settings:

Name	Кеер	Physics	Contribute to
Mirror surface			Mirrors
Mirror rear surface			Obstructions
Mirror edges	$\checkmark$		Obstructions

Image plane (pi3)

I In the Model Builder window, click Image plane (pi3).

- 2 In the Settings window for Part Instance, locate the Boundary Selections section.
- 3 In the table, select the Keep check box for All.

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