- faces the spectrophotometer's beam; this result can be explained by total internal reflection effects and the different roughness scales of the film's two surfaces. Preliminary results on the polishing of several FACVD films using a heated steel disk, a rhenium filament and a hydrogen environment are discussed. An Auger depth profile of the steel disk shows graphite at the surface of the disk, iron carbide in the bulk, and a depletion of carbon in the bulk near the surface. The films' surface roughness before and after polishing was measured with a profilometer, and local roughness averages of less than 500 Å have been achieved. Results of optical scatter measurements made on films before and after polishing are presented. 15 Refs. Index Terms: Diamonds thin films; Films synthesis; Polishing; Optical properties; Surfaces roughness measurement; Polycrystalline diamond films: FACVD films: Surface roughness; Optical analysis.
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