## The Varilux S Series<sup>™</sup>: 4D Technology<sup>™</sup> — The Next Level of Personalization: The Leading Dominant Eye<sup>™</sup>

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Three groundbreaking technologies underlie the extraordinary benefits of new Varilux S Series<sup>™</sup> lenses:

- Nanoptix Technology<sup>™</sup>: A breakthrough technology that virtually eliminates "swim" compared to other premium progressive lenses. Nanoptix Technology<sup>™</sup> reengineers the basic shape of the progressive lens by considering the lens as a set of many optical elements, allowing designers to minimize image deformation while maintaining the power progression.
- SynchronEyes Technology<sup>™</sup>: A powerful, innovative technology that integrates prescription data from both eyes into each lens, optimizing binocular visual fields and giving wearers expansive vision.
- 4D Technology<sup>™</sup>: A revolution in lens personalization that enhances overall visual response times by ensuring the sharpest vision in the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup>. (Available only on Varilux S 4D<sup>™</sup> lenses.)

This paper will describe how 4D Technology<sup>m</sup> can shorten visual reaction time by sharpening vision in the leading dominant eye<sup>m</sup>.

## 4D Technology<sup>™</sup>: Faster Visual Reaction Time<sup>™</sup>

The leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup> is the eye that leads the other eye in perceptual and motor tasks. For example, when gaze shifts to a new target, it is the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup> that acquires the target first and leads the fellow eye. Research has demonstrated that the clearer the vision in the leading dominant



**FIGURE 1** Target acquisition test device. Subjects looking straight ahead were shown an off-axis target. Time to start of head movement and target acquisition were measured.

eye<sup> $\infty$ </sup>, the faster a subject is able to shift vision to a new target (Figures 1 and 2). The key to improving visual reaction

time, then, is to optimize vision in the leading dominant eye<sup> $\infty$ </sup>. This is the goal of the Varilux S 4D Technology<sup> $\infty$ </sup>.

4D Technology<sup>™</sup> uses the Essilor Visioffice<sup>®</sup> System to measure individual personalization parameters and the Visioffice<sup>®</sup> System Hand Held Measuring Device<sup>™</sup> to determine the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup> (Figure 3). The technology then optimizes the lens design to ensure the clearest possible vision in the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup>, while maintaining the best possible binocular vision. This is accomplished in three steps.

- Step 1: SynchronEyes Technology<sup>™</sup> uses wearer data to develop an integrated binocular coordinate system based on the concept of the "cyclopean eye".
- Step 2: A targeted binocular design is applied to both lenses, optimizing each for the best possible binocular vision. At the same time, the incorporation of Nanoptix Technology<sup>™</sup> ensures stable dynamic vision.
- Step 3: 4D Technology<sup>™</sup> optimizes vision for the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup>, enhancing visual reaction time while maintaining optimal binocular vision.

## Conclusion: A Revolution in Lens Personalization

In addition to its revolutionary 4D



**FIGURE 2** In a test system, when blur is placed on the leading dominant eye<sup>M</sup>, visual response time is significantly greater than when equal blur is placed on the fellow eye.



**FIGURE 3** Determination of the leadingdominant eye with the Visioffice<sup>®</sup> System Hand Held Measuring Device<sup>™</sup>. The determination is entirely automatic: no action on the part of the eyecare professional is required.

Technology<sup>m</sup>, every Varilux S 4D<sup>m</sup> lens incorporates Nanoptix Technology<sup>m</sup> to provide stability in motion, and SynchronEyes Technology<sup>m</sup> to provide expansive vision by allowing the two eyes to work as one visual system.

Using the Essilor Visioffice® System to take complete position-of-wear measurements and to determine the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup> makes possible the next level of personalization in progressive lenses. Optimizing vision in the leading dominant eye<sup>™</sup> provides patients with the best vision and the fastest possible visual reaction times for the ultimate in personalization.

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