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NXT Technology and Kodak Lenses with Anti-Fatigue Progressive Technology. Options for the new Kodak Sun Lenses range from photochromic-polarized to mirror in Kodak Unique progressive and single vision lenses. The patented Anti-Fatigue Progressive Technology, designed to reduce near-viewing eyestrain, can be added to any Kodak progressive.

KBco is releasing Xperio spherical polycarbonate FT28 in Grey-3, Brown-3 and Grey-Green. It is Crizal approved and comes standard with a factory applied “glass like” hard coating.

Younger Optics is launching NuPolar Trilogy—Visual Armor, a new Rx sun lens that provides “unparalleled protection and visual acuity by use of NuPolar

tally created prescription lens made for wraparound sunglasses. According to Ice-Tech, the Thin-Tech process offers better optical quality, less weight, thinner lenses and greater cosmetic appeal than a bulky lens. A proprietary technology is used to customize individual wrap-around high-base curve lenses and is equally effective on PALs, dual zone and single vision designs.

Also new in the **single vision** category are **Optima**’s three additions to its HyperIndex 1.74 lens line: 1.74 Uncoated Spherical SFSV for Free-Form, 1.74 Uncoated Aspheric SFSV and 1.74 Uncoated Double Concave. The company is also offering the new 1.67 Uncoated Spherical SFSV for Free-Form lens.

Chemilens/UVCO is releasing the Oculite series of free-form ready blank spherical SFSV lenses in 1.60, 1.67, and 1.74. The Oculite high-index



polarization technology and Trilogy (Trivex) material properties,” according to Younger. This patented new development combines superior optics and impact resistance with protection from blinding glare and UV in a thin, lightweight lens. The lens comes in True Gray and True Brown. Younger’s NuPolar polycarbonate FT28 lenses feature an exclusive 8 base offering (recommended for wrap frames), providing a wide Rx range for a polycarbonate polarized flat-top lens; they are available in gray and brown. Expo attendees can pick up a newly revised edition of the educational brochure “The Art & Science of NuPolar” at the Younger booth.

Ice-Tech will showcase its Thin-Tech Lens, an individualized digi-

series is also available in aspherical design for typical Rx processing. All three materials: 1.60, 1.67 and 1.74 have 99 percent of light transmittance and also block 99



percent of UV up to 400nm. More than 10 design base curves are available for each index and compatible with most of AR coatings. 1.74 SFSV lens comes with the impact-resistance primer hard coating as a standard.

New Thindex 1.70 high index lenses from **Vision-Ease** Lens

combine thin, lightweight comfort with superior optics. The lenses are available in A SFSV, A FSV SuperHydro AR and the Novella short corridor progressive. Thindex 1.70 lenses are thinner and lighter than 1.67 lenses, and rival 1.74 high index lenses for greater comfort in mid to stronger prescriptions, according to Vision-Ease. They feature a higher Abbe value than 1.67 and 1.74, resulting in less chromatic aberration. SuperHydro anti-reflective coating on the FSV offering allows lenses to transmit maximum light for sharper night vision and reduced glare, while offering effective liquid repellence, high abrasion resistance and anti-static properties.

VSP Labs is showcasing its new, in-house line of **anti-reflective coatings**, Unity Performance Coatings, including: Unity, Unity Plus and Unity Elite. Available with all major manufacturer lenses, Unity Performance Coatings are produced onsite in VSP’s wholly owned labs. They are long-lasting and durable coatings that reduce glare, resist scratching, and are easy to clean. Expo attendees interested in the latest lens coating technologies can also see Essilor’s new generation of Crizal Alizé lenses, which offer improved cleanability and durability. The lenses feature an enhanced topcoat and a proprietary High Surface Density (HSD) process that densely packs the topcoat molecules together so fingerprints, dirt, oil or smudges can’t stick to lenses. Essilor’s exclusive Pad Control System ensures edging precision.

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