Wafer substrates made of molybdenum and MoCu.

Durable LED lights need reliable and strong components. With our molybdenum and MoCu wafer substrates, a service life of 100 000 operating hours of the LED chip is easily achievable.

The semiconductor layers in LED chips convert electrical current into light. They consist of an area of excess electrons (n-doped) and an area in which there is a shortage of electrons (p-doped). When current is applied to the semiconductor layers, the electron distribution balances out. They radiate light in the form of photons. The remaining energy is emitted as heat, which must be reliably dissipated.

In the future LEDs will shine even brighter. And the operating temperatures will rise. With molybdenum wafer substrates, for example for use in sapphire- or silicon-based (Si) LED chips and the MoCu composites that we have developed specially for use in sapphire-based LED chips, Plansee has the optimum material for heat dissipation in its range.
Wafer substrates are bonded to the semiconductor layers of LED chips at temperatures of up to 800°C. R670, the MoCu material specially developed by us for sapphire-based LEDs, is tailored for the soldering process as well as for long-term heat dissipation in LED chips. R670 has the same coefficient of thermal expansion as Al₂O₃. Al₂O₃ is the base material for both the sapphire wafer and the ceramic carrier plate in the LED chip. The uniform thermal expansion of MoCu wafer, sapphire substrate and ceramic base plate prevents defects in the semiconductor and solder layers.

The thermal conductivity (TC) of our MoCu material R670 for LED chips is 170 W/mK (at 20 °C) and therefore higher than that of pure molybdenum (142 W/mK). The benefit to you: even better heat dissipation in your sapphire-based LED chips.

Our molybdenum and MoCu wafer substrates are available in thicknesses from 0.05 mm and diameters up to 300 mm (12 inches). Even diameters of 8 inches or more are not a problem for us. Would you like to put us to the test? We would also be pleased to supply you with small quantities for sampling. The roughness and evenness of wafer substrates have a decisive influence on the connection to the semiconductor. Just contact us. We can supply you with tailor-made surfaces for your process.

You can purchase our molybdenum and MoCu wafer substrates with coatings. An example? Our nickel-gold coating is resistant to oxidation and protects the wafer carrier against corrosion. Furthermore, our nickel-gold layers are the bonding interface to reflector layer and heat spreader. Alongside nickel-gold, we also supply other coatings, for example made of ruthenium, chromium or silver.
To apply our coatings, we use the PVD process which guarantees exceptional material purity and extremely homogeneous coatings. Alternatively, we can supply you with galvanically applied coatings.

**Flawless quality from a single supplier.**

We handle every stage in the manufacture of our products for heat dissipation in-house. From the raw materials through to the finished product: including the development of new materials.