

50. (a) From $d \sin \theta = m\lambda$ we find

$$d = \frac{m\lambda_{\text{avg}}}{\sin \theta} = \frac{3(589.3 \text{ nm})}{\sin 10^\circ} = 1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ nm} = 10 \mu\text{m} .$$

(b) The total width of the ruling is

$$L = Nd = \left(\frac{R}{m}\right) d = \frac{\lambda_{\text{avg}} d}{m\Delta\lambda} = \frac{(589.3 \text{ nm})(10 \mu\text{m})}{3(589.59 \text{ nm} - 589.00 \text{ nm})} = 3.3 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m} = 3.3 \text{ mm} .$$