

Lecture #04

Semiconductor Lasers : Practical LD and Handling

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OUTLINES

Practical Laser Diodes and Handling

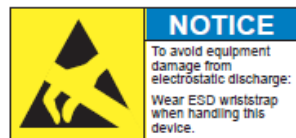
- a. Device Specifications**
- b. Packaging**
- c. Safety of the Device**
- d. Safety of the User**

Description

Thorlabs' LP1550-SAD2 Single Mode Pigtailed DFB Laser Diode is a standard TO-packaged diode that has been pigtailed to a 1 m long single mode fiber (SMF-28e) with an FC/APC connector. This fiber pigtailed laser diode features an internal optical isolator to avoid back reflection for stable output power and single longitudinal mode. Each unit is tested before shipment. Please refer to the unit-specific test sheet for optimal operating parameters.

Specifications

| Absolute Maximum Ratings | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Reverse Voltage (Max) | 2 V |
| Reverse Voltage (Max) | 10 V |
| Absolute Max Current | 40 mA |
| Absolute Max Power | 3 mW |
| Storage Temperature | -10 to 65 °C |
| Physical Specifications | |
| Part Code | 5D |
| Fiber | SMF-28e |
| Connector | FC/APC |

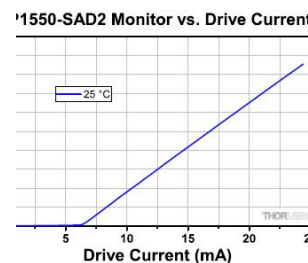
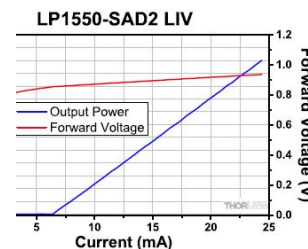


| LP1550-SAD2 Specifications | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Symbol | Min | Typical | Max |
| Center Wavelength* | λ_C | 1547 nm | 1550 nm | 1553 nm |
| Typical Output Power* | P_{op} | - | 2.0 mW | - |
| Operating Current @ $P_{op} = 2 \text{ mW}^*$ | I_{op} | - | 20 mA | 40 mA |
| Temperature Tuning Range | T_{TR} | 15 °C | - | 35 °C |
| Threshold Current* | I_{TH} | - | 6 mA | 20 mA |
| Single Mode Suppression Ratio (SMSR) | SMSR | 35 dB | 40 dB | - |
| Wavelength Shift over Current | $\Delta\lambda / \Delta I$ | - | 0.005 nm/mA | - |
| Wavelength Shift over Temperature | $\Delta\lambda / \Delta T$ | - | 0.1 nm/°C | - |
| Operating Voltage @ $P_{op} = 2 \text{ mW}^*$ | V_F | - | 1.0 V | 2.0 V |
| Monitor Current @ P_{op} | I_{PD} | 120 μA | - | 1000 μA |
| Slope Efficiency @ $P_{op} = 2 \text{ mW}^*$ | $\Delta P / \Delta I$ | - | 0.2 mW/mA | - |
| Laser Linewidth (-20 dB) @ $P_{op} = 2 \text{ mW}^*$ | $\Delta\nu$ | - | 0.1 nm | 1.0 nm |

Temperature = 25 °C

Performance Specifications

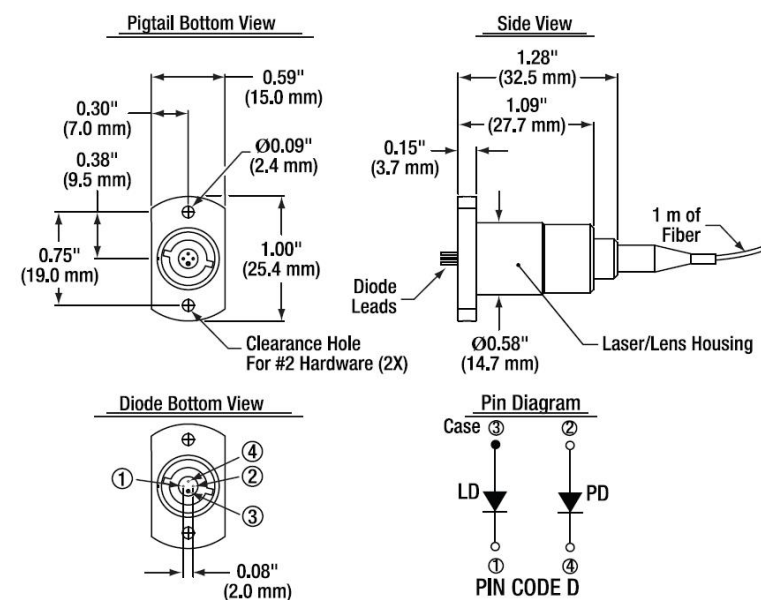
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Drawing



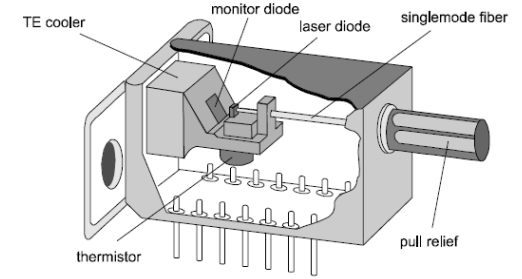
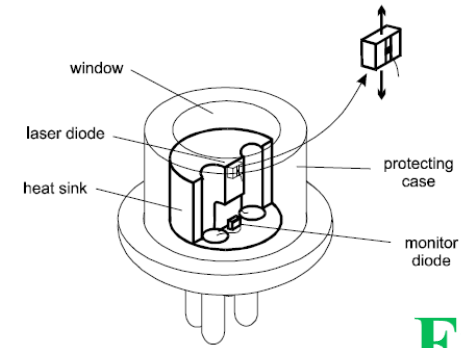
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Applications

Laser Diodes : Packaging

Device Packages



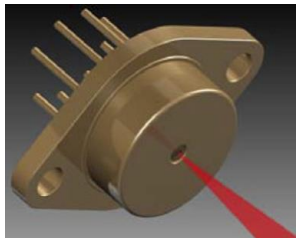
Free Space output

Fiber Pigtail

Will have glass window at the top for the light output

Light output is from the fiber

**TO-3
Window Can**

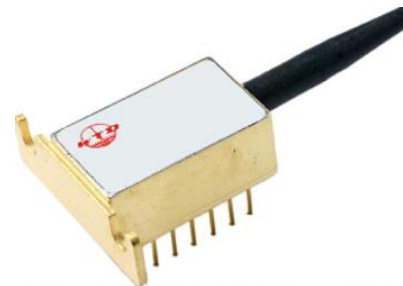


Similar to power transistor

**SOT-148
Window Can**



**14 Pin DIL or DIP
Package**



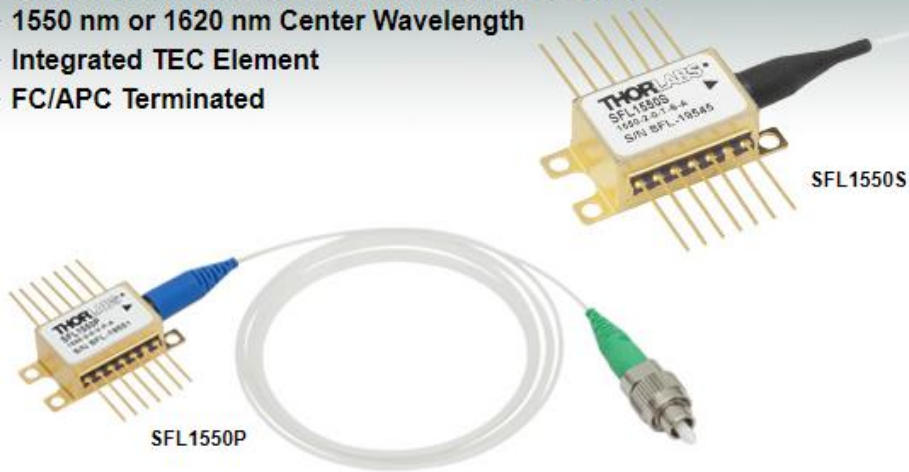
**14 Pin Butterfly
Package**



Laser Diodes : Packaging

Pigtailed External Cavity (ECL) Single-Frequency Lasers, Butterfly Package

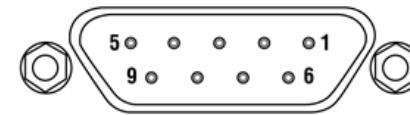
- ▶ Narrow Linewidth, Single-Frequency Laser Diodes
- ▶ 1550 nm or 1620 nm Center Wavelength
- ▶ Integrated TEC Element
- ▶ FC/APC Terminated



Application Idea
SFL1550S Installed in the CLD1015 Compact Laser Diode Controller

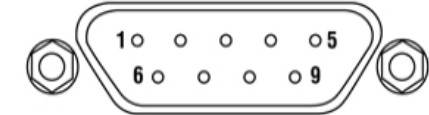


Laser Diode Connector
D-type Female



| Pin # | Signal |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Interlock and Status Pin (LDC Specific) |
| 2 | Photodiode Cathode PDC |
| 3 | Laser Diode Anode LDA |
| 4 | Photodiode Anode PDA |
| 5 | Interlock and Status Return |
| 6 | Laser Diode Voltage (-) VLD(-) |
| 7 | Laser Diode Cathode LDC |
| 8 | Not Used |
| 9 | Laser Diode Voltage (+) VLD(+) |

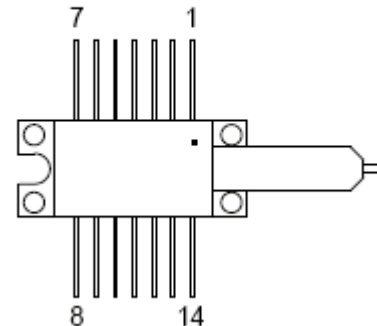
TEC Connector
D-type Male



| Pin # | Signal |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | TEC Lockout (+) |
| 2 | +Thermistor TH+ |
| 3 | -Thermistor TH_GND |
| 4 | TEC (+) |
| 5 | TEC (-) and TEC Lockout (-) |
| 6 | Not Used |
| 7 | Not Used |
| 8 | Not Used |
| 9 | Not Used |

| Pin Identification | | | |
|--------------------|------------|----|-------|
| 1 | TEC + | 14 | TEC - |
| 2 | Thermistor | 13 | Case |
| 3 | NC | 12 | NC |
| 4 | NC | 11 | LD + |
| 5 | Thermistor | 10 | LD - |
| 6 | NC | 9 | NC |
| 7 | NC | 8 | NC |

Type 1 14 Pin Butterfly Pin Diagram



LM14S2

Handling LDs: **Safety of User**

| Classification | | Output power P_{out} | Precautions |
|----------------|------|---|--|
| Class I | | Few μW to few tens of μw | Safe lasers |
| Class II | | < 1mW | Avoid direct exposure to the eyes |
| Class | IIIa | 1mW to 10 mW | Avoid direct exposure |
| | IIIb | 10mW to 100 mW | Laser goggles and avoid direct exposure on body parts |
| Class IV | | > Few hundred mW | Need all safety precautions and “interlocking arrangement “ |

Handling LDs: **Safety of Devices**

All high speed devices are sensitive to ESD

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

- ❖ If the charges passes through a very short time the current will be very high.
- ❖ Devices very high speed then current will be very high
- ❖ Important in the high speed components

Grounded Mats

Grounded Straps : wire have to go to the central node with a 1 mega ohm resistance

Handling LDs: **Set-up of a Laser**

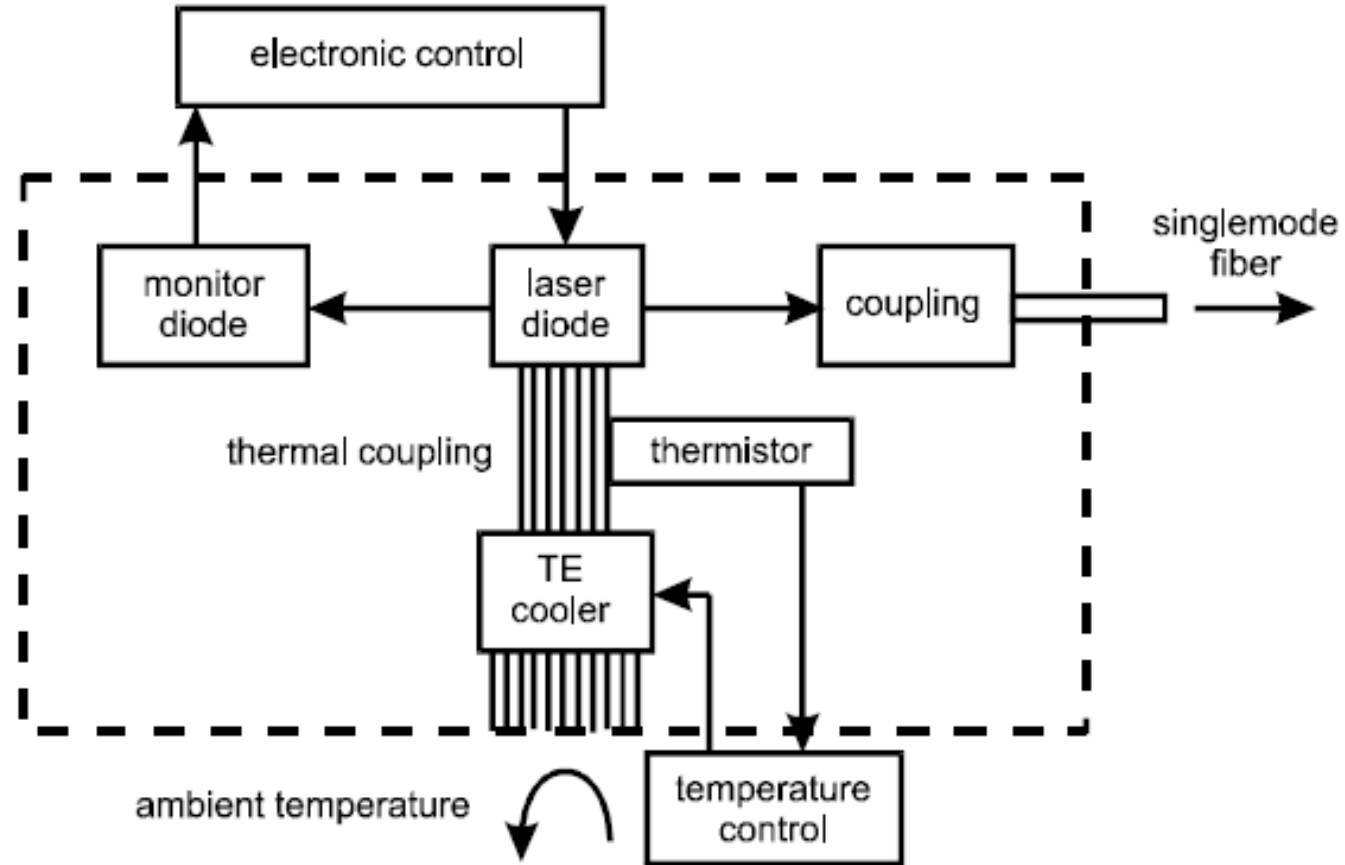


Figure Set up of a laser module

Assignment

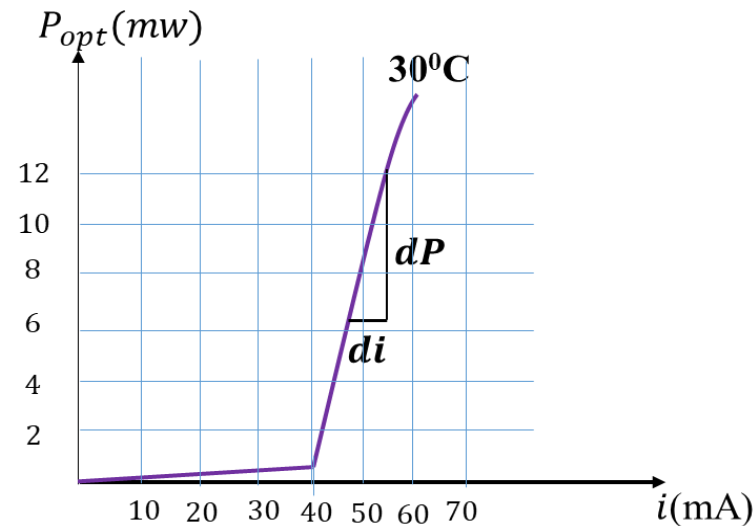
1. For the given typical parameter of laser diode as follows, what is the transparent current at $T=30^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $T=40^{\circ}\text{C}$. Also, plot the graph for P_{optical} when the temperature is raised to 40°C showing threshold current.

Scattering loss due to inhomogeneity = 20 cm^{-1} ;

Absorption co-efficient = 600 cm^{-1} ;

Length of the cavity = $285\text{ }\mu\text{m}$;

Reflectivity of cavity mirrors are 32%



Temperature coefficient $T_0 = 140\text{K}$

Any Queries

