CEL Cateye Laser



The MOGLabs Cateye Laser offers a new twist in external cavity diode lasers.

A cateye reflector and ultranarrow filter replace the alignment-sensitive diffraction grating of conventional Litman-Metcalf and Littrow designs.

The CEL is robust, stable, and acoustically inert. In combination with MOGLabs electronics, the linewidth can be well below 100 kHz. Common wavelengths are available including 633nm, 638nm, 671nm, 689nm, 698nm, 707nm, 729nm, 767nm, 780nm, 795nm, 852nm, 895nm, 935nm, 1018nm and many others, at powers up to 250mW extra-cavity. It is available in an economical compact chassis, or with internal single 30dB isolator and fibre coupling (optional) as pictured, or with dual stage 60dB isolator and fibre coupling.

Features

- Cateye filter design
- Fast piezo feedback
- Self-aligning
- Precision wavelength adjustment

Benefits

- High-performance
- Narrow linewidth
- Acoustically inert
- Very low frequency noise

Applications

- Laser cooling and trapping
- Bose-Einstein condensation
- Trapped ion quantum computing
- Quantum optics: squeezed light
- Electromagnetic transparency and slow light
- Time and frequency standards
- Laser spectroscopy

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Specifications CEL v002

Wavelength/frequency

780nm, 852nm, others Up to 250mW output power, diode dependent

Linewidth Typically <100kHz, configuration dependent

Modulation 10MHz bandwidth, AC or DC coupled RF bias tee option: >2.5GHz bandwidth

Coarse tuning range Diode dependent; e.g. 776nm – 802nm or 850 – 895nm (single diode)

Optical

Beam diameter $(1/e^2)$ Typically 0.6 x 0.3mm; diode-dependent

Polarisation Vertical linear 100:1 typical (standard diode)

Thermal

TEC $\pm 14.5 \text{V} 3.3 \text{A} Q = 23 \text{W} \text{ standard}$

Sensor NTC $10k\Omega$ standard; AD590, 592 optional

Stability at base ±1mK (controller dependent)

Cooling Water cooling connections optional (usually not required)

Sweep/scan

Scan range 10-15 GHz typical, with MOGLabs controller, diode dependent

Mode-hop free scan 10-15 GHz typical, with current feed-forward

Piezo 0-150V, >2 μm

Electronics

Protection Relay, cover interlock connection, reverse diode

Indicator Laser ON/OFF (LED)

Modulation input

SMA DC to 10MHz or AC 10kHz to 10MHz, ground isolated

Option: RF bias tee, 16MHz – 2.5GHz (lower cutoff optional)

Connector MOGLabs DLC Diode Laser Controller (single cable connect)

Dimensions

Dimensions Compact: 108 x 70 x 83mm (LxWxH), 0.5kg

Extended (as shown): 220 x 95 x 90.5 (LxWxH), 1.3kg



