Laser Controller for Passively Q-Switched Diode Pumped Solid State MicroChip Lasers

(CDRH, OEM and OEM Short packages)

User's manual

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How to use this Manual

If you have just taken delivery of the laser system, please read the Preface, General Information and Installation sections. If you are installing the equipment, read the Installation section. See Operation when you are ready to operate the equipment.

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PART I: Information pertaining to all MicroChip Laser Controller models

1-Preface

1.1 Safety Symbols

The following symbols and messages (Table 1) can be marked on the unit or used in this manual. Observe all safety instructions that are associated with a symbol.

Symbol	Description
Â	Indicates hazardous voltages
	See the user's manual for instructions on handling and operating the unit safely.
	Frame or chassis terminal for electrical grounding within the unit.
\sim	Indicates AC voltage when following the voltage value
	Protective conductor terminal for electrical grounding to the earth.
	ESD – Indicates risk of electrostatic discharge. Use proper isolation to protect devices.
	Contains electronics - EU Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE Directive)
Œ	Compliant with CE norm

Table 1: Safety Symbols

1.2 Warning and Caution Symbols

Warning

When you see a warning, it denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in *injury or death*. Do not proceed beyond a warning until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

Caution

When you see a caution, it denotes a hazard. It calls attention to an operating procedure practice, or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or *destruction of part or the entire product*. Do not proceed beyond a caution until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

1.3 Electrical Safety Precautions

MicroChip Lasers system are offered either as OEM products for incorporation into other equipment or as CDRH certified systems. Always check for part number stickers on the product that your laser head and laser controller are compatible and comply to those requirements. Please refer to the Specification Document Attached in Part II. With OEM products, the customer is responsible for CDRH certification of all systems sold with these products.

Caution



The protective housing of this laser controller product should always be left in place during normal laser operation. More generally the protecting cover of the system laser head and laser controller SHOULD NOT be removed. Removal of the protective housing **is prohibited** and should not be performed under any circumstances. NO SERVICEABLE PART INSIDE.

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The electrical safety hazards of solid-state laser systems should not be ignored, as they are as great as other electrical systems operating from AC power lines. The voltages involved and the current available have the potential to cause fatal electric shock (**FOR DESKTOP VERSION ONLY**).

Warning



Although the MicroChip Laser systems conform to CE electrical requirements (unless otherwise specified in the Specification Control Document attached in Part II) and additional safety features have been included in their design, the following safety precautions should be noted and observed under the control of the responsible authority:

- 1. Your laser is intended for operation only with the laser head and laser controller's covers in place. Do not remove cover <u>under any</u> <u>circumstances</u> of the laser and/or the laser controller.
- 2. For the sake of safety, NEVER depend upon any electrical safety device or interlock but carefully make other determinations that all power is off and components are de-energized before working on the electrical connections of the laser system.
- 3. Do not allow anyone to perform electrical maintenance on the laser
- 4. The IEC connector may be used to disconnect the laser controller from the mains. It MUST remain accessible by the user at any time (FOR DESKTOP VERSION ONLY).
- 5. The mains cord must be plugged in a socket comprising the earth connection. Disconnection of the earth is forbidden as it may impair the electrical protection and renders the equipment dangerous (FOR DESKTOP VERSION ONLY).

Responsible Authority is defined as an individual or a group of people responsible for the good use or preventive maintenance or servicing of the equipment and whose task is to assure that all person having to use or operate the system is properly trained.

The user's responsible authority of the MicroChip Laser system should be aware that by operating the product without due regards to the here mentioned precautions, or in a manner that is not compliant with procedures recommended here in this document or with any of the laser controller/laser specification, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired and cause unsafe operating conditions.

1.4 Safety Recommendations for using the Laser controller

Warning



When operating the laser system, it is recommended that you observe the following safety precautions:

1. Safety Key Switch: When laser system is un-operated or unattended but still accessible to untrained people, it is recommended to remove key from key switch or unplugged or disconnect power cord (FOR DESKTOP VERSION ONLY).

2. Limit access to the laser system to those familiar with the equipment. Keep the laser out of the hands of inexperienced or untrained personnel.

3. Emission Lamp (Emission LED): This is a safety feature. It MUST BE clearly visible by operator or anyone situated within confined laser system environment when laser is operated or not. (FOR DESKTOP VERSION ONLY)

4. Interlock: This is a safety feature. It MUST be used to prevent laser emission in the presence of unaware people entering in a defined or confined laser system security perimeter including room, inside cover, etc.

5. NEVER LEAVE THE LASER system ON, OPEN, AND UNATTENDED!

1.5 Additional Laser Safety Informational Sources

Sources for additional information and assistance on laser safety are:

Director (HFX-400)

Division of compliance, Bureau of Radiological Health 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857 (Regulations and Requirements)

Laser Institute of America

400 Executive Park Drive Cincinnati, OH 45241 (Safety Guides)

Am. National Standards Institute, Inc.

1430 Broadway New York, NY 10018 (Safety Guides)

CEN Management Center

36, rue de Stassart B-1050 Brussels Fax: + 32 2 550 08 19 E-mail: infodesk@cenorm.be

Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR)

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British Standards Institution (BSI)

389 Chiswick High Road GB-London W4 4AL www.bsi.com

Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V. (DIN)

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2. General information

This chapter contains general information covering MicroChip Lasers Controller and includes the following:

- Safety label
- CE Certificate
- Unpacking and inspection
- Repackaging for shipment
- Equipment supplied
- Warranty and Worldwide Service

2.1 Introduction

The instrument of the MLC series are compact control units for driving up to 3 Amps Power Laser Diodes integrated in Microchip Lasers laser head.

Besides the controlling of the laser diodes, the MLC features also two built in thermoelectric coolers (TECs = Peltier elements) regulation control.

Thanks to its high efficiency MLC series operates without needs from additional cumbersome heat sinks nor fans. It is only set to cooling via airflow.

The MLC controllers can be declined under a PC board for OEM integration, a Module corresponding to a tightly packaged board conform to CE mark for easy integration and a Desktop version for laboratory and evaluation test prior to OEM integration and fully compliant to CE and CDRH regulation, see table below.

	Input Power	CE	CDRH	
Desktop	100- 240VAC	\checkmark	\checkmark	Table 2: MLC Models
Module	12V DC	\checkmark		
Board	12V DC			

The MLC series features consist of one external input supply line, one external RS232 standard serial link connector, one interlock jack connector and one analog "utility" connector.

MLC units functionalities are controlled by a microprocessor based central unit. All parameters are factory set and no user intervention is required to set the device to operate other than action on a start/stop button.

Additionally a set of parameters can be accessed and set via an RS232 interface to a PC.

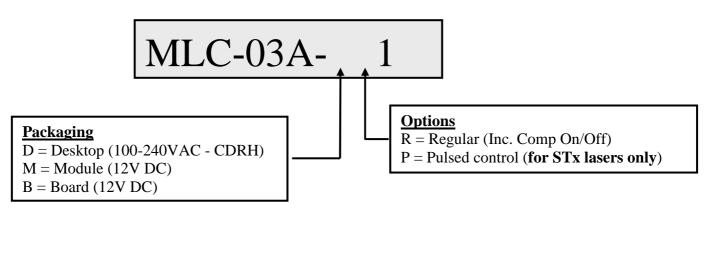
MLC series also integrate a firmware feature that can retrieve operating time, Serial number and various other SPC data collection.

Each MLC Laser Controller is interchangeable with all MicroChip laser heads including the same level of options. Data are stored into the Laser Head Board referred to as personality board. Additional technical information on the laser controller as well as the wiring details can be found in the Specification Control Document attached in the Part II.

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The MLC series is CLASS 4 compatible and fully compliant laser controller. Please REMEMBER that ONLY a complete system (laser head + laser controller) will be compliant to CDRH or OEM regulation. Check part numbers and match laser and controller specifications for exact regulation compliancy.

2.2 Identification Labels & indicators



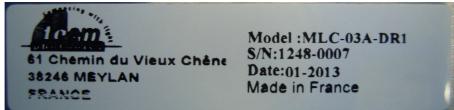


Figure 1a: CDRH Product Identification Label

Model : MLC-03A-MR1 S/N :1118-0033 Date : 07-2011 Made in France	45000222_003 1219-0025
Module package Figure 2b: OEM Produc	Board package
100-240V~50/60Hz 40W Fuse : T1A CE To prevent electrical shock do not remove cover No serviceable part inside	12V CE 36W Fuse : T3.0 A
CDRH package	Module and Board package



2.3 Unpacking and Inspection

Before unpacking the MicroChip Laser controller, inspect the shipping carton for evidence of damage. If the shipping box appears to be damaged, file a claim immediately with the freight carrier. After unpacking, inspect each item carefully for evidence of damage. If any item appears to be damaged, file a claim immediately with the freight carrier. It is recommended that you retain the original shipping box and packing material in case any Microchip Laser controller item has to be returned to Teem Photonics. Most shipping damage occurs when the item is not shipped in the original shipping container.

2.4 Repackaging for Shipment

If it is ever necessary to repackage any MicroChip Laser controller item for reshipment, use the original carton and packing material, if available. If the original carton and material are not available, use a similar carton and pack the item(s) in suitable packing material, or contact Teem Photonics for a container.

2.5 Equipment Supplied

Each MicroChip Laser Regular Controller consists of the following:

	Desktop	Module	Board
1x US compliant Power Cable (2,5m grounded main cable)	\checkmark		
1x EEC Power Cable (2,5m grounded main cable)	\checkmark		
1x Key ring with 2 keys for Safety Key Switch	\checkmark		
1x Connector 2 contacts type Molex ref. 39-01-2020 (receptacle)		\checkmark	\checkmark
2x 39-00-0039 (crimp sockets)		\checkmark	\checkmark
1x Controller MLC-03A-xR1 or MLC-03A-xP1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
1x Interlock (3.5mm Jack Connector)	\checkmark		\checkmark
1x User's Manual (this document)	\checkmark	\checkmark	

For MLC-03A-xP1 controllers only, the following parts are added:

	Desktop	Module	Board
1x 50 Ohms load		\checkmark	
1x SMB cable		\checkmark	

<u>NB:</u>

Details of your configuration and connector reference may be found in Specification Control Documents attached in Part II of this document and will include a list of the extra equipment supplied/to be self procured relative to each operation mode.

2.6 Warranty and Worldwide services

For sales and service information, contact Teem Photonics or your local representative

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3. Installation

The installation may vary from laser types and option. The intent of this paragraph is to present the main guidelines for installation. It is recommended for each specific laser to carefully read through § 4 and to go for details in the Specification Control Document (SCD, see Part II). The reader should find details on wiring and other electrical linkage both on the laser heads and the laser controller.

3.1 Mounting

When mounting the MicroChip Laser Controller, consider the following information: **The laser system controller has to be operated in a non-condensing environment.**

Caution



Select an environment that does not exceed the specifications, for temperature, humidity, etc., as listed in the Specifications section.

3.1.1 Laser Controller heat sinking

All laser controllers are built to be self-sustaining and should not require additional heat dissipation when operating under environmental conditions described in the specifications.

Important!!

The above information is only valid for the controller alone. User is advised to read Laser head related paragraph to get the proper requirements.

Microchip lasers controllers can be fixed on location by the sets of holes present on its base plate or inside the 4 rubber feet. Mounting holes and registration holes are provided as described on mechanical drawing included in the attached Specification Control Document (Part. II at the end of this manual).

For Desktop unit (CDRH) please remove all 4x rubber feet to reach the threaded holes. For Module and Board please use screw holes or spacers at specified locations.

3.1.2 Desktop AC Voltage laser controller (CDRH ONLY)

Four M4 mounting holes can be used to attach the MicroChip Lasers AC voltage controller onto a support.

3.1.3 Board/Module DC Voltage laser controller

Controller Module: Four 3.2mm mounting holes can be used to attach the MicroChip Lasers DC voltage Module controller onto a support.

Board controller: 3 locations are provided to mount the board onto its support. 2 of the location situated on the central part of the board are used for heat evacuation and should be mounted with

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the help of dissipative spacers whose characteristics are defined in Appendix 1 at the end of this manual. The 3rd location, close to the RS232 connector can be used as a third fixing point to avoid vibrations. Characteristics of this spacer are also described in Appendix #1

Caution



The MicroChip Laser controller is cooled by natural air convection. To ensure a correct operation, the Desktop laser controller must be sited on its 4 rubber feet, the underneath air vents must be free and free air convection flow must be set.

Laser controller board also requires a minimum of ventilation. Never attach the board directly on a support without using dissipative spacers described in appendix 1.

3.2 Grounding features

The following features should be implemented to ensure a proper laser system grounding for EMI reduction. All the shields (controller shield or box, cable shield and laser housing) must be connected to the system ground.

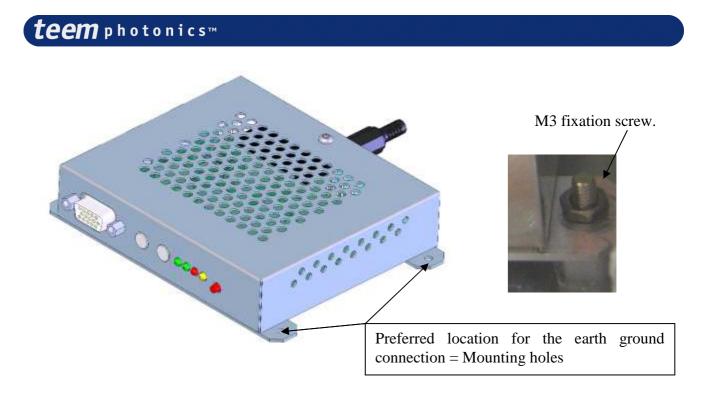
3.2.1 Desktop AC Voltage laser controller (MLC-03A-DR1 and MLC-03A-DP1)

Grounding to earth is automatically achieved through the AC inlet cable when using a Desktop controller.

3.2.2 Module DC Voltage laser controller (MLC-03A-MR1 and MLC-03A-MP1)

Grounding has to be provided separately when using a Module controller MLC-03A-MR0 by the mean of a solid wire (AWG16) that connects to the fixation pads located close to the DC supply input connector. If the equipment frame is properly grounded, then this can be achieved by the M3 fixation screws to the equipment frame.

Nota: The module base is made of aluminum with a chromate anodization to ensure a good electrical connection.

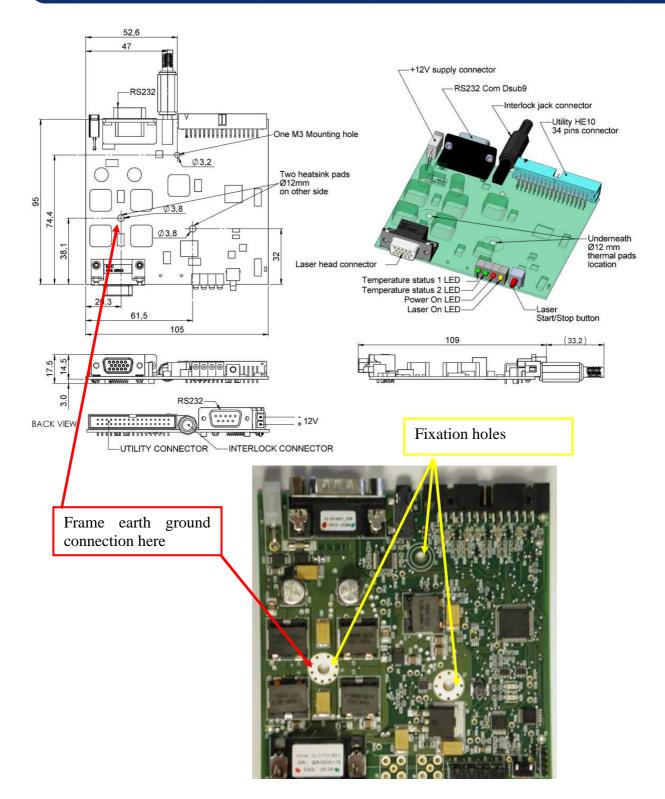


3.2.3 Board DC Voltage laser controller (MLC-03A-BR1 and MLC-03A-BP1)

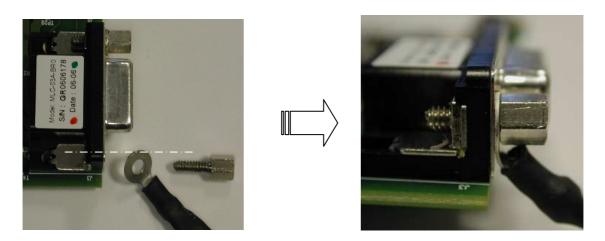
In this configuration, the earth ground connection must be ensured by the fixation to a well grounded frame. To perform this operation, the controller board should be fixed to the ground frame using two metallic dissipative spacers (as described in appendix # 1). The controller board includes a 9-pin Sub-D connector and a 15-pins D-Sub connector. The shell of these two connectors should also be connected to the grounded frame. This can be made using an AWG16 yellow-green wire or a tinned copper braid.

Note: the shielding of the controller board may be ensured by the equipment integration.

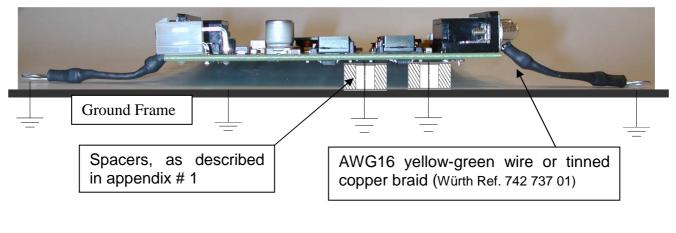
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9-pins and 15-pins D-Sub connectors : details of the earth connexion.



3.3 Wiring

Caution



The Laser Head incorporates a diode laser as the pump source. Diode lasers are extremely sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). ESD is the primary cause of premature diode laser failure. Take extreme caution to prevent ESD, whenever the laser head is disconnected from the Laser Controller. Use wrist straps, grounded work surfaces, and rigorous anti-static techniques and procedures when handling the system in this situation

The MicroChip Laser System is shipped with the laser head and controller not connected. A 15pins connector to be connected to the controller terminates the laser head cable

Caution



NEVER CONNECT OR DISCONNECT THE LASER HEAD FROM THE CONTROLLER WHEN THE CONTROLLER IS ON. It could permanently damage the diode.

3.4 Connecting Power

Caution



Always have the laser head and laser controller connected together <u>before</u> applying power.

3.4.1 Desktop AC Voltage laser controller (CDRH Only)

The AC voltage controller includes an AC/DC converter and can be connected to the line voltage via a three-prong plug (2 for the phases and 1 for the ground). Never change the plug for one with no ground.

Caution



The AC voltage controller is auto ranging from 100 to 240V

3.4.2 Board/Module DC Voltage laser controller

The DC voltage controller includes a single 12V line voltage via a 2 contacts connector.

4. Operation

During operation of the Microchip Laser, the diode current, the diode temperature and the thermoelectric cooler current are measured and regulated.

All the parameters for the operation of the Microchip Laser are factory set for optimum performance and are not adjustable. The operation of the Microchip Laser is therefore limited to the connection of the controller to the line voltage, once the laser head is connected to the controller. Before you connect the controller to the line voltage, make sure that you are in compliance with the safety rules listed in the safety section.

FOR SAFETY REASONS, THERE IS A FIVE SECONDS TIME DELAY BEFORE THE ON LIGHT AND THE LASER BEAM COMES ON, DO NOT WATCH DIRECTLY INTO THE BEAM.

4.1 Non-CDRH compliant MicroChip Laser controller (Board/Module)

Recall: This laser controller is intended for use in OEM applications only.

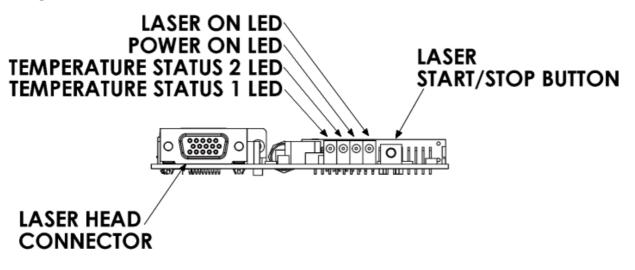
To start operating the laser controller (board or module), provide a 12V signal through the supplied Molex 2 contacts connector. When ready to operate, press the "Laser start" button.

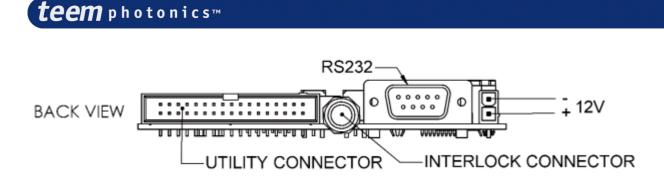
Alternatively, laser can be turned on by supplying respectively suitable signal [suitable command] on the RS232 [utility connector] (see details on section 5 later in this manual).

When the controller "laser on" light starts to shine, the laser is in operation. From this point onward please refer to the laser head operation manual for detail on laser operation.

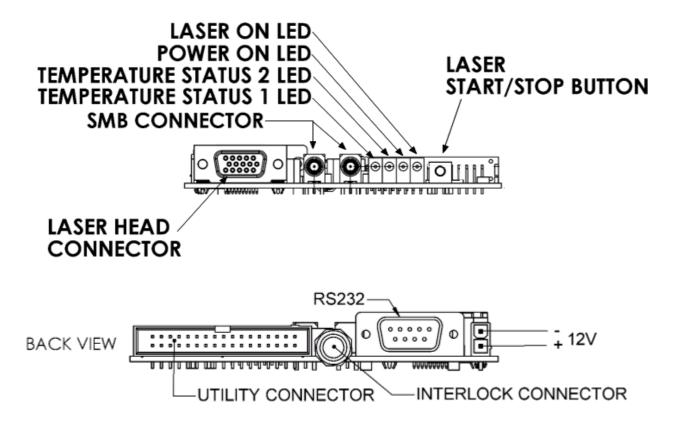
<u>Note:</u> if operated via computer on/off, logic input must be at high level when first starting the laser controller. Failing to do so, laser will not start.

4.1.1 Elements of the MLC-03A-BR1 (Board, SNx/MNx lasers) controller panels

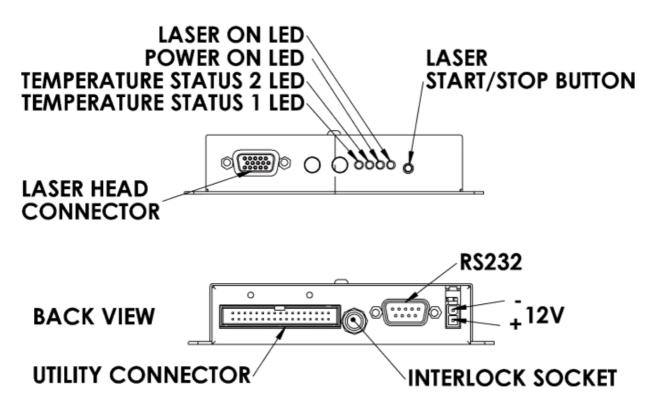




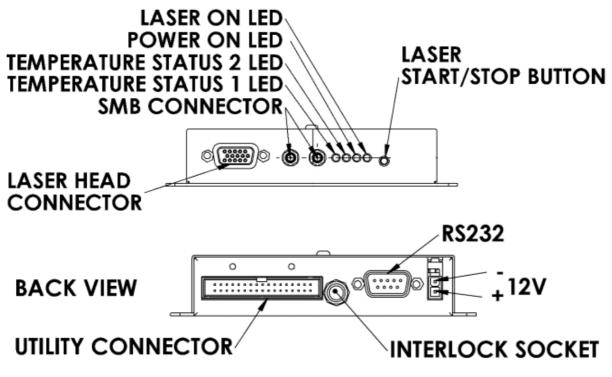
4.1.2 Elements of the MLC-03A-BP1 (Board, STx lasers) controller panels



4.1.3 Elements of the MLC-03A-MR1 (Module, SNx/MNx lasers) controller panels



4.1.4 Elements of the MLC-03A-MP1 (Module, STx lasers) controller panels



4.2 CDRH certified MicroChip Laser controller (Desktop)

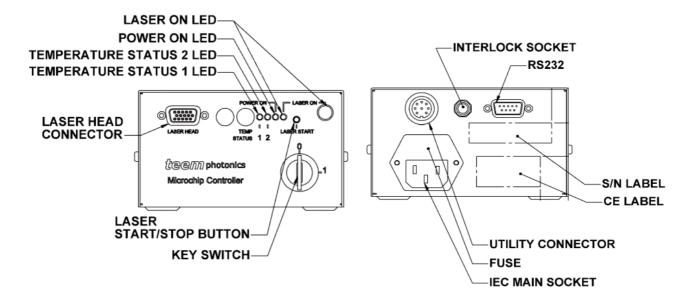
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To start operating the CDRH laser controller, turn the key switch on. When ready to operate, press the "Laser start" button. Alternatively, laser can be turned on by supplying suitable signal on the RS232 or the utility connector (see further details on section 5 later in this manual).

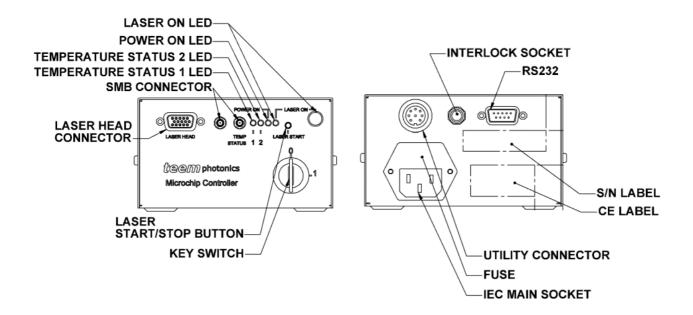
<u>Note:</u> if operated via computer on/off, logic input must be at high level when first starting the laser controller. Failing to do so, laser will not start.

When the controller "laser on" light starts to shine, the laser is in operation. From this point onward please refer to the laser head operation manual for detail on laser operation.

4.2.1 Elements of the MLC-03A-DR1 (Desktop, SNx/MNx lasers) controller panels



4.2.2 Elements of the MLC-03A-DP1 (Desktop, STx lasers) controller panels



4.3 Connecting SMB synchronization chain on -xP1 controllers (-BP1, - MP1, -DP1)

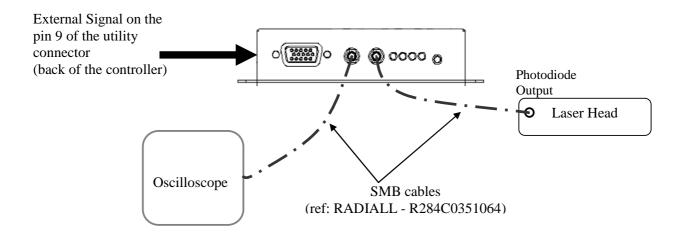
For triggered lasers (STx lasers) to operate, it is necessary to convey the synchronization signal between the laser head and the controller. This is why an extra cable connexion is required between the laser and the controller.

Important!!

If you fail to connect correctly the SMB synchronization chain, the laser will start but it won't lase.

There are two SMB connectors on the front panel of your -xP1 controller dedicated to triggered lasers (see sketch below for MLC-03A-MP1):

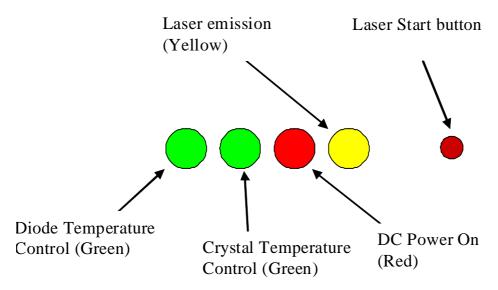
- The right SMB connector must be connected to the laser head (the SMB plug is located at the back of the laser head) with the use of one 50Ohms coaxial SMB cable (included).
- the left SMB connector needs to be matched to 500hms for the laser to operate properly.
 - if you want to use the laser without any external equipment, you need to plug a 50 Ohms load (included) on the other SMB connector.
 - If you want to monitor the synchronization signal with an oscilloscope for instance, your oscilloscope input needs to be set to a 500hms input impedance.



Important!!

Depending on your STx triggered laser type, it may be necessary to send a trigger signal on the utility connector for the laser to effectively start emitting. See the "Operation" chapter of the corresponding Microchip Laser User Manual for further details.

4.4 Instrument operating, LED or button status



Important!!

For the lasers designed with one single TEC cooler (MNx, SNP-08E, SNG-03E, SNV-05P, SNU-02P), the crystal temperature control LED is always off.

4.5 Switching on the laser controller

When powered up :

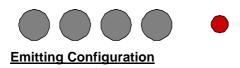
1 - LED sequence starts verifying the operating conditions of the system. This LED sequence lasts approximately for 3 seconds. During that time a series of tests is applied to the controller.

2 - Once over, the laser controller settles to the operating temperature regulation. After few seconds (less than 1min), the controller reaches the steady state characterized by a final LED status represented below.



3 - Turning the laser on is achieved by pressing the start/stop button or alternatively, by supplying respectively suitable command [suitable signal] on the RS232 [utility connector] (see further details on section 5 later in this manual).

After a 5sec delay the laser emits and the LED front panel displays. During this 5 sec, laser reaches another steady state.



NB: For Auto-start operating mode, repeat sequence described above but skipping step 3.

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Important!!

For the lasers designed with one single TEC cooler (MNx, SNP-08E, SNG-03E, SNV-05P, SNU-02P), the crystal temperature control LED is always off.

4.5.1 Interlock

Interlock connector can be activated either by pulling out the shorted connector (delivered with the controller) or through a contact open activated switch (switch to be supplied by the user with the following characteristics: minimum 0.5 Amp, 10 Ohm contact, voltage below 10 Volt). The laser switches off immediately.

Once the interlock is reset, the laser emission will not restart. Press the laser on/off button on front **OR** send a command through serial link **OR** send analogical signal on "utility" connector, wait for a minimum five seconds time delay. The laser emission will restart.

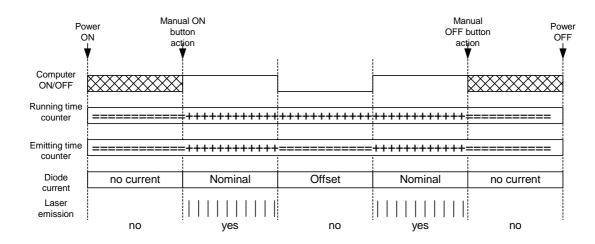
4.5.2 Loss of electrical power (CRDH ONLY)

In the case of a loss of electrical power for more than 5 seconds, it is necessary to press the laser start button **OR** send a command through serial link **OR** send analogical signal on "utility" connector to initiate the laser emission after a delay greater than 5 seconds.

Warning



The laser emission may start few seconds after applying the diode power supply (even if thermoelectric power supplies are not applied). DO NOT WATCH DIRECTLY INTO THE BEAM.



4.5.3 Pulse and timing chronograms

Legend : ===== no counter increment +++++ counter increment |||||| pulse emission

<u>Note:</u> Computer on/off is a fast on/off way to commute the laser from off state to emitting state. It is a logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull up to +5Volts. Logic input must be at high level when first starting the laser controller. Failing to do so, laser will not start.

4.6 Operational Info on Front display

The controller front panel presents the operational information as 4 LEDS: from the left to the right, two green ones, one red and one yellow.

CONTROLLER LED FUNCTIONS			
RED	POWER ON	 ON: Illuminated whenever DC voltage is supplied to controller QUICK FLASHING: over voltage >14V SLOW FLASHING: under voltage <10V OFF: no power 	
YELLOW	LASER ON	 ON: laser is turned on QUICK FLASHING: laser is off caused by fault or caused by interlock switch SLOW FLASHING: laser is off, laser is not ready OFF: turned off 	
GREEN	TEMP STATUS (x2)	 ON: Illuminated whenever diode temperature is at set-up point within 1°C: appropriate conditions for start of laser cavity pumping. QUICK FLASHING: above set point T°C by 0,5°C SLOW FLASHING: below set point T°C by 0,5°C OFF: turned off 	
CONTROLLER SWITCH CONTROL			
Start Stop buttonWhen pressed, starts or stops the lase emission (CDRH CLASS 4 requirement)			

Additional information can be obtained when connecting a terminal or a PC in HyperTerminal mode to the serial link (See further details in section 5 of this manual).

4.7 Operational Information on Serial Interface

The serial interface is a standard RS232 asynchronous communication port and can be used either for passive information (activity status) or actively to command the laser controller.

Active command

See chapter §5.

Activity status reading

Connecting the serial interface

The connector is D-SUB 9 (male).

Pin out

PIN Number	Designation
2	RxD
3	TxD
5	GND
All other	n.c.

Cable

Use a standard null modem cable (D-SUB 9 (female) to D-SUB 9 female, pin 2 and 3 crossed in the cable) for connecting the laser to the PC.

Only pin 2,3 and 5 need to be connected.

Serial communication configuration

Flow control: None Byte transmission: Transmission speed: 19200 Bits/s Data length: 8 bits Start bit: 1 Stop bit: 1 Parity: none

Operation

Connect the cable to a terminal or hyperterminal. Launch an hyperterminal session from the dashboard of your computer. After choosing an icon and setting the session's name, select "*File*" from menu bar and "*Properties*" from the roll up menu.

Configure the properties of the hyperterminal as follows on Window n°1:

MLC-03A-DR0	? ×
Connect To Settings	
MLC-03A-DR0 Change [con]	
Country/region: United States of America (1)	
Enter the area code without the long-distance prefix.	
Area code: 705	
Phone number:	
Connect using: COM1	
Configure ✓ Use country/region code and area code Hedial on busy	
OK Car	ncel

Window n°1

Click on the "Configure" tab and set the parameters as described here above (see window 2) :

COM1 Propertie	s		? ×
Port Settings			1
<u>B</u> its pe	second: 19200	2	J
1	2ata bits: 8	2	.
	Parity: None		.
:	Etop bits: 1		.
Elov	v control: None		•
		<u>R</u> estore Def	aults
	OK	Cancel	Apply
	147.1.	00	

Window n°2

Click "OK". From window n°1 click on the "*Settings*" tab and verify that all boxes are ticked as displayed on window n°3 below.

ASCII Setup 🔗 🗙
ASCII Sending
Send line ends with line feeds
Echo typed characters locally
Line delay: 0 milliseconds.
Character delay: 0 milliseconds.
ASCII Receiving
Append line feeds to incoming line ends
Eorce incoming data to 7-bit ASCII
✓ Wrap lines that exceed terminal width
OK Cancel
Window n°3

"OK" twice on both opened windows to activate the hyperterminal.

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<u>Auto diagnostic Information at power On (displayed on computer screen under hyperterminal link)</u>

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Contro	H PHOTONICS 2006-ELDRI3A 11er V50.91 head V1.4	
	: SUPPLY	
(= ₩	9.10V 4.98V	
5V ref	=> 5.00V UCESSFUL	
Test S	iero Eeprom18 : Iucessful	
	: Com With Laser Head Nucessful	
	PIC12 Identification :	
\$41:PI	(N7->OV	
	UCESSFUL	
	: Read EEPROM12 : UCESSFUL	
3.97	': DAC -> DAC Idl_nонinal (U18) = Test SUCESSFUL	
DV -> 2.97V	Fast ON/OFF = Test SUCESSFUL -> DAC Id1 offset (U17) = Test SUCESSFUL	
HODINT	′ = Test SUCESSFUL (U7) = Test SUCESSFUL	
	UCESSFUL	
TEST 9	I: ТЕС1 > 1810нА	
-10nA		
	UCESSFUL	
180	.0: TEC2 > 1860nA	
-20nA Test S	UCESSFUL	
	END :Test SUCESSFUL	

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Error Message examples

In case of error, error number information concerning the error is displayed on the terminal or HyperTerminal screen.

Example: For a DC voltage too low user will read the following information

TEST END: Test PASS>ERROR: E2

By referring to section 5.5, textual information on the error can be retrieved

4.8 Live control functionalities

Various type of inputs and outputs are accessible from the utility connector .located at the back of the controller.

The pinning and time evolution information of these functionalities are described in the following paragraphs.

4.8.1 Connection information for Board and Module packages

The Utility Connector is an HE10 34 pins connector.(male socket front view, see below)

33 1
34 2

Functionalities include live controls (Comp ON/OFF, MOD-EXT, STB-EXT, FREQ-ANA), safety signals management (interlock, Laser Ready, EM lamp, +12V EM lamp) or operation mode management (TEC ENABLE, INT/EXT).

Pin	Mnemonic	Function	In (I),
No.			Out (O)
1	RX2	Do Not Use (module to module communication)	Ι
2	TX2	Do Not Use (module to module communication)	0
3	INT	Do Not Use (module to module communication)	Ι
4	GND	Do Not Use (module to module communication)	-
5	Interlock	Interlock connection (same as through jack) logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to +5V. Vil = 0.4V Vih = 3.5V. A contact to GND with less than 500 Ohm will keep the laser activated. A high level (or impedance > 10kOhm) will stop the laser emission. The laser emission cannot be restored without a laser start-stop (button or STB-EXT)	Ι
6	GND	Interlock GND (same as through jack)	-

7	Comp	Laser On/Off (can be faster than STB-EXT but depends	Ι
	ON/OFF	on ON/OFF sequence: refer to factory for further	
		information)	
		Logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to +5V.	
		Vil = 0.4V, Vih = 3.5V.	
		At low level, the laser diode current is set to the offset	
		value (factory set-up, no laser emission),	
		at high level, the laser diode current settles to the nominal	
		value (factory set-up, the laser emits within its	
		specifications). <u>Note:</u> Logic input must be at high level when first starting	
		the laser controller. Failing to do so, laser will not start.	
		If this signal is driven by a power supply, this one must be	
		switched on after the laser controller.	
8	GND		-
9	MOD-	FOR MLC-03A-MP1 ONLY	Ι
	EXT	NOT ACTIVATED ON MLC-03A-MR1	
		Pulse control input. Logic input with 10kOhms pull-up to	
		+5V.	
		Vil = 0.4V, $Vih = 3.5V$, edge sensitive.	
		This signal initiates the laser pulse generation of the pulse	
		control option on its rising transition (start of the TW	
		cycle). Start the laser before sending the trigger signal.	
10	GND		-
11	STB-EXT	Laser start-stop (similar to start button action). Logic	Ι
		input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to +5V.	
		Vil = 0.4V $Vih = 3.5V$, it is edge sensitive.	
		This signal activates the laser On or Off on the rising	
		transitions. On rising transition the laser comes either On after a 5 Seconds time lag, or Off with a short time delay.	
		Note:	
		If this signal is driven by a power supply, this one must be	
		switched on after the laser controller.	
12	GND		_
13	TEC	TEC On/Off	Ι
_	ENABLE	Logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to +5V.	-
		Vil = 0.4V, Vih = 3.5V,	
		When the laser is On, TEC is enabled and the command is	
		not active.	
		When laser is Off, a high level enables the TEC cooler	
		driver and a low level disable the TEC cooler driver.	
		When disabled, laser cannot be turned On.	
14	GND		•
15	Laser	Laser ready functionality	0
16	Ready		
16	GND	Do not connect	-
17	TBD	Do not connect	-
18	GND DULSE	Do not connect (TBD)	-
<u>19</u> 20	PULSE	Do not connect (TBD)	-
20	GND		-

			2				
21	EM Lamp	Emission lamp connection with fail safe. Open drain	0				
		output with 30 Ohms impedance connecting to GND with					
		lamp open short detection					
22	+12V EM	12V EM Positive connexion of the emission lamp. 410 Ohms					
	lamp	mp resistor to +12V to providing 22mA to a LED type lamp					
		connected to 21					
23	TBD	Fail safe test activated. Logic input with a 10kOhms pull-	Ι				
		up. Vil = $0.8V$ Vih = $2.4V$. A strap between 23 and 24					
		activates the fail safe mechanism that stops the laser					
		emission if the lamp fails.					
24	GND		-				
25	TBD	Do not connect	-				
26	GND		-				
27	FREQ_A	Analog input 0-5V for Laser current control Zin >10k					
	NA	1.5V/A. Do not drive with voltage below 0V or above 5V.					
		Laser frequency					
28	GND						
29	INT/EXT	Logic input with a 10kOhms pull-up. $Vil = 0.8V$ Vih =					
		2.4V. Not connected or set to high level keep the internal					
		laser current control, when set to low level, activates the					
		FREQ-ANA input for laser current external control					
30	GND						
31	VNOM	Do not connect (TBD)					
32	GND						
33	VSEED	Do not connect (TBD)					
34	GND						

4.8.2 Connection information for Desktop package

The Utility Connector is a Din 8 Female connector.(front view, see below)

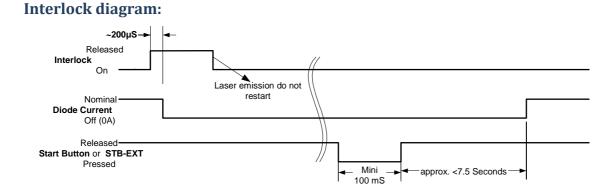


Functionalities include live controls (Comp ON/OFF, MOD-EXT, STB-EXT, FREQ-ANA), safety signals management (interlock, Laser Ready, EM lamp, +12V EM lamp) or operation mode management (TEC ENABLE, INT/EXT).

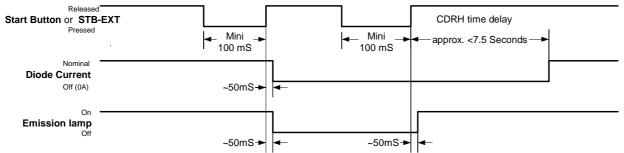
NB: Male Connector not supplied. Customer will have to self procure a DIN utility connector. Reference: male DIN40040 8 pins plug connector type SV81 Suggested Manufacturer: Lumberg ref SV81

Pin	Name	Function	In (I), Out (O)
1	Comp ON/OFF	Laser On/Off (can be faster than STB-EXT but	
		depends on ON/OFF sequence: refer to factory	
		for further information)	
		Logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to	
		+5V.	
		Vil = 0.4V, Vih = 3.5V.	
		At low level, the laser diode current is set to the	
		offset value (factory set-up, no laser emission).	•
		At high level, the laser diode current settles to	
		the nominal value (factory set-up, the laser	
		emits within its specifications).	
		Note: Logic input must be at high level when	
		first starting the laser controller. Failing to do so,	
	MOD EVE	laser will not start.	
2	MOD-EXT	FOR MLC-03A-DP1 ONLY	
		NOT ACTIVATED ON MLC-03A-DR1	
		Pulse control input. Logic input with 10kOhms	
		pull-up to $+5V$. Vil = 0.4V, Vih = 3.5V, edge	т
		sensitive.	I
		This signal initiates the laser pulse generation of the pulse control option on its riging transition	
		the pulse control option on its rising transition (start of the TW cycle). Start the laser before	
		• •	
3	STB-EXT	sending the trigger signal. Laser start-stop (similar to start button action)	
5	SID-LAI	Logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to	
		+5V.	
		Vil = 0.4V, $Vih = 3.5V$, edge sensitive.	_
		This signal activates the laser On or Off on the	I
		rising transitions. On rising transition the laser	
		comes either 'On' after a 5 Seconds time lag, or	
		Off with a short time delay.	
4	GND	GND MOD EXT	-
5	GND	GND STB EXT	-
6	GND	GND Comp On/Off	-
7	GND	GND TEC ENABLE	-
8	TEC ENABLE	TEC On/Off	
		Logic input with an internal 10kOhms pull-up to +5V.	
		Vil = 0.4V, Vih = 3.5V,	
		When the laser is On, TEC is enabled and the	т
		command is not active.	I
		When laser is Off, a high level enables the TEC	
		cooler driver and a low level disable the TEC	
		cooler driver. When disabled, laser cannot be	
		turned On.	

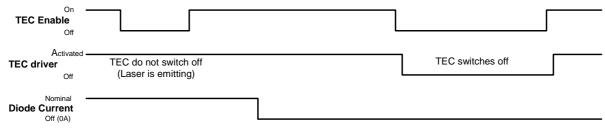
4.8.3 Function description diagrams



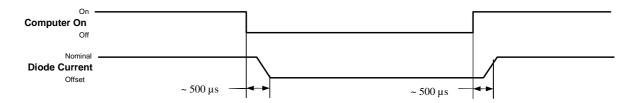
STB-EXT diagram:



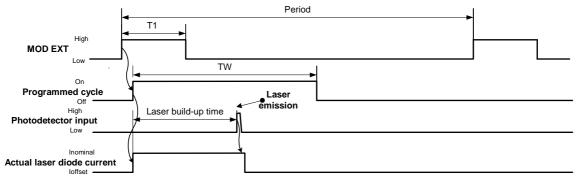
TEC enable diagram:



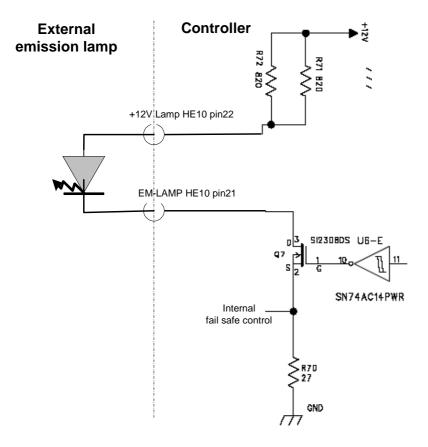
Computer On/Off diagram



MOD-EXT Diagram (<u>Pulse control, triggered controllers MLC-03A-xP1 only</u>):



Failsafe lamp connection:



4.9 Turning off the laser controller (OEM and CDRH)

Before turning the laser controller off it is **<u>mandatory</u>** to switch the laser emission off. Press the laser start/stop button on the front panel of the controller OR send suitable command [suitable signal] to RS232 [Utility connector] (See details in section 5 on pg 23 of this manual). To turn laser controller off, depending of your controller, proceed as follow :

- For CDRH, use key switch. Turn off the key into the up-right position.
- For OEM system, remove the 12V from line supply.

Your system is now turned off.

5. Interface command description

The serial interface can be used to control the laser or read information from it. For programming purpose, please find here after the protocol description.

Connection and communication configuration has been described on §4.7 section.

5.1 Frame definition

A frame starts by a 4 bytes command composed by a keyword (CMDKey) character (S for set or G for get) followed by a 3 byte CMD string and ends with CR (carriage return). The command and data bytes are alphanumeric characters.

The frame template used is the following: (_ mean space character, LF means line feed)

1 Byte	3 Bytes	_	Byte 1	-	Byte 2	_	 Byte x	1 Byte	1 Byte
CMDKey	CMD		DATA		DATA		DATA	LF	CR

5.2 Description

The controller always acknowledge the received frame by echoing the frame for all 'Set' keyword with the addition of a ">" character after "CR".

The list of the three digit CMD sub commands is given hereafter.

The external equipment always initiates the communication by sending a command to the controller. Then the controller executes the command and sends back an echo frame or a frame containing the answered parameters (Get command). It is mandatory to wait for the answer frame (this frame always finishes with a prompt character ">") from the controller or a timeout of 1s, before issuing another command.

5.3 Command definition

The space character is represented by "_" in the table below.

Not represented in the table below:

All frames from external equipment finish by "LF" (line feed) "CR" (carriage return)

All frames from Controller finish by "LF" (line feed) "CR" (carriage return) and ">" (prompt character)

These characters become directly after the last data character

5.4 Command list

EMT Emitting Time, can be obtained through this command, both diode running time and laser emitting time info are returned.

EXT EXTernal, or HyperTerminal mode (default is Hyperterminal mode – passive information).

FVE Firmware Versions, for both Laser head and controller are returned.

MTE Measured Temperatures, the temperatures of diode, crystal, electronics and laser head base plate are returned.

SEN Serial Number, the laser head serial number is returned

SER Status and Error Registers, this command retrieves the status and the error register (see § 5.5 for description).

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SSD Start Stop Diode, this command enables the user to switch On and Off the laser by computer control (same action as laser start button).

TCO Temperature Control, allows user to enable or disable temperature regulation of spare energy consumption.

Action	KEY + CMD	Read only	DATA Value	Data description
Emiting time GET Ext → Controller Controller → Ext	EMT GEMT GEMT_ddddd_dd_ddddddd	x	Data1: Diode supply hours Data2: Diode supply minutes Data3: Emitting hours Data2: Emitting minutes	0 < Data1, 3 < 65535 0 < Data2, 4 < 59
Exit "hyperterminal" mode	ЕХТ		In "Hyperterminal mode", error messages are written on hyperterminal.	
GET Ext → Controller Controller → Ext SET Ext → Controller	GEXT GEXT_d SEXT_d	-	Data1: 0 Hyperterminal mode 1 External mode-Non Hyperterminal	
Controller \rightarrow Ext	SEXT_d			
Firmware version	FVE		Data1: ddd personality board firmware	
$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{GET} \\ \text{Ext} \rightarrow \text{Controller} \\ \text{Controller} \rightarrow \text{Ext} \end{array}$	GFVE GFVE_ddd_ddd	X	example : 112 => V11.2 Data2: ddd controller board firmware	
Measured	MTE			
temperature GET Ext → Controller Controller → Ext	GMTE GMTE_dddd_ddd_dd	x	Data1: Diode temperature Data2: Crystal temperature Data3: Electronic heat sink temperature Data4: Laser heat sink temperature	Represented by 4 digits (0 to 9) and unit is 0.01°C for Data1, 2 Represented by 2 digits (0 to 9) and unit is 1°C for Data3, 4
Start/stop laser diode	SSD			
$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{GET} \\ \text{Ext} \rightarrow \text{Controller} \\ \text{Controller} \rightarrow \text{Ext} \end{array}$	GSSD GSSD_d		d = 0 Stop or non emitting	
SET Ext \rightarrow Controller Controller \rightarrow Ext	SSSD_d SSSD_d		d = 1 Start or emitting	
Serial number	SEN			
$\begin{array}{c} \text{GET} \\ \text{Ext} \rightarrow \text{Controller} \\ \text{Controller} \rightarrow \text{Ext} \end{array}$	GSEN GSEN_dddddddddddddd	X	Data1 : 16 digits Serial number	
Read status and error registers	SER	x		
GET Ext → Controller Controller → Ext	GSER GSER_hh_hh_hh_hh_hh_hh		Data1: Error reg1 Data2: Error reg2 Data3: Error reg3 Data4: Info reg1 Data5: Info reg2 Data6: Info reg3	Each register is eight bits and represented by 'hh' hexadecimal number
Temperature Control	TCO			
$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{GET} \\ \text{Ext} \rightarrow \text{Controller} \\ \text{Controller} \rightarrow \text{Ext} \end{array}$	GTCO GTCO_d		d = 0 TEC1 OFF and TEC2 OFF d = 1 TEC1 ON and TEC2 OFF d = 2 TEC1 OFF and TEC2 ON d = 2 TEC1 ON and TEC2 ON	
SET Ext → Controller Controller → Ext	STCO_d STCO_d		d = 3 TEC1 ON and TEC2 ON	

5.5 Error and info registers

N/A is reserved for future implementation The register bit description is 1 if the condition is met.

EREG1 = Error register 1

BIT name	Condition
E1	Heatsink or PCB too hot
E2	+12V DC voltage too low (<10V)
E3	Interlock connector removed or interlock contact opened
E4	Laser head too hot
E5	Laser diode temperature too low
E6	Laser diode temperature too high
E7	Crystal temperature too low
E8	Crystal temperature too high

EREG2 = Error register 2

BIT name	Condition
E9	TEC cooler overload for 1 minute
E10	Wrong data read from the laser head
E11	Diode temperature out of boundaries
E12	+12V DC voltage too high (>14V)
E13	TEC diode open circuit
E14	TEC diode short circuit
	TEC an intel an an aireuit

E15 TEC crystal open circuit TEC crystal short circuit E16

EREG3 = Error register 3

BIT name	Condition
E17	Laser diode open circuit

- E18 Laser diode short circuit
- E19 Failure on emission lamp
- Wrong laser head identification E20

- Crossed laser head cables E21
- E22 Wrong hardware configuration (option laser head with no option driver or reverse)
- E23 Communication error with laser head
- E24 Crystal temperature out of boundaries

IREG1 = Information register 1

BIT name	Condition
l1	N/A
12	Diode current not within +-50mA to the spec
13	Diode temperature is OK
14	Crystal temperature is OK
15	Diode temperature higher than setting (TEC is cooling down)
16	Diode temperature lower than setting (TEC is heating up)
17	Crystal temperature higher than setting (TEC is cooling down)
18	Crystal temperature lower than setting (TEC is heating up)

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IREG2 = Information register 2

BIT name	Condition
19	Laser diode current is ON
l10	Laser diode emission stopped due to an error
l11	Temperature regulation is OK - laser is ready for emission
l12	Changing settings is authorized
l13	Laser in autostart mode
114	Laser in internal mode
l15	Laser in free running mode
116	Laser has two TECs

IREG3 = Information register 3

BIT name	Condition
17	TEC diode is operating
l18	TEC crystal is operating
l19	Diode temperature regulation is activated
120	Crystal temperature regulation is activated
l21	N/A
122	N/A
123	N/A
124	N/A

6. Servicing, cleaning

No specific servicing is required for this equipment that includes no serviceable parts.

Avoid using the laser out of the environment specified in the Specification Control Document attached in Part II.

For cleaning, never use liquid or solvent, just wipe with a clean, soft dust cloth, never clean or touch the laser output window.

7. Trouble Shooting

7.1 No LED light:

If NO led lights when switching ON the laser, check:

- The position of the key switch
- The availability of the AC mains voltage
- The connection of the power cord
- The protection fuse

7.2 Failure during initialization (start-up and auto-diagnostic):

When powered up, a LED sequence starts to verify the operating conditions of the system. Sequence is described as below:



The time to complete the auto-diagnostic is approximately 3 seconds.

In case of system trouble, it can be detected during the auto diagnostics sequence and then stop at one of the 3 lamp configurations.

The best way to get information on the origin of this trouble is to connect a PC in HyperTerminal mode onto the RS232 connector, switch off and on the system and simply read the self explanatory information:

(c) TEEN PHOTONICS 2006-ELDRI3A Controller V58.91 Laser head V1.4 TEST 1: SUPPLY 9V => 9.10V 5V => 4.98V 5V ref => 5.00V Test SUCESSFUL TEST READ EEPROH18 : Test SUCESSFUL TEST 1: CON WITH LASER HEAD Test SUCESSFUL TEST : PIC12 Identification : \$41:PIN7->0V Test SUCESSFUL TEST 5: Read EEPROM12 : Test SUCESSFUL TEST 7: DAC 3.97V -> DAC Idl nominal (U18) = Test SUCESSFUL DV -> Fast ON/OFF = Test SUCESSFUL 2.97V -> DAC Id1_offset (U17) = Test SUCESSFUL HODINT = Test SUCESSFUL DG403 (U7) = Test SUCESSFUL Test SUCESSFUL TEST 9: TEC1 207 --> 1810нА -10HA Test SUCESSFUL TEST 10: TEC2 180 --> 1860нА -20nA Test SUCESSFUL _____ TESTS END :Test SUCESSFUL ------

See §4.6 and §5.5 for further details.

Important!!

When using Computer on/off, if Computer on/off is off during start-up, the auto-diagnostics stops at test 7 and the laser will not start. For recovery, change the computer on/off state to "on" then restart the laser controller.

7.3 Error during laser emission or after auto diagnostics (yellow LED quick flashing):

In case of a good initialization, any error during operation may lead to a quick flashing yellow "Laser On" lamp.

The reason of the trouble can be found in looking at the state of the temperature and power on LED.

Check that the interlock is not open.

If the trouble reason is temporary (limited loss of temperature regulation or temporary bad supply voltage) then pressing the start button will restore the proper operation.

Detailed operation can be obtained by the HyperTerminal passive mode that indicate the error number (real time) whose signification is given on § 5.5.

7.4 Error during operation (yellow LED slow flashing)

This can occur only when laser is left without emission and if temperature control is not successful. If the trouble is permanent, reset the system (switch off and on) and if trouble still occur, then the laser heat sinking or base plate temperature has to be checked.

7.5 No temperature regulation

If the red LED lights ON and the green LED doesn't comes on after the temperature regulation delay of few seconds, check:

The laser head connection (after switching off the laser controller)

The laser head proper heat sinking

The laser base plate temperature relatively to the specification

Try switching off then on, to reset the temperature protection.

7.6 Bad DC voltage (red LED blinking)

Check the DC power supply (10V< Vsupply < 14V)

8. Specifications

Make sure by reading the part number that your controller is adapted to your laser system. For each option specified with your laser head please refer to the dedicated page in the MicroChip Laser head document as well as in your MicroChip Laser controller document. Description of your specific option can be found in part II of the referred manuals.

PART II. Information pertaining to your MicroChip laser head and laser controller.

Adding to the present User Manual, your Microchip Laser was sent with the following documents that are pertaining to your product only :

- ✓ **The Certificate of Compliance (CoC)**: this is the final test report of your laser.
- ✓ When applicable, Product Modification description (only when a specific modification has been requested by a customer for 1 or few units)

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APPENDIX #1: Dissipative Spacers' description

