

Laser Diode Power Classification



AI Overview

Laser diodes are classified both by optical power output and by safety hazard class, ranging from low-power Class 1 to high-power Class 4 lasers.

Technical Power Classification Laser diodes (LDs) are semiconductor devices that convert electrical energy into optical energy, with their optical power (P_o) being a key characteristic. This power is measured in watts (W) or milliwatts (mW) and is typically shown in an I-L curve, which plots optical power versus forward current. The achievable optical power depends on the diode type, operating current, and temperature, as higher temperatures require more current to maintain the same output power. Low-power diodes may emit a few milliwatts, while high-power diodes used in industrial cutting or medical applications can reach several watts.

Safety Classification Laser diodes are also classified according to ANSI Z136.1 standards for safety, which categorize lasers based on their potential to cause eye or skin injury:

- Class 1:** Safe under all conditions of normal use; no protective measures required. Even if a higher-class laser is embedded, the enclosure prevents harmful exposure.
- Class 1M:** Safe for unaided viewing but hazardous if viewed with optical instruments like telescopes or magnifiers.
- Class 2:** Low-power visible lasers (400–700 nm); eye protection is normally provided by the natural aversion response (blinking or turning away).
- Class 3R:** Medium-power lasers that are potentially hazardous if viewed directly but generally safe for brief exposure.
- Class 3B:** Can cause immediate eye injury upon direct exposure; skin exposure is usually less hazardous.
- Class 4:** High-power lasers capable of causing eye and skin injury, and may also present fire hazards. These require strict control measures and protective equipment.

Practical Implications When selecting or using a laser diode, it is important to consider both optical power and safety class. Low-power diodes (Class 1 or 2) are suitable for consumer electronics like barcode scanners or laser pointers, while high-power diodes (Class 3B or 4) are...

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At present, laser diodes with optical power ranging from several milliwatts to several hundred watts are commercially available. It is important to select a laser diode with the appropriate

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Laser diode

As diode lasers are semiconductor devices, they may also be classified as semiconductor lasers. Either designation distinguishes diode lasers from solid-state lasers. Another method of powering some

Laser Diode Characteristics and Definitions

What is a Laser Diode? A laser diode, similar to a light emitting diode (LED), is comprised of a junction between two semiconductors (one positive, one negative). This junction is known as a p

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What is a laser diode? symbol, working and applications

Laser diodes are generally more energy-efficient than other types of diodes. Laser diodes operate at a relatively low electrical current; their life span is longer.

Laser classification table

The first two Classes are relatively safe for eye exposure; the last two are hazardous. The chart below shows how the eye injury hazard increases as the laser's power increases.

Laser safety

To control the risk of injury, various specifications, for example 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1040 in the US and IEC 60825 internationally, define

Laser Classification

UW-Madison Laser Safety Program follows the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) Z136.1 standards classification for lasers. The standard defines the hazard and defines control measures for

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