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Series of Low Noise Laser Diode Drivers



# LDD P Series Laser Diode Drivers

Low Noise Driver for Laser Diodes

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The LDD P Series of laser diode drivers come in three compact models to work with all laser diode / photodiode configurations. Each model is available in 200 mA and 400 mA versions to best fit your laser diode requirements.

When it is essential to have high performance in your application, these low noise drivers offer excellent current stability in constant current mode or power stability in constant power mode.

Precisely control the laser diode or photodiode setpoint current with the on-board Output Current Adjust trimpot or via a remote voltage to the modulation input. The modulation input's small signal 3 dB bandwidth is DC to 2 MHz in constant current mode and dependent on photodiode speed in constant power mode.

Measure laser diode and photodiode current from two buffered monitor outputs.

Optional evaluation boards are available to assist with operating and evaluating any LDD P series module.



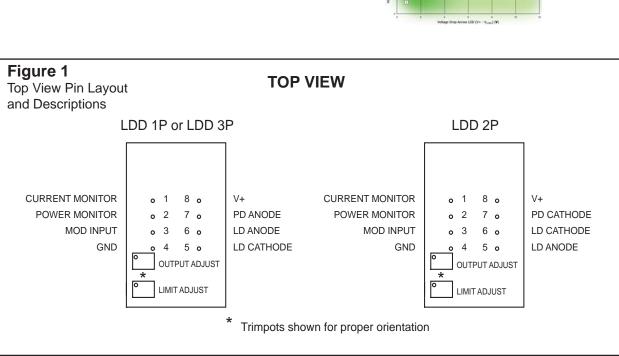


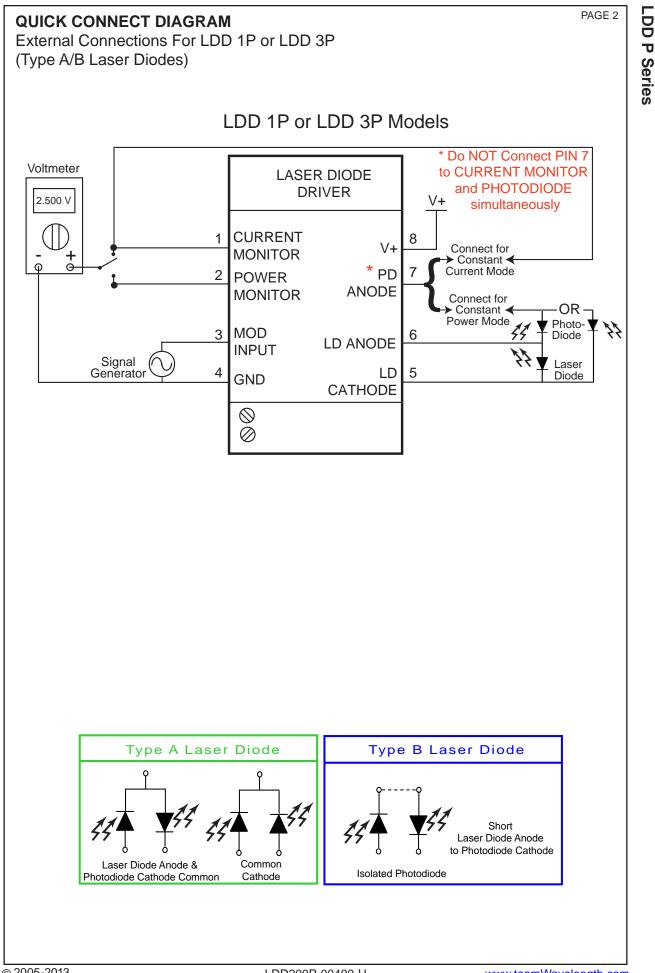
## FEATURES:

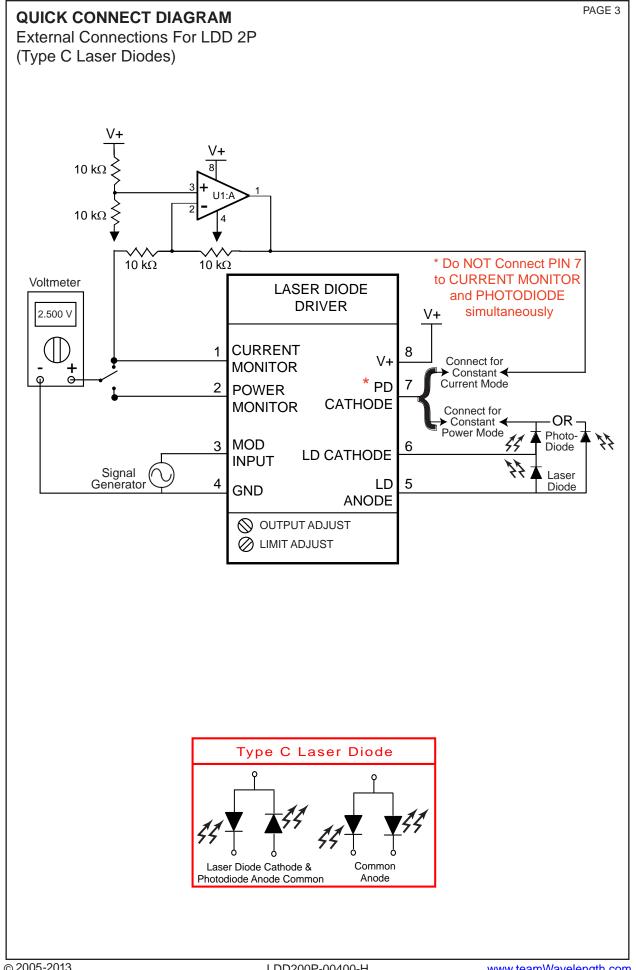
- Up to 400 mA Current Drive Capacity
- Operates in Constant Current or **Constant Power Modes**
- +5 to +12 V single supply operation
- Output power stability <0.02% typical (24 hours, ambient conditions)
- 12-Turn Trimpots control Current Setpoint and Limit Setpoint
- Operates all low power Laser Diodes
- Constant Current Modulation to 2 MHz

Online Design Tools at www.teamwavelength.com

- Slow start circuitry
- Buffered Measurement Outputs







ELECTRICAL AND OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS								
ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS								
RATING					UNIT			
Supply Voltage (Voltage on Pin 8)					Volts DC			
Output Current (See SOA Chart)	00 -		200	0 or 400 mA				
Power Dissipation, $T_{AMBIENT} = +25^{\circ}C^{[1]}$	P <sub>MAX</sub>		10			Watts		
Operating Temp- case, $T_{AMB} = +25^{\circ}C^{[1]}$	T <sub>OPR</sub>		0 to	o + 50		°C		
Storage Temperature	T <sub>STG</sub>			) to +125		°C		
Weight	010		< 1			OZ		
Soldering Temp			260	)°C (10 secs	)			
PARAMETER					/			
For Laser Type	Ac	or B		Ac	or B		С	
MODEL NUMBER	LDD200-1P	LDD40	0-1P	LDD200-3P LDD400-3P		LDD200-2P	LDD400-2P	
CONSTANT CURRENT CONTROL	0 - 200 mA		mA	0 - 200 mA		400 mA	0 - 200 mA	0 - 400 mA
Temperature Coefficient	< 100 p			< 100 p				ppm / °C
Long Term Stability, 24 hours [2]	< 50			< 50	•			ppm
Noise and Ripple (rms) <sup>[3]</sup>	< 5				ν ρρ 5 μΑ			
Current Limit Range	0 - 200 mA	•	mA	0 - 200 mA		400 mA		0 - 400 mA
Current Monitor Transfer Function	80 mA / V			80 mA / V		0 mA / V		160 mA / V
CONSTANT POWER CONTROL					-			
Photodiode Range	15-25	00 цА		5-12	25 u	A	15-25	500 μA
Power Stability, 24 hours <sup>[2]</sup>	< 0.0	•		< 0.			< 0.02%	
Power Monitor Transfer Function	1000			50 µ			1000 μA / V	
MODULATION								P** * * *
Input Impedance	1 N	ΛΩ		1	MΩ		1 MΩ	
Depth of Modulation (at 10kHz) <sup>[4]</sup>	90			90%		90%		
Constant Current								
Bandwidth, small signal sine wave 3dB	up to 2 MHz		up to 2 MHz		up to 2 MHz			
Transfer Function [LD]	-40 mA / V -80 mA / V		-40 mA / V -80 mA / V		-40 mA / V			
Constant Power								
Bandwidth, Constant Power [5]	Depend	s on PD	)	Depends on PD		Depends on PD		
Transfer Function [PD]	-500 μ	ıA/V		-25 μA / V		-500 μA / V		
Mod Input Safe Range	-0.5V < ModIn < V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.5V -0.5V < Mod		-0.5V < ModI	dln < V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.5V				
POWER SUPPLY		00				00		55
Voltage, V <sub>DD</sub> , min	5	5 V		5 V		5 V		
Voltage, V <sub>DD</sub> , max	12	V		12 V			12 V	
Current, V <sub>DD</sub> supply, quiescent	50	mA		50 mA		50 mA		
Power Up Trip Point <sup>[6]</sup>	4.9 V			4.9 V		4.9 V		
Power Down Trip Point [6]	4.2 V			4.2 V		4.2 V		
Setpoint vs. Monitor Accuracy	< 5%			< 5%		< 5%		
Warm-up to rated accuracy	1 hour			1 hour		1 hour		
<ul> <li>[1]. Maximum Operating Power derates above 25°C. The online Safe Operating Area (SOA) Chart includes this derating. <u>http://www.teamwavelength.com/support/calculator/soa/soald.php</u></li> <li>[2]. Stability tests were performed in an ambient air environment.</li> </ul>								
<ul> <li>[3]. Laser diode forward current noise. Test was performed by measuring the AC voltage across a 50 Ω metal film resistor in series with a laser diode.</li> <li>[4]. As squarewave modulation frequency increases, the peak-to-peak output amplitude diminishes. For example, these graphs show the waveform shape at 10 Hz and 10 kHz. Depth of modulation continues to decrease after 10 kHz.</li> </ul>								
<ul> <li>[5]. Modulation bandwidth in constant power mode depends on photodiode response. at 10 Hz at 10 Hz at 10 Hz at 10 Hz at 10 Hz</li> <li>[6]. The LDD P Series has internal control circuitry which turns the output on and off depending on the voltage at pin 8. When the voltage reaches the power up trip point, the module soft starts the laser diode. When the voltage reaches the power down trip point, the module shunts current around the laser diode, powering it down in a controlled fashion.</li> </ul>								

## PIN DESCRIPTIONS

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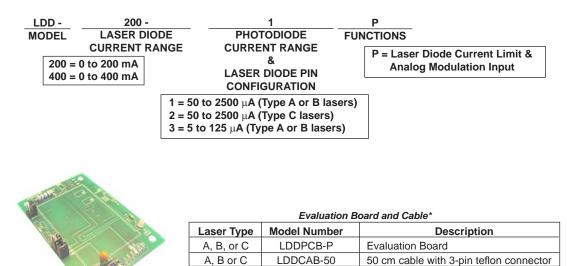
## LDD 1 P AND LDD 3P

D: #	Nome	Function		
Pin #	Name	Function		
1	CURRENT MONITOR	Current Monitor (measures Laser Diode current). 0 to 2.5 V range.		
2	POWER MONITOR	Power Monitor (measures Photodiode current). 0 to 2.5 V range.		
3	MOD INPUT	Inverting modulation input. 0 to 5 V range.		
4	GND	Power supply and monitor common connection.		
5	LD CATHODE	Laser Diode Cathode.		
6	LD ANODE	Laser Diode Anode. (Pin 6 internally shorted to pin 8.)		
7	PD ANODE	Photodiode Anode.		
8	V+	Power supply voltage connection. (Pin 6 internally shorted to pin 8.) Supply range: +5 V to +12 VDC		

## LDD 2 P

Pin #	Name	Function
1	CURRENT MONITOR	Current Monitor (measures Laser Diode current). 0 to 2.5 V range.
2	POWER MONITOR	Power Monitor (measures Photodiode current). 0 to 2.5 V range.
3	MOD INPUT	Inverting modulation input. 0 to 5 V range.
4	GND	Power supply and monitor common connection. (Pin 4 internally shorted to pin 6.)
5	LD ANODE	Laser Diode Anode.
6	LD CATHODE	Laser Diode Cathode. (Pin 6 internally shorted to pin 4.)
7	PD CATHODE	Photodiode Cathode.
8	V+	Power supply voltage connection.
		Supply range: +5 V to +12 VDC

## **ORDERING INFORMATION**



## SAFE OPERATING AREA & HEATSINK REQUIREMENTS

LDD P Series

## **Caution:**

Do not exceed the Safe Operating Area (SOA). Exceeding the SOA voids the warranty.

To determine if the operating parameters fall within the SOA of the device, the maximum voltage drop across the driver and the maximum current must be plotted on the SOA curves. An online tool for calculating your load line is at <u>http://www.teamwavelength.com/support/calculator/soa/soald.php.</u> For any application that includes the LDD Evaluation PCB, be sure to include the appropriate  $R_{D}$  and  $R_{4a}$  resistance values in the series resistance in order to achieve an accurate SOA analysis. Resistances are detailed on page 22.

These values are used for the example SOA determination:

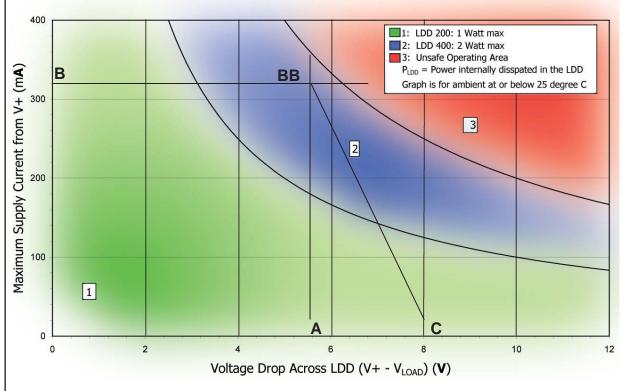
$$V_{s} = 8$$
 volts  
 $V_{LOAD} = 2.5$  volts  
 $I_{LOAD} = 300$  mA

These values are determined from the specifications of the laser diode.

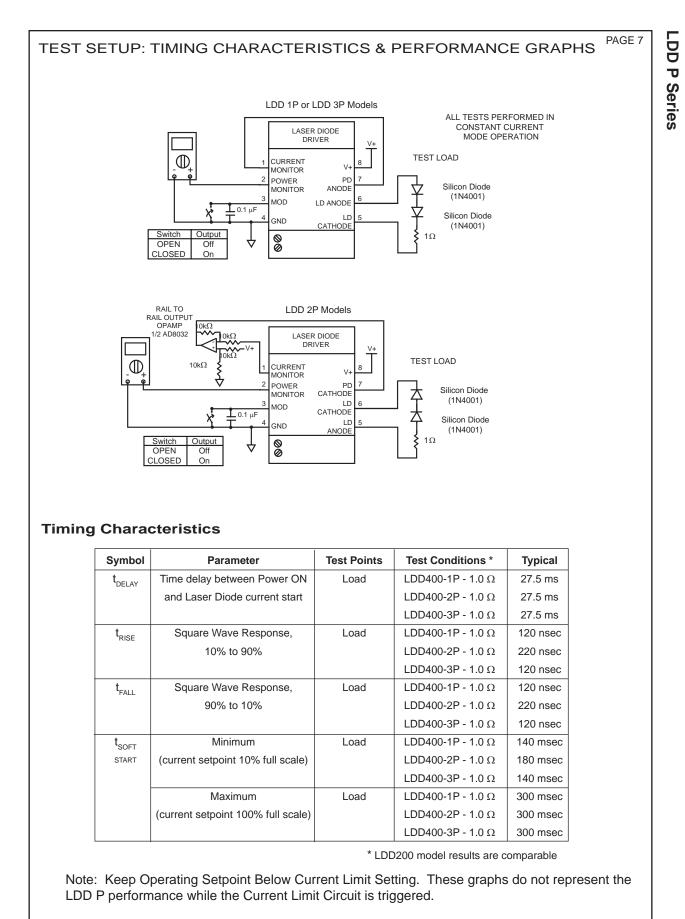
Follow these steps:

- 1. Determine the maximum voltage drop across the driver,  $V_{s} V_{LOAD}$ , and mark on the X axis. Example: 8 volts - 2.5 volts = 5.5 volts, Point A)
- Determine the maximum current, I<sub>LOAD</sub>, through the driver and mark on the Y axis: (300 mA, Point B)
- 3. Draw a horizontal line through Point B across the chart. (Line BB)
- 4. Draw a vertical line from Point A to the maximum current line indicated by Line BB.
- 5. Mark  $V_s$  on the X axis. (Point C)
- 6. Draw the Load Line from where the vertical line from point A intersects Line BB down to Point C.

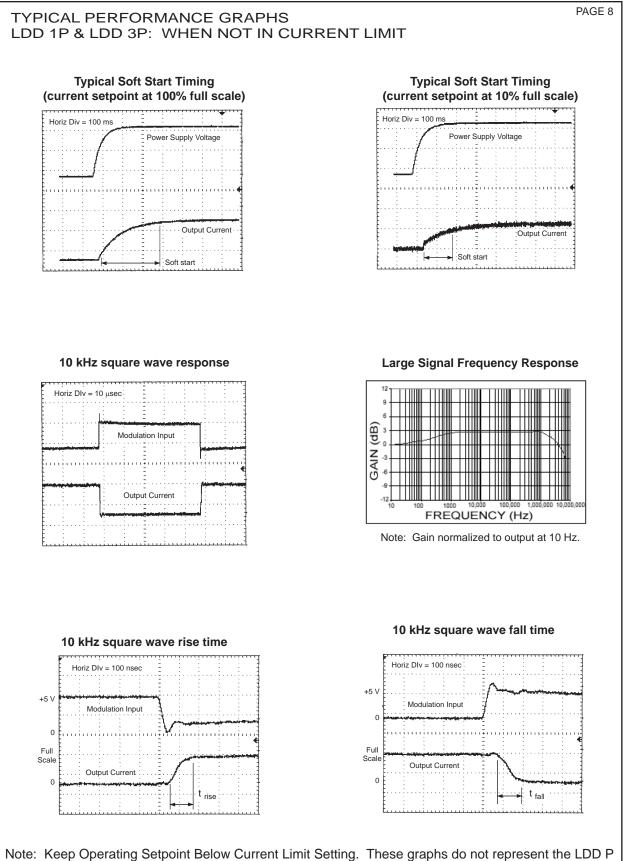
Refer to the chart shown below and note that the Load Line is in the Safe Operating Areas for the LDD400 at 25 °C ambient. Note that only Area 1 is safe for the LDD200. Both Areas 1 and 2 are safe for the LDD400.



LDD Series Safe Operating Area

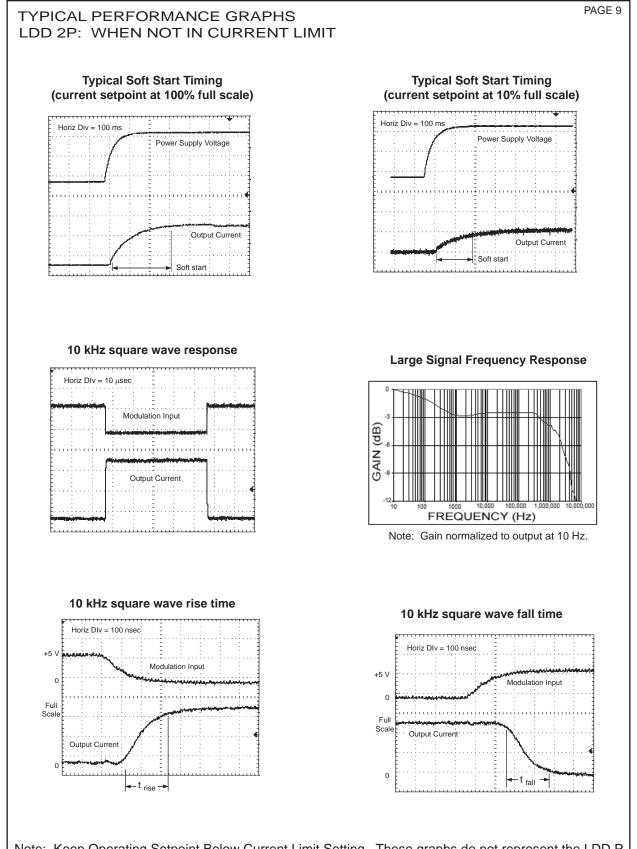


Warning: The Current Limit Circuit is not an absolute/failsafe clamp. If the operating setpoint exceeds the limit setting, and a fast modulation signal is input, very short overshoots of the current limit are possible (150 nsec). If the photodiode feedback signal is lost or very slow, the LDD P can drive to its maximum output current.



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## OPERATION

#### POWER SUPPLY AND NOISE

The LDD P Series Laser Diode Drivers are designed for stable, low noise operation. The power supply you select will directly affect the noise performance of the driver. We recommend using a regulated, linear supply for optimum performance. Depending on your requirements, you may be able to use a switching power supply. Each case must be evaluated independently because a switching power supply will affect noise, transient, and stability performance. The LDD P series can be purchased with the LDDPCB series evaluation kit for easy initial operation.

#### LASER SAFETY ISSUES

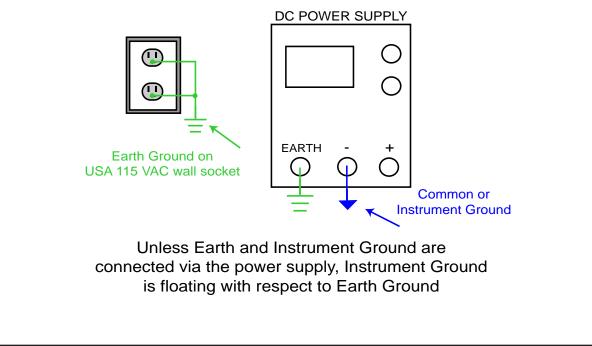
- **ATTENTION:** If you plan to operate the LDD P with any Wavelength temperature controller, you **may** need to use separate power supplies. If the TE cooler or thermistor is connected to the laser diode, please contact the factory for technical assistance.
- **ATTENTION:** Exceeding the maximum specified operating current (IOP MAX) will damage your laser diode. Become familiar with the LDD P Series module operation and the exact specifications of your laser diode before attaching it to the LDD P module. Seek assistance from someone with experience working with laser diodes if you have not operated one before.
- **ATTENTION:** The following instruments may cause momentary opens, shorts, or impedance changes that will damage a laser diode if attached to the output of a laser diode driver.
  - 1. A voltmeter across the laser diode.
  - 2. An **oscilloscope** across the laser diode.
  - 3. A current meter in series with the laser diode.

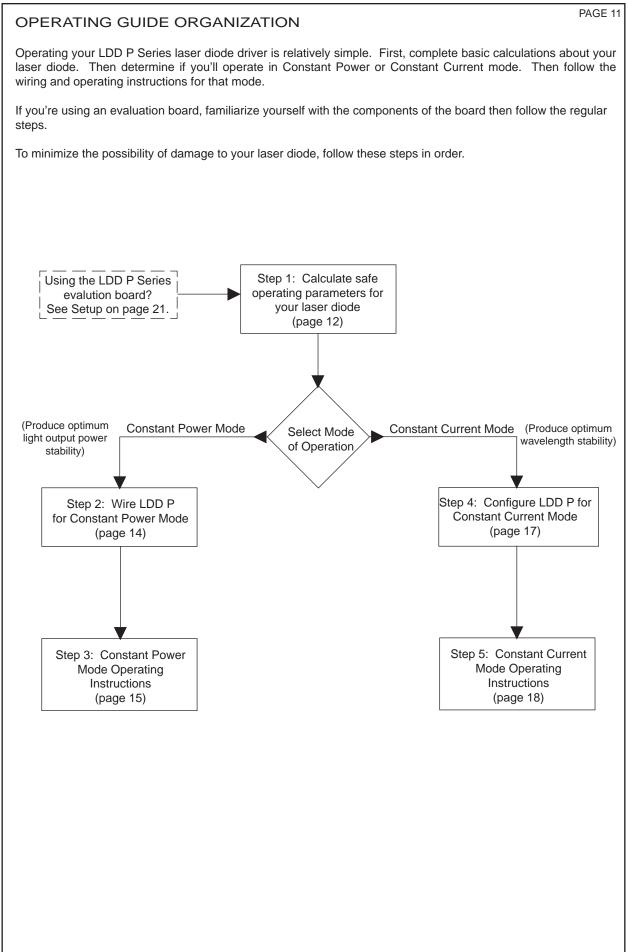
All measurements made with these instruments on the output should be made with a simulated load attached and not a laser diode.

#### ATTENTION: IF LASER DIODE AND PHOTODIODE ARE ISOLATED (TYPE B LASER DIODE) Short the laser diode anode to the photodiode cathode. The LDD P Series laser diode drivers require the photodiode be connected to the laser diode. If no connection is made between the laser diode and the photodiode, then the LDD P will not operate properly in constant power mode, and the power monitor will not read the proper photodiode current.

#### GROUNDING

Some laser diode packages short either the laser diode anode or cathode to the case, which may connect the laser electrically to earth ground. Review the internal connections of the LDD P to make sure ground loops are not inadvertently created by this situation. Special attention to the details of grounding will ensure safe operation.





Step 1: Pre-Setup Calculations	PAGE 12
1.1 Determine Maximum Laser Diode Operating Current	Example Calculations
(1) Using the laser diode manufacturer's recommended operating specifications, determine the following four values:	Laser Diode Optical and Electrical Specifications used in this example are found on page 14.
<ul> <li>(a) Maximum laser diode light output power: P<sub>MAX</sub> = mW     </li> <li>(Note this value should be less than the laser diode's ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS)     </li> </ul>	Assume this laser diode application requires the laser diode to produce 25 mW of light output power and uses an LDD200-1P operating from +5 V. $[P_{OP} = 25 \text{ mW } \& V_{SUPPLY} = +5 \text{ V}]$
<ul> <li>(b) Typical Laser Diode threshold current: <ul> <li>I<sub>TH</sub> = mA</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) Typical Laser Diode operating current: <ul> <li>I<sub>OP</sub> = mA</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) Laser Diode slope efficiency: <ul> <li>η = mW / mA</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) Calculate the laser diode limit current using Equation 1.1:</li> </ul>	$\begin{array}{l} P_{_{MAX}} = \ 27.5 \ \text{mW} \\ (P_{_{MAX}} \ \text{is conservatively estimated at 110\%} \\ \text{of } P_{_{OP}}, \ \text{not the ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM} \\ \text{RATING} \\ \\ I_{_{TH}} = 40 \ \text{mA} \\ I_{_{OP}} = 80 \ \text{mA} \\ \eta = \ 0.75 \ \text{mW} \ / \ \text{mA} \end{array}$
EQUATION 1.1: $I_{\text{LIMIT}} = I_{\text{TH}} + (P_{\text{MAX}}) / (\eta)$ $I_{\text{LIMIT}} = \MA$ OR: If the laser diode's slope efficiency is unknown, then choose the laser diode limit current to be close to the operating current. Keep it well below the damage threshold of the laser diode. $I_{\text{LIMIT}} = (1.1) * I_{\text{OP}}$	EQUATION 1.1: $I_{\text{LIMIT}} = I_{\text{TH}} + (P_{\text{MAX}}) / (\eta) =$ 40 + (27.5) / (0.75) = 76.66 mA
1.2 Determine Laser Diode Operating Current for desired Output Power	
<ul> <li>(1) Determine the following:</li> <li>(a) Desired laser diode light output power: P<sub>OP</sub> = mW</li> <li>(2) Calculate the laser diode operating current using Equation 1.2 [for I<sub>TH</sub> &amp; η, see Step 1.1]:</li> </ul>	P <sub>op</sub> = 25 mW
EQUATION 1.2: $I_{OP} = I_{TH} + (P_{OP}) / (\eta)$ $I_{OP} = \ mA$ OR: If the laser diode's slope efficiency is unknown, then assume the laser diode operating current is: $I_{OP} = Laser Diode Current at Rated Power$	EQUATION 1.2: $I_{OP} = I_{TH} + (P_{OP}) / (\eta) =$ 40 + (25) / (0.75) = 73.33 mA
1.3 Determine Laser Diode Monitor Current (Photodiode Current)	
(1) Determine the following two values:	
(a) Laser Diode Rated Power: P <sub>RATED</sub> =mW	P <sub>RATED</sub> = 30 mW
(b) Typical Monitor Current (Photodiode current): I <sub>MON</sub> =mA	I <sub>MON</sub> = 0.3 mA
(2) Calculate the laser diode monitor current using Equation 1.3 [for P <sub>OP</sub> see Step 1.2]:	[From specification sheet, I <sub>MON</sub> typical at P <sub>o</sub> ]
EQUATION 1.3: $I_{PD} = (P_{OP}) \left( \frac{I_{MON}}{P_{RATED}} \right)$ $I_{PD} = \MA$	EQUATION 1.3: $I_{PD} = (P_{OP}) \left( \frac{I_{MON}}{P_{RATED}} \right) =$ (25)(0.3 / 30) = 0.25 mA

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Step 1: Pre-Setup Calculations, continued	PAGE 13
1.4 Determine Laser Diode Operating Voltage (optional)	Example Calculations
(1) Using the laser diode manufacturer's recommended operating specifications, determine the following four values:	
(a) Typical Laser Diode operating voltage: V <sub>OP</sub> =V	V <sub>OP</sub> = 2.4 V
(b) Maximum Laser Diode operating voltage: V <sub>MAX</sub> =V	V <sub>max</sub> = 3.0 V
(c) Typical Laser Diode operating current: I <sub>OP</sub> =mA	I <sub>OP</sub> = 80 mA
(d) Maximum Laser Diode operating current: I <sub>MAX</sub> =mA	I <sub>MAX</sub> = 120 mA
(2) Calculate the laser diode forward voltage drop using Equation 1.4 [for I LIMIT see Step 1.1]:	EQUATION 1.4:
EQUATION 1.4:	$V_{LD} = V_{OP} + (I_{LIMIT} - I_{OP}) \left( \frac{V_{MAX} - V_{OP}}{I_{MAX} - I_{OP}} \right)$
	$V_{LD} = 2.4 + (60.63 - 80) \left(\frac{3 - 2.4}{120 - 80}\right)$
If not enough data is available, assume $V_{LD} = 1.7 \text{ V}$	V <sub>LD</sub> = 2.11 V
1.5 Determine $R_{_D}$ , Value for Dominant Resistor Protection (optional)	
Resistor $R_{\rm D}$ is not required for proper operation of the LDD P Series Laser Diode Driver, but provides a very simple and inexpensive method for protecting the laser diode against various electrical and mechanical transients.	
NOTE: $R_{_{4a}}$ is another optional safety component discussed on page 22. It is included on the evaluation board. The default value on the evaluation board is 1 $\Omega$ .	
(1) Determine the following:	
<ul> <li>(a) Power Supply Voltage applied between pin 8 &amp; pin 4</li> <li>(V+ &amp; GND):</li> </ul>	
V <sub>SUPPLY</sub> =V	V <sub>supply</sub> = 5 V
(2) Calculate $R_D$ using $I_{LIMIT}$ from Step 1.1, $V_{LD}$ from Step 1.4, and Equation 1.5. [Note: use Equation 1.5A for LDD 200 models and Equation 1.5B for LDD 400 models]:	
EQUATION 1.5A: Use with LDD200-1P, LDD200-2P, and LDD200-3P laser diode drivers	EQUATION 1.5A:
$R_{D} = \left(\frac{V_{SUPPLY} - V_{LD} - 0.2}{I_{LIMIT}}\right) - (6.2 \Omega + R_{4a}) \qquad R_{D} = \underline{\qquad} \Omega$	$R_{D} = \left(\frac{V_{SUPPLY} - V_{LD} - 0.2}{I_{LIMIT}}\right) - (6.2 \ \Omega + R_{4a})$
EQUATION 1.5B: Use with LDD400-1P, LDD400-2P, and LDD400-3P laser diode drivers	$\left(\frac{5 - 2.11 - 0.2}{0.06063}\right) - (6.2 \Omega + 1 \Omega) = 37 \Omega$
$R_{D} = \left(\frac{V_{SUPPLY} - V_{LD} - 0.2}{I_{LIMIT}}\right) - (3.1 \ \Omega + R_{4a})$	
(3) Calculate the minimum power rating for R <sub>p</sub> with Equation 1.6: EQUATION 1.6:	EQUATION 1.6:
$P_{RD} = Minimum power rating for R_D P_{RD} =W $ $= (R_D)(I_{LIMIT})^2$	
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## Step 1: Pre-Setup Calculations, continued EXAMPLE - Laser Diode Electrical and Optical Characteristics

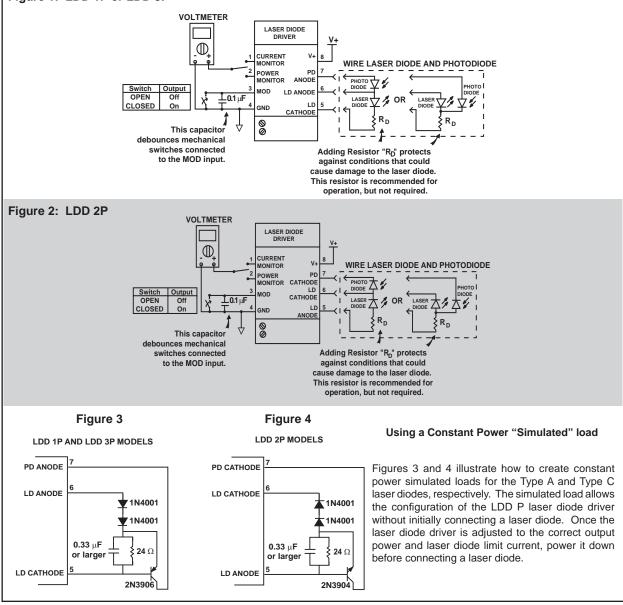
ABSOLUTE MAXIMU	JM RATINGS		
Symbol	Parameter	Ratings	Units
Po	Laser Diode Light Output Power	35	mW
V <sub>RL</sub>	Laser Diode Reverse Voltage	2	V
V <sub>RD</sub>	Photodiode Reverse Voltage	30	V
I <sub>PD</sub>	Photodiode Forward Current	10	mA

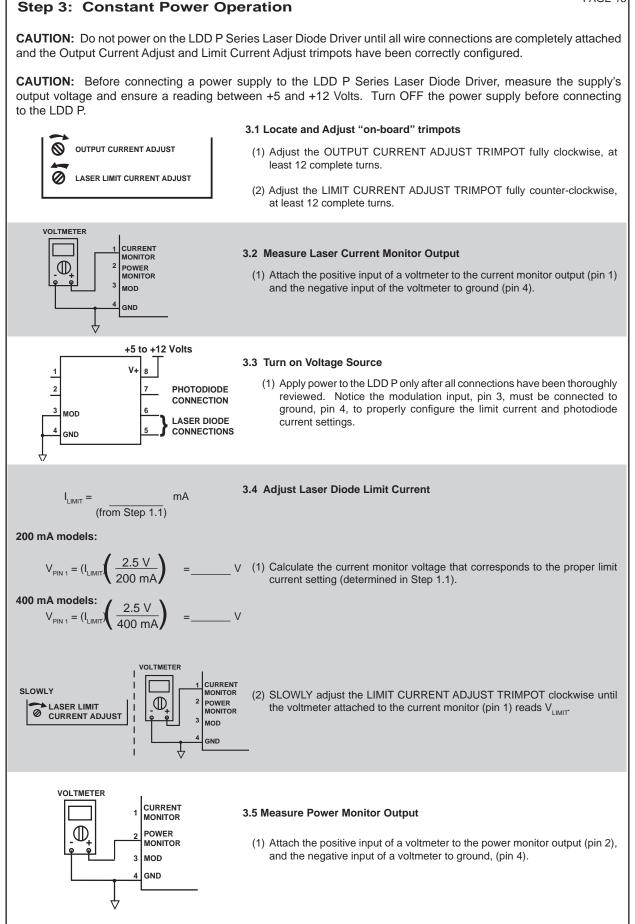
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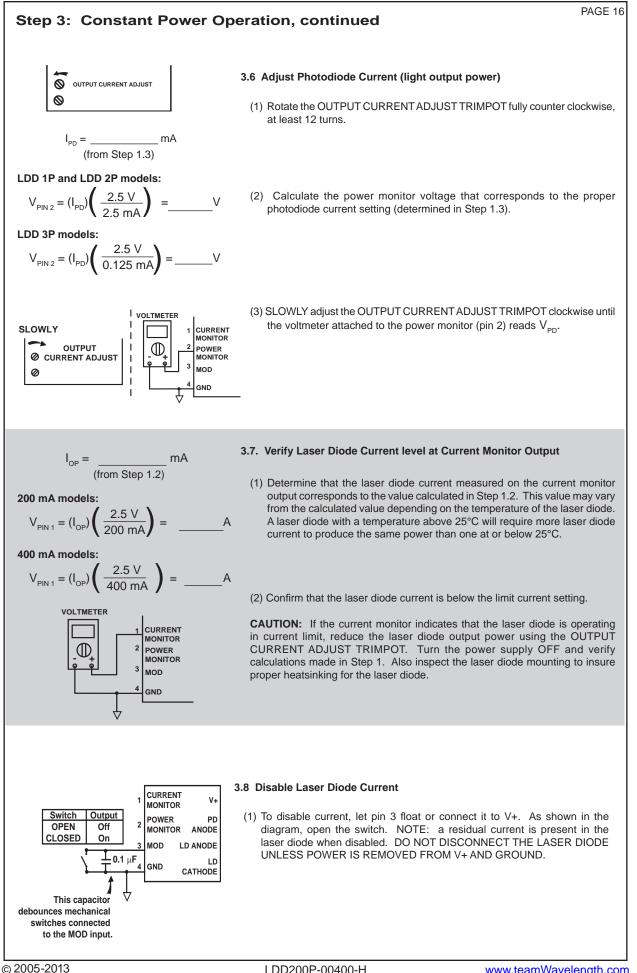
			Limits			
Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typical	Max	Units
I <sub>TH</sub>	Threshold Current	CW	-	40	65	mA
I <sub>OP</sub>	Operating Current	CW, $P_o = 30 \text{ mW}$	-	80	120	mA
η	Slope Efficiency	CW, P <sub>o</sub> = 30 mW	-	0.75	-	mW / mA
V <sub>OP</sub>	Operating Voltage	CW, P <sub>o</sub> = 30 mW	2.0	2.4	3.0	V
I <sub>MON</sub>	Monitor Current (photodiode)	CW, $P_0 = 30$ mW, $V_{RD} = 1V$	-	0.3	0.5	mA

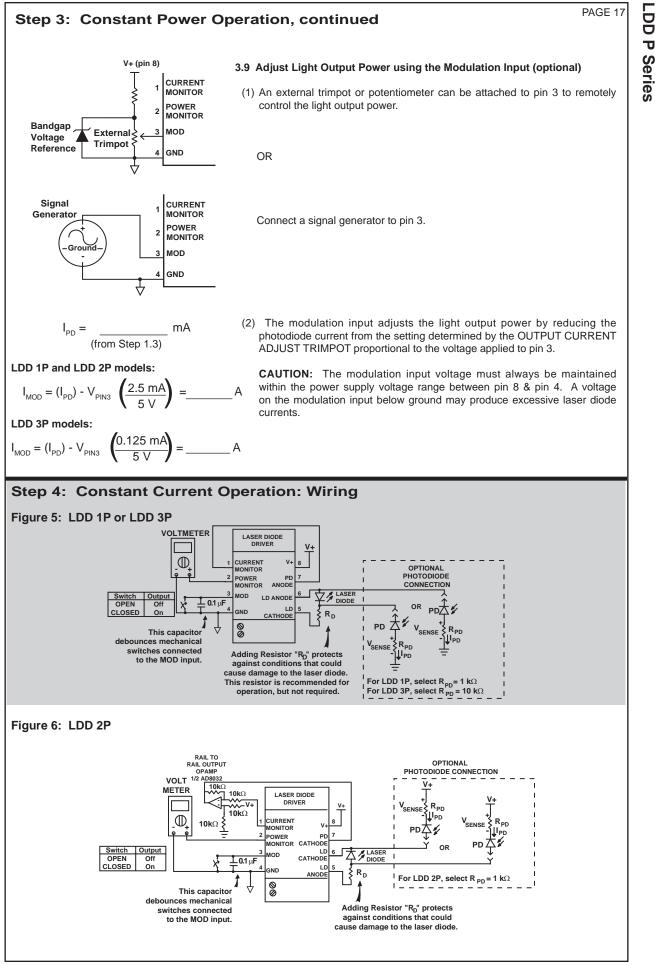
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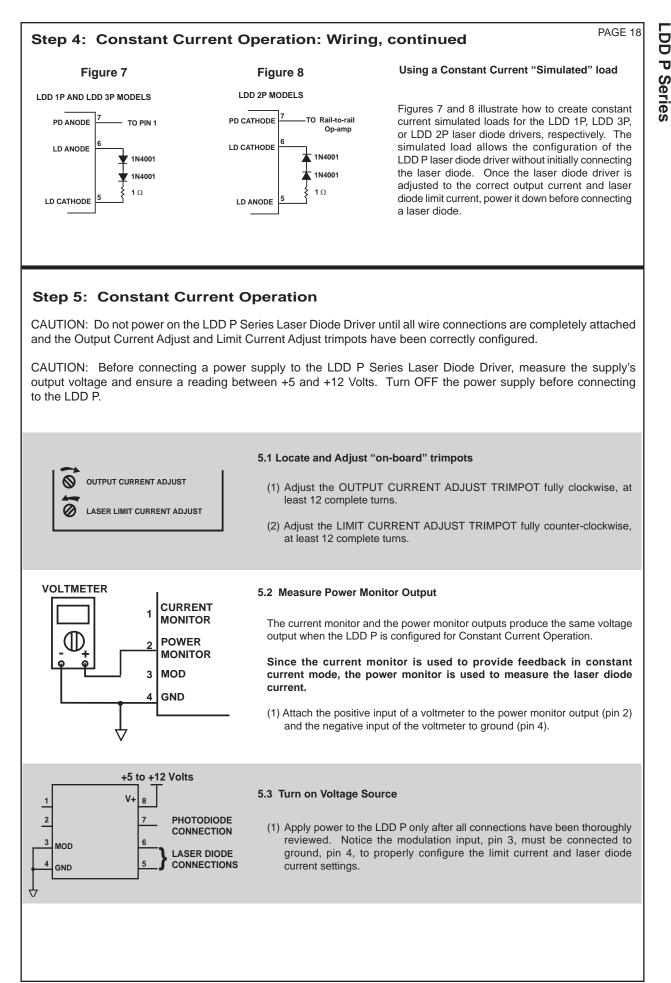


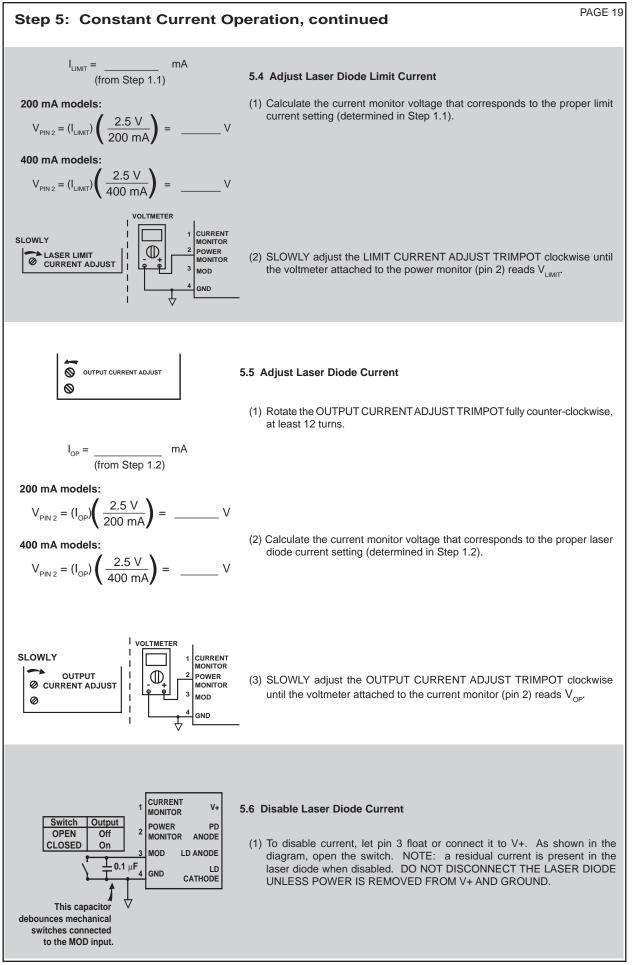


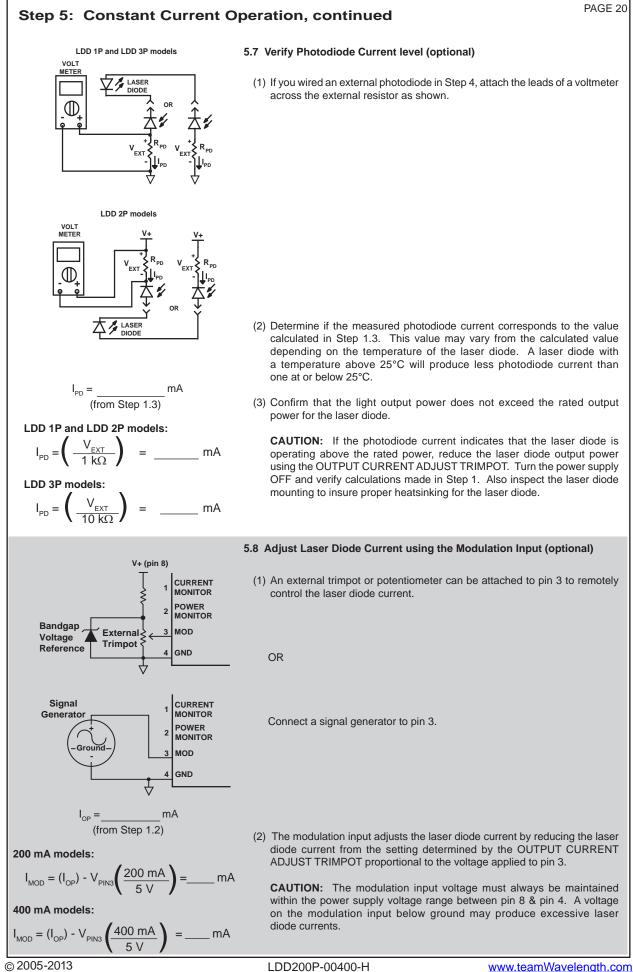










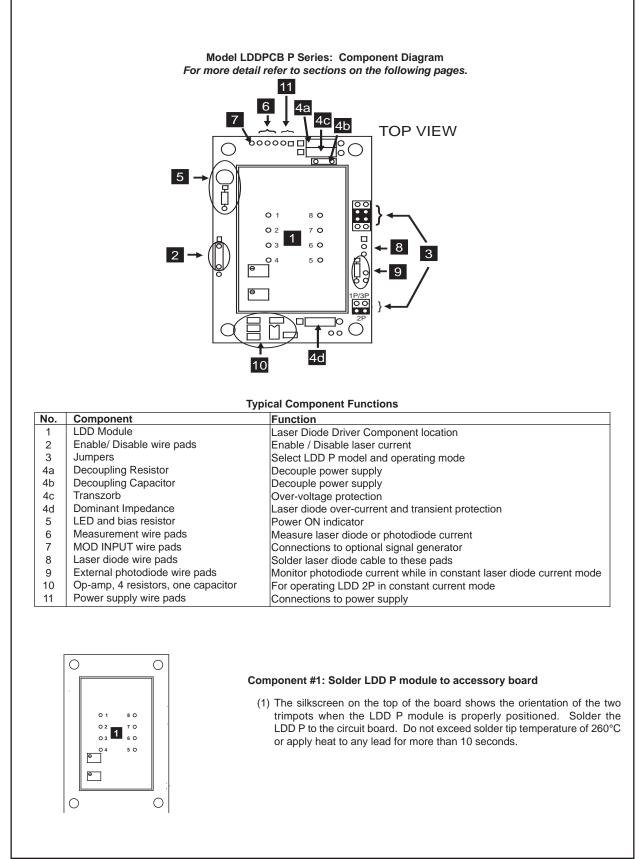


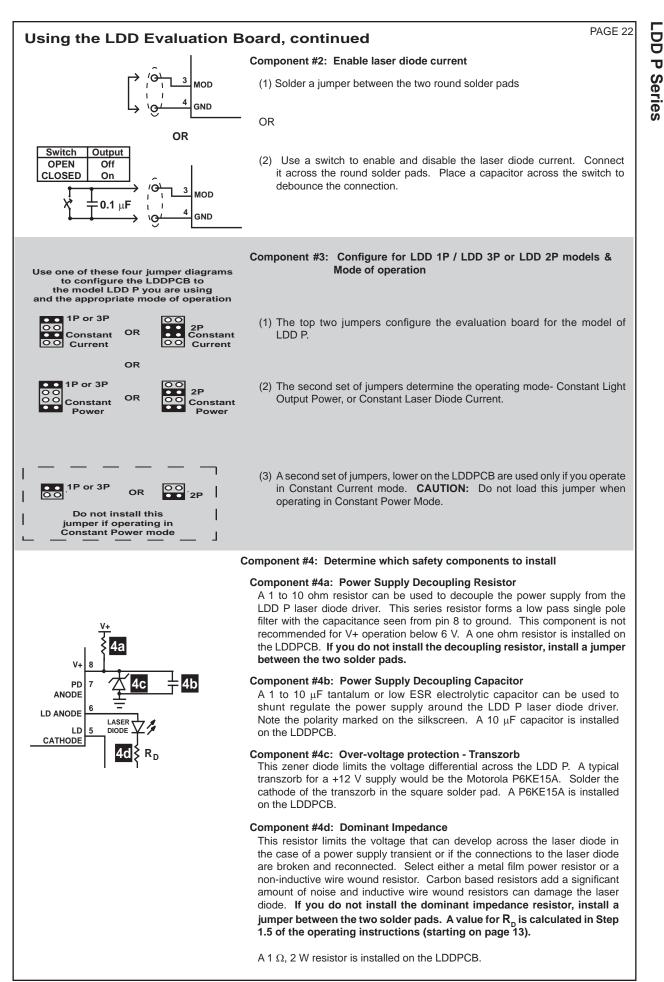
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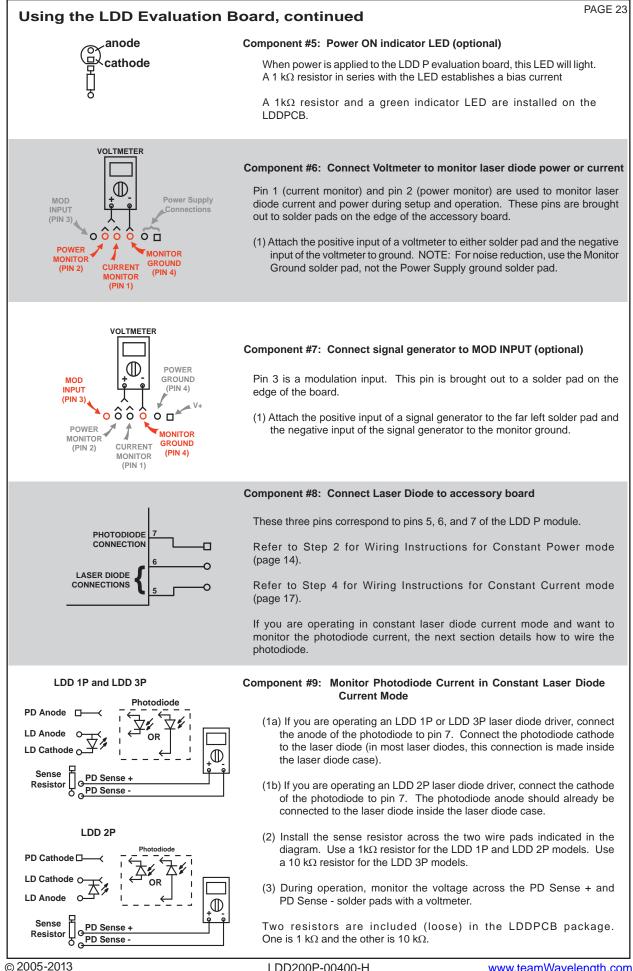
### Using the LDD Evaluation Board

The LDD P is designed to be soldered to a circuit board. The LDDPCB evaluation board integrates with any LDD P laser diode driver.

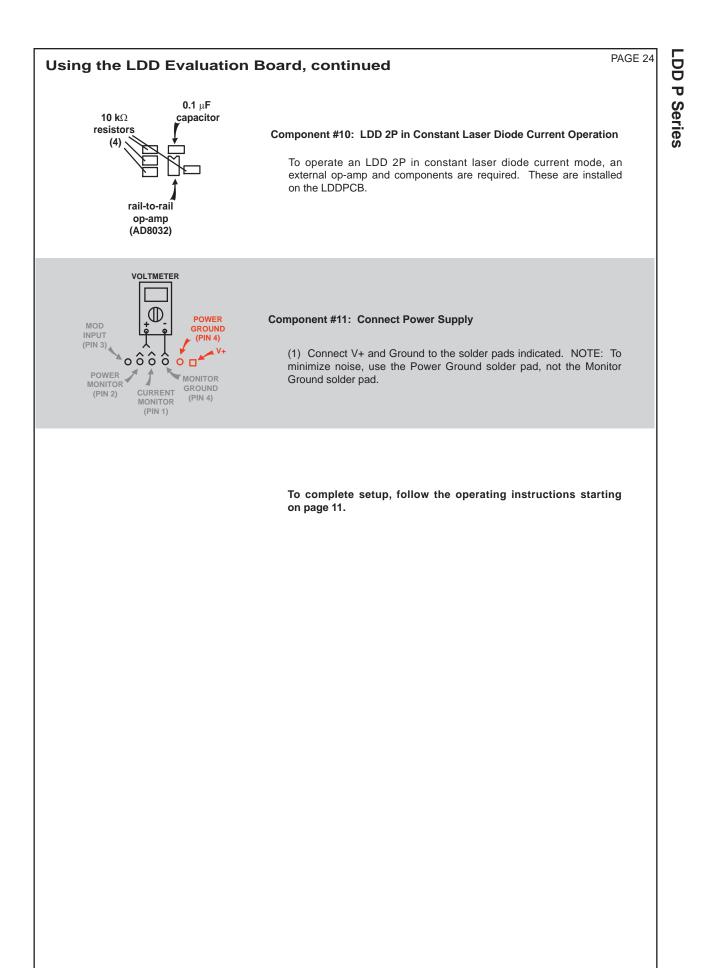
Instructions for using the LDDPCB are on the next four pages. Once you are familiar with the board, follow the operating instructions for the LDD P, starting on page 11.

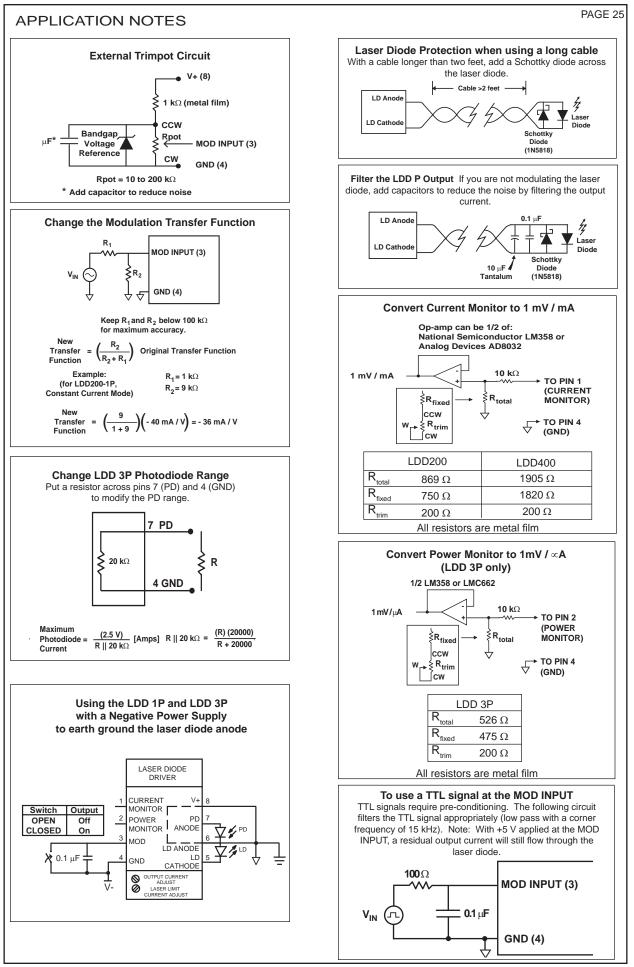


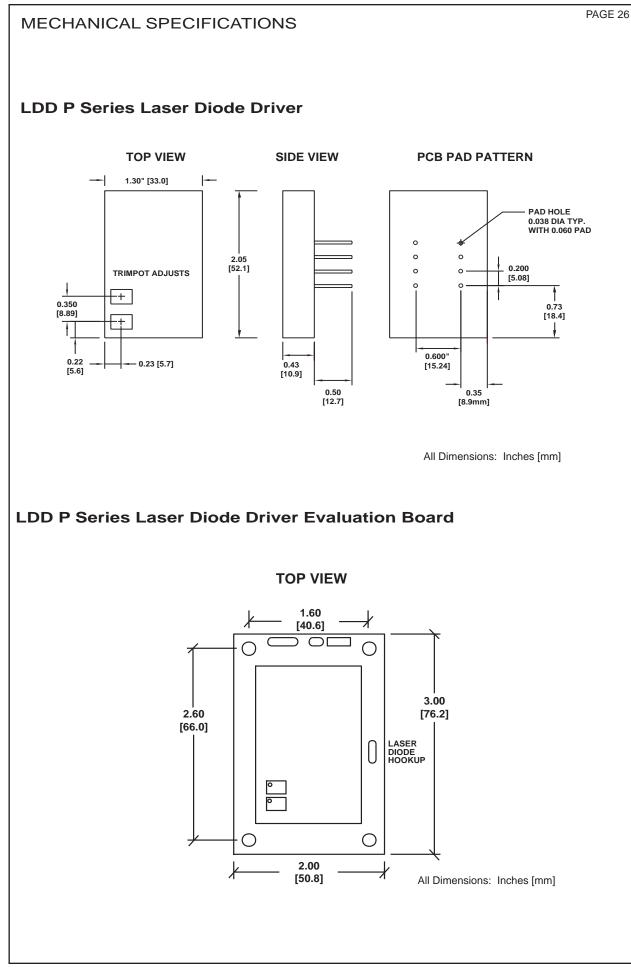




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# CERTIFICATION AND WARRANTY CERTIFICATION:

Wavelength Electronics (Wavelength) certifies that this product met it's published specifications at the time of shipment. Wavelength further certifies that its calibration measurements are traceable to the United States National Institute of Standards and Technology, to the extent allowed by that organization's calibration facilities, and to the calibration facilities of other International Standards Organization members.

#### WARRANTY:

This Wavelength product is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 90 days from date of shipment. During the warranty period, Wavelength will, at its option, either repair or replace products which prove to be defective.

#### WARRANTY SERVICE:

For warranty service or repair, this product must be returned to the factory. An RMA is required for products returned to Wavelength for warranty service. The Buyer shall prepay shipping charges to Wavelength and Wavelength shall pay shipping charges to return the product to the Buyer upon determination of defective materials or workmanship. However, the Buyer shall pay all shipping charges, duties, and taxes for products returned to Wavelength from another country.

#### LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTY:

The warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from improper use or misuse of the product or operation outside published specifications.

No other warranty is expressed or implied. Wavelength specifically disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

#### **EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES:**

The remedies provided herein are the Buyer's sole and exclusive remedies. Wavelength shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages, whether based on contract, tort, or any other legal theory.

#### **REVERSE ENGINEERING PROHIBITED:**

Buyer, End-User, or Third-Party Reseller are expressly prohibited from reverse engineering, decompiling, or disassembling this product.



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#### SAFETY:

There are no user serviceable parts inside this product. Return the product to Wavelength Electronics for service and repair to ensure that safety features are maintained.

#### LIFE SUPPORT POLICY:

As a general policy, Wavelength Electronics, Inc. does not recommend the use of any of its products in life support applications where the failure or malfunction of the Wavelength product can be reasonably expected to cause failure of the life support device or to significantly affect its safety or effectiveness. Wavelength will not knowingly sell its products for use in such applications unless it receives written assurances satisfactory to Wavelength that the risks of injury or damage have been minimized, the customer assumes all such risks, and there is no product liability for Wavelength. Examples of devices considered to be life support devices are neonatal oxygen analyzers, nerve stimulators (for any use), auto transfusion devices, blood pumps, defibrillators, arrhythmia detectors and alarms, pacemakers, hemodialysis systems, peritoneal dialysis systems, ventilators of all types, and infusion pumps as well as other devices designated as "critical" by the FDA. The above are representative examples only and are not intended to be conclusive or exclusive of any other life support device.

REVISION HISTORY				
REVISION	DATE	NOTES		
REV. D	Aug-05	Initial release		
REV. E	5-Oct-09	Updated to reflect RoHS compliance		
REV. F	17-May-11	Updated to include R <sub>4a</sub> and ModInput Safe Range		
REV. G	22-Dec-11	Updated Type C Laser Quick Connect Diagram		
REV. H	25-Jan-13	Updated Type C Laser Quick Connect		