

Product Features

24W and 50W models

Low noise, bi-polar output

Typical drift less than $\pm 0.004^{\circ}\text{C}$

Wide temperature control range
 -99°C to $+199^{\circ}\text{C}$

Operational with thermistors and
IC temperature sensors

Smart integrator control loop with
fast response and temperature
settling

USB 2.0 serial interface

The new LDT-5500B Series Temperature Controllers are optimized for precision temperature control of laser diodes and other optoelectronic components. Two models combine up to 24W and 50W of thermoelectric control power with a hybrid smart-integrator feedback loop for precise temperature control. The LDT-5500B Series accept thermistor, IC, and RTD temperature sensors providing convenience and flexibility over a broad range of temperature control applications.

These instruments utilize a hybrid smart integrator algorithm to ensure fast settling times and maintain high temperature stability, typically within $\pm 0.004^{\circ}\text{C}$. A new simple, intuitive front panel interface makes these instruments easy to use and with ILX interconnect cables and the industry's widest selection of laser diode mounts, you can set up and be controlling the temperature of your laser diode in minutes.

The new USB interface and control software allows for fast, repeatable instrument control in R&D and manufacturing testing and other automated control applications. For virtual instrument programming, LabView[®] instrument drivers are available free of charge and can be downloaded from the ILX website.

LDT 5500B Series

Thermoelectric
Temperature
Controller



Exceptional Value for
Temperature Controlling Laser Diodes

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Laser Diode Instrumentation & Test Systems

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The LDT-5500B Series are a precision, microprocessor based thermoelectric (TE) temperature controller that deliver a low noise, bipolar constant current output of up to 5 Amps and 50W of heating or cooling power. These instruments close a precision temperature control loop through a variety of temperature sensors and display temperature from -99°C to 199°C or sensor resistance.

The temperature controller topology, paired with a hybrid smart-integrator control loop result in fast settling times with a temperature stability of 0.004°C which is ideal for laser diode or optoelectronic component testing requiring stable wavelength and optical power.

PRECISION TEMPERATURE CONTROL

The 5500B's operate in constant temperature, constant resistance (sensor), or constant current mode. Attention to detail in the design of the low noise current source, feedback loop, and sensor measurement circuits ensure accurate, low noise temperature control that won't drift over time in any of the instrument operating modes.

In constant temperature mode, the instrument will control to a setpoint temperature between -99°C and 199°C depending on the thermoelectric module performance characteristics, heat load, and temperature sensor connected to the instrument. Because these instruments are micro-processor controlled, the temperature can be displayed in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ accurately with the appropriate sensor constants entered through the front panel or USB interface.

Even with two-terminal thermistors and their non-linear relationship between temperature and resistance and IC temperature sensors where a highly linear relationship exists between temperature and voltage or current, by using the appropriate equation for the selected temperature sensor and the pertinent calibration constants, residual errors of less than 0.01°C can be realized over wide temperature ranges.

The 5500B's low noise bipolar current source reduces the noise coupled to your laser diode for precise control and measurements in your application.

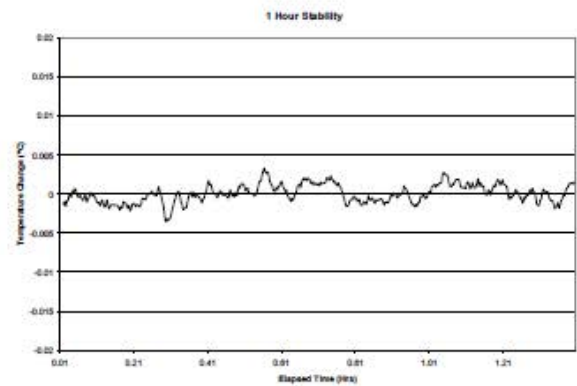
WIDE TEMPERATURE CONTROL RANGE

The 5500B's offer user-selectable thermistor source currents of $10\ \mu\text{A}$ and $100\ \mu\text{A}$ allowing the instruments

to measure resistance from $250\ \Omega$ to $450\ \text{k}\Omega$ providing control over a wide range of temperatures and applications. For a typical $10\ \text{k}\Omega$ thermistor, this corresponds to a temperature control range from -25°C to 60°C . Other temperature control ranges are possible by choosing different resistance value thermistors.

For more information, refer to ILX Application Note "Selecting Thermistors for Temperature Control".

In addition to compatibility with a wide range of thermistors, the LDT-5500B also accepts IC temperature sensors and with the TSC-599 sensor converter, platinum RTD sensors. Depending on the temperature sensor selected, the LDT-5500B measures the thermistor resistance, the AD590 current or the LM335 voltage, calculates the temperature for display and controls precisely to a temperature set point.



The LDT-5500B demonstrates temperature stability better than $\pm 0.004^{\circ}\text{C}$ over one hour.

SIMPLE, EASY TO OPERATE INSTRUMENT

Configuration of the LDT-5500B for your application is made even easier through a new front panel interface. Display modes are selectable for temperature, resistance, and current readout, easily visible with the bright green LED 4-digit display. SELECT and SET controls along with the rotary control knob allows you to quickly set temperature setpoints along with sensor calibration constants, output current limits, temperature limits, and the control loop gain. With ILX interconnect cabling and a wide variety of laser diode mounts, you can set up and control temperature within minutes.

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SAFEGUARDING YOUR DEVICES

In addition to normal instrument control and operating modes, the current output of the LDT-5500B's are bound by fully independent programmable current limits. The temperature control loop can also be bound by programmable temperature limits. Adjustment of either of the limit settings is easy and precise even with the instrument controlling temperature. Furthermore, if a temperature sensor or the TE module should open, the 5500B automatically shuts the control output off and lights up a front panel LED indicating the cause of the fault.

AUTOMATE INSTRUMENT OPERATION

Remote instrument operation is available on all LDT-5500B Temperature Controllers through a USB 2.0 serial computer interface. All instrument controls and functions are accessible through the interface for easy remote programming and control in automated test and control systems where repeatable and accurate test sequencing, measurements, and data handling are required. Installation software available with each instrument in a very easy to read and change format facilitates instrument set up and control. Through this software, instrument controls are organized similar to the front panel for easy, intuitive remote control and monitoring.

SIMPLIFY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

The LDT-5500B architecture simplifies routing maintenance; calibration of the TEC current and sensor measurement can be performed via the front panel or through USB interface, without opening the instrument up or manual adjustments. A calibration mode is entered through unique push button combinations or remote commands, and all calibration data is easily entered via the front panel or USB interface. Calibration data is automatically stored in on-board non-volatile memory.

PUT OUR EXPERTISE TO WORK

ILX Lightwave is a recognized world leader in Laser Diode Instrumentation and Test Systems. Our products are not only renowned for their reliability, quality, and value, they're backed by industry-leading after sales support. For more information about the LDT-5500B Series Temperature Controllers, and our complete family of Laser Diode Instrumentation and Test Systems, call us today or visit our website at www.ilxlightwave.com.

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Specifications

TEMPERATURE CONTROL OUTPUT

Temperature Control Range:¹
Temperature Setpoint Resolution:
Temperature Setpoint Accuracy:²
Short-Term Stability (1 hr):³
Long-Term Stability (24 hr):³

TEC OUTPUT

Type:
Control Algorithm
Compliance Voltage:
Maximum Output Current:
Maximum Output Power:
Current Noise and Ripple:⁴

CURRENT LIMIT

Current Limit Range:
Current Limit Set Accuracy:

TEMPERATURE SENSOR

Types

Thermistor:
IC Sensor:
RTD Sensor:⁷
Thermistor Sensing Current:
IC Sensor Bias:

Usable Thermistor Range:
User Calibration
Thermistor:
IC Sensor:

Analog Output:⁸
Transfer Function:
Thermistor:
LM335:
AD590:

TEC MEASUREMENT (DISPLAY)

Display Type:
Temperature Range:
Temperature Resolution
Thermistor:
AD590:
LM335:

Accuracy:²
Thermistor Resistance Range
10 μ A
100 μ A
Thermistor Resistance Resolution
10 μ A
100 μ A
Thermistor Resistance Accuracy:
TE Current Range:
TE Current Resolution:
TE Current Accuracy:

OUTPUT CONNECTOR

TEC I/O: 15 pin, D-sub
Analog Output: BNC
Communication: USB

GENERAL

Power, VAC (50-60 Hz) 100 \pm 10%; 120 \pm 10%; 230 \pm 10%
Current Draw (5525B): 100-120VAC: 0.86A; 230VAC: 0.42A
(5545B): 100-120VAC: 1.16A; 230VAC: 0.55A
Size: 88mm x 185mm x 304mm
3.5" x 7.3" x 12"
Weight: 3.6 kg (8 lbs.)
Operating Temperature: 0°C to 40°C
Storage Temperature: -40°C to 70°C
Humidity: <80% relative, non-condensing

NOTES

- Actual temperature control range depends primarily on the thermal load, sensor and TE module used.
- Accuracy figures are quoted for a typical 10 k Ω thermistor and 100 μ A current setting. Accuracy figures are relative to the calibration standard. Both resolution and accuracy are dependent upon the user-defined configuration of the instrument.
- Stability is a strong function of the thermal environment of the temperature sensor and the TE module. Ambient air currents in particular can cause fluctuations of 0.1°C in an exposed mounting configuration.
- Output power rated into a 1.5 Ω load.
- Output power rated into a 2.0 Ω load.
- Measured with the instrument in ITE mode at half scale output over a bandwidth of 10 Hz to 10 MHz.
- With use of optional TSC-599 Temperature Sensor Converter.
- 0 to 5V representing measured temperature.

LDT-5525B

-99°C to 199.9°C
0.1°C
 \pm 0.2°C
 \pm 0.004°C
 \pm 0.01°C

Bipolar current source
Smart Integrator, Hybrid PI
>6 V DC (@ 4A)
4.0 A
24W*
<1 mA rms

0 - 4.0 A
 \pm 50 mA

2-wire NTC
AD590/LM335
2-wire RTD, 100 Ω , 500 Ω , 1k Ω
10 / 100 μ A
AD590 = 8V
LM335 = 0.6 mA
250-450,000 Ω , typical
Steinhart-Hart, 3 constants
Two point
0-5V
10 k Ω /V
1 V/V
100 μ A/V

4 digit green LED
-99.9°C to 199.9°C
0.1°C
0.15°C
0.15°C
 \pm 0.2°C, typical
2.0 - 450 k Ω
0.25 - 45.0 k Ω
0.1 k Ω
0.01 k Ω
 \pm 0.05% of FS
-4.00 to 4.00 A
0.01 A
 \pm 0.03 A

LDT-5545B

-99°C to 199.9°C
0.1°C
 \pm 0.2°C
 \pm 0.004°C
 \pm 0.01°C

Bipolar current source
Smart Integrator, Hybrid PI
>10 V DC (@ 5A)
5.0 A
50W*
<1 mA rms

0 - 5.0 A
 \pm 50 mA

2-wire NTC
AD590/LM335
2-wire RTD, 100 Ω , 500 Ω , 1k Ω
10 / 100 μ A
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250-450,000 Ω , typical
Steinhart-Hart, 3 constants
Two point
0-5V
10 k Ω /V
1 V/V
100 μ A/V

4 digit green LED
-99.9°C to 199.9°C
0.1°C
0.15°C
0.15°C
 \pm 0.2°C, typical
2.0 - 450 k Ω
0.25 - 45.0 k Ω
0.1 k Ω
0.01 k Ω
 \pm 0.05% of FS
-5.00 to 5.00 A
0.01 A
 \pm 0.03 A

ORDERING INFORMATION

LDT-5525B 24W Thermoelectric Temperature Controller
LDT-5545B 50W Thermoelectric Temperature Controller

CC-501S TE Controller / Unterminated Interconnect Cable
CC-505S TE Controller / Laser Diode Mount Interconnect Cable
TS-510 10 k Ω Calibrated Thermistor
TS-520 10 k Ω Uncalibrated Thermistor
TS-521 5 k Ω Uncalibrated Thermistor
TS-523 20 k Ω Uncalibrated Thermistor
TS-525 100 k Ω Uncalibrated Thermistor
TS-530 AD590LH IC Temperature Sensor, uncalibrated
TS-540 LM335AH IC Temperature Sensor, uncalibrated
RM-134 Single Instrument Rack Mount Kit
RM-135 Dual Instrument Rack Mount Kit
TSC-599 RTD Temperature Sensor Converter

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