Erbium Doped Fiber Amplifier: L-Band

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Features

- Low Noise
- High Output Up to 33dBm
- High Stability
- High Reliability
- Customizable

Applications

- BOTDR
- OTDR
- LiDAR
- Fiber sensing

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Agiltron Erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA) provides cost-effective solutions for high-power optical amplification. It is built using semiconductor lasers, WDM, isolator, and erbium-doped fiber. The product has the advantages of high reliability, high power output, high gain, and low noise. Two configurations are available: A preamplifier for slight optical signal amplification and a Booster amplifier for maximum output power. We make both random polarization and polarization maintain versions. It has several package configuration choices. A Benchtop unit that is preset at the highest gain is suited for laboratory use. The Benchtop has a computer control interface and GUI. The compact module is suited for system integration with the universal control interface. The pluggable and the associated host net-control rack are standardized for local network build-out. Customer configurations are available.

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The bench top or rack mount units can have multiple output channels in which the output is equally split into multiple outputs.

The EDFA has isolators on both input and output.

These Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifiers (EDFAs) are engineered for a long operational lifespan, typically designed to function reliably for over 10 years. This durability is achieved through high-quality components and robust manufacturing processes. The design considerations include thermal management, component selection, and rigorous testing to maximize the amplifier's longevity and efficiency.

Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Wavelength	1560		1625	nm
Booster Amplifier	–6	0	7	dBm
Saturated Output Power	15		33	dBm
Gain Range	13		30	dB
Noise Figure		5.5 [1]		dB
Polarization Dependent Gain			0.3	dB
Polarization Mode Dispersion		0.5		
Input/output Isolation	35			dB
Output Stability (8hrs)		0.05	0.1	dB
Adjustable Output Power		Yes		
Fiber Type	SMF-28e 9/125um NA = 0.13			
Working Temperature [2]	–30		+70	°C
Storage Temperature	–40		+85	°C
Power Supply	DC +12V / GND			
Communication	USB			

Notes:
[1]. Defined as 10log(SNRi/SNRo)
[2]. The regular range is -5 to 40°C, for extended range requires additional cost

Note: The specifications provided are for general applications with a cost-effective approach. If you need to narrow or expand the tolerance, coverage, limit, or qualifications, please [click this link]:

Note: EDFAs are susceptible to damage from strong back-reflections, which internal isolators may not adequately prevent. We offer a special isolator that redirects reflected light to a separate fiber port. **Back-reflection damage is covered under warranty only for EDFAs equipped with this protective isolator.**

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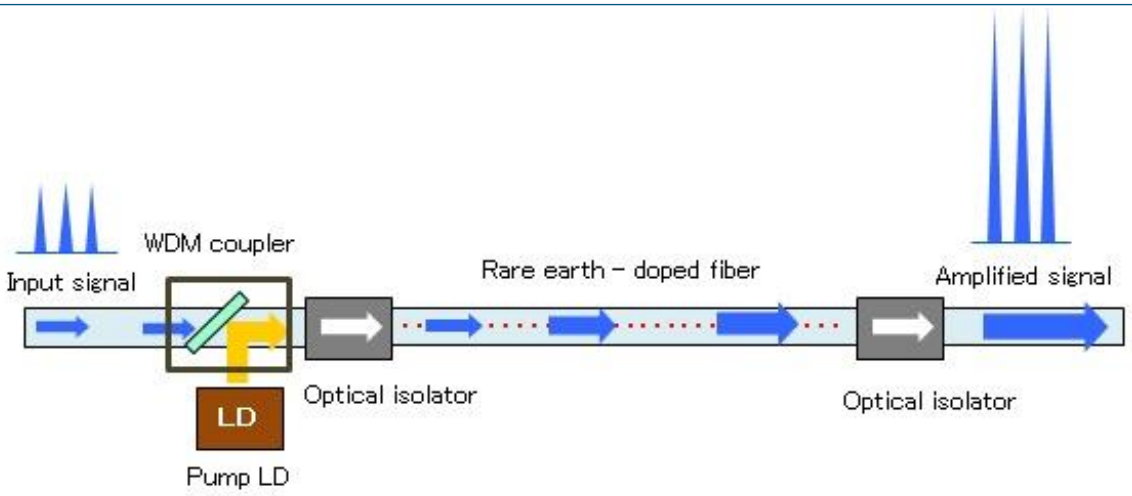
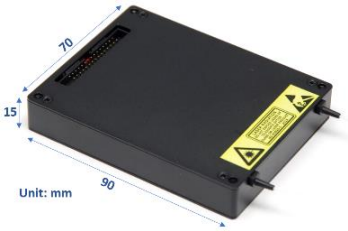
Function Diagram



Package Choices

Component

Benchtop- USB/GUI



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Net-Control Rack

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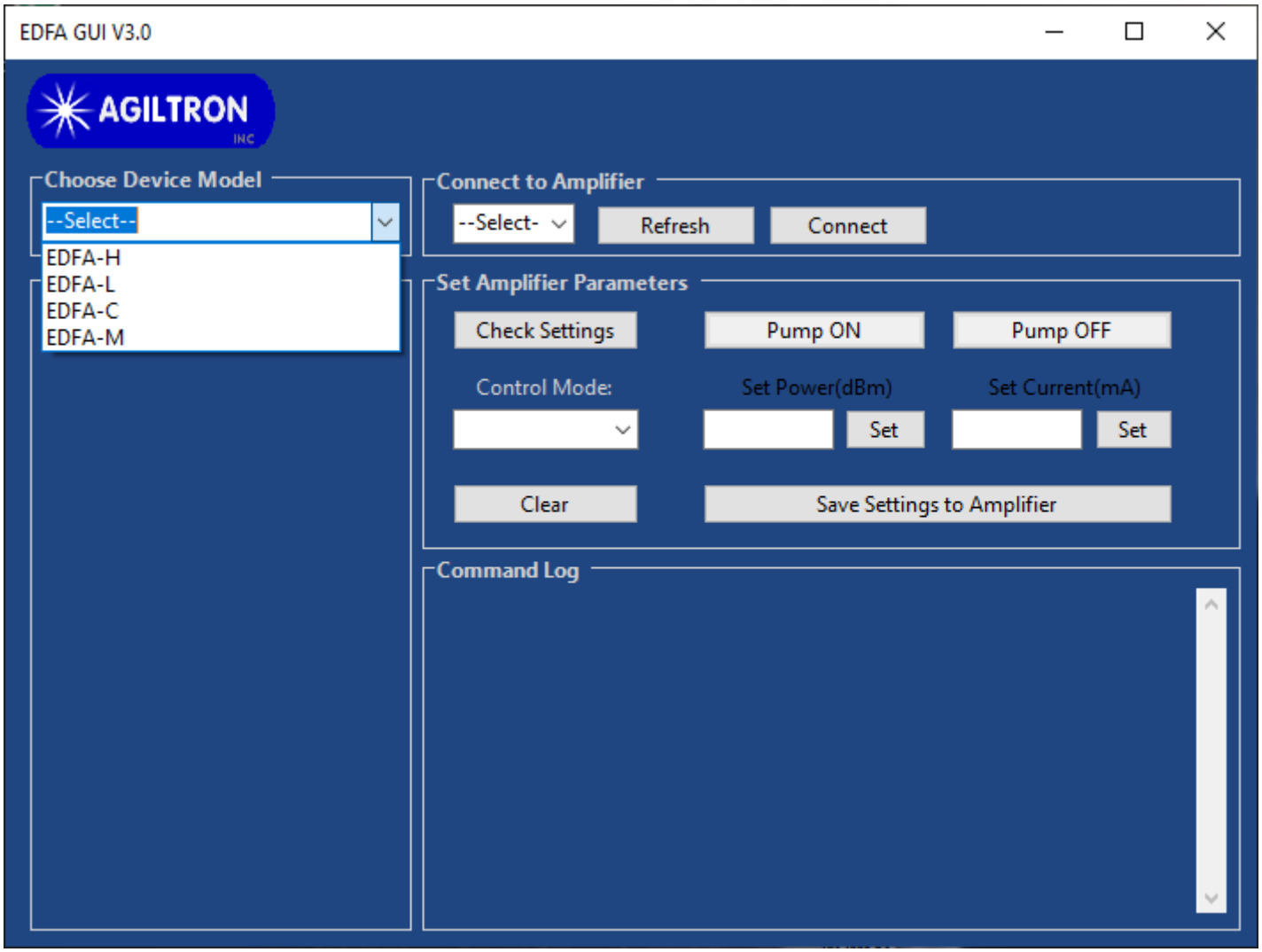
GUI USB Interface



Operation Instruction

- Load the software, Unzip the folder and Click "setup" to Install the GUI
- Select an amplifier type that matches your PO
- Connect your PC to the Amplifier by first connecting a USB cable and then choosing the necessary port and clicking “Connect“. To change the COM port click "Refresh", choose the necessary port, then click "Connect“
- Obtain the stored settings by clicking "Check Settings“
- To change the setting, first select the control mode
- To set up output power or current, input desired value and click "Set“. There are limits for max output per the model type.
- To turn on the Amplify click "Pump ON“; the green color should appear. To stop click "Pump OFF“; the red color should appear
- To save the setting click "Save Settings to Amplifier”. The Amplifier will store the setting for the next time you turn it on, even without the PC.
- The Amplifier only works if the input optical power level is within the spec.

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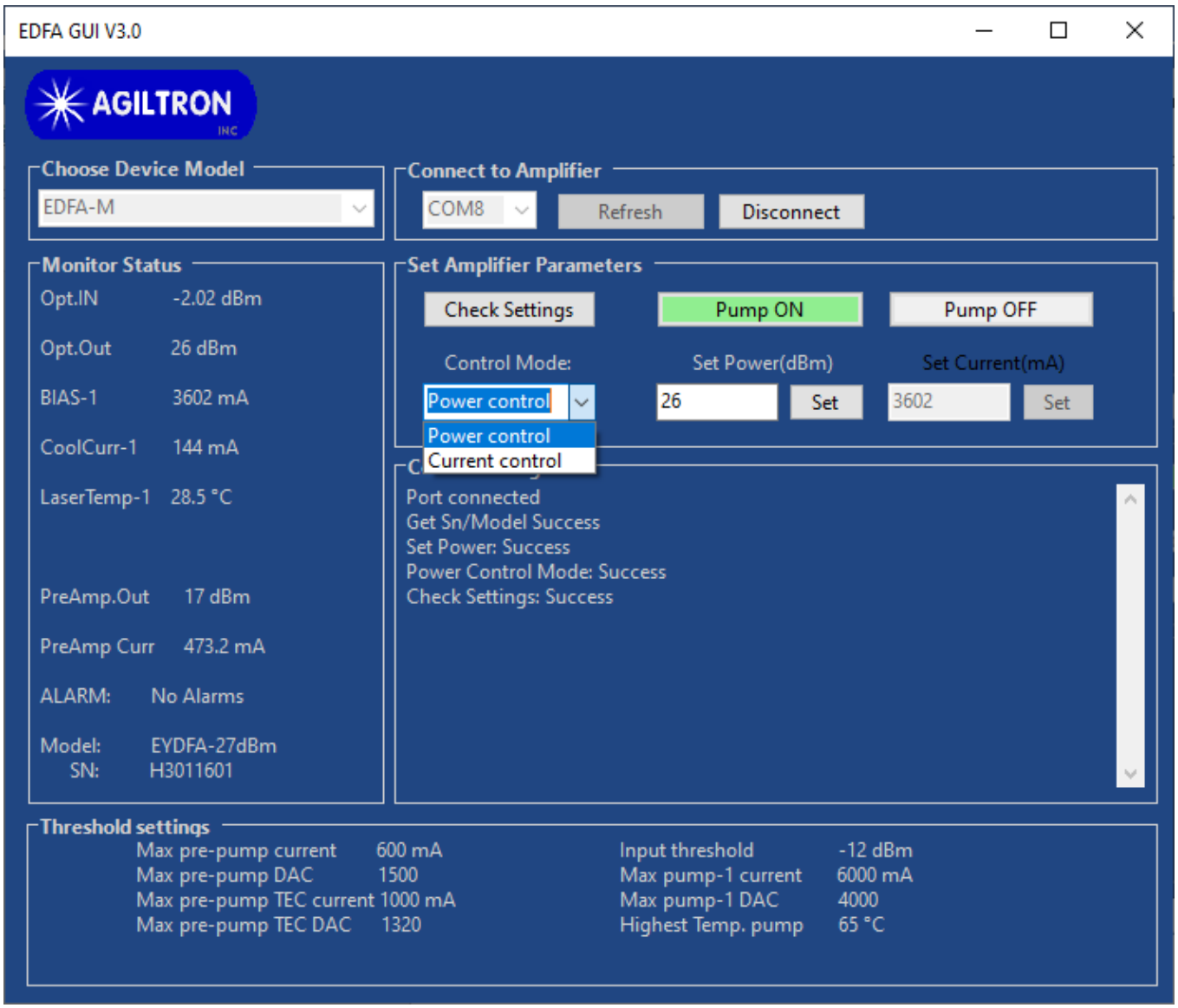

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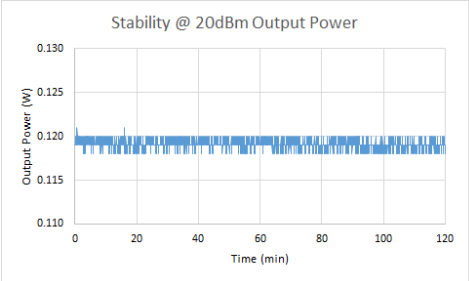
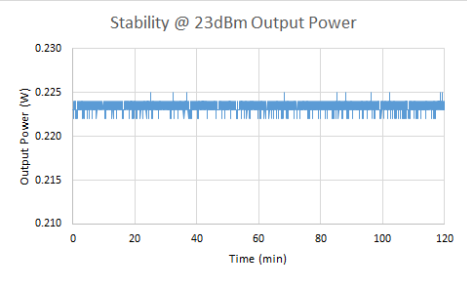
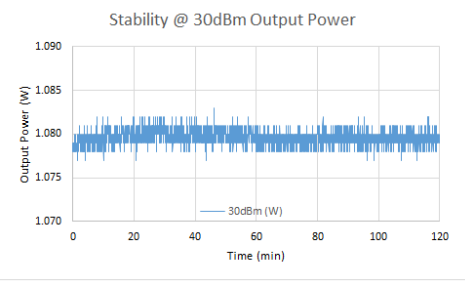
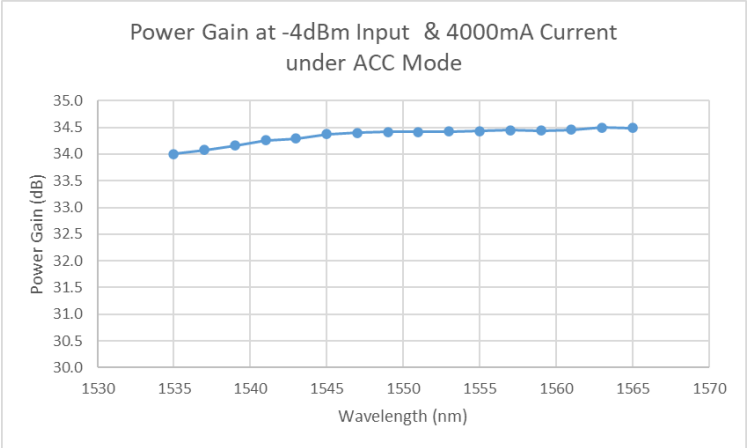
Output Power Stability (33dBm Benchtop)







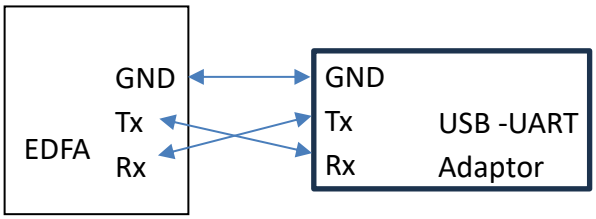
Power Gain



USB-UART Wiring

USB-UART Pin	Connects To
TXD	Device RX
RXD	Device TX
GND	Device GND

Note: grounds must be common



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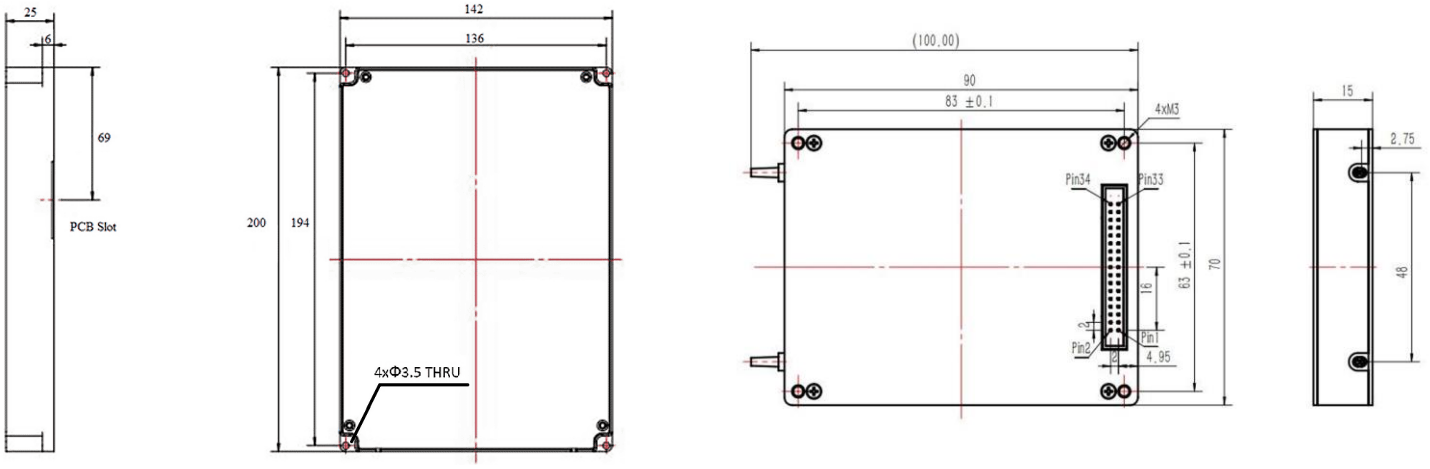

High-power: >23dBm ***MSA package: 20dBm***

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Pin Layout

High-power: >23dBm

Power supply（The pin interval is 5mm）

Pin	Description
1	GND
2	+12V

Communication（The pin interval is 2.54mm）

Pin	Description
1	NC
2	GND
3	RX
4	NC
5	NC
6	NC
7	TX
8	NC

MSA package: 20dBm

Pin No.	Name	Pin No.	Name
1	NC	18	NC
2	NC	19	NC
3	+5V	20	NC
4	+5V	21	NC
5	+5V	22	NC
6	+5V	23	GND
7	GND	24	GND
8	GND	25	Serial Port Input (LVTTL)
9	NC	26	Serial Port Output (LVTTL)
10	NC	27	GND
11	GND	28	GND
12	GND	29	+5V
13	NC	30	+5V
14	NC	31	+5V
15	NC	32	+5V
16	NC	33	NC
17	NC	34	NC

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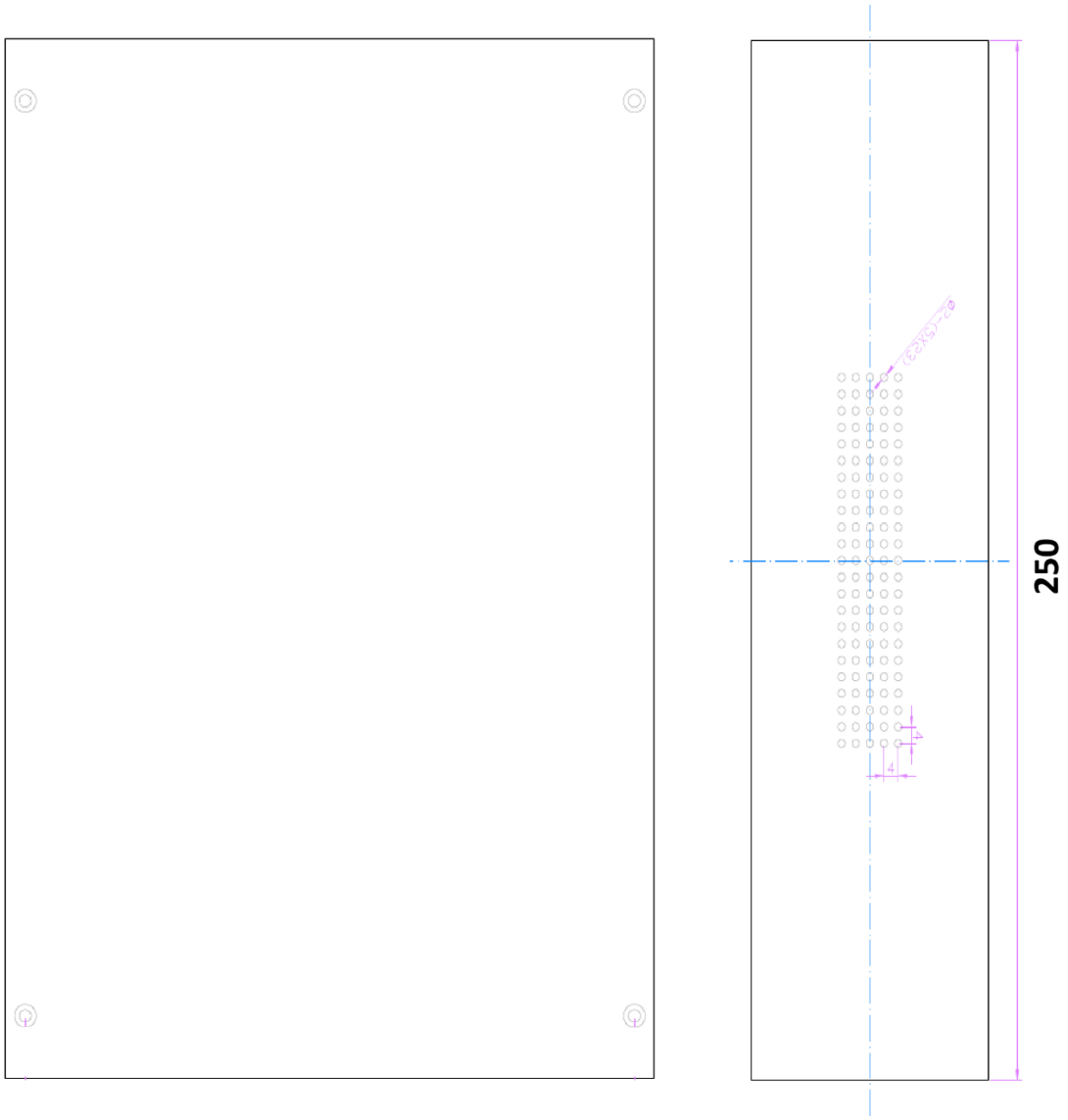

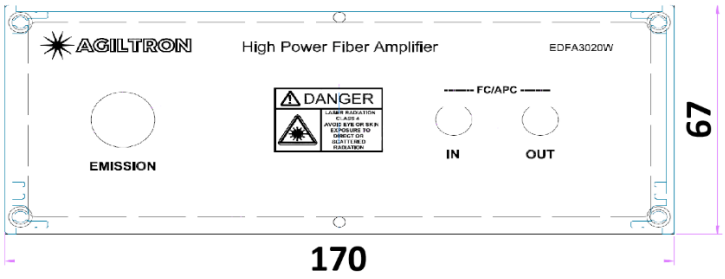

Small-size Benchtop

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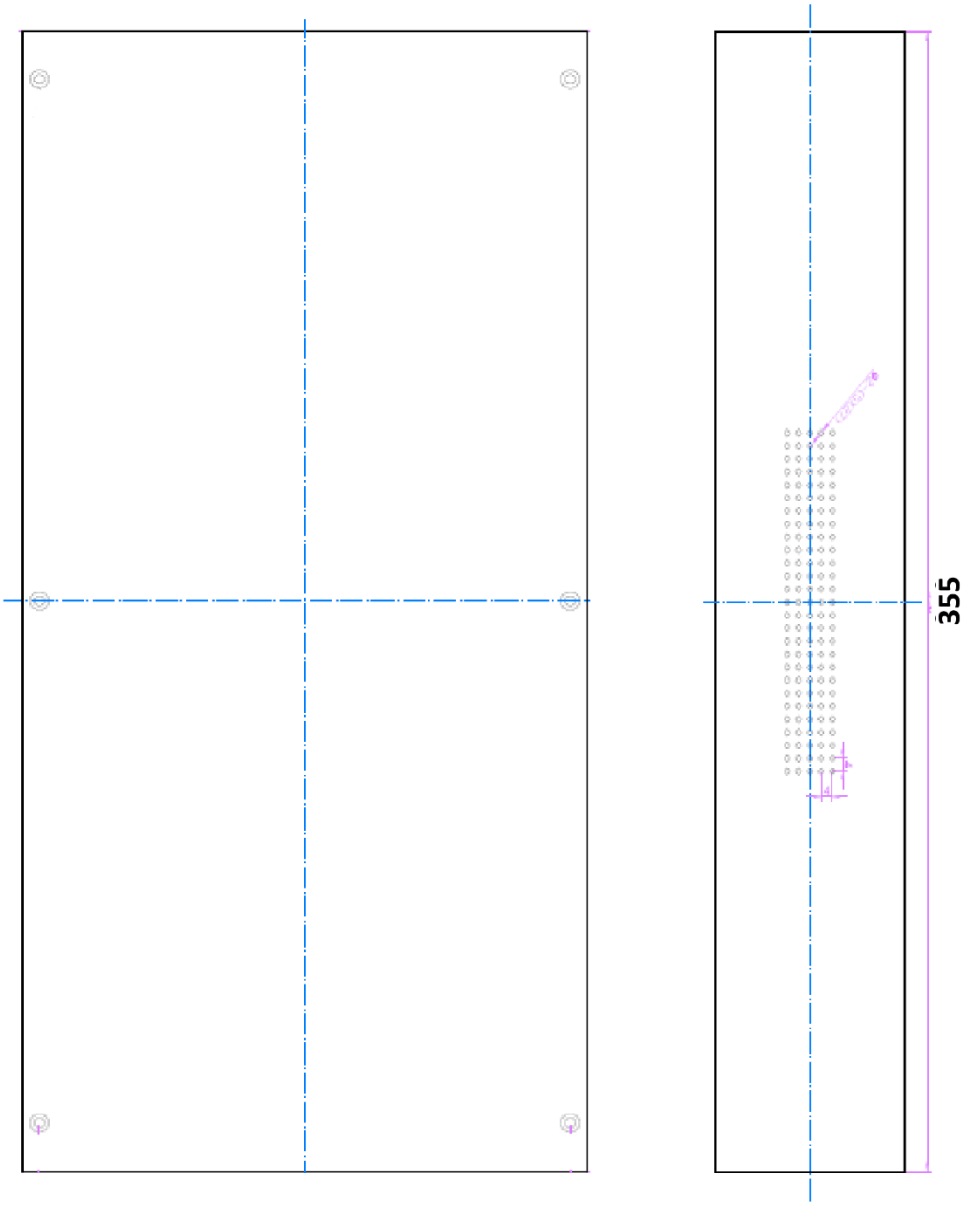

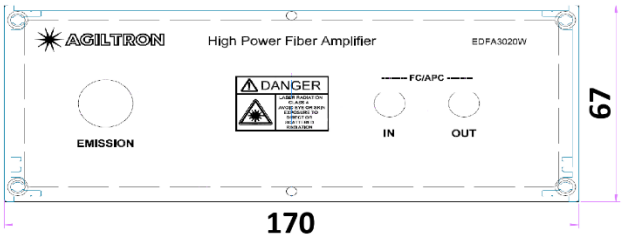

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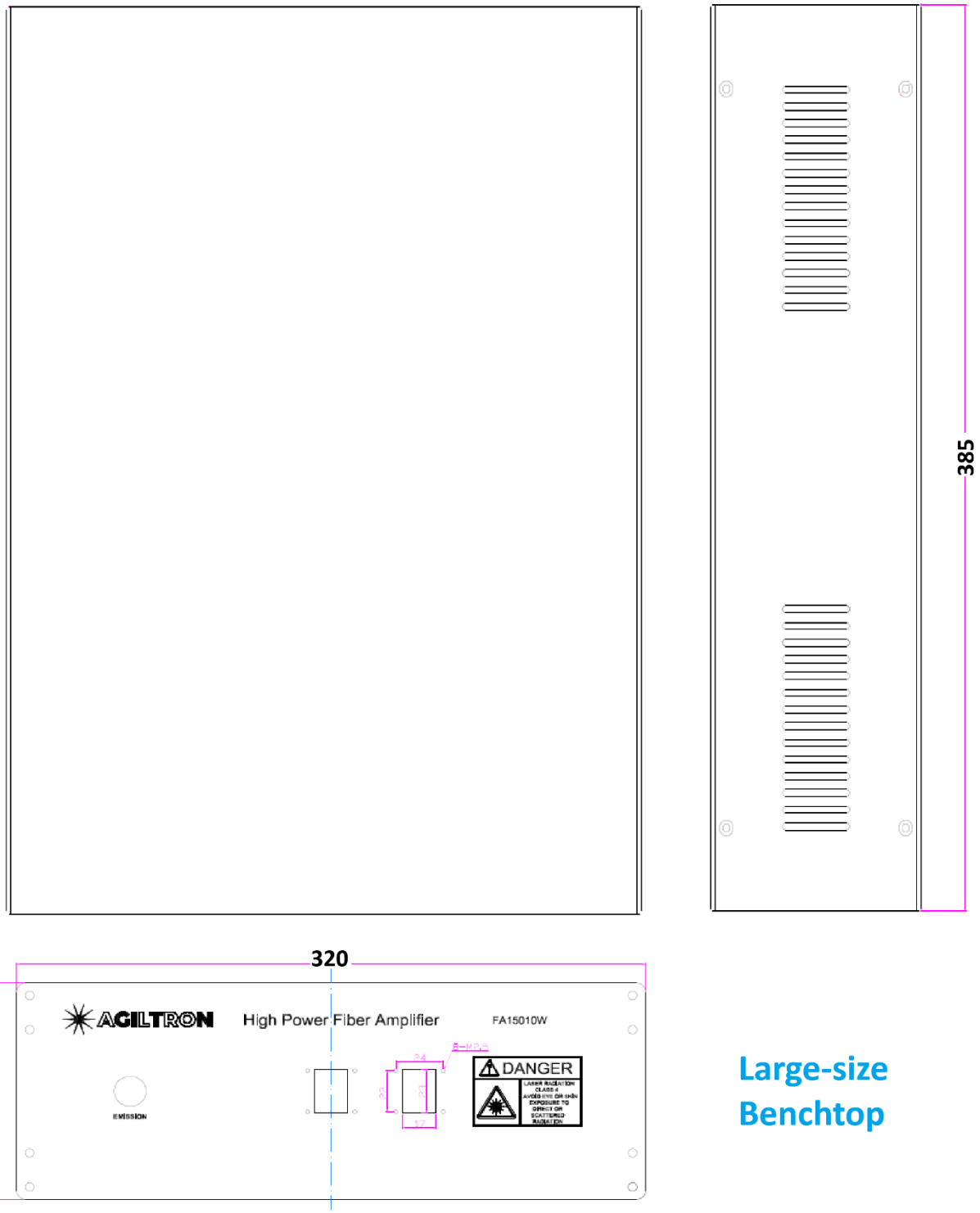

Large-size Benchtop

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Ordering Information (Part Number)

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Prefix	**Type**	**Wavelength**	**Power**	**Output Channel**	**Polarization**	**Package [6]**	**Cable Type**	**Fiber Length [1]**	**Connector [2][5]**	**Low Temperature**	**High Temperature**	**Control Mode**	**Filter**	**Reflection Protector**
EDFA-	Booster=1	L Band = L 1570~1603nm = 1	10dBm/10mW = A 15dBm/30mW = B 17dBm/50mW = 2 20dBm/100mW = 3 22dBm/160mW = C 23dBm/200mW = D 24dBm/250mW = E 25dBm/320mW = F 26dBm/400mW = G 27dBm/500mW = H 30dBm/1W = 1 33dBm/2W = 5 35dBm/3W = 6 37dBm/5W = 7 40dBm/10W = 8 41dBm/12W = 9 Special = 0	One = 1	Random = 1	Component = 1 Benchtop = 2 Pluggable = 3 Rack = 4 MSA/USB [3] = H Special = 0	0.9mm tube =3 Special = 0	0.25m = 1 0.5m = 2 1.0m = 3 Special =0	None = 1 FC/PC = 2 FC/APC = 3 SC/PC = 4 SC/APC = 5 LC/PC = 7 LC/APC = A LC/UPC = U Special = 0	-5°C = 1 -30°C = 2 Special = 0	40°C = 1 70°C = 2 Special = 0	APC = 1 ACC = 2 CC [4] = 3 Special =0	None = 1 Gain flat =2 Special = 0	Non = N Yes = Y

[1]: For >1W modules, the fiber cables extrude out of the front

[2]: Regular fiber connectors are rated for optical powers up to 0.5 W. Use regular connector for >0.5 W will cause damage to the core, thus no warrantee for this configuration. For outputs above 1 W, only bare fiber or high-power fiber connectors (HPFC) are suitable. We offer a special beam-expanded HPFC connector capable of handling up to 10 W of optical power. The HPFC is used in pairs, with a matching patch cable that has one end terminated with the HPFC connector and the other end left as bare fiber for splicing into the system. The HPFC connector and matching cable are priced at $850.

[3]: The MSA mounted on a USB adapting PCB. Comes with GUI and power supply

[4]: CC is a constant current mode in which the pump laser current is set and always on regardless of input signal level

[5]: The default connector configuration uses fiber with 0.9 mm buffer protection. The connector cannot be installed directly onto bare fiber because the bare fiber is prone to damage during shipping. However, the connector can be assembled on bare fiber if a 3 cm protective loose tube is added for reinforcement. The customer may remove this protective tube after testing. The optical power handling of a standard connector is less than 0.5 W for SMF-28 fiber and decreases further for smaller-core fibers.

[6]: The component format is designed for OEM integration. For laboratory and university use, only the benchtop protected version has one year warranty.

Application Notes

Fiber Core Alignment

Note that the minimum attenuation for these devices depends on excellent core-to-core alignment when the connectors are mated. This is crucial for shorter wavelengths with smaller fiber core diameters that can increase the loss of many decibels above the specification if they are not perfectly aligned. Different vendors' connectors may not mate well with each other, especially for angled APC.

Fiber Cleanliness

Fibers must be kept extremely clean. Contamination at fiber-fiber interfaces, combined with the high optical power density, can lead to significant optical damage. This type of damage usually requires re-polishing or replacement of the connector.

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Laser Safety

This product meets the appropriate standard in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). FDA/CDRH Class 1M laser product. This device has been classified with the FDA/CDRH under accession number 0220191. All versions of this laser are Class 1M laser products, tested according to IEC 60825-1:2007 / EN 60825-1:2007. An additional warning for Class 1M laser products. For diverging beams, this warning shall state that viewing the laser output with certain optical instruments (for example eye loupes, magnifiers, and microscopes) within a distance of 100 mm may pose an eye hazard. For collimated beams, this warning shall state that viewing the laser output with certain instruments designed for use at a distance (for example telescopes and binoculars) may pose an eye hazard.

Wavelength = 1.3/1.5 µm.

Maximum power = 30 mW.

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Q&A About Fiber Optical Amplifier

Q: Can this amplifier pulsed signals?
A: It has been tested to amplify up to 100GHz digital data.

Q: Can this amplifier WDM signals?
A: It has been tested to amplify signals with DWDM wavelength spacing.

Q: Can this amplifier has a flat wavelength response?
A: Yes, by put gain flattening filters, that is an extra cost.

Q: If one puts a small signal into it, can it be amplified to the maximum output power indicated on the spec?
A: The amplifier is set as an analog mode whose output signal strength is approximately proportional to the input strength. It has a certain gain of up to 30dB. One can use a preamplifier before the booster for weak signals, as done in electronic amplifiers.

Q: We have an existing amplifier. Can you duplicate it?
A: Yes, we can produce it with a seamless software interface.

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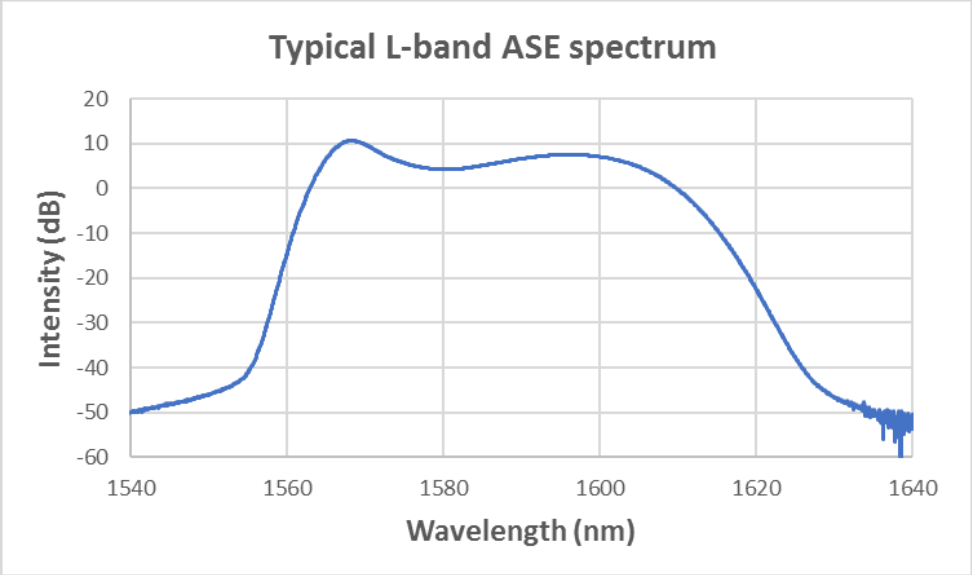
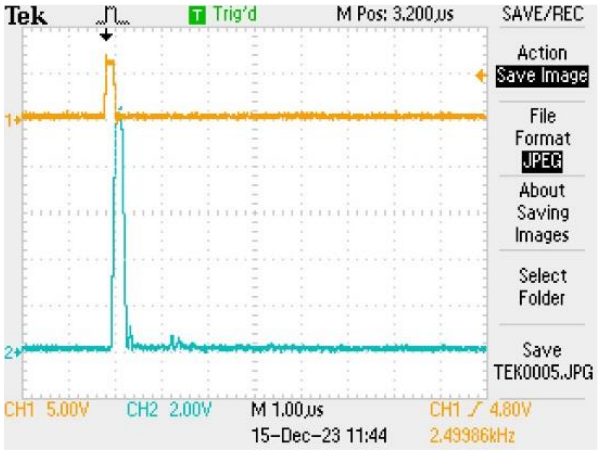
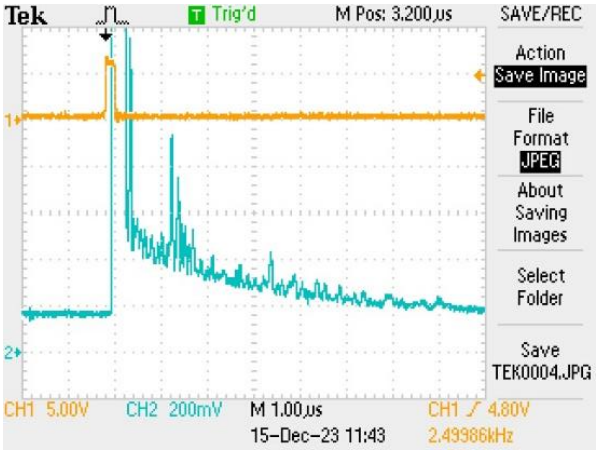
Typical Spectrums



Typical Nanosecond Laser Pulse Amplification

- Source laser: 2.5kHz 200ns pulses with peak power 1.33mW
- Amplified 42dB by 23.5dBm EDFA;
- ASE floor is about 24dB lower than the peak power;





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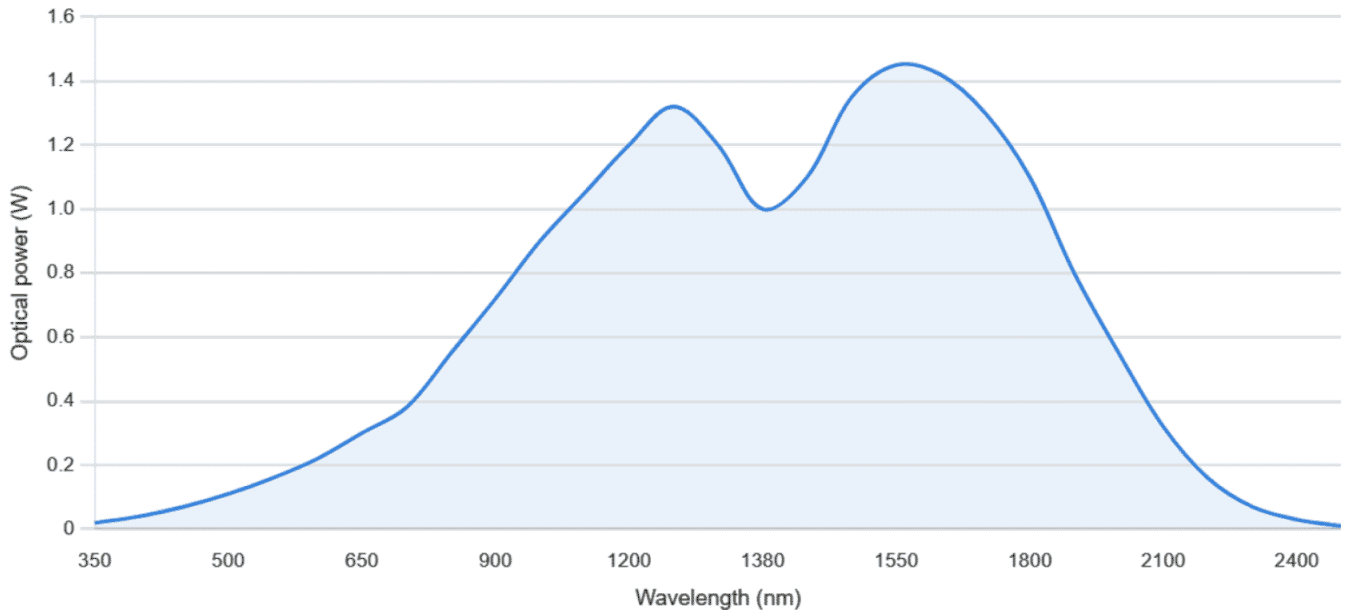
Regular Single Mode / Polarization Maintaining Fiber Optical Power Handing vs Wavelength



Single mode fiber optical power is limited by nonlinear effects in addition to absorption that increase loss and generate heat. The curve shows the approximate safe CW power envelope for standard single-mode fiber. Actual limits depend on fiber design, core size, length, and laser characteristics. Specialty fibers can significantly increase the power limit.

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