Blue Solid-State Laser System with Fiber Delivery 488 nm, 10 to 30 mW



The 85 BCF series fiber coupled, solid-state laser provides up to 30 mW of stable output at 488 nm over a wide temperature range. Fiber delivery offers the opportunity for bulkhead mounting configurations as well as simplified optical alignment and system service at the factory and in the field. The superb beam quality, both circular and non-astigmatic, and low optical noise make them excellent direct replacements for air-cooled argon lasers in flow cytometry, confocal microscopy, capillary electrophoresis, DNA analysis and inspection and defect metrology. The small size, low power consumption, minimal heat-sinking requirements, and RS-232 control and monitoring interface are particularly suitable for compact self-contained systems and OEM applications.

Key Attributes

- Up to 30 mW at 488 nm
- Single-mode fiber options
- FC/APC, FC/PC or collimated output
- Excellent beam quality, M² < 1.2
- Stable output from 10°C to 40°C

- Low-noise output: rms: < 0.5% typical, (20 Hz to 1 MHz) peak-to-peak: < 1% (20 Hz to 20 kHz)
- RS-232 interface
- Power consumption < 15 W



Specifications

Beam Characteristics:

Output Wavelength: 488 ± 0.5 nm Output Power¹: 10 to 30 mW (see table) Transverse Mode: TEM₀₀ Polarization: Linear (vertical $\pm 5^{\circ}$) > 50:1 (polarization-maintaining fiber only).

Fiber Characteristics:

Type: Single-mode or single-mode polarization-maintaining fiber

Length: 1 m Termination: FC/APC, FC/PC or collimating optics

Output Characteristics:

M²: < 1.2 (collimated output only)

Mode-Field Diameter: 4.0 \pm 0.7 μm (FC/APC and FC/PC only)

Beam Diameter $(1/e^2)$: 0.6 ± 0.1 mm (collimated output only)

Numerical Aperture: < 0.12 (FC/APC and FC/PC only)

Far-Field Divergence (1/e²): < 1.1 mrad (collimated output only)

Mechanical Characteristics: Jacket: 3 mm diameter PVC Bend Radius: > 25 mm

Stability Characteristics:

Pointing Stability: < 30 µrad over 2 hours (ambient ±3°C, collimated output only)

Power Stability: ±2% over 2 hours (ambient ±3°C)

Amplitude Noise: Peak-to-Peak: < 1% (20 Hz to 20 kHz) rms: < 0.75% (20 Hz to 1 MHz) (< 0.5% typical)

Operating Characteristics

Operating Mode: Automatic Power Control

Warm-up Time: < 3 minutes

Maximum Heat Dissipation: Laser Head: 7 W Controller: 8 W

Environmental Characteristics:

Temperature (ambient): Operating: 10°C to 40°C Nonoperating: -10°C to +60°C

Humidity: Operating: 0 to 95%, noncondensing Nonoperating: 0 to 95%, noncondensing

Baseplate Temperature: 10°C to 40 °C

Shock: < 25 g, < 11 msec (nonoperating) Vibration: Operating: < 0.3 g (sinusoidal) 5 Hz to 500 Hz Nonoperating: < 3.0 g (sinusoidal) 5 Hz to 500 Hz

Mounting Surface Requirements:

Surface Flatness: < 0.003 in./in. Surface Roughness: < 63 µin. rms

Electrical Characteristics:

Input Voltage²: 100 to 240 \pm 10% Vac (5 \pm 0.25 Vdc for OEM version) Input Frequency: 50 to 60 Hz, single phase

Input Power: <15 W (max)

Weight:

Laser Head: 0.8 kg (1.7 lb) Laser Controller (with cables): 0.9 kg (1.9 lb) Power Supply: 0.5 kg (1.2 lb)

Safety and Regulatory Compliance:

CDRH Class: IIIb IEC Class: 3B CE: Compliant

1 Output power is adjustable via RS-232 or external interface from 10% to 110%. Specifications are valid only at 100% of specified power. Recommended power range is 70 to 110% power. 2 If user-supplied, the 5 Vdc power supply must meet the following requirements: power > 20 W; ripple < 5% peak-to-peak; line regulation <0.5%.



Melles Griot lasers and instruments are designed, tested and manufactured for compliace with applicable electrical and laser safety standards.





85 BCF series laser controller



85 BCF series laser head



How to Order

Output Power (mW)	Product Number	Fiber type (A): 1 = single-mode polarization- maintaining fiber; 2 = single-mode fiber (does not
10	85-BCF-010-ABC	maintain polarization).
20 30	85-BCF-020-ABC 85-BCF-030-ABC	Termination (B): 1 = FC/APC; 2 = FC/PC; 5 = collimated flange.

To completely specify the laser, the primary product number (e.g., 85-BCF-010) must be terminated by a three-digit code (ABC), described to the left, which specifies the fiber type (A), the termination (B), and the regional line cord (C).

Regional line cord (C): 0 = OEM (does not include manual, line cord, or dc power supply); 1 = Japan (100 Vac, JIS 8303); 2 = North America (115 Vac, NEMA 5–15P); 3 = European Union (230 Vac, CEE 7/ VII Schuko), 4 = United Kingdom (240 Vac, BS1363/A).

For example, 85-BCF-020-212 indicates the 20 mW laser with a single-mode fiber terminated by an FC/ APC connector and shipped with a standard line cord for North America.

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