



# STABILIZED WAVELENGTH HELIUM-NEON LASER SYSTEM

# USER'S GUIDE TO OPERATION

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### UNPACKING

- Inspect the packing container for any damage that may have occurred during shipment.
- Contact the shipper immediately if the laser head or control box has been damaged during shipping.
- Packing materials are specifically designed to protect against shipping damage.
- Carefully remove the laser system from the packing container.
- Inspect for damage including dents, scratches or broken glass within the laser housing.
- Contact retailer immediately if the laser or control box appear to be damaged.

### SHIPPING INVENTORY

The equipment included in this shipment will match the packing slip attached to the box. Verify that the correct product was shipped to you by matching the serial number(s) on the packing list. Notify retailer immediately if the shipment is incomplete or if an incorrect item was shipped.

Note: Please keep and store all packaging materials received with your product in case a return needs to be made.

This package contains:

- 1 Cylindrical Laser Head
- 1 Control Box
- 1 Control Cable
- 2 Keys
- 1 Remote Interlock Connector
- 1-115V Power Cord
- 1-230V Power Cord

## SAFETY INFORMATION

This laser is safe to operate provided that the user complies with all safety warnings. It is recommended that all personnel who will operate or be in the vicinity of the laser during operation read and be familiar with this manual as well as be made aware of the following safety warnings.



- Alterations, modifications, or improper installation can result in shock, visible and/or infrared radiation exposure, and void of the warranty in part or entirety.
- Ensure that the laser head is securely connected to the power supply. To prevent faulty operation make sure that the male connector is fully seated in the back of the power supply.
- The helium neon laser can collect charge during operation acting as a capacitor. Once the power supply is turned off, best practice is to leave the high voltage cable connected to the power supply. If the high voltage cable is removed from the power supply the prongs should be shorted

together to discharge any remaining energy. A way to accomplish this is to simultaneously touch both prongs to a conductor.

- Do not attempt to open the sealed laser housing or the control box. The control box and laser are not user accessible and service operations inside the enclosure must only be performed by authorized and trained personnel. Opening the laser or control box will result in loss of warranty.
- Avoid direct exposure to the laser beam.



- Laser emissions can be hazardous to the eyes.
- Never look directly into the laser light source or at scattering laser light from reflective surfaces.
- Never sight down the beam into the source of the laser emissions. ٠
- Install the laser so that the laser beam is not at eye level. •
- Whenever the laser is operating and the beam is not in use, block the beam with the shutter on the output aperture.
- As a precaution against accidental exposure to either the laser beam or its reflection, operators need to wear laser safety glasses designed for this type of laser.

#### Table 1: Recommended Eyewear Optical Density, Maximum Permissible Exposure, and Nominal Ocular Hazard Distance by Newport Part Number.

Part Number	Description	Recommended Eyewear Optical Density (OD)	Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) W/cm2	Nominal Ocular Hazard Distance (NOHD) (m)
32734	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, STBLZD, >1.5mW	0.28	0.0026	5.63
32172	LASER SYSTEM, 3.39µm, 2.0mW, POL	0	0.1	0
30990	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 5.0mW, RANDOM	0.74	0.0026	13
30025	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 1.5mW, POL, 9.5"	0.3	0.0026	5.63
	TUNABLE LASER, 633nm, 4.0 mW, POL	0.74	0.0026	13
	TUNABLE LASER, 612nm, 2.5 mW,POL	0.48	0.0026	7.02
30602/30603	TUNABLE LASER, 604nm,0.5 mW, POL	0	0.0026	0
	TUNABLE LASER, 594nm, 0.6 mW,POL	0.18	0.0026	3.68
	TUNABLE LASER, 543nm,0.3 mW,POL	0	0.0026	0
31007	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 0.8mW, POL	0	0.0026	0
31008	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 0.5mW, RAN	0	0.0026	0
30968	LASER SYSTEM, 543nm, 0.5mW, POL	0	0.0026	0
30993	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 12.0mW, POL	1.08	0.0026	19.3
33361	LASER SYSTEM, 543nm, 1.5mW, POL	0.3	0.0026	5.63
30967	LASER SYSTEM, 543nm, 0.5mW, RAN	0	0.0026	0
30988	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 2.0mW, RAN	0.48	0.0026	7.02
33141	LASER SYSTEM, 1.52UM, 1.0mW, POL	0	0.1	0
30992	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 12.0mW, RANDOM	1.08	0.0026	19.3
39582	LASER SYSTEM, 594nm, 2.0mW, POL	0.48	0.0026	7.02
39635	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, 17.0mW, RANDOM	1.23	0.0026	24.8
38766	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, STABILIZED, AP	0.26	0.0026	5.63
39727	LASER SYSTEM, 633nm, STBLZD, >1.2mW	0.15	0.0026	3.68
39581	LASER SYSTEM, 543nm, 1.0mW, POL	0.11	0.0026	3.68
40094	LASER SYSTEM, 594nm, 1.0mW, POL	0.18	0.0026	3.68
40138	Laser System, 1.15/3.39µm, 5.0mW, POL	0/0	.0059/.1	0/0
40137	Laser System, 1523/633nm, 1.0mW, POL	0/0	0.1/.0026	0/3.68
40136	Laser System, 1.15um, 1.0mW, Pol	0	0.0059	0
40141	Laser System, 543nm, 0.5mW, Multimode	0	0.0026	0
14309	LASER SYSTEM,633nm,35mW,POL	1.58	0.0026	36.4
14354	Laser System, 633nm, 3.0mW, ORTHOG POL , OPIS	0.54	0.0026	9.15
39568	Laser System, 543nm, 1.0mW, RAN	0.11	0.0026	3.68



- High voltage is present at all times when the key switch on the control box is in the "ON" position.
- The power cord and plug are provided with a ground line. To avoid possible shock ensure that the plug is properly connected to a ground point at the electrical connection.
- Do not perform any operating or maintenance procedure that is not described in the user's manual as shock or injury may result.
- Do not operate this product if the cover has been removed.
- This product is for indoor use only. To prevent potential fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to any source of excessive moisture.
- Disconnect power cord before replacing fuses.
- Clean laser head and power supply with dry, soft cloth. Do not use liquids.

CAUTION: Use of controls or adjustments, or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure. Avoid unnecessary exposure to laser or collateral radiation that exceeds the accessible emission limits as determined by the National Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). Unauthorized modifications to the laser or power supply may cause irreversible damage to the system, as well as result in possible hazardous radiation exposure. These modifications will void all warranties.

## COMPLIANCE

Each Helium-Neon laser system that is certified to be in compliance with the CDRH regulations, is equipped with a key-switch, remote interlock connector, emission indicator, time delay relay (built into the power supply), a shutter (located in the front bezel of the laser housing), and all appropriate warning labels.

Below are examples of compliance symbols and approximate placement on the laser head (Figure 1) and the power supply (Figure 2).

- A. Laser Head Manufacturing Label Includes the Following:
  - Model Number
  - Date of Manufacture
  - Minimum Specified Power Rating
  - Maximum Power Rating
  - Wavelength
  - Serial Number
  - Mandatory Compliance Symbols and Conformance Labels
- B. International Laser Beam Hazard Symbol
- C. Safety Warning and Laser Class Call-Out
- D. Laser Aperture Identification/Warning
- E. Power Supply Label Includes the following:
  - Model Number
  - Date of Manufacture
  - Minimum Specified Power Rating
  - Serial Number



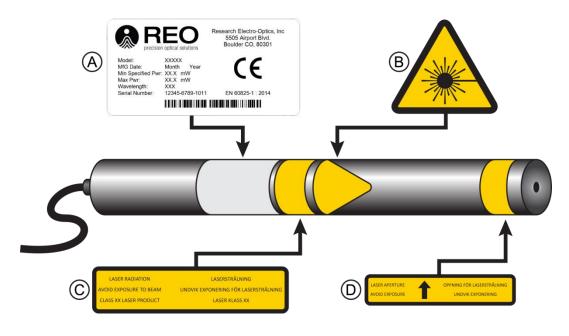


Figure 1: Laser Head Label Placement Diagram

Figure 2: Power Supply Label Placement Diagram



Research Electro-Optics (REO) certifies that our laser heads and lab power supplies meet the appropriate CE requirements. For the CE regulations to be met, all lab power supplies must be used with an input line cord with a length of less than 3 meters.



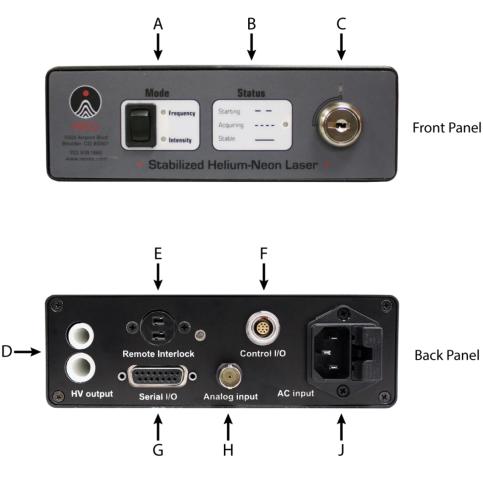
The below symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of with regular waste. It is the user responsibility to dispose of waste equipment according to the local laws. The separate collection and recycling of the waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For further information about where the user can drop off the waste equipment for recycling, please email REO at: <u>henelaser@reoinc.com</u>.



## INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The cylindrical construction of the laser head allows for easy mounting in ring clamps, V-blocks, or similar mounting hardware without affecting the laser's alignment. Use caution when clamping onto the laser as too much pressure can damage the aluminum housing or cause misalignment. The front bezel has four each 4-40 Unified National Coarse Thread (UNC) holes to secure an optional accessory mounting ring. The ring (part number 30646), which is available for purchase from Research Electro-Optics, has 1" diameter, 32 threads-per-inch (TPI) female threads.

### Figure 3: Front and Back Panel of Control Box



- A. Mode Selector Switch
- B. Status LED Indicator
- C. 2 Position Key Switch
- D. High Voltage to Laser Head
- E. Remote Interlock (short to enable laser output)
- F. Control Signal to Laser Head (Lemo)
- G. DB15 for Service Only
- H. BNC Analog IN for Service Only
- I. AC Input/Fuse Assembly

## Installation

Figure 4: Properly Seated Control Cable.



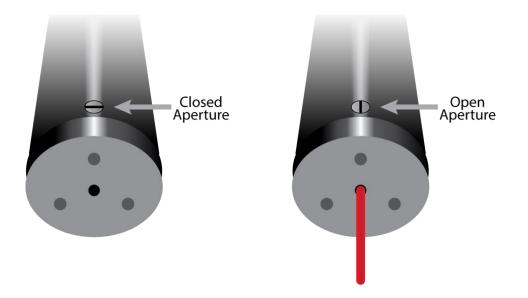
Figure 5: Removal of Control Cable.



- Insert AC line voltage cable into AC input (Figure 3:J) on the control box back panel. The stabilized laser system is equipped with AC universal input. The control box will automatically select for the appropriate operation at 115V or 230V.
- Connect the control cable to the back of the control box (Figure 3:F) by aligning red dot on cable connector to red marking on port control box receptacle (See Figure 5) and push to insert; a mechanical click will indicate that it is properly seated. *Note: when removing control cable make sure to pull the knurled portion backwards in order to release locking mechanism and keep it pulled back while removing (See Figure 5). Damage can occur to cable and/or control box if not removed properly.*

- Insert the two-prong remote interlock connector into the back of the control box. (Figure 3:E).
- Plug the high voltage cable from the laser into the back of the control box. Confirm that the plug is well seated (Figure 3:D).
- Connect the control cable from the back of the control box into the rear bezel of the laser head by aligning red dot on cable connector to laser rear bezel receptacle and push to insert; a mechanical click will indicate that it is properly seated. *Note: when removing control cable make sure to pull the knurled portion backwards in order to release locking mechanism and keep it pulled back while removing (See Figure 5). Damage can occur to cable and/or control box if not removed properly.*
- Insert the key into the front panel of the control box (Figure 3:C).
- Confirm that all connections between the laser and control box are well seated and/or locked.
- Plug the power cord into an electrical outlet that is confirmed operational.
- Open the beam shutter located on the laser head at the output of the laser (indicated by the arrow on the aperture label).

# Figure 6: Two Position Shutter Adjustment



- Apply power by switching the key to the "ON" (vertical) position. The green emission indicator will glow at the top of the key switch indicating power to the control box (Figure 3:C).
- Determine which mode the laser will be operating in and move the switch on the left front panel to Frequency or Intensity Stability mode (Figure 3:A). A yellow LED will indicate mode of operation.

- After a quick initial blink, the status LED will blink steadily once the control box recognizes the connection to the laser head. If the initializing LED does not come on immediately, check the signal cable connection from the laser head to the back of the control box.
- The status indicator LED notifies the following:
  - Starting- LED will blink slowly verifying laser emission.
  - Acquiring- LED will blink rapidly signifying warming up and/or attempting to lock.
  - Stable- LED stays on and does not blink meaning laser is locked in selected mode of operation.
- Ensure that no laser retroreflections enter the laser front bezel aperture during acquire.
- If the status LED fails to indicate the acquiring status after one minute, the laser tube is not igniting. Switch the control box off in this case, wait several minutes and retry.

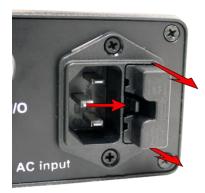
# BASIC TROUBLESHOOTING

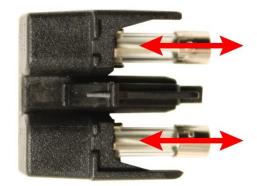
Once the laser and control box have been properly connected, the stabilized laser system will operate without maintenance. Below are some guidelines if your system is not operating.

- No emission light above the key switch after key has been turned to the on position.
  - Verify that the power cord is connected to the back of the control box as well as a verified power source.
- System fails to enter acquire status.
  - Ensure that the remote interlock connector is well seated in the back of the control box.
- Status LED does not light.
  - Check the control cable connection from the laser head to the back of the control box.
- No laser emission.
  - Make sure shutter is open.
  - Verify that the high voltage cable is connected and well seated to the back of the control box.
  - $\circ~$  If laser does not ignite within one minute switch the control box off, wait several minutes and retry.
- LED indicator moves in and out of lock status.
  - Instability is usually caused by retroreflections entering the aperture of the laser head. Close the shutter and verify whether the system re-locks. This will determine whether retroreflections are causing instability in the system. When the shutter is closed and the system remains locked, retroflections are causing the instability.
- The specified ambient air temperature at which this system will operate is 15°C 30°C. Stability performance will be degraded if the system is operating at temperatures outside this range. For optimal performance, laser must be in a draft free environment where the ambient temperature remains constant and within the specified range (laser performance is optimal in free convection).

- Fuse Replacement.
  - Fuses are located in the AC Input housing. Fuses can be accessed by pushing in release mechanism and pulling out the fuse assembly (Figure 7). Fuses can be replaced with 1.25A/250V standard fuses.

### Figure 7: Fuse Replacement





#### **PRODUCT WARRANTY STATEMENT**

Research Electro-Optics (REO) lasers and power supplies are warranted for twelve (12) months from the date of shipment. Items will be free from defects in material and workmanship, and will conform to the specifications provided on the REO website and published specification sheets, under normal use and service when correctly installed and maintained. REO will either repair or replace (at REO's sole option) any defective or nonconforming Product or part thereof which is returned at Buyer's expense to REO's facility, provided, that Buyer notifies REO in writing promptly after discovery of the defect or nonconformity and within the Warranty Period.

Repairs made or Products or components replaced under warranty are warranted for the remaining unexpired duration of the original Warranty Period for such Products or components. REO's standard repair charges shall be applicable forproducts returned for repair that are not covered under warranty. Out-of-warranty repairs are warranted for ninety (90) days from date of shipment of the repaired Product.

The foregoing warranty does not apply to Products or components thereof which are (a) repaired, modified or altered by any party other than REO; (b) used in conjunction with equipment not provided or authorized by REO; (c) subjected to unusual physical, thermal, electrical or optical stress, improper installation, misuse, abuse, tampering, accident, contamination, or negligence in use, storage, transportation or handling; or (d) considered a consumable item or an item requiring repair or replacement due to normal wear and tear. The foregoing warranty will also not apply if the "Warranty Void If Broken" seal located on any Product has been removed, broken or otherwise tampered with. On-site warranty repair is not covered under the foregoing warranty.

THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, REO MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, REGARDING THE PRODUCTS, SOFTWARE OR SERVICES. REO EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE FOR THE PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES. THE OBLIGATIONS OF REO SET FORTH IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REO'S SOLE LIABILITY, AND BUYER'S SOLE REMEDY, FOR BREACH OF THE FOREGOING WARRANTY. End

### Warranty Procedure

Products may only be returned by Buyer when accompanied by a return material authorization number ("RMA#") issued by REO's Customer Support Center, with freight prepaid by Buyer. REO will not be responsible for any damage occurring in transit or obligated to accept Products returned for warranty repair without a RMA#. Buyer bears all risk of loss or damage to the Products until delivery at REO's designated facility. REO will pay for shipment back to Buyer for Products repaired under warranty.

Note: HeNe lasers are constructed from glass vacuum tubes and are very fragile. REO strongly recommends taking appropriate precautions in preparing your laser for shipment. Make sure the tube is well padded (equivalent to 3 inch thick high density foam on all sides) and insure that the power supply and tube are secured within the box so they do not move during shipment. REO will not assume responsibility for any shipping damages unless the laser is sent in REO-supplied packaging. REO will provide appropriate shipping materials at cost if you do not have the original shipping materials.

To request a RMA#, contact REO's Customer Support Center at:

Phone- (303) 938-1960 Fax- (303-447-3279) Email- CustomerSupportCenter@reoinc.com

Following the receipt of your assigned RMA number return the product to Research Electro-Optics in the proper packaging with freight prepaid. Please, clearly mark the assigned RMA number on the outside of the packaging with the address as follows:

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## **EU DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

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31008	LASER SYSTEM, 633NM, 0.5MW, RAN
30968	LASER SYSTEM, 543NM, 0.5MW, POL
30993	LASER SYSTEM, 633NM, 12.0MW, POL
33361	LASER SYSTEM, 543NM, 1.5MW, POL
30967	LASER SYSTEM, 543NM, 0.5MW, RAN
30988	LASER SYSTEM, 633NM, 2.0MW, RAN
33141	LASER SYSTEM, 1.52UM, 1.0MW, POL
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## Year C E mark verified: 2016

**Type of Equipment:** Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use in industrial locations.

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#### Compliance was demonstrated to the following standards:

- IEC/EN 60825-1 | Laser Safety
- IEC/EN 61010-1 | Electrical Safety
- IEC/EN61326 | EMC

Note: The lasers listed in the table are designed to operate in a controlled electromagnetic environment; i.e., industrial laboratory settings. Lasers may interfere with R.F. communications such as mobile telephones and wireless networks.

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