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# High-Performance Analysis of a Variety of Lasers

EXFO's TL Series laser spectrum analyzer provides the most convenient spectral characterization of lasers with large bandwidths or range of frequencies. With a free spectral range of 15 to 1500 GHz, the TL Series easily measures the spectral features of virtually any CW laser operating at wavelengths from 450 nm to 3.5 μm. With a finesse greater than 150, the TL system provides the highest spectral resolution available.

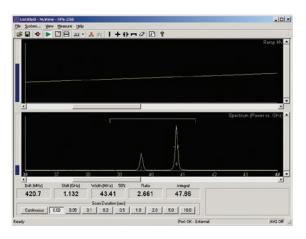
### Variable Free Spectral Range

The TL Series laser spectrum analyzer utilizes a piezoelectrically scanned, plano-mirror Fabry-Perot interferometer to provide the free spectral range required for the analysis of broadband lasers. Unlike confocal mirror laser spectrum analyzers that have a fixed free spectral range that is typically less than 10 GHz, the TL Series has a discretely variable free spectral range that is as large as 1500 GHz. This provides the capability of optimizing the free spectral range with respect to virtually any laser to maximize resolution without overlapping interference orders.

The mirrors of the TL Series laser spectrum analyzer are separated by a thermally stable Invar spacer, the thickness of which determines the system's free spectral range. Standard Invar spacers with different thicknesses are available, allowing seven options for free spectral range between 15 and 1500 GHz. You simply choose the model with the free spectral range that is appropriate for your application. The optional TL-150 Invar spacer set lets you change the free spectral range of the system to any of the available choices.

### Operates from 450 nm to 3.5 µm

The TL Series laser spectrum analyzer offers the flexibility of interchangeable mirrors for operation anywhere from 450 nm to 3.5  $\mu$ m. To achieve a finesse of greater than 150, the mirrors have a multilayer dielectric coating with a nominal reflectivity of 99.3% over a customized wavelength range. A standard wavelength range from 1.28 to 1.58  $\mu$ m is available to work with lasers used for optical fiber communications.



*NuView spectrum display shows the spectral characteristics of a HeNe laser.* 

# Laser Spectral Analysis Made Easy

EXFO not only provides the highest performance laser spectrum analyzers, but it also makes laser spectral analysis easy. The TL Series laser spectrum analyzer includes all the components necessary for routine operation with virtually any CW laser. Alignment of the laser under test is simple using a four-axis mount (X-Y- $\Theta$ - $\Phi$  to precisely position the interferometer. All that's left to do is connect your oscilloscope to view the output.

With TL Series laser spectrum analyzers, alignment of the incoming beam is simplified using a four-axis mount to precisely position the interferometer. Straightforward **SA-900** SA-400 Fiber adjustments using the RG-93 ramp generator provide **Four-Axis Mount Coupling Option** convenient control of all piezoelectric scanning functions. TL-15 Interferometer **DM-102 Detector Mount DA-100 Detector High-Performance Ramp Generator DA-100** Amplifier The RG-93 is a three-channel ramp 0 generator that provides the voltage required to piezoelectrically scan RG-93 d the interferometer of the TL Series **Ramp Generator** laser spectrum analyzer. This system provides convenient controls to adjust the range, zero offset and rate of the To Oscilloscope ramp voltage. In addition, the RG-93

provides three independent DC bias signals for fine control of the alignment of the plano mirrors. The slope of the ramp for the three output channels can also be adjusted independently to ensure tilt-free scanning. The RG-93 ramp generator also includes an adjustment to shape the ramp voltage in such a way as to correct for the inherent non-linear motion of the piezoelectric transducer. External input also can be accepted for custom control of the interferometer in special applications.

## **High-Sensitivity Detector/Amplifier**

The DA-100 detector/amplifier detects the laser light transmitted through the interferometer of the TL system, and then amplifies the signal for display.

The photodetector is interchangeable for operation with the visible to the infrared wavelength ranges. Its superior low noise performance detects signals as low as 1 nW in order to minimize the laser intensity required for laser spectral analysis. Convenient packaging and self-explanatory controls result in straightforward operation.

### **Optional Fiber-Optic Coupling**

The TL Series laser spectrum analyzer can be enhanced further with fiber-optic input that simplifies the coupling of the laser under test into the interferometer.

**Specifications** 

#### **TL Series Interferometer**

Cavity designPlano mirror geometryFree Spectral Range (FSR)2 GHz or 8 GHz

Finesse > 150
Minimum resolvable bandwidth FSR/Finesse

Wavelength range Custom ranges from 450 nm to 3.5 μm

 Mirror reflectivity
 99.3% nominal

 Transmission
 > 10%

 Input aperture
 1 mm

**PZT scan distance** 2 μm/1000 V or 6 μm/1000 V (IR version)

 PZT non-linearity
 < 1% or < 5% (IR version)</td>

 Scan non-linearity¹
 < 0.1% or < 0.5% (IR version)</td>

**Construction** Thermally compensated re-entrant design

#### **TL Accessories Available**

TL-150 Invar Spacer SetSA-610 Fiber-Optic Coupler

BC-1 Free Space to Fiber Coupler

FC- Fiber Patch Cord

#### **RG-93 Ramp Generator**

#### Ramp voltage

Amplitude 0 to 1000 V (continuously variable)
Bias 0 to 1000 V (continuously variable)
High voltage output Amplitude + bias (1000 V maximum)

Current 4 mA maximum RMS noise < 30 mV

Duration 20 ms to 10 s (switch selectable)

Output slew rate 1 V/ms
Retrace 20 ms duration

External input 0 to 10 V (gain variable from 0 to 100)

Ramp non-linearity  $\leq 0.25\%$  (10 - 90%) Slope trim 0 to 15% slope reduction

**Independent PZT Bias** 

Voltage 0 to 525 VDC per channel
Output currant 2 mA maximum per channel

RMS Noise < 30 mV

Output signals

Blanking 0 V during ramp, -10 V during retrace

Output ÷ 100 0 to 10 V

Dimensions and weight

Dimensions (H x W x D) 11.4 cm x 43.3 cm x 34.3 cm (4.5" x 17.0" x 13.5")

Weight 3.6 kg (8 lbs)

**Power requirements** 90 to 260 VAC, 50/60 Hz

### **How to Order**

#### Laser Spectrum Analyzer

TL - 0000S - 000 - 00

 Choose:
 Choose:
 Specify:

 Free Spectral Range
 Wavelength Designation (Bandwidth)
 Center Wavelength

1500: 1500 GHz VIS: 450 – 900 nm (100nm)
0750: 750 GHz NIR: 900 – 1800 nm (150 nm)
0300: 300 GHz IR: 1.8–3.5 μm (300nm)
0150: 150 GHz FT: 1.28 – 1.58 μm (not applicable)

0075: 75 GHz 0030: 30 GHz 0015: 15 GHz

Mirror Set

TL-115 - 00099 - 00

#### DA-100 Detector Amplifier

Bandwidth 0.3 to 100 kHz (0.3 to 20 kHz @ maximum gain)
Sensitivity 0.1 V/mW to 1 V/uW. continuously variable

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Lead Selenide - 0.2 μW @ 2.4 μm

RMS noise < 1 mVOffset adjust  $\pm 1 \text{ V}$ 

Output signal 0 to  $\pm$  6 V, 200  $\Omega$  impedance (polarity is invertible)

Dimensions and weight

Dimensions (H x W x D) 5.7 cm x 8.9 cm x 15.2 cm (2.25" x 3.5" x 6.0")

Weight 0.45 kg (1 lb) **Power requirements** 9 V battery

To discuss how the TL Series Laser Spectrum Analyzer will facilitate your laser spectral analysis, contact the experts at EXFO Burleigh Products Group: 1–585–924–9355 or info@burleigh.com

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