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Product Features

Low-cost current source: 0-200 mA output range

Versatile control: constant current and constant power modes

Laser diode protection

Fully independent, precision current limit control

Easy connection to lasers and LEDs

The LDX-3412 Low Cost Precision Current Source is designed for driving general-purpose laser diodes. This 0-200 mA current source has the outstanding performance expected from ILX Lightwave, at an attractive price. Our industry-leading laser diode protection circuits are included, along with user-adjustable photodiode feedback capability.

The LDX-3412 is an easy to operate, precision current source optimized for driving laser diodes and LEDs. An intuitive front panel with a highly visible LED display simplifies operation, and the innovative voltage source/constant current output stage design makes operation dependable. For many applications, the LDX-3412 offers the right features at the right price.

When laser diode applications require stable, lownoise current performance, but are restrained by a limited budget, the LDX-3412 is the ideal solution. This instrument delivers a stable, low-noise output in both constant current and constant light operating modes, and offers ILX Lightwave's proven protection and safety features to safeguard lasers.



A precision current source designed to fit every budget.





Versatile operation modes

The LDX-3412 features three operating/display modes. (1) Constant Current, which delivers a stable, precision current-up to 200 mA at up to 6 V to the laser diode. (2) Constant Power, which uses a photodiode feedback signal to control the current output, ensuring a constant light level, despite varying junction. (3) Limit Display, which conveniently displays the current limit set point level.

Unique laser diode protection

Like other ILX Lightwave current sources, the LDX-3412 employs our unique output off/on switch technology. When the output switch is enabled, the output is turned on safely by slowly switching the shunt to a high impedance state. When turned off, the output switch returns the semiconductor shunting device to a low impedance state, thereby shorting the output terminals while suppressing potentially damaging current transients. Also a double-shielded transformer reduces AC line noise, and suppresses potentially damaging line transients.

By incorporating our voltage source/constant current output stage design, the 3412 provides a greater level of laser protection than other current sources. The output stage is actually a voltage source, controlled by a slow feedback loop to maintain a constant output current.

The LDX-3412 also employs our proven current limit circuit, which allows current adjustment without overdriving. This allows the current limit to be safely set. even while the unit is actively driving a laser at a lower current level, which is independent of the output compliance voltage.

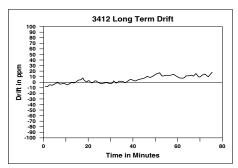
Connection easily to any laser or LED package

The output terminals of the LDX-3412 are fully floating, allowing either side to be grounded if necessary. For constant power operation, an instrumentation amplifier is used at the 3412's input from the external monitor photodiode. This allows connection to any laser/LED package pin configuration.

Low noise and high stability

The LDX-3412 output broadband noise is less than 0.01% rms, and temperature coefficient stability is better than 100 ppm/°C. Under typical laboratory conditions, output current drift is less than 50 ppm over a 30-minute period, in constant current mode.

LX Lightwave



With a typical drift of less than 20 ppm/°C over a 30 min period, the LDX-3412 out-performs typical low-cost

Specifications

OUTPUT

Output Current Range: 0-200 mA, floating Compliance Voltage: ≥6 V Temperature Coefficient:

≤100 ppm/°C, ambient 50 ppm or better Stability, 10-30 min.: Noise and Ripple (at 100 mA): <2 µA rms Transients:2 <100 µA

DISPLAY

Type: 3 1/2 digit green LED Maximum Reading: 199.9 mA Accuracy at 25°C: ±0.2 mA

CURRENT LIMIT

1-200 mA Accuracy: ±3 mA

PHOTODIODE FEEDBACK

Input Type: Current input from external photodiode

Range: $20 \mu A$ to 2 mAStability: +0.1%

GENERAL Power:

Weight:

100, 120, 220, or 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz

66 mm x 140 mm x 267 mm, Size (HxWxD):

2.6" x 5.5" x 10.5" 1.8 kg (4.0 lbs) **Operating Temperature:** 0°C to 50°C

-40°C to 70°C Storage Temperature: Warm-up: 1 hour, to rated accuracy

Laser Output Connector: 9-pin D-sub Chassis Ground: Standard banana jack

Interlock: System interlock, set by internal jumpers, user adjustable

NOTES

All values measured after a one-hour warm-up period.

Maximum output current resulting from normal operational situations (i.e. power on-off, current on-off), as well as accidental situations (i.e. powerline plug removal). Tested to ILX Technical Standard #LDC-00196.

ORDERING INFORMATION

LDX-3412 Low Cost Precision Current Source CC-305S Current Source/Laser Diode Mount

Interconnect Cable

CC-306S Current Source /Unterminated

Interconnect Cable LNF-320 Low Noise Filter

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