

## Product Features

Three models with source current output up to 6A

High stability, low noise current output with multi-layered laser diode protection

Constant current and constant power operating modes

Analog modulation

USB 2.0 serial interface

The LDX-3500B Series Laser Diode Drivers are a family of low noise high stability current sources specifically for precision control of low to high power laser diodes. Three models with a full scale output current range from 200 mA to 6A operate in constant current or constant optical power modes to cover a wide range of laser diode testing and control applications. In addition to precision current control, the LDX-3500B Series drivers also feature photodiode current measurement for constant power control, analog modulation for power and wavelength tuning, and an analog output for remote monitoring.

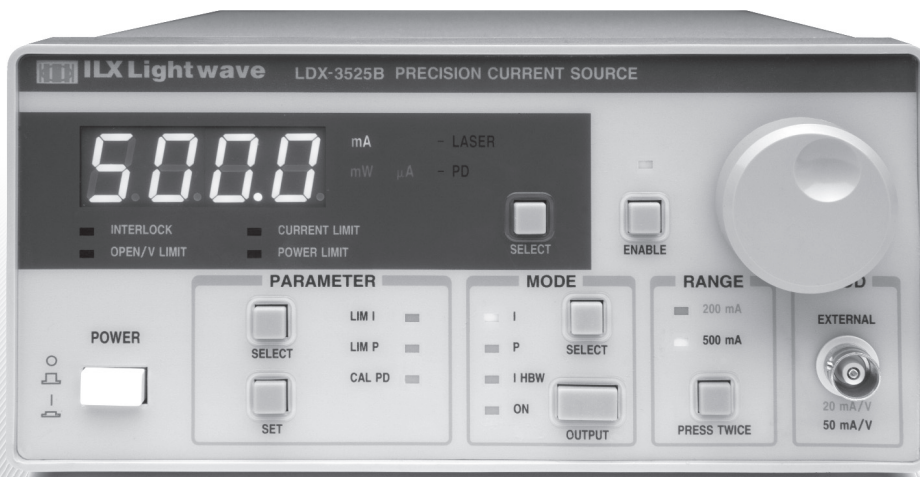
All of ILX Lightwave's proven laser diode protection strategies are designed into each model, which include adjustable current limits, shorting relays, slow turn-on circuits, and transient protection during power up and laser operation.

The front panel was designed for quick and easy operation. Parameters and instrument modes are grouped without confusing multi-function keys or menus. Informative error indicators such as open circuit and current and power limit let you resolve set up and operating problems quickly.

The USB interface and control software allows for fast, repeatable instrument control during R&D and manufacturing testing and other automated control applications.

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Precision  
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### PRECISION LASER DIODE TESTING

Each LDX-3500B Series Laser Diode Driver was designed as a current source specifically for low to high power laser diodes. Stable, precision low noise current control with a set point accuracy of 0.1% is delivered to the laser during R&D or manufacturing testing including L-I testing, qualification testing, or automated testing and control applications.

### A CHOICE OF LASER CONTROL MODES

The LDX-3500B Series Laser Diode Drivers control the current to the laser diode in one of three modes:

1. Constant Current low bandwidth
2. Constant Current high bandwidth
3. Constant Optical Power

The Constant Current, low bandwidth mode offers improved noise performance and is optimized for DC operation.

In Constant Current high bandwidth mode, the output stage supports higher modulation frequencies, up to 500 kHz, for dithering the laser current for power and wavelength tuning. For laser protection, the modulation input is implemented as a differential input, allowing the modulation control voltage and laser outputs to use different grounds.

The Constant Power mode provides constant optical power operation of your laser diode by using the photocurrent from the laser's rear facet photodiode or from an external photodiode measuring front facet light in a feedback control loop to the current source for precise and stable optical power control.

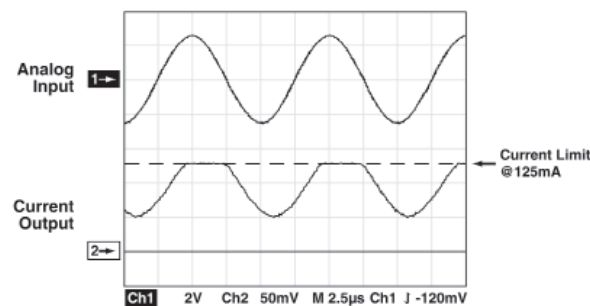
### DESIGNED TO PROTECT YOUR LASER DIODE

The LDX-3500B Series Laser Diode Driver provides multiple laser diode protection features such as independent hardware current limits, slow-start turn-on circuits, and isolated supplies. The output of the drivers are bound by fully independent current limits.

A "clamping" circuit topology prevents the limits from being exceeded under any condition including current modulation. An output shorting switch provides a safe method of switching the output on and off during operation while protecting the laser during load/unload or connect/disconnect operations.

Also, if the instrument senses an open circuit, the output will immediately shut off followed by the illumination of the appropriate fault indicator.

During AC power-up, the laser is protected from current transients by power line filters, double shielded transformers and hardware and firmware turn-on sequencing. When the output is enabled, slow start circuits gradually open shorting FETs allowing current to slowly be diverted to the laser. Transients from normal instrument operation such as output on/off have been thoroughly tested and minimized as well as transients from inadvertent instrument operation (such as mode switching).



*Each of the 3500B Series Current Sources feature a current limit "clamping" topology which prevents the limit from being exceeded under any condition including current modulation.*

### AUTOMATE LASER DIODE CONTROL AND TESTING

Remote instrument operation is available on all LDX-3500B Series Laser Diode Drivers through a USB 2.0 serial interface. All instrument controls and functions are accessible through the serial interface for easy remote programming and control in automated test and control systems where repeatable and accurate test sequencing, measurements, and data handling are required.

LabVIEW™ software drivers are available with each instrument, facilitating instrument set up and control. Through these drivers, instrument controls are organized similar to the front panel for easy, intuitive remote control and monitoring.

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The USB interface allows for quick, effortless remote control for fast, repeatable instrument control during L-I testing and R&D or manufacturing control applications.

Whether the application is data intensive L-I testing or control in R&D manufacturing testing, remote operation of the LDX-3500B saves time and ensures systematic data collection and instrument operation.

## SIMPLIFY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

The LDX-3500B architecture simplifies routine maintenance; calibration of the laser current source can be performed via the front panel or remotely through the USB 2.0 interface, without opening the instrument up or manual adjustments. A calibration mode is entered through unique push button combinations or control commands, and all calibration data is easily entered via the front panel with the adjust knob or commands. Calibration data is automatically stored in on-board non-volatile memory.

## EASE OF OPERATION

The LDX-3500B Series Laser Diode Drivers are microprocessor controlled instruments. The front panel of the LDX-3500B Series was designed for quick and easy instrument operation and information display.

A bright five digit, green LED display is easy to read from a distance, even with laser safety glasses. Parameters and instrument modes are grouped without confusing multi-function keys. Informative error indicators such as open circuit, current and power limit let the user resolve set-up and operational problems quickly.

## PUT OUR EXPERTISE TO WORK

ILX Lightwave is a recognized world leader in laser diode instrumentation and test systems. Our products are not only renowned for their reliability, quality, and value, they're backed up by industry leading after sales support. For more information about the LDX-3500B Series Current Sources and our complete family of laser diode instrumentation and test systems, call us today or visit [www.newport.com/ilxlightwave](http://www.newport.com/ilxlightwave).

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## Precision Laser Diode Driver

### Specifications<sup>1</sup>

|  | LDX-3525B  | LDX-3545B  | LDX-3565B                               |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>CURRENT OUTPUT</b>                        |  |  |   |
| Output Current Range:                        | 200mA / 500mA  | 1000mA / 3000mA  | 2000mA / 6000mA                         |
| Setpoint Resolution:                         | 12 bit (100 $\mu$ A / 150 $\mu$ A)   | 12 bit (250 $\mu$ A / 750 $\mu$ A)   | 12 bit (500 $\mu$ A / 1.5mA)            |
| Setpoint Accuracy (% of FS): <sup>2</sup>    | $\pm 0.1\%$ ( $\pm 2$ mA / $\pm 5$ mA)                                     | $\pm 0.1\%$ ( $\pm 1$ mA / $\pm 3$ mA)   | $\pm 0.15\%$ ( $\pm 2$ mA / $\pm 6$ mA) |
| Compliance Voltage:                          | 7.0 V  | 6.0 V <sup>3</sup>   | 5.0 V                                   |
| Temperature Coefficient:                     | <50 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C  | <50 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C  | <50 ppm / <100 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C        |
| Short-Term Stability (1 hr): <sup>5</sup>    | <20 ppm  | <20 ppm  | <20 ppm                                 |
| Long-Term Stability (24 hr): <sup>6</sup>    | <50 ppm  | <50 ppm  | <50 ppm                                 |
| Noise and Ripple (rms) <sup>7</sup>          |  |  |   |
| High Bandwidth Mode:                         | <4 $\mu$ A rms / <4 $\mu$ A rms  | <25 $\mu$ A rms / <25 $\mu$ A rms  | <50 $\mu$ A rms / <100 $\mu$ A rms      |
| CW Mode:                                     | <2 $\mu$ A rms / <2 $\mu$ A rms  | <15 $\mu$ A rms / <15 $\mu$ A rms  | <15 $\mu$ A rms / <30 $\mu$ A rms       |
| <b>Transients</b>                            |  |  |   |
| Operational: <sup>8</sup>                    | <1mA / <1mA  | <2mA / <5mA  | <30mA / <40mA                           |
| Power-line Induced: <sup>9</sup>             | <10mA / <10mA  | <20mA / <20mA  | <20mA / <40mA                           |
| <b>DRIVE CURRENT LIMIT SETTINGS</b>          |  |  |   |
| Range:                                       | 0–202.0mA / 0–505.0mA  | 0–1010mA / 0–3030mA  | 0–2020mA / 0–6060mA                     |
| Resolution:                                  | 1mA / 2mA  | 4mA / 12mA   | 8mA / 24mA                              |
| Accuracy (% of FS):                          | $\pm 1\%$ <sup>14</sup>  | $\pm 1\%$  | $\pm 1\%$                               |
| <b>PHOTODIODE FEEDBACK<sup>13</sup></b>      |  |  |   |
| Type:  | Differential   | Differential   | Differential                            |
| Reverse Bias:                                | 0–5 V, adjustable  | 0–5 V, adjustable  | 0–5 V, adjustable                       |
| Photodiode Current Range:                    | 0–5000 $\mu$ A   | 5–9999 $\mu$ A   | 0.01–25mA                               |
| Output Stability: <sup>10</sup>              | $\pm 0.01\%$   | $\pm 0.02\%$   | $\pm 0.02\%$                            |
| Setpoint Accuracy (% of FS): <sup>2</sup>    | $\pm 0.1\%$ ( $\pm 5$ $\mu$ A)   | $\pm 0.1\%$ ( $\pm 5$ $\mu$ A)   | $\pm 0.1\%$ ( $\pm 5$ $\mu$ A)          |
| Power Modulation BW:                         | 1 kHz  | 1 kHz  | 1 kHz                                   |
| <b>ANALOG MODULATION</b>                     |  |  |   |
| Input:                                       | 0–10 V, 1 k $\Omega$   | 0–10 V, 1 k $\Omega$   | 0–10 V, 1 k $\Omega$                    |
| Transfer Function ( $\pm 15\%$ ):            | 20mA/V / 50mA/V  | 100mA/V / 300mA/V  | 200mA/V / 600 mA/V                      |
| Bandwidth (3dB) <sup>11</sup>                |  |  |   |
| High Bandwidth Mode:                         | DC–500 kHz / DC–150 kHz  | DC–150 kHz / DC–50 kHz   | DC–100 / DC–50 kHz                      |
| CW Mode:                                     | DC–100 Hz / DC–100 Hz  | DC–100 Hz / DC–100 Hz  | DC–80 Hz / DC–80 Hz                     |
| <b>ANALOG OUTPUT</b>                         |  |  |   |
| Output Voltage:                              | 0–10 V   | 0–10 V   | 0–10 V                                  |
| Transfer Function ( $\pm 15\%$ of FS):       | 20mA/V / 50 mA/V   | 100mA/V / 300 mA/V   | 200mA/V / 600 mA/V                      |
| <b>MEASUREMENT (DISPLAY)</b>                 |  |  |   |
| Display Type:                                | 4 digit green LED  | 4 digit green LED  | 4 digit green LED                       |
| Output Current Range:                        | 0–200.0mA / 0–500.0mA  | 0–999.9mA / 0–3000mA   | 0–2000mA / 0–6000mA                     |
| Output Current Resolution:                   | 0.1mA / 0.1mA  | 0.1mA / 1.0mA  | 1.0mA / 1.0mA                           |
| Output Current Accuracy:                     | $\pm 0.1\%$ of FS  | $\pm 0.1\%$ of FS  | $\pm 0.15\%$ of FS                      |
| Photodiode Current Range:                    | 0–5.000mA  | 0–9.999mA  | 0–25.00mA                               |
| Photodiode Current Resolution:               | 0.001mA  | 0.002mA  | 0.01mA                                  |
| Photodiode Current Accuracy:                 | $\pm 0.1\%$ of FS  | $\pm 0.1\%$ of FS  | $\pm 0.1\%$ of FS                       |
| Photodiode Responsivity Range: <sup>12</sup> | 0.001–1.000 mA/mW  | 0.001–1.000 mA/mW  | 0.001–1.000 mA/mW                       |
| Photodiode Responsivity Resolution:          | 0.001 mA/mW  | 0.001 mA/mW  | 0.001 mA/mW                             |
| Optical Power Range:                         | 0–500.0 mW   | 0–3000 mW  | 0–6000 mW                               |
| Optical Power Resolution:                    | 0.1 mW   | 1 mW   | 1 mW                                    |
| <b>CONNECTORS</b>                            |  |  |   |
| Current Source Output:                       | 9-pin, D-sub female  |  |   |
| PD Input:                                    | BNC rear panel; 9-pin D-sub laser connector                                |  |   |
| Modulation Input:                            | BNC front panel  |  |   |
| Analog Output:                               | BNC rear panel   |  |   |
| Chassis Ground:                              | 4 mm Banana Jack   |  |   |
| Interlock:                                   | 9-pin D-sub laser connector  |  |   |
| <b>LASER DIODE PROTECTION</b>                |  |  |   |
| Output Shorting Relay:                       | Normally closed  |  |   |
| Output Enable Delay:                         | 2s (per 21CFR 1040.10)   |  |   |
| Current Limit:                               | Adjustable, redundant hardware limit                                       |  |   |
| AC Power Failure / Brown-out Protection      |  |  |   |
| Hardware Fault Response Time                 |  |  |   |
| Current Limit:                               | Continuous operation   |  |   |
| Voltage Limit:                               | 5 $\mu$ S  |  |   |
| Open Circuit:                                | 50 $\mu$ S   |  |   |
| Error Monitoring / Reporting:                | Current limit, voltage limit, open circuit, optical power limit, interlock |  |   |
| <b>GENERAL</b>                               |  |  |   |
| Power Requirements, VAC (50–60Hz):           |  | 95–125, 210–250  |   |
| Remote Interface:                            |  | USB 2.0  |   |
| Size (HxWxD):                                |  | 88 mm x 185 mm x 304 mm  |   |
| Weight (LDX-3525B and LDX-3545B):            |  | 3.5"x 7.3"x12.5"   |   |
| Weight (LDX-3565B):                          |  | 3.5 kg (7.65 lbs)  |   |
| Operating Temperature:                       |  | 4.6 kg (10.15 lbs)   |   |
| Storage Temperature:                         |  | 10 $^{\circ}$ C to 40 $^{\circ}$ C   |   |
| Humidity:                                    |  | –40 $^{\circ}$ C to 70 $^{\circ}$ C  |   |
| Laser Safety:                                |  | <85% relative, noncondensing   |   |
| Regulatory Compliance:                       |  | Keyswitch, Interlock, Output Delay (meets 21 CFR 1040.10), all models CE certified |   |
|  |  | EN 61326-1:2006 Basic Requirements; Immunity                                       |   |
|  |  | EN 55011:2007 Radiated and Conducted Emissions                                     |   |
|  |  | EN 61010-1 Safety Requirements   |   |
|  |  | EN 60950 Low Voltage Directive   |   |

### NOTES

- All values measured after a one hour warm-up period.
- Measured at 25 $^{\circ}$ C ambient.
- Maximum compliance voltage of 5V @ 95VAC input
- Maximum compliance voltage of 3.5V @ 95VAC input
- Over any 1-hour period, half-scale output @ 25 $^{\circ}$ C ambient
- Over any 24-hour period, half-scale output @ 25 $^{\circ}$ C ambient
- Measured electrically, with a resistive load evaluating AC coupled rms value over a 100 kHz bandwidth.
- Maximum output current transient resulting from normal operational situations (e.g., power on-off, current on-off), as well as accidental situations (e.g., power line plug removal). Tested to ILX Technical Standard #LDC-00196.
- Maximum output current transient resulting from a 1000V power line transient spike. Tested to ILX Technical standard #LDC-00196. Request ILX Application Note #3.
- Maximum monitor photodiode current drift over any 30-minute period. Assumes zero drift in photodiode responsivity.
- Assumes 50% modulation depth at half-scale output into a 1 $\Omega$  load.
- The responsivity value is user-defined and is used to calculate the optical power.
- Laser diodes which have voltages above 1.2V when the current is <0.4% of range may trigger the instrument to shut down the output in constant power mode. In order to determine if your laser will function in constant power mode, please contact ILX Lightwave.
- $\pm 2\%$  for limit settings  $\leq 20$  mA.

In keeping with our commitment to continuing improvement, ILX Lightwave reserves the right to change specifications without notice or liability for such changes.

### ORDERING INFORMATION

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| LDX-3525B-120V | Precision Laser Diode Driver (200/500 mA), 120V     |
| LDX-3525B-220V | Precision Laser Diode Driver (200/500 mA), 220V     |
| LDX-3545B-110V | Precision Laser Diode Driver (1/3 A), 120V          |
| LDX-3545B-220V | Precision Laser Diode Driver (1/3 A), 220V          |
| LDX-3565B-120V | Precision Laser Diode Driver (2/6 A), 120V          |
| LDX-3565B-220V | Precision Laser Diode Driver (2/6 A), 220V          |
| CC-305S        | Current Source/Laser Diode Mount Interconnect Cable |
| CC-306S        | Current Source/Unterminated Interconnect Cable      |
| LNF-320        | Low Noise Filter                                    |
| RM-134         | Single Rack Mounting Kit                            |
| RM-135         | Dual Rack Mounting Kit                              |



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