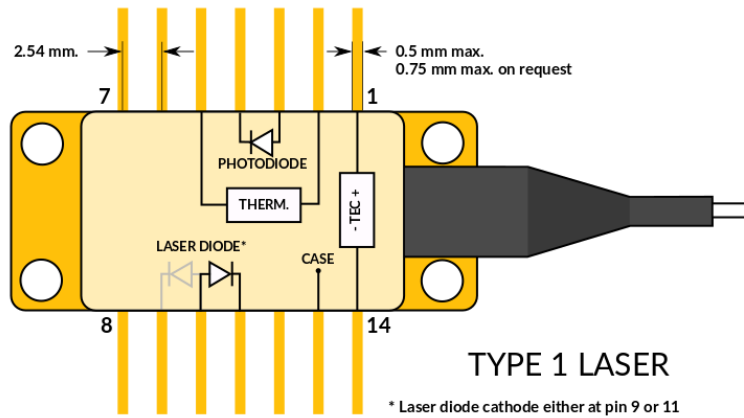


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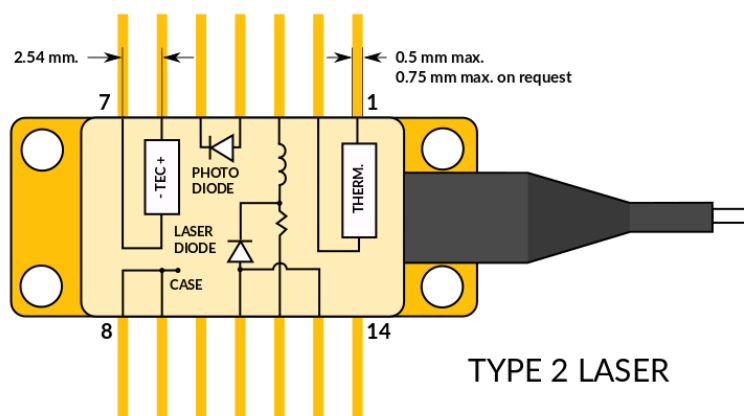


Laser connections

The CTL101-1 / CTL101-2 is compatible with **Type 1 / Type 2** butterfly laser diodes. Note that it is **only compatible with floating diodes**, which means that neither the anode nor the cathode should be connected to the case.

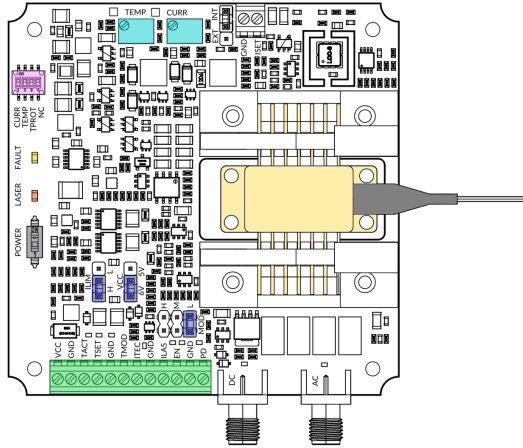


Butterfly laser type 1 pin configuration



Butterfly laser type 2 pin configuration

Quickstart



1. Make sure the laser current switch (CURR) and the TEC current switch (TEMP) are OFF. Set the TPROT switch ON.
2. Set the VCC jumper to 5V.
3. Plug the laser diode on the ZIF socket. Make sure there is a good thermal connection between the laser case and the base plate. Use thermal paste if necessary.
4. Power the board with 5 V on VCC pin (set the VCC jumper accordingly). The power supply must be able to supply at least 2 A (2.5 A for the 800 mA version).
5. Set the current to 0 mA by turning the laser current trimmer (CURR) counter-clockwise.
6. Turn the POWER switch ON.
7. Adjust the temperature trimmer to get 2.5 V on the TSET pin.
8. Turn ON the TEC current switch.
9. Check that the voltage between the TSET and TACT pins converges towards zero. The laser temperature is now stabilized at 25 °C.
10. Turn ON the laser current switch.
11. Turn the laser current trimmer (CURR) clockwise to reach the desired laser current.

Enable switch

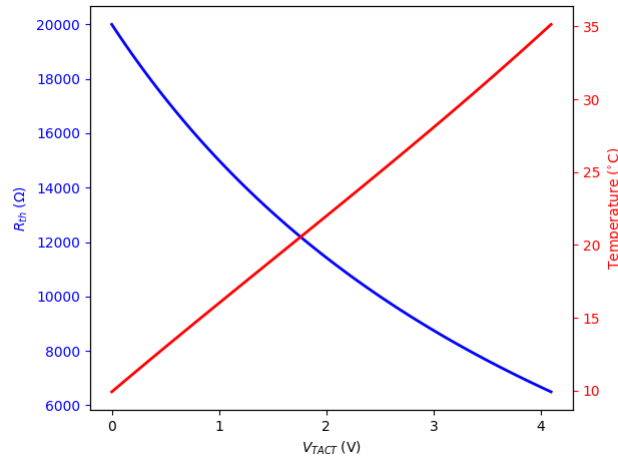
- **CURR**: Turn ON to enable laser current.
- **TEMP**: Turn ON to enable TEC current.
- **TPROT**: When this switch is ON, the laser current is automatically disabled in case of a TEC fault condition (see FAULT LED).

LEDs

- **LASER**: The brightness of this LED is proportional to the laser power measured on the monitoring photodiode.
- **FAULT**: Indicates a TEC fault condition, i.e. when the TEC driver is no longer capable of cooling the laser at the desired temperature.

Terminal block connections

- **VCC**: Connect this pin to a 5V or 6V power supply. Using a 6V supply provides 1 V of extra compliance voltage. The VCC jumper must be set according to the chosen power supply.
- **TACT**: Temperature monitoring pin. The thermistor value is given by $R_{th} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega * (10 \text{ V} - V_{TACT}) / (5 \text{ V} + V_{TACT})$.
The pin output impedance is 1 k Ω .



- TSET:** Temperature setpoint monitoring pin.
 $V_{TSET} = V_{TREF} + (1/10) * V_{TMOD}$
 where V_{TREF} is the voltage generated by the TEMP trimming potentiometer. The voltage V_{TREF} can be tuned between 0 and 4 V and can be measured at test point TP2. V_{TMOD} is the voltage applied at the TMOD pin. The PID controller tries to make the voltage V_{TACT} equal to the setpoint V_{TSET} . The pin output impedance is 1 k Ω .
- ITEC:** TEC current monitoring pin. The TEC current I_{TEC} is given by
 $I_{TEC} = 1 \text{ A/V} * (V_{ITEC} - 2.5 \text{ V})$
 where V_{ITEC} is the voltage measured at the ITEC pin. The pin output impedance is 1 k Ω .
- TMOD:** Temperature modulation pin. Apply a voltage between -3 V and +3V at this pin to control the temperature setpoint externally (see description of the TSET pin).
- ILAS:** Laser current monitoring pin. The laser current I_{LAS} is given by
 $I_{LAS} = G * V_{ILAS}$, where V_{ILAS} is the voltage measured at the ILAS pin and G is 50 mA/V for the 200 mA version, 100 mA/V for the 400 mA version and 200 mA/V for the 600 and 800 mA versions. The pin output impedance is 1 k Ω .
- EN:** Laser Enable pin. Apply a voltage between 2.2 V and 4.5 V to enable the laser current.
- PD:** Output of the transimpedance amplifier that monitors the laser power. This output has 3.9 V/mA gain, a bandwidth from DC to 20 MHz, and is terminated with a 50 Ω resistor. The actual laser power depends on the photodiode integrated in the laser and should be calibrated by the user. The LASER LED brightness is proportional to V_{PD} .

Modulation inputs

The CTL101 has two current modulation inputs available on SMA connectors:

- DC modulation input** for modulation between DC and 10 MHz. Modulation range is ± 1 V. A jumper allows to choose between 3 modulation gains (2 mA/V, 20 mA/V or 200 mA/V for the 400 mA version).
- AC modulation input** for modulation above 1 MHz. Modulation gain is 20 mA/V.