

ASE 1550nm Broadband Light Sources

(SM, PM, 1528 -1620nm, up to 10W)



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Applications

- Laboratory Uses
- Testing
- Instrumentation

Features

- High Stability
- Low Cost
- Ease to Use

This series of ASE (Amplified Spontaneous Emission) light sources are single mode light source with a broad emission spectrum and relatively low-coherent. Our unit feature precision feedback control to provide high stability for accuracy measurement applications. The device is based on rare-earth-doped fibers with a pumping laser that is cooled for longevity. ASE 1550 has two wavelength bandwidth configurations: C-band of 1528-1563nm and C+L band of 1528-1620nm. We produce two grades: standard and premium. The standard provides cost effective solutions while the premium incorporates special filters to provide a flat spectrum for special applications. They are the ideal light sources for telecom component testing, FBG sensors, OCT, fiber optic gyroscopes, gas sensors, and fluorescence excitation, as well as for measurement of optical components. We produce both modular for system integration and stand-alone bench-top for ease in uses.

Specifications

| Standard | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|------------------------------|------|---------|-------|------|
| Operation Wavelength | 1528 | | 1620 | nm |
| | 1528 | | 1563 | nm |
| Output Power | 10 * | | 10000 | mW |
| Polarization Dependence | | | 0.01 | dB |
| Polarization Extinction (PM) | 20 | 26 | 31 | dB |
| Output Power Stability | 0.05 | 0.1 | 0.2 | dB |
| Output Isolation | | | 10 | dB |
| Input Voltage (AC) | 110 | 110 | 220 | V |
| Computer Interface | | USB | | |
| Operating Temperature | -5 | | 55 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | -45 | | 85 | °C |

Notes:

* This low-power configuration has no USB controller

| Premium | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|-------------------------------|------|---------|------|------|
| Operation Wavelength | 1527 | | 1568 | nm |
| Emission Flatness (peak-peak) | | | 0.8 | dB |
| Output Power | 23 | | | dBm |
| Polarization Dependence | | | 0.01 | dB |
| Polarization Extinction (PM) | 20 | 26 | 31 | dB |
| Output Power Stability * | | | 0.02 | dB |
| Output Isolation | 40 | | | dB |
| Power Consumption | | | 6 | W |
| Input Voltage (AC) | 110 | 110 | 220 | V |
| Computer Interface | | USB | | |
| Operating Temperature | -5 | | 40 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | -45 | | 85 | °C |

Notes:

* 1h, at fixed temperature, APC mode

Note: The specifications provided are for general applications with a cost-effective approach. If you need to narrow or expand the tolerance, coverage, limit, or qualifications, please [click this link](#):

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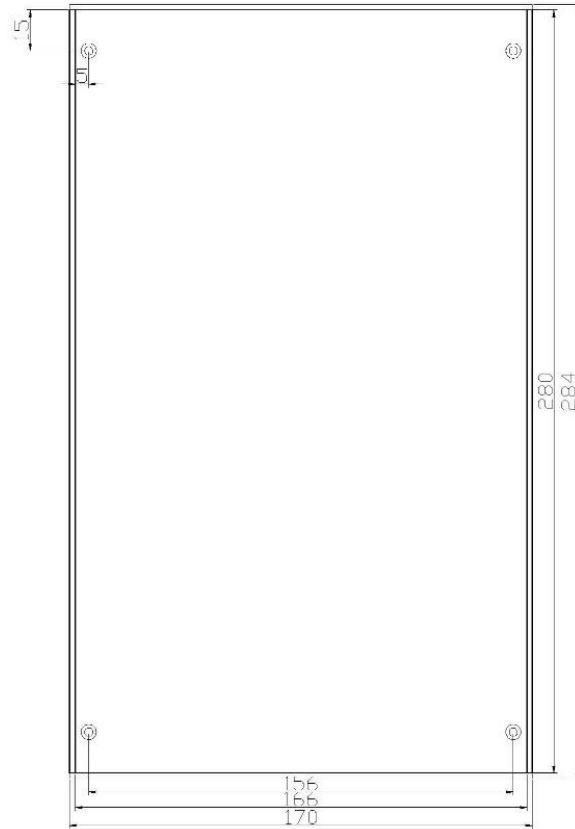
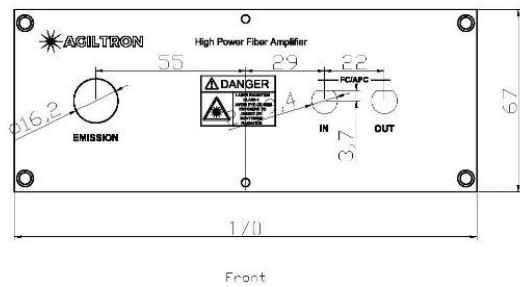
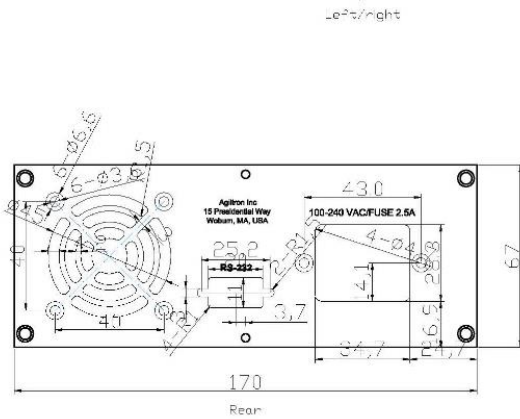
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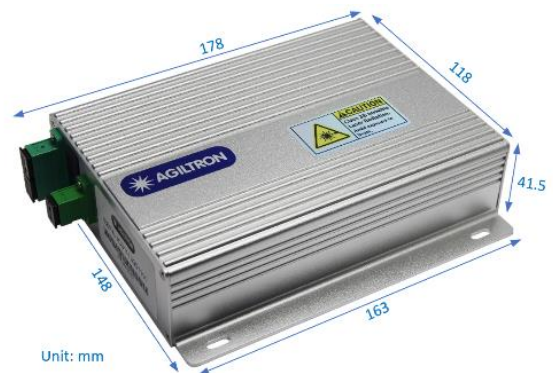
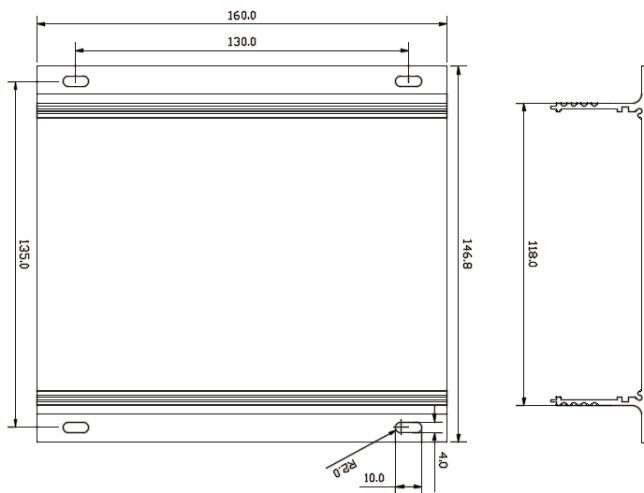


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Dimensions (Unit: mm) >20dBm



Mini Benchtop for 17dBm



*Product dimensions may change without notice. This is sometimes required for non-standard specifications.

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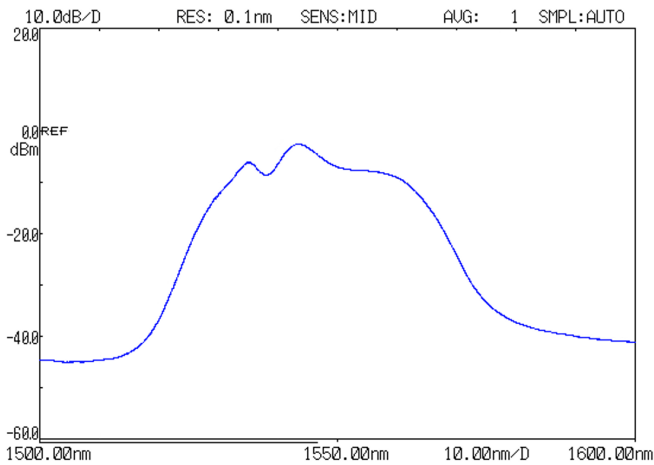
Ordering Information

| Prefix | Config | Wavelength | Polarization | Output Power | Interface | Adapt PCB ** | 1 | Connector |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| ASES- | Benchtop = 1 Component = 2 | C = C C+L = B Special = 0 | Random = 1 Maintaining = 2 | 10mW* = 10 50mW = 50 100mW = 1A 200mW = 2A 1W = 1W 2.5W = 2W 5.0W = 5W 10W = WW | Non = 1 USB = 2 RS232 = 3 Special = 0 | Non = 1 Yes = 2 | | None = 1 FC/PC = 2 FC/APC = 3 SC/PC = 4 SC/APC = 5 LC/PC = 7 LC/APC = A LC/UPC = U Special = 0 |

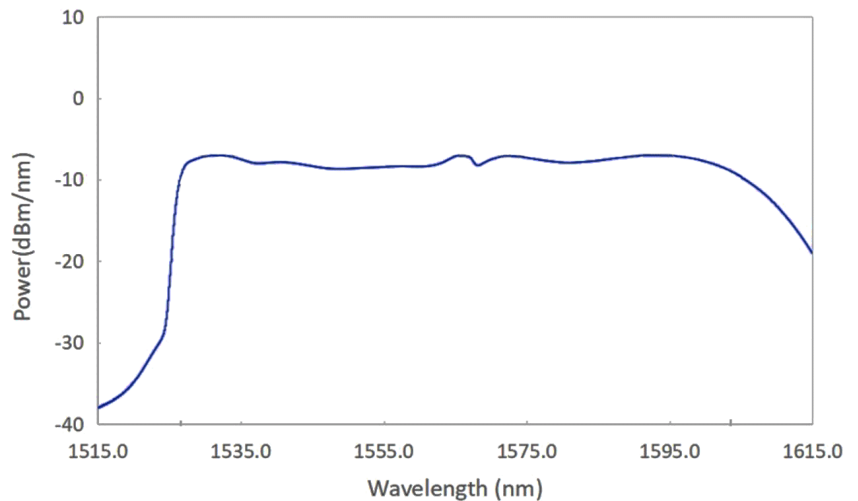
* This low-cost/low-power configuration has no computer interface, fixed output only

** This is for component only, the adapt PCB make it easier to control and power up \$178 ea

Typical Spectrum



Standard



Premium

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Application Notes

Fiber Core Alignment

Note that the minimum attenuation for these devices depends on excellent core-to-core alignment when the connectors are mated. This is crucial for shorter wavelengths with smaller fiber core diameters that can increase the loss of many decibels above the specification if they are not perfectly aligned. Different vendors' connectors may not mate well with each other, especially for angled APC.

Fiber Cleanliness

Fibers with smaller core diameters (<5 μm) must be kept extremely clean, contamination at fiber-fiber interfaces, combined with the high optical power density, can lead to significant optical damage. This type of damage usually requires re-polishing or replacement of the connector.

Maximum Optical Input Power

Due to their small fiber core diameters for short wavelength and high photon energies, the damage thresholds for device is substantially reduced than the common 1550nm fiber. To avoid damage to the exposed fiber end faces and internal components, the optical input power should never exceed 20 mW for wavelengths shorter 650nm. We produce a special version to increase the handling by expanding the core side at the fiber ends.