



Low Noise Sensor-Grade Tunable Laser Module

Clean Light portfolio – PPCL550 - Datasheet

The **Pure Photonics** full-band tunable laser solution provides a very narrow linewidth (~10 kHz), significantly reduced low-frequency AM and FM noise and a range of operating modes in this low-noise setting. The product can access any desired frequency set-point in the C-band. Output power can be set as low as 7dBm and as high as 18dBm.

The PPCL550 module is the module version of the PPCL700 in the Pure Photonics product portfolio.

The laser and its features are designed for high SNR (Signal-to-Noise-Ratio) applications, such as sensing and T&M (Test and Measurement).

In its low-noise mode, the laser disables its control loops and is essentially frozen. To enable tunability and flexibility, **Pure Photonics** is developing optimized control schemes for this operating mode, enabling:

- **Clean Sweep**: a (repeating) frequency sweep of 50GHz
- **Clean Jump**: jump to any frequency within 1 second
- **Clean Modulation AM**: AM modulation with BW up to 1GHz
- **Clean Modulation FM**: FM modulation with BW up to 100kHz; amplitude 100MHz
- **Clean Measurement**: Analog input into the micro-processor
- **Analog Output**: analog output voltage



Updates to the firmware and the GUI will be regularly available on the **Pure Photonics** website (www.pure-photonics.com), as well as additional support tools.

The PPCL550 is designed for OEM integration.

Snapshot
Full C or L-Band Tunable Power up to 17dBm (50mW) 10kHz narrow linewidth Reduced AM/FM low freq. noise Advanced operation modes

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2. Operating Principle

The PPCL550 is based on the PPCL700 product. These are the highest performance micro-ITLAs on-the-market (MSA form-factor, <https://www.oiforum.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/OIF-Micro-ITLA-01.1.pdf>), controlled through a digital interface. The user can operate the product without having to control or understand the underlying technology.

The PPCL550 provides a barrel plug input for a single power supply, a micro-USB interface for communications and several optional analog coaxial inputs. The output of the module is a fiber port or a connectorized pigtail.

The underlying technology is an External Cavity Laser design (see figure), with tunable filters embedded in the cavity for frequency control. The Cavity consists out of an InP front-facet coated gain chip with back-facet AR coating and a high-reflection end-mirror, mounted on a PZT element. By changing the injection current into the gain-chip and the built-in photo-diode tap, the product accurately controls the operating power to the user-defined power target.

Within the cavity two Silicon etalon filters, with slightly different Free Spectral Range (FSR), utilize the Vernier effect to select one dominant cavity mode. The frequency is controlled through micro-temperature sensing and heating elements on the filters. The dominant cavity mode is aligned with the etalon transmission peaks through adjustment of the cavity temperature.

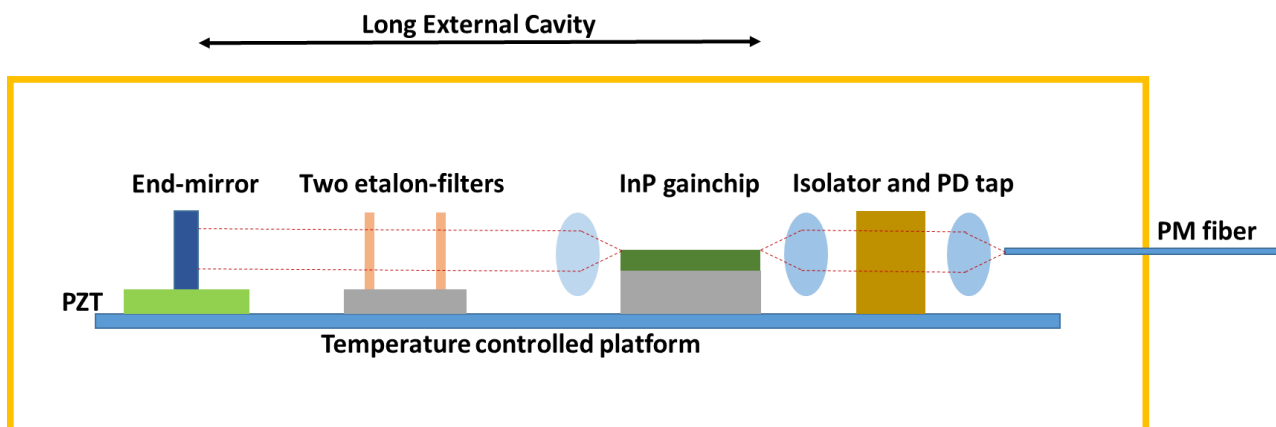


Figure 1: illustration of optics engine

3. Specifications

Absolute Maximum Ratings

In Table 1 the absolute maximum ratings for the product are listed. These settings are never to be exceeded and may result in critical damage to the product if applied.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Max
Operating temperature	°C	10	70
Storage temperature	°C	-40	85
Humidity	%DH	5	85
Voltage	V	0	24
Current Source Slew rate	V/msec		20

Table 1: Absolute maximum ratings

Performance Specifications

In Table 2 the more general performance specifications of the product are listed

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Operating Temperature	°C	0		70
Power				
Set power (default)	dBm	7		13.5
Set-power (optional, C-band)		7		17
Set-power (optional, L-band)		7		16
Power accuracy	dB	-1		+1
Power resolution	dB			0.01
Short term power variation	dB	-0.05		0.05
Frequency				
Frequency range C-band	THz	191.50		196.25
Custom configurations available		189.70		197.85
Frequency range L-band	THz	186.35		190.9
Custom configurations available		184.50		192.15
Frequency accuracy	GHz	-1.5		1.5
Frequency resolution (set-point)	GHz			0.1
Fine Tune Frequency Range	GHz	-30		30
Fine Tune Frequency resolution	GHz			0.001
Optical characteristics				
SMSR	dB	40	55	
OSNR	dB	40	60	
Intrinsic linewidth	kHz		10	15
AM noise (RIN, 1GHz)	dB/Hz			-140
7dBm 13dBm				-145
Back-reflection	dB			-14
Polarization Extinction Ratio	dB	18		
Timing characteristics				
Warm-start time	sec			30
Cold-start time	sec			60

Electrical characteristics				
Supply voltage	V	12		24
Supply current @ 10V	mA		100	300
Supply current @ 24V	mA		50	150

Table 2: performance specifications

* for wider frequency range the following power mask is in place: C-band: 1515-1520nm – 15dBm; 1520-1525nm – 16dBm; 1570-1575nm – 16dBm; 1575-1580nm – 15dBm;

Digital Interface Specifications

The digital interface to the product is compliant to the micro-ITLA MSA (<https://www.oiforum.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/OIF-Micro-ITLA-01.1.pdf>). Most functions of this MSA are supported.

Clean Sweep Specifications

In Table 3 the performance targets for the clean sweep feature are listed.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Modehop free range	GHz			50
Power stability	dB	-1		1
Slew rate (of one slope)	GHz/s	1	10	20

Table 3: clean sweep specifications

Clean Jump Specifications

In Table 4 the performance targets for the clean jump feature are listed.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Time to correct optical mode	sec		0.5	1.0
Power error to target	dB	-3	0	3
Frequency error to target	GHz	-3	0	3
Time to specification	sec			2.0
Power error to target	dB	-0.5	0	0.25
Frequency error to target	GHz	-0.5	0	0.5

Table 4: clean jump specifications

Clean Modulation AM Specifications

In Table 5 the performance targets for the clean modulation feature are listed.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
3-dB bandwidth	kHz	1,000		
Amplitude	%			80
Input voltage (customizable)	V			10

Table 5: clean modulation specifications

Clean Modulation FM Specifications

In Table 6 the performance targets for the clean modulation feature are listed.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
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3-dB bandwidth	kHz	100		
Amplitude	MHz			100
Input voltage	V	0		6

Table 6: clean modulation specifications

Clean Measurement Specifications

In Table 7 the performance targets for the clean measurement feature are listed.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Measurement DAQ #bits	-	12		
Input voltage	V	0		2.5
Sample-rate	Hz			200

Table 7: clean scan specifications

Analog Output Specifications

In Table 8 the performance targets for the analog output feature are listed.

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
DAC resolution	-	16		
Output voltage	V	0		2.5
Update-rate	Hz			200

Table 8: clean scan specifications

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Fibertype		Polarization Maintaining, PANDA		
Connector FC/PC or FC/APC		Adapter or pigtail		
Connector SC or LC (PC and APC)		pigtail		
Pigtail length (if no adapter)	cm	40	50	75

Technical drawings and 3D views of the FC-PCB-01 module. The drawings include:

- Top View:** Dimensions 98 (length) and 20 (width).
- Front View:** Dimensions 8.2 (top width), 7.3 (bottom width), 8.8 (left width), 8.5 (bottom width), and 12 (height).
- Bottom View:** Dimensions 92.9 (length), 45.7 (width), and $\varnothing 2.6$ (hole diameter). It also shows three optional SMA connectors.
- Side View:** Dimensions 25.4 (height), 50.8 (total height), 12.3 (bottom width), and 13 (bottom depth).
- End View:** Dimensions 25 (length), 10 (spacing), and 10 (spacing). It shows three optional SMA connectors.

3D views show the module with the following components labeled:

- FC/APC OR FC/PC OR PIGTAIL (WITH OR WITHOUT CONNECTOR)
- SMA CONNECTORS (OPTIONAL)
- MICRO-USB TYPE B
- 5MM OUTER DIA BARREL PLUG

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5. Compliance

The following information is obtained from the optics vendor.

Electromagnetic compatibility

Requirement	Regulation	Performance Level
Electromagnetic interference (EMI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCC rules, Part 15, subpart B EN 55022 	Meets Class B limits with a minimum 6 dB margin
Electrostatic discharge (ESD)	JEDEC JESD22-A114-B Human Body Model	± 500 kV contact discharge to connector electrical pins with no degradation in performance or loss of function
	EN 61000-4-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ±15 kV air discharge ± 8 kV contact discharge to face plate Meets Level B test criteria (that is, no degradation of performance or loss of function occurs)
Radio frequency electromagnetic field (Radiated immunity)	EN 61000-4-3, level A test criteria	3 V/m from 80 MHz to 1G Hz with no degradation of performance or loss of function

Safety compliance

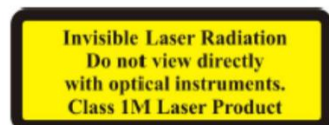
Requirement	Regulation	Title
Product Safety	UL 60950-1 CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1	Information Technology Equipment – Safety - Part 1: General Requirements (USA and Canada)
	EN 60950-1+A11	Information Technology Equipment – Safety - Part 1: General Requirements (European Union)
	IEC 60950-1	Information Technology Equipment – Safety - Part 1: General Requirements (International)
	GR-63-CORE Section 4.2, Clause 4.2.3.1	Compliant with the fire resistance requirements of Telcordia Technologies Generic Requirements GR-63-CORE document for discrete electronic components.
Laser Safety	21CFR1040.10	Code of Federal Regulations Title 21 Chapter I Subchapter J – Radiological Health Part 1040: Performance Standards for Light-Emitting Products
	EN 60825-1+A1 +A2	Safety of Laser Products - Part 1: Equipment Classification, Requirements and User's Guide
	IEC 60825-1+A1 +A2	Safety of Laser Products - Part 1: Equipment Classification, Requirements and User's Guide
	EN 60825-2	Safety of Laser Products - Part 2: Safety of Optical Fiber Communication Systems
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The PPCL550 product complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50 dated June 24, 2007.

This product is a component laser device and as such, does not include all end product safety controls or design features as required by international laser safety standard, IEC 60825-1, or by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), regulation CFR 1040.10.

This device is a class 1M laser product for use only under the recommended operating conditions and ratings specified in this document. Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than these specified in this product datasheet may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

Invisible laser radiation – Do not view the laser output from this device directly with optical instruments (e.g., eye loupes, magnifiers, microscopes). Viewing the laser output with certain optical instruments within a distance of 100mm may pose an eye hazard. Class 1M laser product.






European Union RoHS Compliance


This product complies with the European Union directive for Restrictions of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) – Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Directive 2002/95/EC plus all amendments.

This product does contain lead in solder and components, but utilizes the applicable exemptions (6a, 7(c)i).

Product certification and compliance marking

Origin and Description	Markings and Compliance Statements
Markings	
CE mark. The CE (Conformité Européenne*) mark indicates compliance to the European Union Low Voltage directive (73/23/EEC).	
Lead in second level interconnects.	
China Environmental Friendly Use Period (EFUP) mark, where 30 in the marking denotes 30 years. The number provided as the EFUP is provided solely to comply with applicable laws of the People's Republic of China. It does not create any warranties or liabilities on behalf of EMCORE Corporation to customers.	
Compliance Statements	
USA Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Devices and Radiological Health compliance statement.	Complies with 21CFR 1040.10 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated June 24, 2007.
USA FDA, Center for Devices and Radiological Health compliance statement – <i>Alternate</i> . Use the alternate statement listed, as needed.	Alternate FDA compliance statement: Complies with FDA performance standards for laser products except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated June 24, 2007.

Hazardous Substance Statement (China RoHS)

部件名称 (Parts)	有毒有害物质或元素 (Hazardous Substance)					
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
集成光电器件 Integrated optical circuit board assembly	×	○	○	○	○	○
金属盒件 Metal enclosure	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>○ : 表示该有毒有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在SJ/T 11363-2006标准规定的限量要求以下。</p> <p>○ : Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in all homogeneous materials of this part is below the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006.</p> <p>× : 表示该有毒有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出SJ/T 11363-2006标准规定的限量要求。</p> <p>× : Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials of this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006.</p> <p>对销售之日的所售产品, 本表显示我公司供应链的电子信息产品可能包含这些物质。注意: 在所售产品中可能会也可能不会含有所有列出的部件。</p> <p>This table shows where these substances may be found in the supply chain of our electronic information products, as of the date of sale of the enclosed product. Note that some of the component types listed above may or may not be a part of the enclosed product.</p>						
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6. Ordering and Technical Support

Please contact the **Pure Photonics** team for further information and support, as well as quotations.

This datasheet refers as a reference to the product capabilities and features. The exact performance and the features included are listed on the quote and purchase order.

The part number PPCL550 refers to a generic, customized to individual needs product. For higher volume products Pure Photonics may assign a different part number that is specifically assigned to the user and is under change control.

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