



# Low-noise Telecom-Grade Tunable Laser Module

Clean Light portfolio – PPCL500 - Datasheet

The **Pure Photonics** full-band tunable laser solution provides a narrow linewidth (~10 kHz), 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 or L-band. Output power can be set as low as 7dBm and as high as 17dBm.

The PPCL500 module is the module version for the PPCL600 telecom grade micro-ITLA version of the Pure Photonics product portfolio.

The telecom grade product is a narrow linewidth, high-performance and versatile tunable laser for C- or L-band applications.

In its low-noise mode, the laser disables its control loops and is essentially frozen. To enable tunability and flexibility, **Pure Photonics**

developed optimized control schemes for this operating mode, enabling:

- **Clean Sweep**: a (repeating) frequency sweep of 10GHz up to 25GHz
- **Clean Jump**: jump to any frequency within 1 second
- **Clean Scan**: scan the full frequency range within 5 minutes



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

The PPCL500 is designed for OEM integration.

Snapshot
Full Band Tunable (C or L) Power up to 17dBm (50mW) 15kHz narrow linewidth Low noise operating mode

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## 2. Operating Principle

The PPCL500 is based on the PPCL600 micro-ITLA products. They are the highest performance telecom-grade 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 PPCL500 provides a barrel plug input for a single power supply and a micro-USB interface for communications. The output of the module is a fiber adapter or a connectorized pigtail (900um buffer, 2mm cable, 3mm cable).

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.

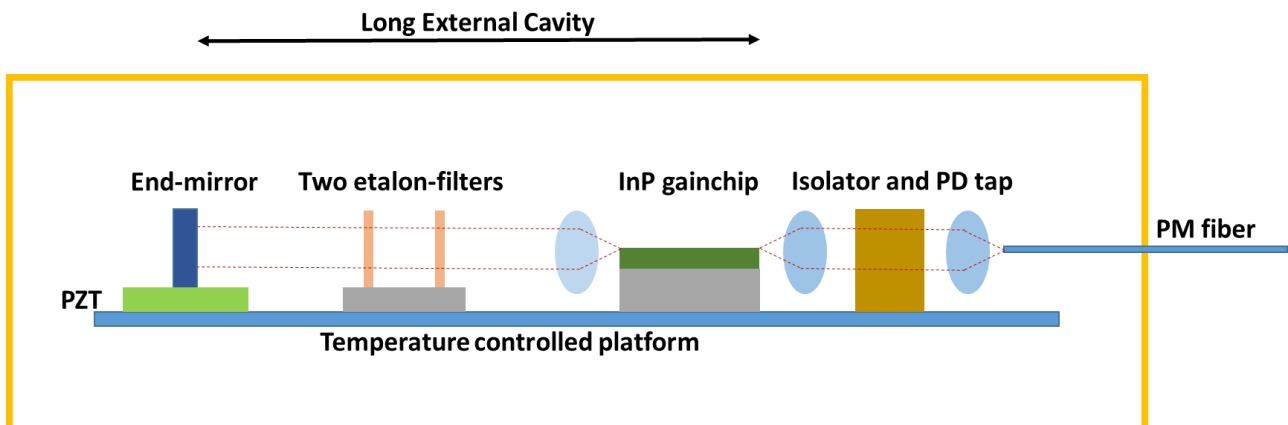


Figure 1: illustration of optics engine

### 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	50
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
<b>Power</b>				
Max set-power	dBm			
- default		7		13.5
- C-band optional*		7		17.0
- L-band optional*		7		16.0
Power accuracy	dB	-1		+1
Power resolution	dB			0.01
Short term power variation	dB	-0.05		0.05
<b>Frequency</b>				
Frequency range	THz			196.25
C-band		191.50		190.95
L-band		186.35		197.85
<b>Custom configurations available</b>		184.50		
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
<b>Optical characteristics</b>				
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		
<b>Timing characteristics</b>				
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; L-band: 1560-1565nm – 14dBm; 1565-1570nm – 15dBm; 1615-1620nm – 15dBm; 1620-1625nm – 14dBm

### 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			25
Power stability	dB	-1		1
Typical cycle time	s/GHz			0.1
Slew rate (of one slope)	GHz/s	1	20	40

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 Scan Specifications

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

Parameter	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Minimum scan speed	GHz/s	20		
Power error from average	dB	-0.5	0	0.5
Frequency error from linear scan	GHz	-5		5

Table 5: clean scan specifications

## 4. Mechanical Specification

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		

Table 6: dimensional information

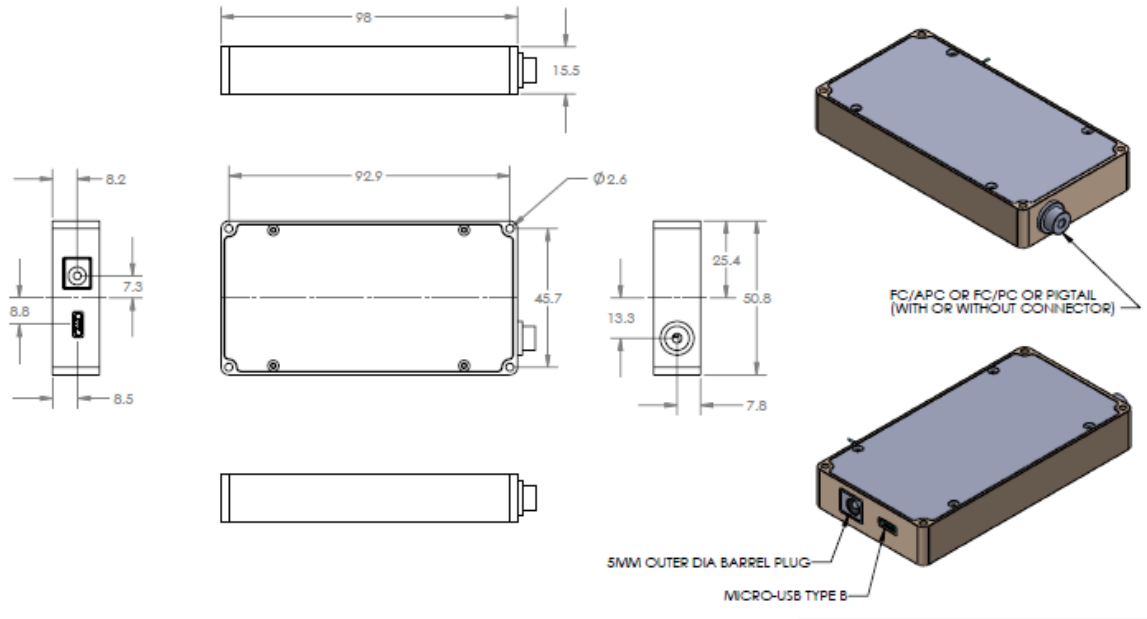


Figure 2: PPCL500

## 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"> <li>FCC rules, Part 15, subpart B</li> <li>EN 55022</li> </ul>	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"> <li>±15 kV air discharge</li> <li>± 8 kV contact discharge to face plate</li> </ul> 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

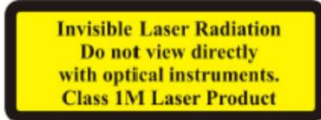
Requirement	Regulation	Title
Product Safety	UL 60950-1 CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1	Information Technology Equipment – Safety - Part 1: General Requirements (USA and Canada)
	EN 60950-1+A11	Information Technology Equipment – Safety - Part 1: General Requirements (European Union)
	IEC 60950-1	Information Technology 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 PPCL500 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
<b>Markings</b>	
CE mark. The CE (Conformité Européene*) 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.	
<b>Compliance Statements</b>	
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所列的部件。</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 PPCL500 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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