# Low-Cost High-Power Laser-Diode Family for Commercial Range Finding



The PGEW Series is ideal for commercial range finding applications.

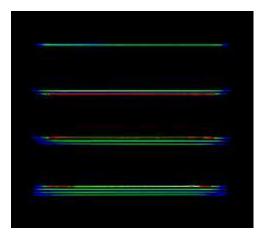
Excelitas Technologies' PGEW Series of single- and multi-epi 905 nm pulsed semiconductor lasers consists of a series of devices having up to four active lasing layers epitaxially grown on a single GaAs substrate chip. This multi-layer design multiplies the output power by the number of epi-layers. For example, the QPGEW quad laser at 225  $\mu m$  active layer width, which has four epitaxially grown lasing layers, delivers an output peak power close to 100 W.

The T1 ¾ (TO-like) plastic encapsulated package complements Excelitas' epi-cavity lasers in hermetic metal packages and are ideally suited for high volume applications. The lasers employ Excelitas' novel multi-active area laser chips to deliver high output power in a small emitting area.

The laser chips of the PGEW family feature stripe widths of 75 and 225  $\mu m$  and come as single (PGEW), double (DPGEW), triple (TPGEW), or quadruple (QPGEW) epi-cavity version. These devices possess a 25° beam divergence in the direction perpendicular to chip surface and a 10° beam spread within the junction plane. The power output shows an excellent stability over the full MIL specification temperature range. Structures are fabricated using metal organic chemical vapour deposition (MOCVD).

Where fiber coupling applications are concerned, the transverse spacing of the epi-cavity active area concentrates more optical power into a smaller geometry allowing for increased optical power coupling into optical fibers.

Peak wavelength is centered near the maximum responsivity of most silicon photodiodes. The PGEW lasers match especially well with devices from the Excelitas epi-APD family C30737. The devices are ideally suited for applications where cost is a primary concern and high volume production capacity is required.



Intensity of light is shown from single-cavity, dual-cavity, triple-cavity and quad-cavity lasers.

#### **Key Features**

- Doubling, tripling or quadrupling of the output power from a single epi-cavity chip with a small active area
- Peak power over 100 W at 20 ns pulse width
- High reliability
- Small emitting areas increase fiber coupled output
- Lower cost plastic packaging for high volume
- RoHS compliant

#### **Applications**

- Laser range finding
- Laser-based speed enforcement
- IR-illumination
- Laser skin therapy



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**Table 1: PGEW Pulsed Laser Family Selection Guide** 

			Typical peak power				
		Total # of emitting	at i <sub>FM</sub> , 100 ns, 10A	at i <sub>FM</sub> , 100 ns, 30A			
Device	Description	stripes	3 mils (75 μm) stripe width	9 mils (225 μm) stripe width			
PGEW1S <b>XX</b> H	Single chip laser – Single epi-cavity	1	6 W	22W			
DPGEW1S <b>XX</b> H	Single chip laser – Double epi-cavity	2	13 W	45W			
TPGEW1S <b>XX</b> H	Single chip laser – Triple epi-cavity	3	20 W	70W			
QPGEW1S <b>XX</b> H	Single chip laser – Quad epi-cavity	4	25 W	85W			

**Table 2: Maximum Ratings** 

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Peak reverse voltage	$V_{RM}$		2	V
Pulse duration	t <sub>w</sub>		100	ns
Duty factor	du		0.1	%
Storage temperature	T <sub>S</sub>	-55	105	°C
Operating temperature	T <sub>OP</sub>	-55	85	°C
Soldering for 5 seconds (leads only)			+260	°C

Table 3: Generic Electro Optical Specifications at 23°C

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Center wavelength of spectral envelope	$\lambda_{C}$	885	905	925	nm
Spectral bandwidth at 50% intensity points	Δλ		5		nm
Wavelength temperature coefficient	Δλ/ΔΤ		0.25		nm/°C
Beam spread (50% peak intensity) parallel to junction plane	ΘΙΙ		10		degrees
Beam spread (50% peak intensity) perpendicular to junction plane	ΘΙ		25		degrees

Table 4: 75 $\mu$ m Stripe Width Family: Operating Characteristics at T<sub>OP</sub>=23°C, i<sub>FM</sub>=10A, t<sub>W</sub>=100ns, prr =1kHz

Parameter		PGEW1S03H	DPGEW1S03H	TPGEW1S03H	QPGEW1S03H <sup>1</sup>	Unit
Minimum Optical Power at i <sub>FM</sub> P <sub>O</sub>		6	12	18	22.5	W
Typical Optical Power at i <sub>FM</sub>	$P_{Otyp}$	6.5	13	20	25	W
# of Emitting stripes	-	1	2	3	4	
Emitting area		75 X 1	75 X 5	75 X 10	75 X 15	μm
Maximum Peak forward Current	i <sub>FM</sub>	10	10	10	10	Α
Typical lasing threshold current		0.5	0.75	0.75	0.75	Α
Typical Forward voltage <sup>2</sup> at i <sub>FM</sub>		3	7	10	15	V

<sup>1.</sup> Operating pulse width for the QPGEW1S03H is 50ns

<sup>2.</sup> Excluding the voltage drop contribution due to the inductive element of the package

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Table 5: 225 $\mu$ m Stripe Width Family: Operating Characteristics at T<sub>OP</sub>=23 $^{\circ}$ C, i<sub>FM</sub>=30A, t<sub>W</sub>=100ns, prr =1kHz

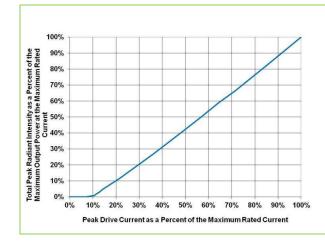
Parameter		PGEW1S09H	DPGEW1S09H	TPGEW1S09H	QPGEW1S09H <sup>3</sup>	Unit
Minimum Optical Power at i <sub>FM</sub>		21	42	65	78	W
Typical Optical Power at i <sub>FM</sub>	P <sub>Otyp</sub>	23	45	70	85	W
# of Emitting stripes	-	1	2	3	4	
Emitting area		225 X 1	225 X 5	225 X 10	225 X 15	μm
Maximum Peak forward Current	i <sub>FM</sub>	30	30	30	30	Α
Typical lasing threshold current		1.5	1.75	1.75	1.75	Α
Typical Forward voltage <sup>4</sup> at i <sub>FM</sub>		4.5	9	12.5	20	V

- 3. Operating pulse width for the QPGEW1S03H is 50ns
- 4. Excluding the voltage drop contribution due to the inductive element of the package

#### **Ordering Guide**

	Х	Р	G	Α	X	Х	S	XX	Н
Double active area	D								
Triple active area	Т								
Quadruple active area	Q								
Pulsed		Р							
905 nm nominal centre wavelength			G						
± 20 nm centre wavelength tolerance				Ε					
Plastic T1 ¾W package					W				
Single chip stack						1			
Stackable chip							S		
0.003" wide laser stripe (75 μm)								03	
0.009" wide laser stripe (225 μm)								09	
RoHS compliance									Н

#### **Electro-Optical Characteristics**



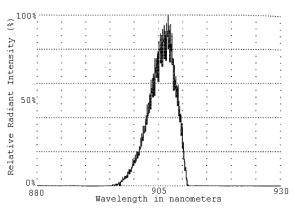
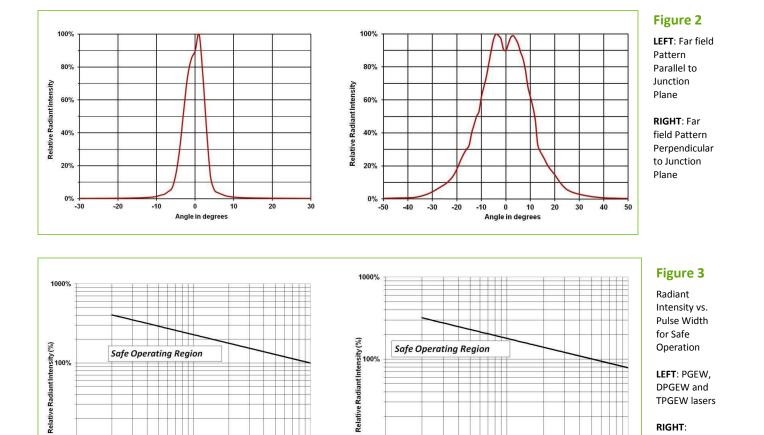


Figure 1

LEFT: Total Peak Radiant Intensity vs. Peak drive Current

**RIGHT**: Spectral Distribution Plot

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DPGEW and **TPGEW lasers** 

RIGHT: **QPGEW** lasers

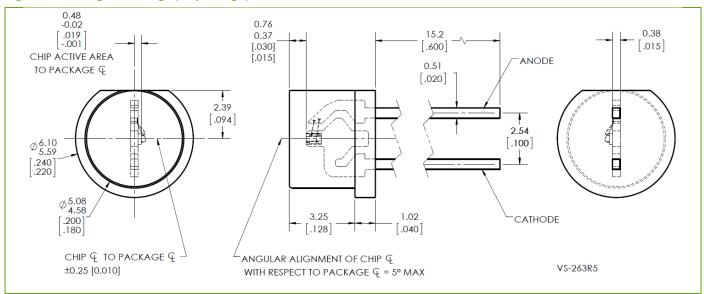
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Pulse Width at FWHM in nanoseconds

Figure 4: Package Drawings (W package)

Pulse Width at FWHM in nanoseconds

10%



10%

Dimensions are in mm [inches], are for reference only and subject to change without notice.

### **Low-Cost High-Power Laser-Diode Family for Commercial Range Finding**

#### **Operating Conditions**

The laser is operated by pulsing current in the forward bias direction.

The Excelitas warranty applies only to devices operated within the maximum rating, as specified. Exceeding these conditions is likely to cause permanent "burn off" damage to the laser facet and consequently a significant reduction in optical power. Operating the devices at increased duty cycles will ultimately and irreparably damage the crystal structure due to internal heating effects.

Diodes are static sensitive and suitable precautions should be taken when removing the units from their antistatic containers. Circuits should be designed to protect the diodes from high current and reverse voltage transients. Voltages exceeding the reverse breakdown of the semiconductor junction are particularly damaging and have been shown to cause degradation of power output.

Although the devices will continue to perform well at elevated temperatures for some thousands of hours, defect mechanisms are accelerated. Optimum long term reliability will be attained with the semiconductor at or below room temperature.

Adequate heat sinking should be employed when operated at maximum duty factor.

#### **For Your Safety**

#### Laser Radiation:

Under operation, these devices produce invisible electromagnetic radiation that may be harmful to the human eye. To ensure that these laser components meet the requirements of Class IIIb laser products, they must not be operated outside their maximum ratings. Power supplies used with these components must be such that the maximum peak forward current cannot be exceeded. It is the responsibility of the user incorporating a laser into a system to certify the Class of use and ensure that it meets the requirements of the ANSI or appropriate authority.

Further details can be obtained in the following publications:

21CFR 1040.10 – "Performance Standards for Light Emitting Products (Laser Products)"

ANSI Z136.1 - "American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers"

**IEC 60825-1** – "Safety of Laser Products"

## **Low-Cost High-Power Laser-Diode Family for Commercial Range Finding**

#### **RoHS Compliance**

This series of laser diodes are designed and built to be fully compliant with the European Union Directive 2011/65/EU — Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in Electrical and Electronic equipment.



#### Warranty

A standard 12-month warranty following shipment applies. Any warranty is null and void if the package window has been opened.

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