ventus with smd12

User Manual
Customer Support

Should the laser fall below acceptable specification performance, please contact our service and support team on +44 161 975 5306 or email: support@laserquantum.com. They will provide initial assistance to rectify the problem remotely. If this is not possible, they will provide you with a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) Form and instruction on how to package and return the laser safely to us for assessment.

For our commitment to the ‘Waste Electrical’ compliance requirements we recommend you to return your systems back to the manufacturing site at end of life.

This take-back service will enable us to put the systems beyond use and disseminate the parts into recycling waste streams.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE LASER WITHOUT PRIOR CONTACT WITH AND AGREEMENT FROM OUR SUPPORT TEAM.

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Warranty Information

Laser Quantum provides a return to base warranty across all our product ranges. See contact details in the Support section. Warranty cover for the laser is subject to proper use, care and protection from mistreatment. Examples of mistreatment include but are not limited to any of the following:

- Any deviation from the instructions laid out in the Operating Manual
- Opening the product or breaking the warranty seals
- Operation in any hostile environment as outlined in the Operating Manual
- Any damage due to operation in unclean environments
- Any substantial mechanical shock
- Any damage through static discharge (this will not occur under normal operation)

The definition of mistreatment and its applicability to the warranty is at the reasonable discretion of Laser Quantum. Laser Quantum’s obligation under this warranty is limited to the replacement or repair of the product which having been returned to the factory is found to be defective, and where the defect was not caused by factors external to the product. Any replacement part/product is under warranty for the remainder of the initial product warranty period.
Summary of EU compliance

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<td>Product name and description</td>
<td>ventus 473/532/561/660/671nm DPSS laser + mpc6000 power supply;通风us 473/532/561/660/671nm DPSS laser + smd12 power supply;</td>
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The declaration is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer and relates to following regulations and technical standards.


**Directive 2014/30/EU Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive:**
- EN 61326-1:2013: Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements. General requirements for immunity and emissions.
- Meeting the requirements for the electromagnetic environment.

**Directive 2011/65/EU Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances (RoHS)**

Further information on Declaration of EU Conformity and product compliance available on request.

❗️ Warning: Serious Personal Injury

Failure to read this manual carefully before operating the laser may result in catastrophic damage to the system which may void the warranty.
Introduction

The *ventus* is a Diode-Pumped Solid-State (DPSS) laser system emitting light in the visible region of the spectrum at 473 nm, 532 nm, 561 nm, 640 nm, 660 nm or 671 nm, depending on the variant ordered. It is a Class 3b or Class 4 laser product. This manual describes the set up requirements and operational procedures to ensure safe operation of the system.

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Use of controls or procedures or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure. Use laser ONLY for the originally intended requirement such as for scientific research, industrial application or for oem integration.

Operational Requirement: Electrical Specification

The **smd12** Power Supply Unit (PSU) requires:

- Input Voltage 12 V DC Acceptable range 11 V to 14 V (Ripple 1% peak to peak)
- Input Current 8 A Minimum of 8 A must be available from the external source

❗ Important Note: The centre pin of the input connector is positive and the external DC source output shall not be referenced to mains ground

Operational Requirement: Environment

Optimal Operating Temperature Range – Laser Head 22°C to 37°C
Maximum Operating Temperature – Laser Head 40°C
Maximum Operating Temperature – PSU 60°C

For optimal performance, the laser head should be mounted onto an appropriate heatsink in a stable environmental temperature. The heatsink requirements will depend on the ambient temperature of the operating environment and the operating power of the laser (section 6).

In the event of the laser head or PSU over-heating, a controlled shut down of the system will occur (Section 6). The system can only be restarted once it has been cooled to a safe temperature.

- Temperature Range: 5°C to 45°C
- Humidity: Non-Condensing
Laser Safety

The ventus is a Class 3b or Class 4 laser product, this is denoted by the laser warning label affixed to the laser head. A further label also appears adjacent to the laser aperture.

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When operating the laser, those in the environment must adhere to the following instructions to avoid eye damage and prevent the risk of fire:

- Laser safety goggles must be worn at all times when the laser is in operation.
- Always ensure the beam is safely collected in a suitable beam stop or that the laser is disabled when not in use.

For a full description of laser safety procedures, the user is referred to Declaration of Conformity standards plus:

- FDA Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 21 Subchapter J section 1040.10 Laser products
- American National Standards for Safe Use of Lasers – ANSI Z136
System Specifications

A full list of parts supplied with the laser systems appear in Section 3 along with the dimensions (mm) and weights (kg). These measurements should be referred to whilst integrating the system.

Parts List

Theventus laser system comes complete with:

-ventus laser head
-smd12 Power Supply Unit (PSU)
-Umbilical Cable – to connect the laser head and PSU

❗ Important Note: Laser head and PSU are NOT interchangeable and must remain paired to meet specification. Pairing with another Laser Quantum PSU should not be attempted as this may damage the laser.

Depending on the purchase specification, some or all of the following items may also be included:

- External Power Supply Source (Mains AC to 12 V DC Desktop Module)
- IEC Mains Lead
- Breakout Cable – to enable RS232 connection
- Interlock Dongle – to enable the laser system (Yellow spot on casing and Yellow LED)
- RemoteApp™ software suite & Operating Manual – delivered on a USB flash drive

❗ Important Note: If a blue/red spot interlock dongle has been supplied the output Power of the laser may be limited by the setting of the Potentiometer which is part of the dongle.

System parts and accessories that meet manufacturer’s specification MUST only be used. DO NOT replace the IEC Mains Lead with alternative inadequately rated leads.
Weights and Dimensions

ventus laser head  
Weight: 0.75 kg

smd12 PSU  
Weight: 0.4 kg
Warning: Serious Personal Injury

The Ventus laser contains components which can be damaged if exposed to an electro-static discharge. Ensure the connector pins on the back of the laser head are never exposed to an electro-static discharge.
Laser Operation

**Switching the laser “on”**

1. Ensure the smd12 is not powered (i.e. 12 V DC source is switched off).
2. Connect the Laser Umbilical Cable to the port marked ‘Laser Umbilical’ on the smd12 before connecting the other end to the laser head. Tighten the locking posts on the screws at both ends so they are finger tight.
3. Switch on the 12 V DC source, this should illuminate the smd12 green power LED. At this stage the thermal control circuitry is activated but no laser emission should occur.
4. The analogue Control port (see Figure 4-2) is multi-functional as it has connections for Interlock, Enable Switch and Laser Power Control/Modulation. The Interlock must be closed to allow the laser to operate and this can be achieved using the supplied green-spot Interlock Dongle.
5. Depending on the Start Up Conditions set for the system the laser may now start to emit laser light

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**Warning: Serious Personal Injury**

If a red spot Interlock Dongle has been supplied with the laser system this will over-ride the need to press the Enable button. Turning the Key Switch to the ‘on’ position will start the laser

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**Power Mode**

The laser operates in Power mode. The laser power is constant, and a feedback control loop maintains the power at the level requested by the operator via the RS232 port.

**Switching the laser “off”**

The laser is switched off by: Removing the interlock dongle; Sending the serial command ‘OFF’. The ventus systems MUST NOT be positioned so that it is difficult to operate the disconnecting devices

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**Control Port – Functionality (Break Out Cable NOT used)**

The smd12 Control Port is multi-functional and allows for both interlock and RS232 communication. Due to this combined function the RS232 pin out is NON-STANDARD. The smd12 can be operated directly via the Control port (see Fig 4.1) by applying 0 to 5 V in accordance with the diagrams in this section.

**9-way Function Table and Pin-Out Diagram**

![Pin-Out Diagram](image)
### Pin Function

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<th>Pin</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>+5 V rail (source)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Interlock (connection 2) and Enable LED anode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enable switch (connection 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Diode current enable (connect to pin 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Ground (GND)</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Interlock (connection 1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Enable LED cathode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Enable switch (connection 2)</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Ground (GND)</td>
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The remote Interlock, Enable and Enable LED can be wired in accordance with the diagrams below [Fig 5-1 & Fig 5-2], to be used as part of a laboratory interlock safety circuit. If either Interlock is broken the system will shut down, the Enable button must be pressed to restart the system.

Connections to the control port shall be “potential free” i.e. isolated from mains voltage by a barrier rated at 3 KV (e.g. Double Insulation, Etc).

The combined electrical resistance of the “Enable Switch”, “Interlock” and associated wiring shall be less than 5 ohms.

If a solid-state device such as an opto-isolator is used as the switching element(s), the total combined voltage drop must not exceed 500 mV.

The current through the “Interlock” and “Enable Switch” circuitry is less than 100 mA. The LED current source is 10 V via a 540 R resistor.

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![Figure 5-1](image1)

![Figure 5-2](image2)

![Figure 5-3](image3)

The PSU has its own 5 V source (pin 1) which must be shorted to pin 4 to allow full Power Mode operation. By wiring a variable potentiometer in accordance with the diagram [Fig 5-3] the laser current can be varied smoothly (Current Mode only).

### Control Port – Functionality (Break Out Cable used)

If a Break Out Cable has been supplied then the PSU Control Port is converted into two ports marked ‘Interlock’ and ‘RS232’ (see Fig 4-1 & Fig 4-3). The Break Out Cable ‘Interlock’ connector pinout.
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The current through the “Interlock” and “Enable Switch” circuitry is less than 100 mA. The LED current source is 5 V via a 150 R resistor.

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**RS232 Port – Functionality**

Control of the laser can be achieved via the RS232 port using a terminal emulator such as HyperTerminal or PUTTY. This allows the operator to:
• Turn the laser on/off
• Control the laser power
• Prompt the processor for information such as laser head/PSU temperature
• Check the laser status

It is necessary to have the Interlock and Enable switches closed via the Control port in order to enable the laser, prior to controlling the laser through the RS232 port. Pins 1 and 4 of the Control port must be shorted together to allow maximum current to be set by the RS232 commands.

Using the Control port without the Break Out Cable (see Fig 4.2)

Pin 2 TXD: RS232 – Transmit
Pin 3 RXD: RS232 – Receive
Pin 5 GND – Ground

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Port settings are:
- Baud Rate: 9,600
- Parity: None
- Stop Bit: 1
- Hand Shaking: None

The operator must wait for a response from the PSU before sending the next command. A response is any text string (including null) followed by a carriage return, Line Feed.

RS232 Port – Serial Commands

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<th>Serial Command</th>
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<td>OFF</td>
<td>Disables the laser, regardless of the interlock status</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Enables the laser subject to Interlock and Enable Switch status</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POWER=###</td>
<td>This sets the output power of the laser. For example, to set a power of 2800 mW, send the string POWER=2800, followed by striking the RETURN key.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POWER?</td>
<td>Returns the power of the laser (read from the internal photodiode)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STEN=YES / NO</td>
<td>Enable (YES) or disables (NO) laser as default at start-up. This serial command must be followed by WRITE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Command</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<tr>
<td>STPOW=###</td>
<td>### is the optical power in mW. Sets the default start-up power. This serial command must be followed by WRITE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACTP=###</td>
<td>### is in mW. Recalibrates the APC mode (See section 5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WRITE</td>
<td>Stores APC calibration, STEN and STPOW in memory</td>
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<tr>
<td>LASTEMP?</td>
<td>Returns the temperature of the laser head in degrees centigrade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSUTEMP?</td>
<td>Returns the temperature of the PSU in degrees centigrade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATUS?</td>
<td>Returns the status of the Interlock</td>
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</table>
| TIMERS?    | Returns the timers of the laser and PSU:  
|            | Time=#####.# Total time the system has been powered                           |
|            | Laser Time=####.# Total time the diodes have been powered                    |
|            | Laser > 1A Time=#####.# Total time the diodes have been powered >1 A         |

The system has been tested for compliance using a 3m serial cable. If a serial cable >3m is used, compliance of the system may be compromised unless optical isolation is used.

RemoteApp

Using Laser Quantum’s unique RemoteApp software suite the laser can be controlled via the RS232 port. The application is supplied on a USB Flash Drive and should install automatically. Alternatively, it can be downloaded from www.laserquantum.com. Follow the on-screen prompts to install the software onto the computer. RemoteApp includes a comprehensive instruction manual which can be accessed via the ‘Help’ and ‘Contents’ tabs.

The RemoteApp can also be used if a remote connection is required by our Service & Support Centre and is a powerful tool if performance optimisation is required.

Re-calibrating the laser power

The laser can be recalibrated at any time during its use to ensure the APC mode is in good agreement with any external power meter device. Recalibration is a simple process that takes place via the RS232 port. The procedure for recalibration requires the RS232 port to be configured for use with a terminal emulator (Section 5). The following procedure must be followed:

1. Select an intermediate power that the laser is capable of reaching. Set the laser to this power by typing the command POWER=###. “###” represents this intermediate or characteristic operating power level in mW.
2. After a period of 5 minutes, measure the actual power using a trusted, external power meter.
3. Type the command ACTP= [external power meter reading in mW].
4. Confirm that the laser has adjusted its power such that the external power meter now reads ###mW within a few mW.
5. If necessary, repeat steps 3 and 4 until the calibration agrees.
6. Once accepted, type the command WRITE to store the new calibration.

**Important Note:** The power is calibrated during manufacture and may be subject to an error of up to 5% as a result of power meter variation. Take extra care to remove back-reflections to the laser. Any magnitude of back reflection may disturb the resonant cavity and will affect the APC feedback control loop.
Cooling Requirements and Power Consumption

Cooling Requirements

The laser has a characteristic warm-up period before it reaches specification; this time depends partly on the heatsink to which it is attached. However, the typical warm-up time is 10 minutes from switch on.

In order for the laser to perform to specification, it must be adequately heatsinked. Operating the laser on an inadequate heatsink will adversely affect its stability and may result in thermal shutdown of the laser head or reduction in beam power. In normal laboratory conditions, a heatsink with dimensions 400 x 400 x 10 mm should be suitable for the laser to operate in accordance with its specifications. Depending upon environmental conditions and power of the laser, additional cooling aid might be required (e.g. TEC, forced air cooling, water cooling). For further information on heatsinking your laser system, please consult your sales representative who may be able to provide a heatsink solution.

ventus laser head

Once the maximum operational temperature for the laser head (see Section 1) has been reached, one of two things will occur: To ensure the correct cooling arrangement the flow direction should be as follows:

1. The current to the diode will immediately be switched off and the laser system will need to be restarted once the temperature has been restored to normal
2. If de-rating is enabled the current will gradually be reduced to zero in order to try to allow the laser head temperature to stabilise. If the current does reach zero the system will need to be restarted. The effects of de-rating are shown in the table below:

<table>
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<th>Current Laser</th>
<th>Head OVERTEMP LED</th>
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<tr>
<td>Begins to de-rate</td>
<td>Flashes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reduced to zero</td>
<td>On</td>
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smd12 PSU

A similar arrangement occurs for the PSU once the maximum operating temperature (see Section 1) has been reached.

⚠️ Important Note: The indicator LED in this instance is marked ‘PSU OVERTEMP LED’.

Power Consumption

The power consumption shown is that which is drawn at the plug from the mains supply in both the Maximum and Typical states. The Maximum power will usually be drawn at start up and the typical power is when all temperatures are stabilized, and the system is operating at the specified power. Peak values are shown in all cases and efficiencies will vary between systems of different wavelengths.

Maximum at 240 V supply – using the supplied External Power Supply Source:

120 W

At the 12 V input the SMD12 can draw maximum of 8.5 A

Laser System:

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<th>Wavelength (nm)</th>
<th>Laser System Output (mW)</th>
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<tr>
<td>473</td>
<td>50 175 350</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>532</td>
<td>50 250 750 1500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>660</td>
<td>50 125 375 750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>671</td>
<td>50 80 250 500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Consumption (W)</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>(Maximum)</td>
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<td>Power Consumption (W)</td>
<td>33</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Typical)</td>
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Example: 473 nm system, operating at 175 mW will consume 60 W maximum and 45 W typical

The heat dissipation of the laser head is approximately 60% of the total power consumption.

### Laser Maintenance

If the **ventus** is operated in a smoky or dirty environment, occasional cleaning of the laser window may be necessary. To perform this procedure, the laser must be turned off and, using optical cloth dampened with research grade methanol, the laser window must be gently wiped.

- **Always** follow the instructions given in this Operating Manual
- **Always** use the PSU which was delivered with the laser and do not attempt to control the laser with any other PSU
- **Ensure** laser is firmly fixed to an appropriate heatsink to allow efficient heat dissipation from the laser head and ensure a thermal equilibrium is achieved. The laser should be held in an environment with temperature stability ±0.1°C to achieve the marketed specifications. Use the laser head power consumption figures to help determine what heat-sink dissipation is needed or speak with your sales representative
- **Never** touch the connector on the laser head with anything other than the Umbilical cable provided and always follow the connection instructions in this Operating Manual
- **Do not** open the laser head or PSU; this will immediately invalidate the warranty
- **Do not** subject the laser head to mechanical shock; if severe this can cause mis-alignment of the laser cavity
- **Do not** allow the output window of the laser to be touched as this may damage the precision optical coatings used. Avoid very dirty atmospheres where dirt may settle on the window
- **Do not** operate or store this laser system in very humid or damp environments

Guaranteed specification will only be achieved at the ordered power level. Laser calibration may not always be accurate at very low powers – for alignment purposes seek external attenuation.

### Liability

Laser Quantum accepts no liability for damage to persons or property caused by incorrect or unsafe use of any of its products; this is the sole responsibility of the user. Proper safety regulations for the use of these products must be observed at all times.