



MegaWatt Lasers, Inc.

Recommended Cooling Specifications and Requirements:

Specifications

- MegaWatt Lasers, Inc. recommends the use of a minimum of 1 Kilowatt (1 kW) cooling, at minimum of 8 liters/min (~2 gal/min), for most of our resonators.
- Careful selection of wetted cooling system components is very important for long pump chamber life.
- Wetted components in the pump chamber include anodized 6061-T6 aluminum, passivated SS 316-L, silicate glass or fused silica, and silicone O-rings.

Materials

- High quality stainless steel, such as 316-L is acceptable, but parts should be passivated.
- Aluminum must be anodized using a high-quality process, such as MIL-A-8625F, Type II, Class 1.
- Titanium is also acceptable and Grade 2 (unalloyed, standard oxygen) has been used successfully.
- Copper and copper alloys, such as brass, should be avoided.
- Many plastics, including polypropylene, polyethylene, Teflon, Delrin, Noryl, etc. have been used successfully, but it is important that these materials do not leach plasticizers into the coolant.
- Wetted materials that are rated for milk transport are often good candidates for cooling system components.
- When considering cooling components, it is important to ensure the components do not introduce contamination into the coolant. This is different from the components being “compatible with distilled or deionized water.”

Coolant

- The pump chamber requires clean deionized water as a coolant.
- The resistivity should be about 1 M Ω -cm (conductivity ~ 1 S/cm) and should be free of organic contamination.
- Ordinary Steam Distilled Water, available from grocery stores usually has a resistivity of 0. 6- 1.2 M Ω -cm and this is acceptable coolant if laboratory distilled or deionized water is not available.
- The UV from the flashlamp will sterilize biological organisms in the coolant.

Deionization Filter

- If all wetted components are inert, it is generally not necessary to use a deionization filter in the cooling system.
- If a deionization filter is used, ensure it does not introduce organic contamination into the coolant.

Service

- If the system will not be operated for more than a month, the cooling system should be drained and dried using filtered compressed air or Ultra High Purity (UHP) nitrogen.
- For a system that is used weekly, the coolant should be changed every six months.

Flashlamp Driver Recommendations:

For lithotripsy applications, typical operational parameters are up to 40 Watts of average laser output power at 10 Hz with an electrical pulse duration of 500 microseconds. Using an M187 flashlamp, the capacitor bank voltage is approximately 700 volts. Usually a relatively large capacitor bank (~ 3000uF) is used and the flashlamp current is switched with an IGBT. The resulting current pulse is roughly “square” in shape. A good laboratory driver would be MegaWatt’s KALD-20-10. This flashlamp driver is also well suited to run most lamp-pumped Er:YAG applications. Contact MegaWatt Lasers for more information

P.O. Box 24190, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925-4190

Phone: (843) 342-7221

sales@megawattasers.com

Fax: (843) 342-7223