

Technical Specifications

Model	Units	530 Dual				530 Single			
Wavelength	nm	850	1300	650	850	850	1300	1300	1550
Wavelength Range	nm	+/- 20	+/-20	+/-20	+/-20	+/-20	+/-20	+/-30	+/-30
Spectral Width (FWHM)	nm	35	135	35	50	35	135	60	50
Stability 1 hr. max. deviation	dB	<0.05	<0.05	<0.15	<0.15	<0.05	<0.05	<0.03	<0.05
Power Output (Set Point min.)	dBm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-18	-20
9/125 SMF		-17	-17	-	-10	-17	-17	-14	-16
50/125 .21 NA GI MMF		-17	-17	-	-9	-17	-17	-13	-15
62.5/125 0.23 NA GI MMF		-10	-14	-	-8	-10	-10	-12	-14
100/140 0.29 NA GI MMF		-10	-12	-	-7	-10	-10	-12	-14
200/240 0.22 NA SI MMF*		-	-	-3	-	-	-	-	-
980/1000 POF		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Modulation Frequencies	Hz	270, 1000, 2000		270, 1000, 200 + External Modulation Capable up to 1 MHz					
Functions		MOD (CW DC or modulated output mode), SOURCE (selectable frequency)							
Auto Shutoff/ Shutoff Disable		Unit powers down 15 min. after last key has been depressed. User-selectable disable function							
Power	V	Requires one 9 Volt alkaline battery (>20 hrs. battery life*)							

Specifications subject to change without notice.

*Typical

BOLD TYPE are standard LED sources.

RS232 Bus Port Option—See Addendum for Commands

Battery

The battery is easily replaced via the back sliding compartment door. The light source should be "OFF", and the battery properly connected and seated within the compartment. If a high power LED is used in the light source, longer-life alkaline batteries are recommended. Higher power LEDs draw high current, substantially reducing battery life.

External Modulation

The external modulation port is intended to provide a simple, digital optical signal from an input electrical signal. Connection is made through an electrical SMA connector at the top of the light source. An input signal of 0—5 Volt (max.) is converted into a pulse waveform at the input signal frequency. A frequency up to 1 MHz can be applied.

Warning

Operation of this LED Light Source must conform to the specifications and instructions provided herein. Please read and understand the entire contents of this manual before operation.

Connector Interface Cleaning

It is important that the connector interface be kept clean and free of contamination. Prior to insertion of any connector into the light source optical port(s), proper cleaning of the connector should be done to industry-standard procedures. Various cleaning methods include commercial adhesive cleaners (CLE-TOP, etc.), or swabbing the connector end with alcohol and dusting/drying with canned air.



Adaptors

Cercis offers an option of FC optical port or interchangeable click-on/click-off precision machined stainless steel connector adaptors (SC, FC, ST & 2.5 mm ferrule universal).

Calibration and Maintenance

Each **Cercis** light source is calibrated to NIST traceable standards. The unit should be returned to **Cercis** on an annual basis for recalibration.

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On/Off	AUTO SHUTOFF(default) Depress key & hold ~1 sec. For NO SHUTOFF
Source	Turn source on/off; depress for +/- 1 dB Dual Source: Depress 1X for 1st; 2X for 2nd; hold for +/- 1 dB
MOD	1X—270 Hz 2X—1000 Hz 3X—2000 Hz (Single Only) 4X—External modulation
Serial No: Part No: NIST Cal: Traceable Due:	
Made in USA	

The label shown at left is on the back of each **Cercis** LED Light Source..

Included are brief operating instructions, annunciator meanings, unique serial number, **Cercis** part number, the calibration date and recalibration due date.

Limited Warranty

Cercis makes every effort to assure that its products meet high quality and durability standards, and warrants to the original purchaser that the product be free from defects in materials and workmanship: 1 year limited warranty (unless otherwise specified)

Warranty does not apply to defects due directly or indirectly to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents, repairs or alternations made outside our facilities or to a lack of maintenance. Cercis limits all implied warranties to the period specified above from the date the product was purchased. Except as stated herein, any implied warranties of merchantability and fitness are excluded. Cercis shall in no event be liable for death, injuries to persons or property or for incidental, contingent, special or consequential damage arising from the use of its products. To take advantage of this warranty, the product must be approved for return for examination, postage prepaid, to Cercis. Proof of purchase date and an explanation of the complaint must accompany the merchandise. If our inspection discloses a defect, Cercis will either repair or replace the product with a product of equal or higher performance. If it is determined that the defect resulted from causes not within the scope of Cercis warranty, then the purchaser must bear the cost of repair and return shipping.

Operator's Manual



Model 530 LED Light Source

Easy as 1, 2, 3 ... or

Operating Instructions

1) Depress **ON/OFF** key to turn the light source on and off. The default is **AUTO SHUTOFF** which automatically turns off the light source if a key is not depressed within 15 minutes. Depress any button within the 15 min. interval to restart the timer.

Override to **NO AUTO SHUTOFF** by holding the **ON/OFF** key down ~ 1 second, disabling the power saver feature and the light source will not shutoff until (unless) the battery discharges or an operator pushes **ON/OFF**.

2) Press and release the **SOURCE** key to activate the source.

Single Source: Calibrated output power

Depress and hold **SOURCE** key to cycle the power up 1 dB or down 1 dB from the calibrated output power level (std.-20 dBm).

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On/Off, Source & MOD

Dual Source: Depress **SOURCE** 1X to illuminate the 1st source (850 nm); depress 2X for the 2nd source (1300 nm). Depress and hold **SOURCE** key to cycle either source up 1 dB or down 1 dB from the calibrated output power level (std. -20 dBm). All calibrated wavelength options are NIST traceable.

3) Press **MOD** key 1X for 270 Hz modulation (the green indicator LED slowly blinks); 2X for 1000 Hz modulation (the indicator LED blinks faster); 3X for 2000 Hz modulation (the indicator LED blinks rapidly). For single sources, depress 4X for external modulation (up to 1 MHz—the indicator LED will remain illuminated). Depressing MOD again will turn off modulation. Modulation can also be turned off by depressing **SOURCE** key or **ON/OFF** (which will turn the light source off) key.

For optimum results, select the light source best suited to your power meter range.



Reference this manual for proper operation and maintenance of your **Cercis** Model 530 LED Light Source.

After a command is received, the 530_R will prompt for any required parameters by sending a “?” character. The program must wait for the prompt before sending each parameter. If an error is encountered at any time, the 530_R will send the appropriate error code (see Table A) and terminate the command. After a command is successfully completed, the 530_R will return “OK”; a new command may then be issued.

All commands and parameters must be received by the 530_R within a user programmable timeout period. This timeout period defaults to approximately 3 seconds at power on, but may be changed by issuing the TMO command. If a command or parameter is not received within the timeout period, a “TIMEOUT ERROR” code is returned & the command is terminated.

Below is an example of a typical command and return sequence which illustrates sending the GSI (get source information) command/parameter and receiving a response. In the example, (CR) is the RETURN character (ASCII 13 decimal, OD hexadecimal), the text after and including the “;” is a comment only for explanation and should not be part of the program.

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Send:   GSI(CR)      ; GSI get source info command
Receive: ?          ; request source # parameter
Send:   1(CR)       ; send source #1 parameter
Receive: LED,850nm:100uW(CR); source info
Receive: OK(CR)    ; command completed
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The returned information is dependent on the source installed in the instrument in position #1 and may be different than example.

The following is a GSI command where the parameter send is for an invalid source number (3). The 530_R replies with an error code and terminates the command.

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Send:   GSI(CR)      ; GSI get source info command
Receive: ?          ; request source # parameter
Send:   5(CR)       ; send source #5 parameter
Receive: 107(CR)   ; error #107 invalid source
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1.2 Software Control Scheme

The Model 530_R LED source is designed to be custom configured with user specified LEDs. In order to allow the software to accommodate custom configurations, the instrument is controlled by the remote control software via source ID handles. ID handles are simply numeric values corresponding to the physical light source.

1.3 Error Codes—Table A

The following table lists all the standard Error codes and explanations. There may be additional error codes available if the instrument has been customized for added features; see any available appendices.

Table A: Error Codes		
Code	Error	Description
E100	Null Error	Internal use
E101	Error None	Internal use
E102	Unrecognized Command	Command issued is not recognized
E103	Command Syntax	Command syntax error
E104	Parameter Syntax	Parameter syntax error
E105	Parameter Range	Parameter value is out of range
E106	Buffer Overflow	Secondary receive buffer overflow
E107	Source Unavailable	Source not installed or greater than 2
E109	Invalid Mode	Power meter mode is not valid
E110	Timeout Error	Serial timeout expired

1.4 Command Set—Table B

Table B gives a listing of all the Model 530_R commands in alphabetical order.

Table B: Command Set	
Mnemonic	Command
GHV	Get Hardware Version
GMN	Get Model
GMO	Get Current Mode
GNS	Get Number of Sources
GRD	Get Current Reading
GSI	Get Source Information
GSV	Get Software Version
MOD	Modulation Enable— 1 = No Modulation 2 = 270 Hz 3 = 1000 Hz 4 = 2000 Hz
SDE	Source Disable
SEN	Source Enable
TMO	Serial Timeout

COMMAND NAME:
Enable Modulation
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
MOD
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
None
DESCRIPTION:
Sets the modulation
1 = No Modulation 2 = 270 Hz 3 = 1000 Hz 4 = 2000 Hz
EXAMPLE:
Send: MOD(CR)
Receive: ?
Receive: 2(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
Source ENable
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
SEN
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
One
PARAMETER TYPE
Integer
PARAMETER RANGE
1 to number of sources
DESCRIPTION:
Enable light source number
EXAMPLE:
Send: SEN(CR)
Receive: ?
Send: 1(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
Source Disable
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
SDE
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
One
PARAMETER TYPE
Integer
PARAMETER RANGE
1 to number of sources
DESCRIPTION:
Disable light source number
EXAMPLE:
Send: SDE(CR)
Receive: ?
Send: 1(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

1.5 Command Set Descriptions

Following is a list of all commands including command name, command mnemonic, number of parameters, parameter name, parameter type, parameter range, command description and command example

COMMAND NAME:
Get Hardware Version
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
GHV
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
None
DESCRIPTION:
Returns the instrument hardware revision number
EXAMPLE:
Send: GHV(CR)
Receive: Hardware V2.00(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
Get Model Number
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
GMN
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
None
DESCRIPTION:
Returns the model number and any custom modifiers to the base model number
EXAMPLE:
Send: GMN(CR)
Receive: Model 530_R(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
Get Source Information
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
GSI
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
One
PARAMETER TYPE
Integer
PARAMETER RANGE
1 to number of sources
DESCRIPTION:
Returns information on the source requested
EXAMPLE:
Send: GSI(CR)
Receive: ?
Send: 1(CR)
Receive: LED:850nm:100uW(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
Get Number of Sources
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
GNS
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
None
DESCRIPTION:
Returns the number of light sources (1 or 2, single or dual)
EXAMPLE:
Send: GNS(CR)
Receive: 2(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
Get Software Version
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
GSV
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
None
DESCRIPTION:
Returns the instrument firmware revision number
EXAMPLE:
Send: GSV(CR)
Receive: Firmware V2.00(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

COMMAND NAME:
set the TiMeOut value
COMMAND MNEMONIC:
TMO
NUMBER OF PARAMETERS:
1
PARAMETER TYPE
Integer
PARAMETER RANGE
0 to 255
DESCRIPTION:
Sets a new time out value for serial communications. The value is a relative number with 255 corresponding to approximately 3 second timeout
EXAMPLE:
Send: TMO(CR)
Receive: ?
Send: 200(CR)
Receive: OK(CR)

RS232 Bus Port—Programming for Remote Operation

1.0 Overview

The Model 530_R programming interface enables the user to remotely control the instrument using a PC. The RS232 serial bus port is located on the side of the unit. The interface operates using standard RS-232 serial bus ASCII text communications. It is compatible with DOS, Windows, Mac or Linux operating systems.

Software to control the 530_R can be easily programmed using various platforms such as Microsoft Visual Basic^R, or Visual C++^R, and National Instruments Labview^R or any programming language allowing ASCII text communications over the PC hardware RS-232 serial bus.

The programming interface includes a full set of commands to allow the user to control the instrument and obtain various system configuration information and measurement results.

1.1 Communications Protocol

The 530_R hardware RS-232 serial port is a 3 wire implementation using the RxD, TxD and GND pins of the standard RS-232 interface. All communications flow control handshaking is performed in software by the programming interface. The serial communication parameters are fixed at the following values

BAUD RATE, 9600
DATA BITS, 8
STOP BITS, 1
PARITY, none
FLOW CONTROL, none

These COM port parameters should be setup using either the operating system or programming language commands.

All communications to and from the 530_R are by ASCII text string commands, parameters and returned values. Commands, parameters and return values are terminated by a RETURN character, CR (ASCII 13 decimal, 0D hexadecimal). The 530_R contains an internal hardware receive buffer which is 4 bytes long. All commands and parameters must be 4 bytes or less (including the terminating CR) or a buffer overflow may result.