



Laser Speckle Reducer LSR-3000 Series

Speckle noise from a laser-based system is reduced by dynamically diffusing the laser beam. A diffuser is bonded to a thin elastic membrane, which includes four independent electro-active polymer electrodes that induce a circular oscillation of the diffuser in x- and y-direction. The LSR-3000 Series integrates fully certified drive electronics powered through a single micro-USB connector. Two sizes are available: the LSR-3005 and the LSR-3010 that respectively exhibit a clear aperture of 5 mm and 10 mm. The following table outlines the specification of Optotune's LSR-3000 Series. The diffusion angle can be adapted on demand.

Mechanical specifications

	LSR-3005	LSR-3010	
Clear aperture	5	10	mm
Outer diameter	41	48	mm
Thickness	8.8	8.8	mm
Weight	24.43	32.84	g

Electrical specifications¹

Power supply (micro-USB interface)	5	5	VDC
Power consumption	310	310	mW

Optical specifications

Diffusion angle (FWHM)	1°/10°/20°	1°/10°/20°	
Transmission spectrum ²	see figures 2&3	see figures 2&3	
Damage threshold ²	>3	>3	W/cm ²
Oscillation frequency	~300	~180	Hz
Oscillation amplitude (peak to peak)	~300	~400	µm

Thermal specifications

Storage temperature	[-40,+85]	[-40,+85]	°C
Operating temperature	[-30,+85]	[-30,+85]	°C

Figure 1 (a-c) show the effect of the LSR-3005 on a laser spot ($\lambda = 650 \text{ nm}$, $P = 5 \text{ mW}$).

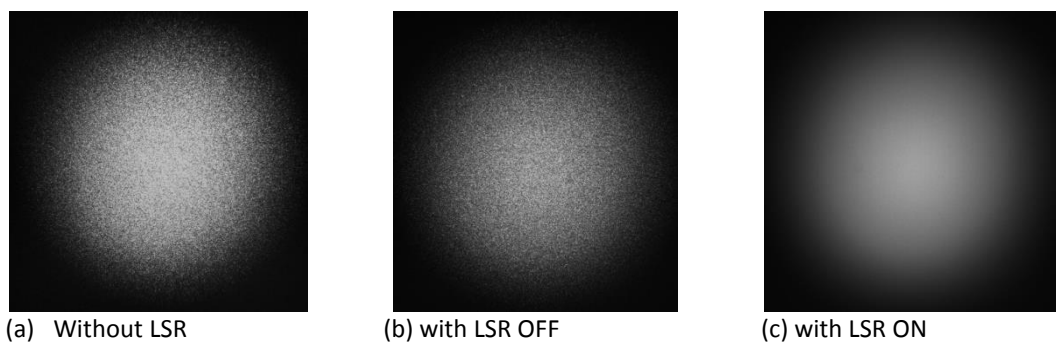


Figure 1: CCD images of a laser spot without and with LSR-3005 on.

¹ 100-230 VAC to 5 VDC micro-USB power supply provided by Optotune

² The standard LSR comes with polycarbonate diffusers. On request, custom diffusers made of proprietary polymers are available, which offer a higher transmission range and a damage threshold of 300 W/cm². Furthermore, it is possible to build LSRs with coated glass diffusers of similar size and weight.

The following two figures show the transmission spectrum of the LSR-3000 Series with standard polycarbonate diffusers and coated BK7 cover glasses. In addition to the dynamic diffuser, standard products ship with a 1° static diffuser to increase speckle reduction efficiency.

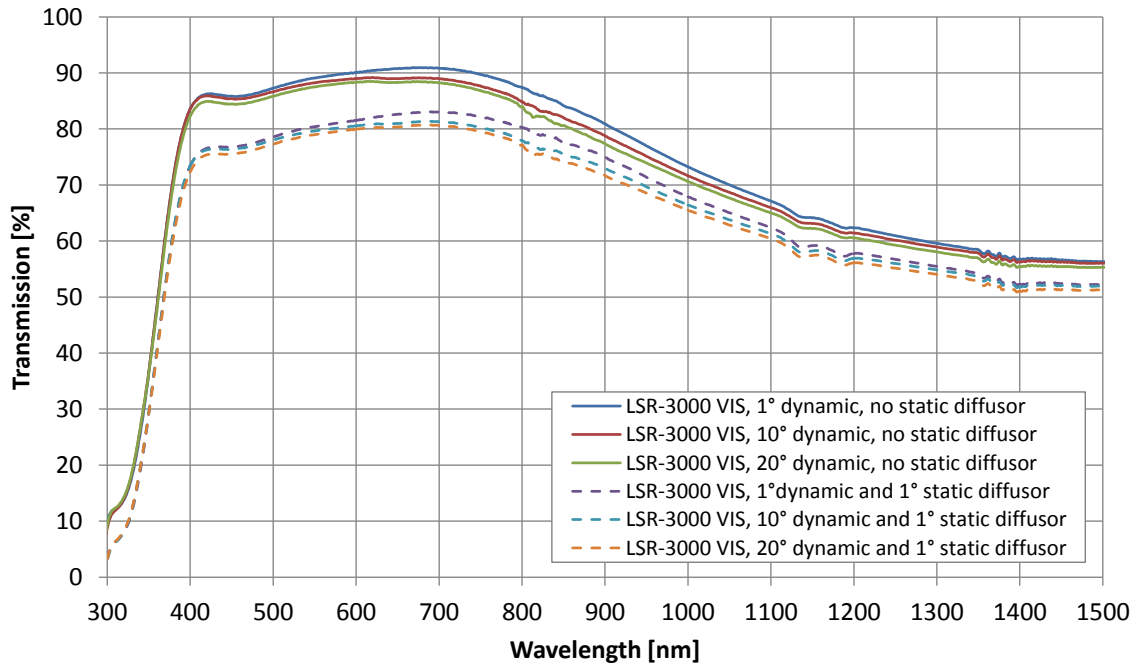


Figure 2: Transmission spectrum of the LSR-3000 series with VIS-coated cover glasses (0° angle of incidence)

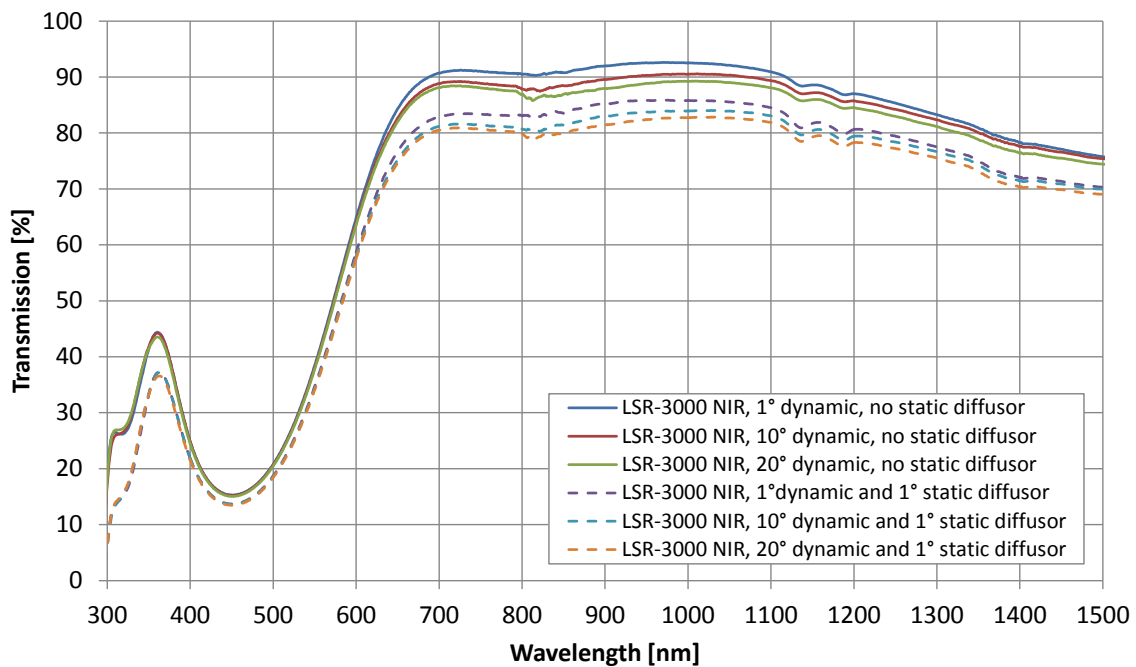


Figure 3: Transmission spectrum of the LSR-3000 series with NIR-coated cover glasses (0° angle of incidence)

Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the dimensions of the LSR-3005 and the LSR-3010, respectively. The housing exhibits a M4 thread, in order to facilitate the integration of the LSR on an optical table. The power supply interface is made through a micro-USB connector. The LSR-3000 series is also available without housing (see datasheet of LSR-OEM).

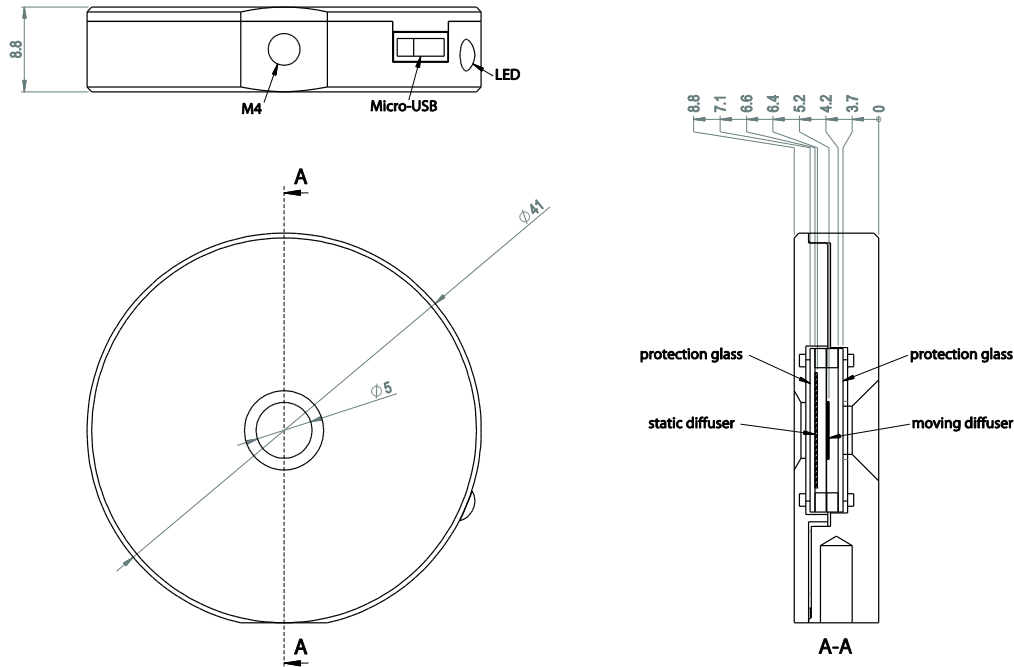


Figure 4: Mechanical drawing of the LSR-3005 (unit: mm)

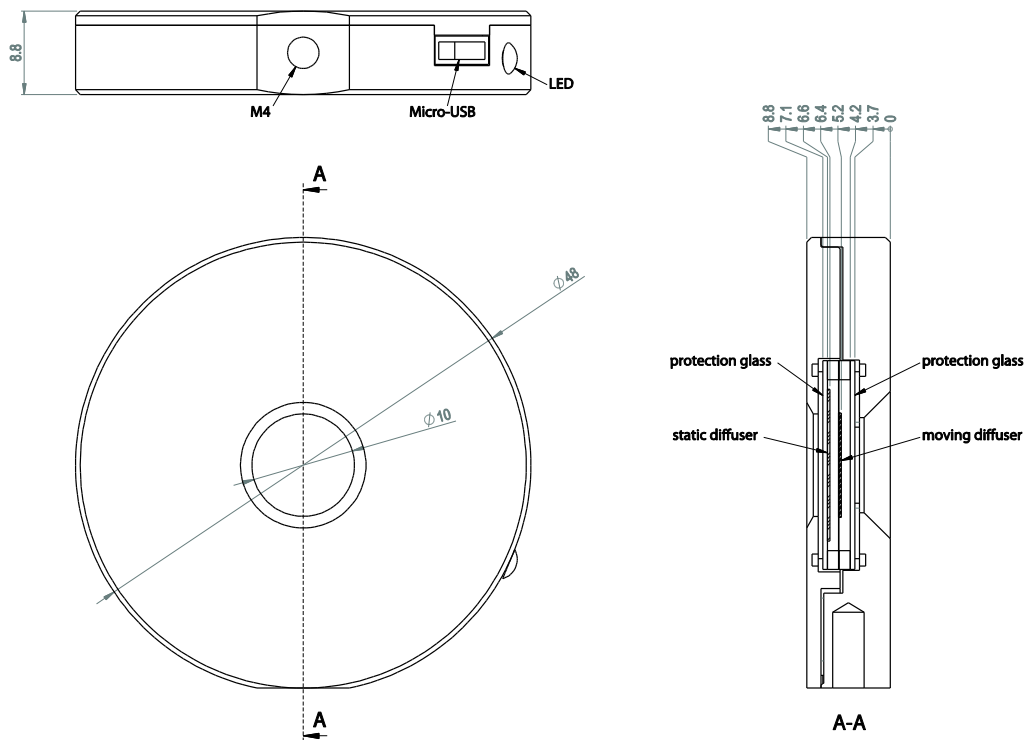


Figure 5: Mechanical drawing of the LSR-3010 (unit: mm)

Life time

The LSR has passed the following accelerated aging tests. The tests were performed on 5-10 samples each and are considered as passed if the oscillation amplitude of all samples did not change more than 5%.

Test	LSR-3005
A1 – High temperature (operating): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test temperature: 85°C ± 5°C Test duration: 48 hours Reference: JESD22-A108-B, JESD47-A and JESD74 	Passed
A2 – Low temperature (operating): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test temperature: -30°C ± 5°C Test duration: 48 hours Reference: JESD22-A108-B, JESD47-A 	Passed
A3.1 – Temperature cycling (non-operating): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low temperature: -40°C, high temperature: +85°C Transition time: < 3 minutes Test duration: 30 min for each under low and high temperature Number of cycles: 100 cycles Recovery time: 2 hours References: IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2 and IEC 60068-2-14 	Passed
A3.2 – Damp heat cycling (non-operating): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low temperature: 25°C, high temperature: +55°C Test humidity: 90-100% relative humidity Test duration: 12 hours dwell Temperature change rate: Less than 1°C per minute Number of cycles: 18 cycles Recovery time: No recovery time References: IEC 60068-2-30 Db Variant 1 	Passed
A4 – High temperature (non-operating): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test temperature: Static 85 +/- 2 °C Test humidity: Less than 20 g/m³ of water vapor (corresponding to approximately 50% relative humidity at 35 °C) Test duration: 168 hours Temperature change rate: Less than 1°C per minute Reference: IEC 60068-2-2 Bb 	Passed
Operating lifetime test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test temperature: 22 +/- 2 °C Test duration: 6000 hours Driving frequency: 300 Hz 	Passed
Shock test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400g for 1ms duration 5 pulses in each direction (30 pulses in total) 	Passed

Table 1: Environmental and accelerated aging tests performed on the LSR Series

Ordering information for standard products

The LSR-3000 can be delivered with two sizes of clear aperture, three different diffusing angles (circular) and two types of cover glasses. When ordering, please refer to these specifications as follows:

LSR-30CA-θ-AR

CA = Clear aperture (05 or 10 mm)

θ = Diffusion angle (1°, 10° or 20°)

AR= Antireflection coating (VIS or NIR)

Example: LSR-3005-20-VIS refers to a speckle reducer of 5 mm aperture with a diffusion angle of 20° and VIS coated cover glasses.

Custom products

Optotune offers customized versions of the LSR. This datasheet only contains variations of the LSR-3000 Series products. For LSRs with substantially smaller or larger apertures, please contact sales@optotune.com.

Diffusers

In principle, any type of diffuser can be used as long as size and weight are similar to the standard polycarbonate diffuser. Optotune has several types of polycarbonate diffusers in stock (circular: 0.5°, 2°, 3°, 5°, 30°, 40°, elliptical: on demand e.g. 40°x0.1°) and can also produce diffusers of a proprietary polymer material, which offers a higher transmission range (see Figure 6) and a damage threshold of 300 W/cm². Furthermore, it is possible to use specialty coated glass diffusers if they are light enough. If necessary, it is also possible to remove the membrane from the optical path.

The following table summarizes these options:

Diffuser type	Polycarbonate (standard)	Optotune proprietary polymer	Glass diffusers (typical)
Thickness	250 μm	150 – 300 μm	As thin as possible
Density	1.2 g/cm ³	1.2 g/cm ³	2.2 g/cm ³
Weight			
5 mm aperture ³	8.5 mg	5.1 – 10.1 mg	up to 20 mg
10mm aperture	28.5 mg	17.1 – 34.2 mg	up to 70 mg
Resonant frequency			$\omega \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{m}}$
5 mm aperture ³	300 Hz	275 – 385 Hz	
10mm aperture	180 Hz	165 – 230 Hz	
Transmission range	350 – 1550 nm	240 – 2500 nm	170 – 12000 nm (depending on material)
Damage threshold	> 3W/cm ²	> 300 W/cm ²	1 kW/cm ² (depending on material)

Please note that diffusers cannot be exchanged after the LSR has been produced. Also, when using customized diffusers it might be necessary to select an appropriate cover glass to match the transmission range.

³ Note: The 5mm and 10mm aperture LSR is usually equipped with 6mm and 11mm diameter diffuser, respectively.

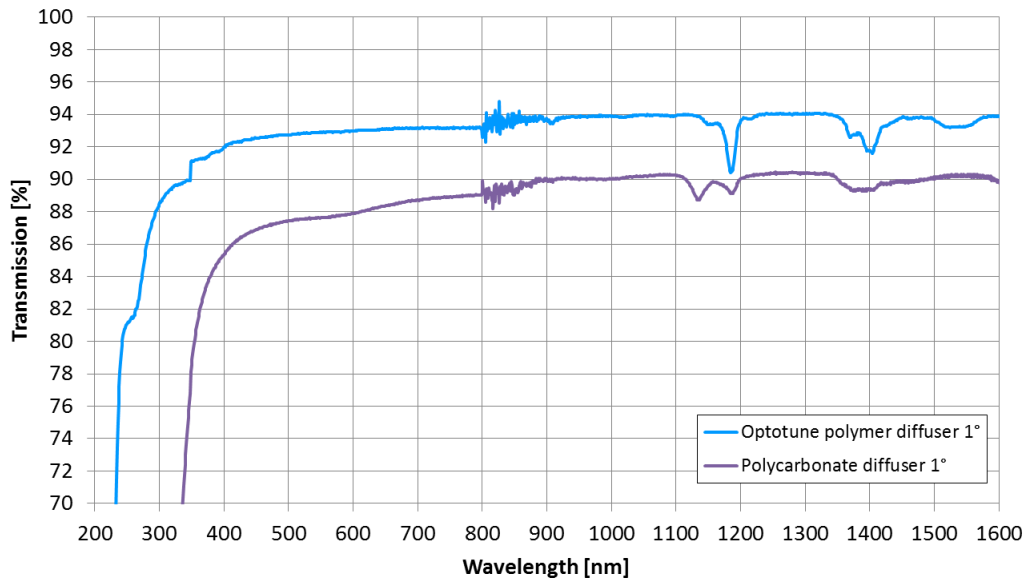


Figure 6: Comparison of standard polycarbonate diffusers and Optotune's proprietary diffuser material

Cover glasses

Cover glasses can be customized with respect to material and AR-coating. The standard cover glasses are VIS or NIR coated BK7. If the LSR is to be integrated into a clean environment, then the cover glasses can be omitted.

Frequency

The oscillation frequency is set to the measured resonant frequency of the LSR during production. With the current standard electronics it is not possible to change that frequency after production. However, Optotune can provide customized electronics to control both voltage and frequency of the electro-active polymer.