FEATURES

High Efficiency: ≥90%

Maximum Output Current: 2A

No Heat Sink Required

Current and Power Programming, Modulation & Monitoring Capabilities.

Current Output Noise: 0.05%

High Stability: 100ppm/°C

Zero EMI

Compact Size

DIP Package Available

APPLICATIONS

DPSSL, EDFA, and instrumentation diode lasers.

DESCRIPTION

The LDA1-CP1 is an electronic module designed for driving diode lasers (P type) with well controlled and monitored driving current and output laser power. Its PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) output stage achieves ≥90% high power efficiency, eliminating the need for a heat sink. The output current and laser power can be set linearly by two separate input voltages and monitored linearly at the same time by two output voltages respectively. It comes with a high stability low noise 2.5V reference voltage which can be used for setting the output current and as voltage references for external ADCs and DACs.

LDA1-CP1 is packaged in a 6 sided metal enclosure, which blocks EMIs (Electro-Magnetic Interferences) to prevent the controller and other electronics from interfering each other.

The LDA1-CP1 physical photo is shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 is the actual size top view of the LDA1-CP1, which shows the pin names and locations. Its thickness is 4.6mm. The LDA1-CP1 pin functions are shown in table 1.



Figure 1 Physical Photo

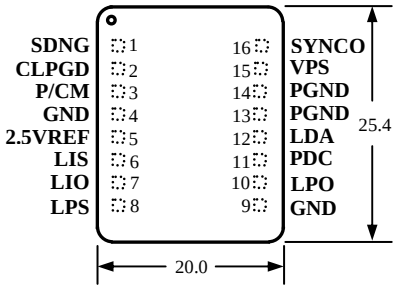


Figure 2 Pin Names and Locations

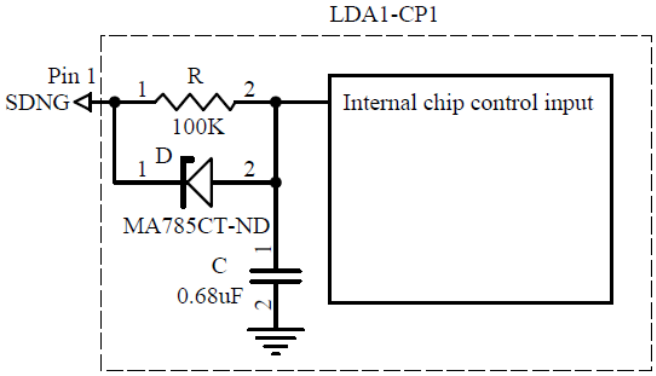


Figure 3 Internal Shut down Circuit

Table 1 Pin Function Descriptions

Pin #	Pin Name	Pin Type	Description
1	SDNG	Digital input	Shut down control. Negative logic, at the internal chip control input: >2.3V = enable, <0.5V = shut down, normal threshold voltage = 1.2V. Its internal circuit is shown in Figure 3 above. The diode is for shortening the shut down time.
2	CLPGD	Digital output	Control loop good indication. A HI level indicates control loop locked. This pin is an open drain output and pulled up by a 20K resistor to VPS.
3	P/CM	Analog output	Power/current mode indication. HI = power mode, LO = current mode. Low output impedance, capable of driving 20mA load.
4	GND	Signal ground	Signal ground pin. Connect ADC and DAC grounds to here.
5	2.5VREF	Analog output	Reference voltage. It is used by the internal DACs as the reference voltage. It can source 3mA max, with 5μVp-p noise @ 0.1 to 10 Hz and 25ppm/°C stability max.

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6	LIS	Analog input	Laser current set-point voltage. 0V to 2.5V sets the output current from 0 to 2A linearly. The input impedance of this pin is 100KΩ. This pin can be set by an external analog signal source, such as the output of a closed-looped op-amp, POT, or DAC.
7	LIO	Analog output	Laser current output indication. 0V to 2.5V indicates the laser current of from 0A to 2A linearly.
8	LPS	Analog input	Laser power set-point voltage. 0V to 2.5V sets the laser output power from 0 to the maximum value linearly. The input impedance of this pin is 100KΩ. This pin can be set by an external analog signal source, such as the output of a closed-looped op-amp, POT, or DAC.
9	GND	Signal ground	The same as Pin 4
10	LPO	Analog output	Laser power output voltage. Low impedance output. This is the output of the TIA (Trans-Impedance Amplifier) for the photodiode in the laser. The trans-impedance is set by an external resister between LPO pin and PDC (pin 11). See the schematic in Figure 4 or Figure 5.
11	PDC	Analog input	Photodiode cathode. This is the negative input of the TIA. See Pin 10 description and Figure 4 or Figure 5 for the usage of this pin. If the PD's capacitance exceeds 10pF, put a capacitor of about the same value in parallel with R1 for compensation.
12	LDA	Analog output	Laser diode anode. Connect it to the anode of the laser diode. This pin is used to drive a laser of which the cathode is connected to the case and the case is connected to the ground. See Figure 4 or Figure 5.
13	PGND	Power ground	Power ground pin. Connect it directly to the laser's cathode which is also the case of the laser. See Figure 4 or Figure 5.
14	PGND	Power ground	Power ground pin. Connect it directly to power supply return rail.
15	VPS	Power input	Power supply voltage. The driver works from 3.0V to 6.0V.
16	SYNCO	Digital output	Synchronization output. This pin can be used to synchronize another switch mode driver such as for a TEC (Thermo-Electric Cooler) or a power supply so that the other drivers will not interfere with this laser driver. The switching frequency is set at 700 KHz. There is a 10K resistor between this pin and the switcher output. This pin can also be used to see the switcher's output voltage, see measure its duty cycle and magnitude.

SPECIFICATIONS

Table 2 Characteristics ($T_{ambient}$ = 25°C)

Parameter	Value	Unit/Note
Maximum output current	2	A
Maximum output voltage on LDA	0.9 × Vps	V
Laser current and power indication voltage	0 ~ 2.5	V
Laser current indication absolute accuracy	±0.5%	-
Laser current set-point voltage	0 ~ 2.5	V
Laser power set-point voltage	0 ~ 2.5	V
Laser driver efficiency	≥90%	-
Current output noise	0.05%	RMS@2A
Power supply input voltage	3.0 ~ 6.0	V
Output reference voltage	2.5	V
Operating temperature	0 ~ 85	°C

CALIBRATE THE TIA TRANS-IMPEDANCE

Since the relationship between the output current of the PD (Photo Diode) inside the laser and the output laser power varies greatly from different laser diodes, the trans-impedance of the TIA needs to be calibrated to match the laser diode's need.

The calibration procedure is as follows:

Read the laser diode datasheet carefully. According to the laser power needed, find the corresponding current at room temperature. Let's call it Normal Operating Current, NOC.

Set the laser driver to output 1.2 times the NOC (See the description about LIS (pin 6)). For example, if 200mA NOC is needed for outputting a desired laser power of 100mW, set the laser driver to output 240mA current, i.e., set

$$LIS = 2.5V \times 0.24A/2A = 0.3V.$$

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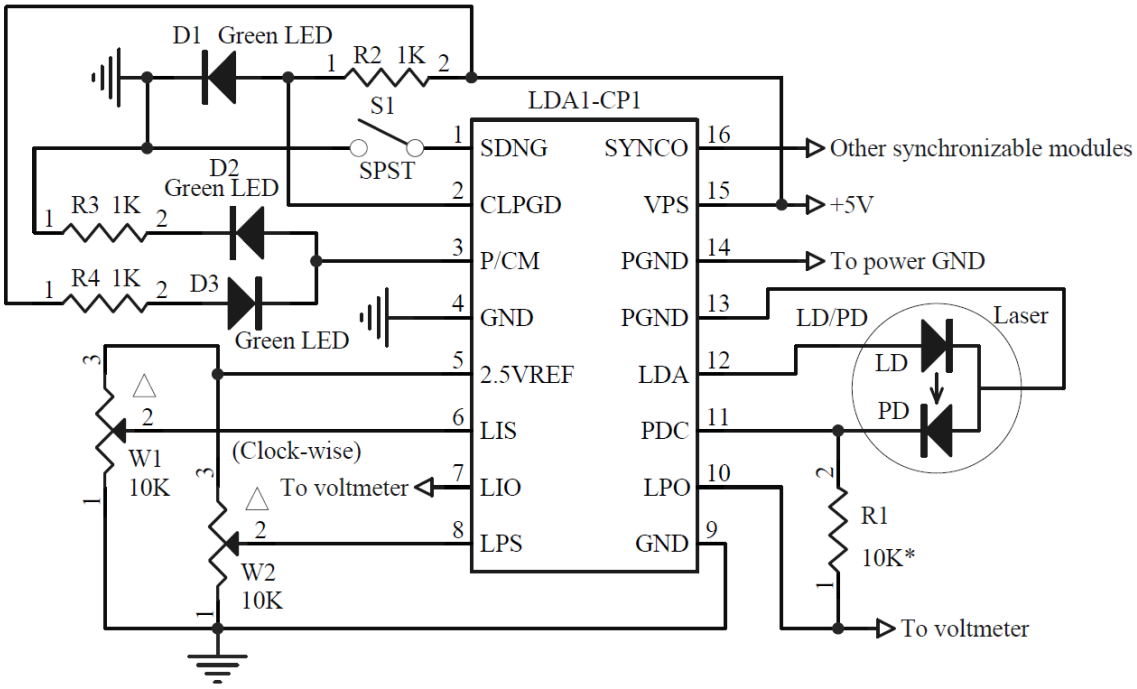


Figure 4 A Typical Self-contained Application Schematic

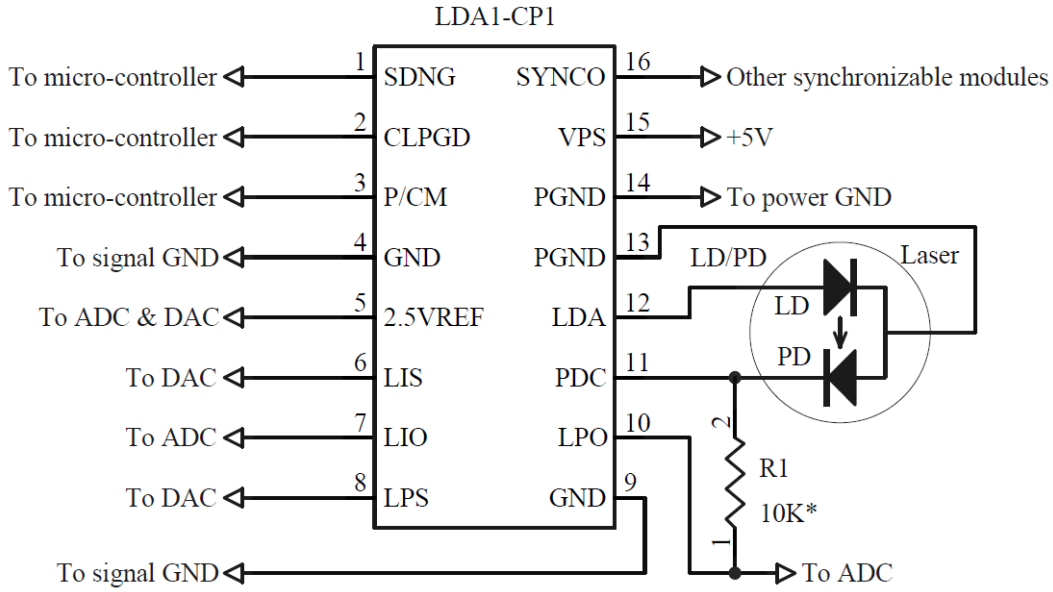


Figure 5 A Typical Micro-processor Based Application

Connect LPS to the 2.5V reference (pin 5), or turn the POT W2 all way up, see Figure 4. Adjust R1 slowly till the mode monitor pin is pulled up, indicating a constant power mode, and the LIO pin indicating the output current equals the normal operating current, i.e.:

$$LIO = 2.5V \times 0.2A/2A = 0.25V.$$

If you have an optical power meter, check the output power if see if it matches the desired the power. If not, adjust R1 till the output laser power equals the desired value. Measure of the output current after this step, set the protection current to 1.2 times of this current, i.e., set

$$LIS = 1.2 \times LIO$$

when the laser is outputting the desired power. The laser is now operating at a constant power mode. When the temperature changes for too much, after years' operation, or by some fault, the laser may be turned to current mode. Even at that time, the laser will at most be receiving 1.2 times the NOC, which will not damage the laser.

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MODE SETTING

A. Set the driver to constant current mode without over power protection

In this mode, the laser is always operating at constant current mode.

1. Set

   $$LIS = 2.5V \times I_{laser} / 2.0A,$$

   where I_{laser} is the set-point laser current.

2. Make sure that LPS is higher than LPO. This can be done by connecting LPS (pin 8) to the voltage reference 2.5V, pin 5, and PDC (pin 11) to LPO (pin 10).

B. Set the driver to constant current mode with over power protection

In this mode, the laser is operating at the constant current mode until the laser output power reaches the preset maximum power, the protection power, when this happens, the laser will be operating in a constant power mode.

1. Set

   $$LIS = 2.5V \times I_{laser}/2.0A,$$

   where I_{laser} is the set-point laser current.

2. Set LPS to the voltage generated at the LPO pin by the internal TIA when the laser is outputting the protection power level. The TIA converts the current of the power-sensing PD (Photo Diode) into a voltage, with the gain set by an external resistor connected between the PDC and LPO pins. Make sure that the set-point laser current is at least 5% less than the current needed to generate the protection laser power level.

C. Set the driver to constant power mode without over current protection

In this mode, the laser is always operating in the constant power mode (up to the maximum rated current of 2.0A).

1. Connect LIS to 2.5V reference pin.

2. Set LPS to the voltage value which is generated at the LPO pin by the internal TIA (Trans-Impedance Amplifier) when the laser is outputting the set-point power. The TIA converts the current of the power-sensing PD (Photo Diode) into a voltage, with the gain set by an external resistor connected between the PDC and LPO pins. Make sure that the laser can output the set-point power by a current of less than 1.90A.

D. Set the driver to constant power mode with over current protection

In this mode, the laser is operating in the constant power mode unless the laser current reaches a predetermined protection current. When the laser reaches the protection current, the laser will be operating in constant current mode.

1. Set

   $$LIS = 2.5V \times I_{protect} / 2.0A,$$

   where $I_{protect}$ is the predetermined protection current.

2. Set LPS to the voltage value which is generated at the LPO pin by the internal TIA (Trans-Impedance Amplifier) when the laser is outputting the set-point power. The TIA converts the current of the power-sensing PD (Photo Diode) into a voltage, with the gain set by an external resistor connected between the PDC and LPO pins. Make sure that the laser can output the set-point power by a current of less than 95% of the protection current.

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MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS

The driver comes in only one package: through hole mount. It is often called DIP (Dual Inline package) or D (short for DIP) package and has a part number: LDA1-CP1-D. The through hole package can be mounted in a socket, soldered manually, or soldered through the wave soldering process.

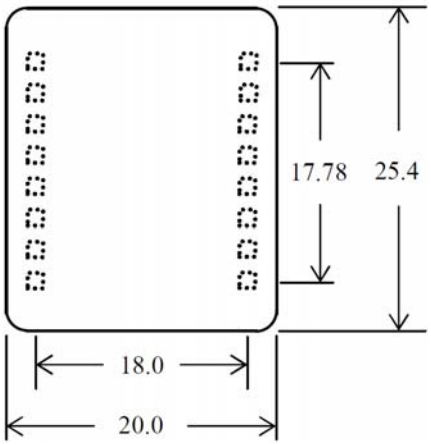


Figure 6 Top View of LDA1-CP1-D

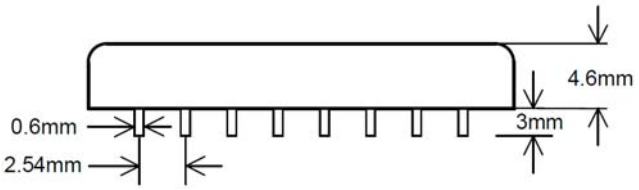


Figure 7 Side View of LDA1-CP1-D

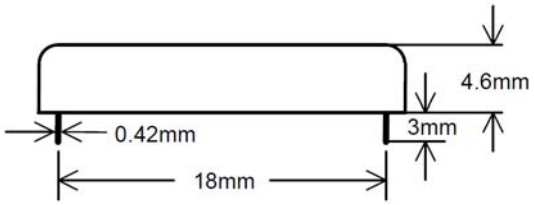


Figure 8 End View of LDA1-CP1-D

Figure 6 shows top view of LDA1-CP1-D, therefore, it is a "see through" view.

Figure 7 shows side view of LDA1-CP1-D.

Figure 8 shows end view of LDA1-CP1-D.

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ORDERING INFORMATION

Table 3 Part Number

Part #	Description
LDA1-CP1-D	The 2A dual mode laser controller in DIP package is designed for driving P type diode lasers

Table 4 Prices

Quantity	1 ~ 9 PCs	10 ~ 49 PCs	50 ~ 199 PCs	200 ~ 999 PCs	≥ 1000 PCs
LDA1-CP1-D	$110	$98	$85	$79	$69

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