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ILX LIGHTWAVE

## ILX Lightwave LDX-3525: Precision Current Source, 200/500 mA, LDX-3500B Series

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MODEL

**ILX Lightwave  
LDX-3525**

CALIBRATION

**Available on  
request**

CONDITION

**Used**

STATUS

**In stock**

RFQ / SKU

**LDX-3525**

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**This unit**

The ILX Lightwave LDX-3525 is a microprocessor-controlled precision current source designed for laser diode control across the LDX-3500B series. It delivers stable, accurate current output in two selectable ranges - 200 mA and 500 mA - with exceptional setpoint resolution and accuracy. The instrument operates in three modes: Constant Current (CC) CW for low-bandwidth applications, high-bandwidth CC for modulation up to 500 kHz, and Constant Optical Power (APC) for closed-loop control. Integrated photodiode current measurement (0–5000  $\mu$ A range, 1  $\mu$ A resolution) enables direct optical feedback. Multiple laser diode protection circuits - including independent hardware current limits, slow-start turn-on, output shorting relay with semiconductor switch, and adjustable voltage limits - ensure safe, reliable operation in research, development, and production environments.

**Technical Specifications**

**Output Current** 200 mA or 500 mA selectable ranges  
**Setpoint resolution:** 50–100  $\mu$ A (200 mA) / 125–150  $\mu$ A (500 mA)  
**Setpoint accuracy:**  $\pm 0.1\%$  of full scale ( $\pm 0.2$  mA /  $\pm 0.5$  mA)  
**Output current accuracy at 25°C:**  $\pm 0.2$  mA (200 mA) /  $\pm 0.5$  mA (500 mA)  
**Temperature coefficient:**  $< 50$  ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C  
**Short-term stability (1 hour):**  $< 20$  ppm at half-scale  
**Long-term stability (24 hours):**  $< 50$  ppm at half-scale  
**Noise and ripple:**  $< 2$   $\mu$ A rms (CW) /  $< 4$   $\mu$ A rms (modulation, 100 kHz bandwidth)  
**Compliance & Power** Maximum compliance voltage: 7 V  
Input power: 95–125 VAC or 210–250 VAC, 50–60 Hz  
**Photodiode Measurement** Current range: 0–5000  $\mu$ A (0–5.000 mA)  
Resolution: 1  $\mu$ A  
**Modulation & Control** Analog modulation input: Up to 500 kHz (differential input)  
Analog output for remote monitoring  
**Calibration:** Closed-case via front panel or USB 2.0; data stored in non-volatile memory

**Key Features**

Microprocessor control with three operating modes (CC-CW, CC-HBW, APC)  
Independent hardware current limits with adjustable thresholds  
Slow-start turn-on and output shorting relay (normally closed) plus semiconductor switch  
Power line surge and EFT transient protection  
Intermittent contact protection

**Typical Applications**

Laser diode testing and characterization  
High-speed modulation experiments  
Optical power stabilization  
Production-line laser driver validation

**Compatibility & Integration**

USB 2.0 interface for control and calibration management; differential modulation input enables flexible ground configurations for multi-channel test setups.

## Features & description

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From manufacturer datasheet

### Features

- Dual current ranges: 200 mA and 500 mA
- Compliance voltage approximately 7 V
- Constant-current (CC) and constant-power (CP) modes with PD feedback
- Analog modulation input
- Analog monitor output
- Laser-diode protection: current limits and slow start
- 4-digit front-panel display
- 9-pin D-sub output connector

# LDX3525 Characteristics / Specifications

| PARAMETER              | VALUE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Model                  | LDX-3525 (LDX3525)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Manufacturer           | ILX Lightwave                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Instrument Type        | Precision Laser Diode Current Source                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Series                 | LDX-3500                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Current Ranges         | 200 mA and 500 mA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Compliance Voltage     | approximately 7 V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Setpoint Accuracy      | ±0.1% class                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Noise/Ripple (CW)      | less than 2 µA rms class                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Operating Modes        | Constant current (CC); constant power (CP) with photodiode feedback                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Modulation             | Analog modulation input                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Monitor                | Analog monitor output                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Protection             | Current limits, slow start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Display                | 4-digit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Output Connector       | 9-pin D-sub Standard Operating Conditions Select appropriate current range for the diode under test. Configure protection limits before enabling output. Use CP mode only with a properly connected monitor photodiode per manual.                                                                                                                                           |
| Dual current ranges    | 200 mA and 500 mA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Laser-diode protection | current limits and slow start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

# Full OEM specifications

Complete technical content extracted from the manufacturer datasheet. Sparse OEM tables are reconstructed as tables below; other text is preserved as paragraphs.

Specifications

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| Series             | LDX-3500                             |
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| Compliance Voltage | approximately 7 V                    |
| Setpoint Accuracy  | ±0.1% class                          |

Short-Term Stability: less than 20 ppm

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Operational Notes

The LDX3525 is the standard ILX model; LDX-3525B is a later USB-interface successor—do not assume B-series features unless the faceplate confirms 3525B. Alias LDX3525 / LDX-3525.

### Available from Aumictech

Used and refurbished unit evaluated in-house. Calibration: Available on request. Used · In stock.

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