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OptioLaser S300

Liquid Laser Sensor

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the HAWK OptioLaser.

The OptioLaser S300 Series is user configurable, allowing for optimized performance of your application. The OptioLaser uses an infrared semiconductor, GaAs laser diode. A light energy wavelength of approximately 905 nanometers, with a beam divergence of 3 milliradians (equal to 3ft at 1000ft), travels to the fluid being measured. Any liquids in its path will reflect back a certain percentage of emitted light energy. The OptioLaser calculates the distance, based on the time it takes a laser pulse to travel to the liquid and back.

	Description	Part Number
OptioLaser	OptioLaser S300 series	OL70068XX
	Serial to USB adapter	OLXXXX
	AC to DC Power Cable	OL7054691

	Description	Part Number
Remote indication	Handheld calibrator / programmer	OLTRT438008
	Wall mount display	OLPD260006H7

	Description	Part Number
Accessories	Tank Adapter	OL7035146
	4” Flange	OL3004960
	Diffuser Lens	OL7024972
	Spanner Wrench (necessary for tightening tank adapter)	OL9034501
	Swivel Mount	OL3004959

Safety Precautions

- Avoid staring directly at the laser beam for prolonged periods. The OptioLaser is designed to meet FDA eye safety requirements and is classified as eye safe to FDA (CFR21) Class I 7 mm limits, meaning that virtually no hazard is associated with directly viewing the laser output under normal conditions. As with any laser device, however, reasonable precautions should be taken in its operation.
- It is recommended that you avoid staring into the transmit aperture while firing the laser. The use of optical instruments with this product may increase eye hazard.
- Never point the instrument directly at the sun.
- The Class 2 Alignment Laser Exit Aperture is located on the upper portion of the Front Plate between the Transmit and Receive Lenses of the Class 1 Measurement Laser.

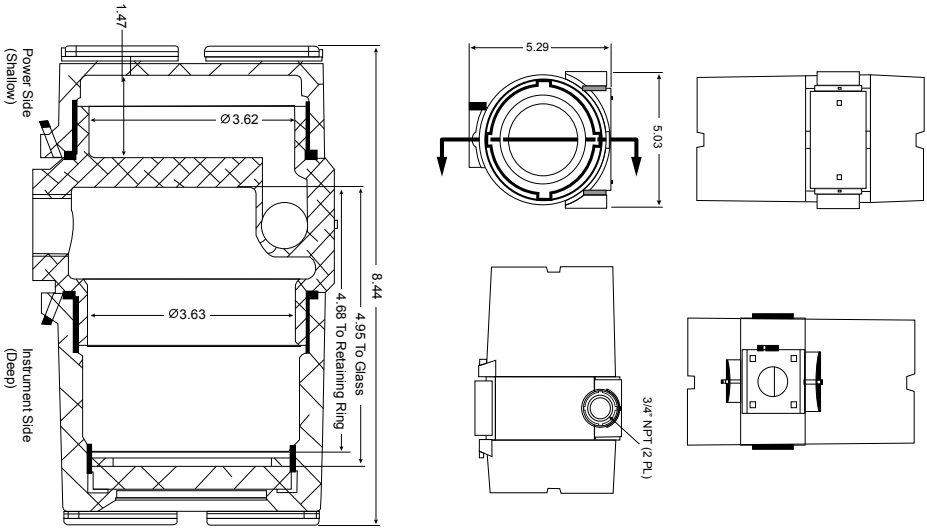
OptioLaser S300 series comes standard with the laser already installed inside the ruggedized housing plus

- Serial to USB adapter
- AC to DC power adapter

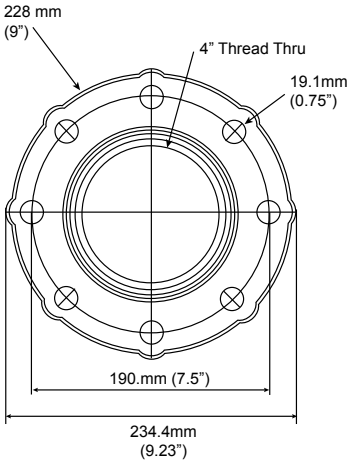
Outputs for each model

Models	I/O				
	Visible Alignment Laser	RS232	4-20	4-20 HART	Trigger
S300		●			●
S310	●	●			●
S330	●	●	●	●	

OptioLaser



Ruggedized 4” Flange Tank Adapter



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Attach tank adapter to lens side of laser, via set screws

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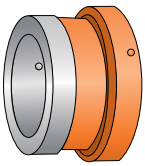
Screw the 4 inch flange fully onto the tank adapter (as far down as it will go until the parts are tightly fastened).

4” Flange



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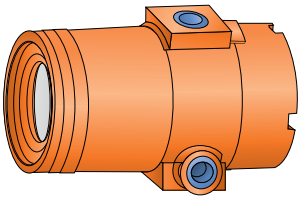


Ruggedized Enclosure

- It is recommended to get familiar with the sensor performance and configuration in a controlled environment.
- After unpacking, power up the unit with the supplied cabling and connect the DB9 pin serial connector to a serial I/O devise such as a PC.
- A DB9 to USB adapter and power and communication cable is included with the unit from Hawk Measurement.
- When using the OptioLaser, communicate using either the supplied interface software, a terminal emulation program such a HyperTerminal or HART, depending upon your options.
- Default = 115200 baud rate, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no flow control.

Measurement Technique

Seeing a Target

The OptioLaser uses infrared laser light to measure distance. This invisible light emits from the transmitter lens of the sensor, reflects off the liquid and returns to the receiver lens. The distance is calculated by comparing this transit time.

The ability of a laser sensor to measure to a liquid depends on the fluid's reflectance and any interference between the sensor and target such as steam, fog, etc. Reflectance is determined by color, opacity, distance, angle of reflection, as well as the density of any ambient interference between the sensor and the liquid. For example, a lighter colored liquid is more reflective than a clear one; heavy steam will reduce the signal strength more than a light mist.

The OptioLaser S300 can measure any liquid within its specified range, even penetrating steam and mist. A good rule of thumb when measuring with a laser: if you can visibly see the target, the laser can as well.

Window Application

When measuring through a window, ensure the face plate of the sensor is 3mm or closer to the window, since reflections will increase with a larger gap and could result in measurement error, due to "cross-talk". Cross-talk occurs when a reflection from a very close reflector (like a window) is combined with the actual target reflection, leading to an inaccurate measurement.

Beam Diameter

Beam Diameter at the Target = Free Aperture + (Divergence x Range)

Free Aperture = 23mm
Divergence = 3mrad
Distance to target = 100m

Beam Diameter at the Target = 0.023 + (0.003 x 100) = 0.323m

Therefore, Beam Diameter is 32.3 cm (12.7") at 100m (328ft)

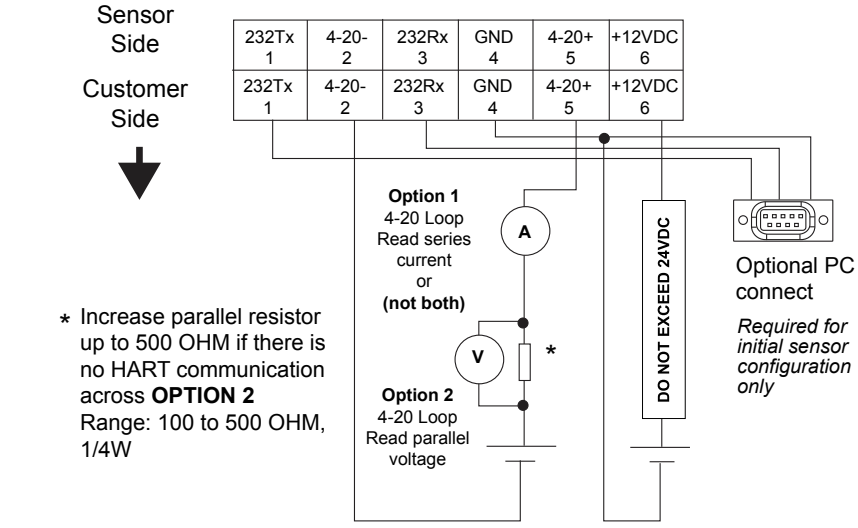
OptioLaser

The OptioLaser has wiring information printed inside the rear cover of the unit.

Ensure your power source is deactivated

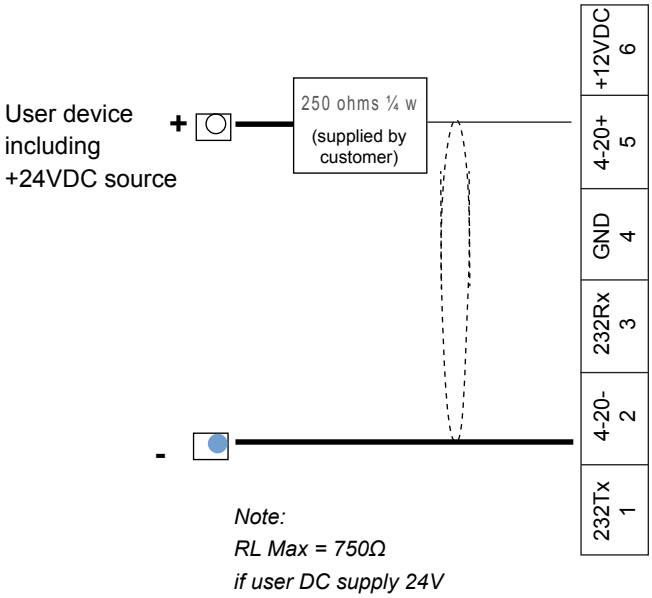
- Unscrew the rear cover to expose the terminal block to access the wiring.
- Pass cables through the cable entry gland before wiring into the terminal block.
- Tighten cable entry gland(s) and cover to ensure sealing is effective.

Note: DO NOT EXCEED 24VDC



Please note: The OptioLaser 4-20mA output is passive, thus it requires 24VDC from a user device such as a PLC input, DCS or indicator in order to function.

Sinking Type Output (2 wire loop powered)

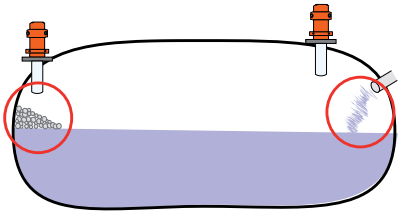


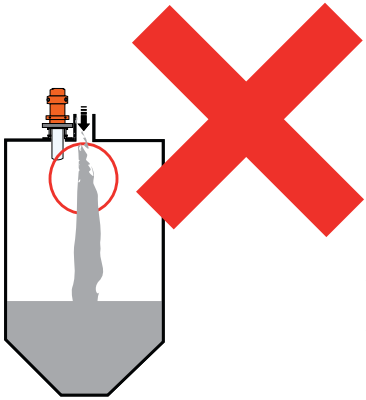
Note:
RL Max = 750Ω
if user DC supply 24V

OptioLaser output is sinking current. Voltage to drive current loop must be provided by PLC, indicator, other user device or external DC supply.

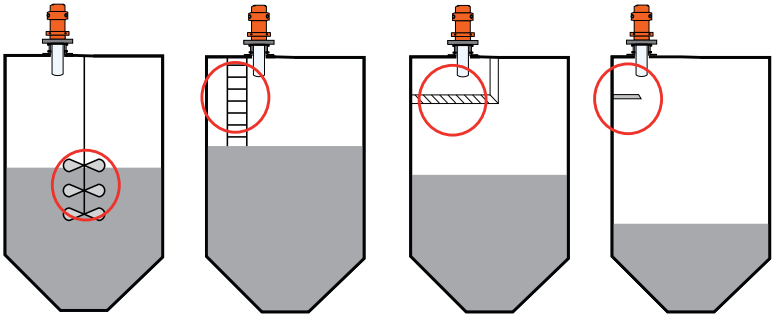
These are examples of common INCORRECT mountings which can prevent the unit from operating correctly

Do **NOT** mount near

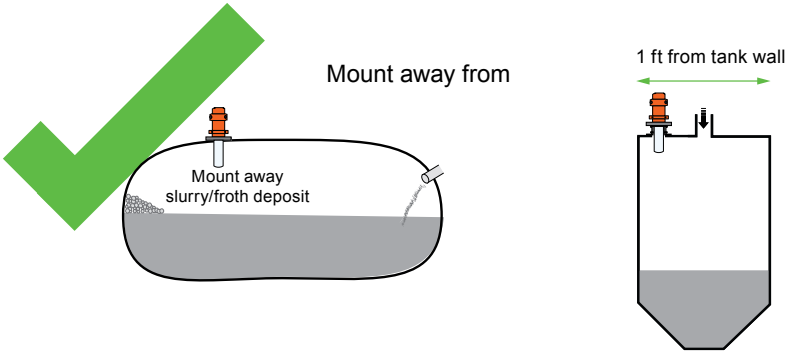




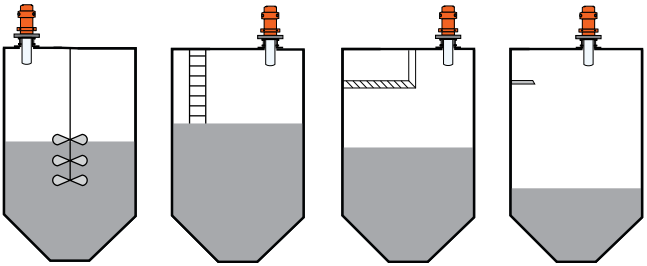
Do **NOT** mount over or adjacent to **any** obstacles



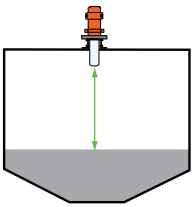
Recommended installation of laser is at least 1 ft (25 cm) away from tank wall



Mount away from all obstacles



Mount perpendicular to product



Laser

- Selecting a suitable position to mount the laser is the single **MOST IMPORTANT** step.
- Please read the installation guide or contact HAWK representative if you have any doubts or questions. Observe minimum range specification of 1.5ft.
- Use common sense when selecting the mounting position. *A clear line of sight is required.*
- Take into account the change in material shape and level. The laser must reflect back to the receiver.
- Keep **away from the inflow** to avoid interference.

Process Conditions

- Ensure the process conditions within the vessel such as temperature, pressure and chemical composition of contents are within the unit's specifications. The unit should not normally come into contact with the measured content.

Moisture Seal

- Cable glands with moisture seals must be used and tightened around the cable. Any unused glands must be sealed.

Moisture Protection

- The lenses of the sensor should be kept clear of excessive contamination for optimal performance.

Cleaning

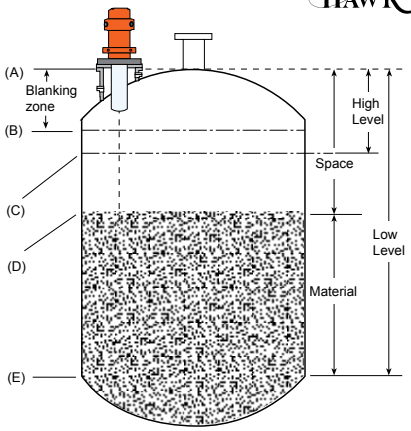
- **Excess Moisture:** Towel off excess moisture and air dry the instrument at room temperature.
- **Exterior Dirt:** Wipe exterior surfaces clean
- **Dirty Lenses:** Use a lint free soft cloth to remove surface dust and loose particles from transmit and receive lenses. To clean a lens, moisten it with lens cleaning solution and wipe it clean with a lens cloth or lens tissue.

After the unit has been installed, mounted and powered you can now enter the settings to get the unit operational in your application conditions. To start configuration, you will need to have the following information:

- Blanking Zone (at least 1.5 ft (46 cm) or greater)
- End of Blanking Zone
- High Level
- Product Level being measured
- Low Level

(A)	Transducer Face - Top of Flange
(B)	End of Blanking Zone
(C)	High Level or 100% (20mA) position
(D)	Product Level being measured
(E)	Low Level or 0% (4mA) position

High Level = Distance A to C
Low Level = Distance A to E



Computer Interface

- **Device:** Model
- **SN:** Device serial number
- **Red "Laser On":** Laser is firing
- **Counter:** Measurement count
- **Enable Visible Laser Pointer:** Alignment laser
- **Disconnect:** Terminates communication stop
- **Start / Stop Measurement:** Laser starts / stops measuring
- **EXIT:** Exits programming
- **Terminal:** Brings up Terminal Mode. User can type in commands and see response as well as scrolling data as the sensor is measuring
- **Configure Sensor:** Accesses setup menus.

Terminal

- User may enter commands in the lower window. The data scrolls in the main window
- **Dump Parameters:** Scrolls the settings in the sensor for review
- **Send Command:** Sends commands entered in input window to laser
- **Clear:** Clears commands entered in input window.

Configure Sensor

- The interface will read the configuration from the sensor
- **Measurement Mode:** Selection based on the maximum range.
- **Range Units:** User may select measurement units.
- **Offset:** Adds or subtracts from overall measurement.
- **Autostart:** Enable Autostart for sensor to automatically begin measuring on power up.
- **Load Device from File:** Upload file settings from saved file to sensor.
- **Backup Device:** Save Current Sensor settings to file.
- **Restore Factory Defaults:** Load settings from the factory from non-volatile memory.
- **Apply & Save to File:** Load menu settings to sensor and save file.
- **Apply & Exit:** Save menu settings to sensor and exit programming.
- **Exit:** Exit programming and return to measurement mode.

Targets Tab

- **Target Selection:** Target Discrimination Menu. User selects target based on application.

  FIRST: The measurement output represents the distance to the first target the units sees that is above the minimum detection level.

IMPORTANT:

Not to be chosen when using the ruggedized housing

STRONGEST: The measurement output represents the distance to the strongest target the unit sees that is above the minimum detection level.

LAST: Multiple target operating mode. This allows the unit to detect multiple target reflections along the measurement line, allowing weaker distant targets to eventually be detected beyond stronger (closer) targets. Example: measuring liquids thru mist and steam.

Target Fluid Characteristics

- Slow moving water / small waves
- Rough water / Large waves
- Flat surface / still tube

Data Rate Tab

- User selects data update rate. In this example, the update is set to 1Hz or 1 measurement per second.
- User sets both windows to “0” for maximum update rate of 14Hz using these settings.
- Example #1: The user wants an update rate of 5Hz.
  They would enter 1 for number of measurements and 0.2 (the inverse of 5) for delay between measurements.
- Example #2: The user wants 1 reading every 10 seconds. They would enter 1 for number of Measurements and 10 for delay between measurements.

4-20mA Tab

- 4-20 menu allows the user to set ranges at 4 and 20 scale.
- Error current is set here as well.
- A difference of at least 6.6 ft (2m) must be between the range of 4mA and 20mA
- After settings are made, it is necessary to Apply & Exit

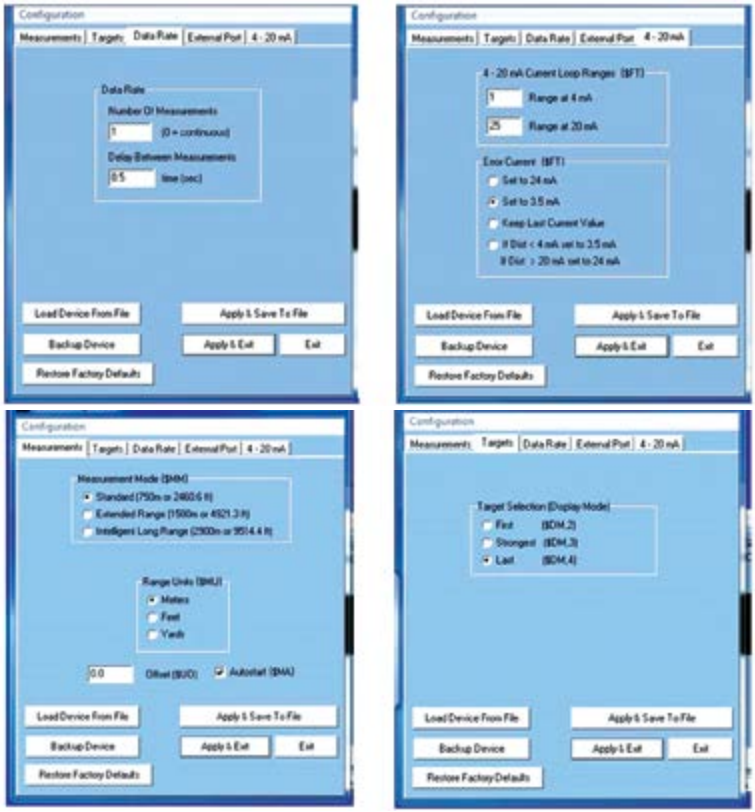
These examples are not absolute - sensor setup configuration varies depending on ambient conditions, target integrity, distance, constraints, and user requirements.

Tank Measurement

Consideration: Measure the liquid in a tank, thru ambient conditions such as mist and steam.

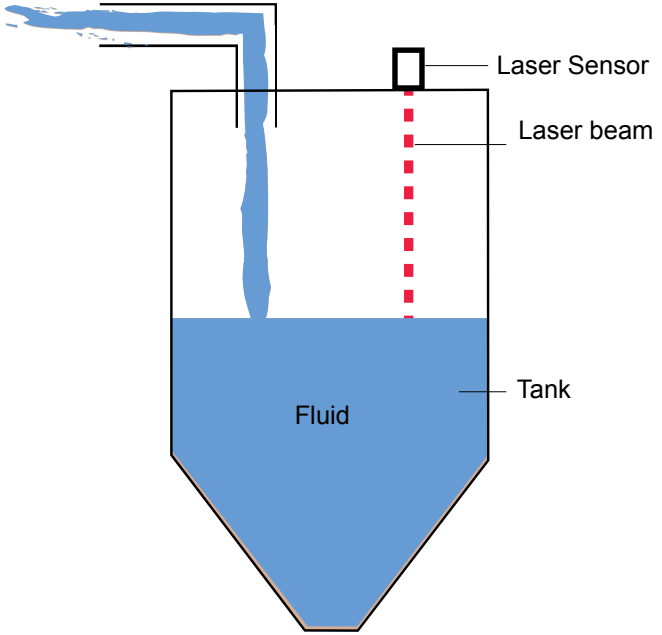
Summary:

- In this example, the maximum distance to the bottom of the tank is 82 ft (25 m) so the Standard Measurement Mode will yield the best accuracy.
- The sensor must be able to penetrate mist and steam inside of the tank. Choose “Last Target” for this.
- We want a measurement speed of 2Hz.
- We also want the unit to begin measuring upon power up - enable Autostart.
- If the measured distance exceeds our maximum or minimum, 3.5mA will be output.



Liquid Measurement Consideration

To measure the liquid in a tank.



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- The sensor must be able to penetrate steam or mist inside the tank. Choose “Last Target” for this.
- Set a measurement speed of 2Hz.
- Set the unit to begin measuring upon power up – enable Autostart.
- If the measured distance exceeds the maximum or minimum, 3.5mA will be output.
- Each liquid will react differently and the user will need to adjust the settings for optimum performance.

Your HART compatible model allows for user communication with a HART compatible device as a Generic Device. Shown are typical parameters using a 475 hand-held controller.

Read / Write	
PV LRV	Primary Value Lower Range Value
PV URV	Primary Value Upper Range Value
Descriptor	Descriptor Field
Final Assembly Number	Descriptor Field
TAG, Long TAG, Message	Descriptor Fields
Read Only or No Write Ability	
Burst	Maximized the data rate
4-20 Current	Reading
Range	Reading
Percent of Range	Reading
Units	Feet, Meters, Yards

Sensor FAQs

What Type of laser does Hawk Measurement offer?

Pulsed, 905 nanometers (nm), Time-Of-Flight (TOF) lasers. 905 nm is the wavelength of the infrared light of the laser (this wavelength lies just outside the visible light spectrum that ranges from 400 nm to 730 nm).

How does the Hawk Measurement laser work?

The OptioLaser's transmitter lens emits pulses of light, which reflect off a target's surface, and travel back to the receiver lens. The timing of the pulse is measured, enabling the distance to be precisely calculated.

What data output rates do our lasers operate at?

The OptioLaser ranges from <1 Hz to 14Hz

What's the distinction between clear and opaque liquids to a laser?

If the water is very clear and still, an unaided laser will read through the surface to some point below the surface level. If the depth is shallow (six inches), the laser may read to the bottom of the tank or vessel. In this case, a diffuser will spread out the normally focused laser, in order to reflect off the surface of this clear liquid. The measuring range will be reduced but you will be able to provide an accurate, consistent measurement.

Is the laser beam eye safe?

Yes, the HAWK sensors are rated Class 1 for eye safety. But, it is always a good practice not to stare directly into the transmit aperture of any light transmitting device.

General Sensor Information

What is Pulse Repetition and why is it important?

Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF): How fast the sensor is sending out laser pulses. A faster PRF can take more measurements or detect targets at higher speeds and/or use more pulses to get a better average. PRFs in the Optio is set at 2,800 PRF.

Is the 4-20 mA output of OptioLaser actively or passively powered?

For the OptioLaser sensor, the 4-20 mA loop is passively powered (sinking), meaning power must be supplied by an outside source.

Does the laser need calibrating to the specific distance it is measuring?

No, it is fully calibrated before it leaves the factory and will work to any distance within its specified range.

How is the laser beam diameter calculated?

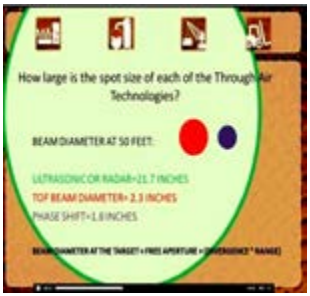
Lasers produce a very narrow beam that can be precisely aimed at a target. This is just one of the features that sets laser sensors apart from other technologies.

Beam diameter over distance can be calculated as follows:

Example:

- Free aperture: 23mm
- Divergence: 3 mrad
- Distance to target: 100m
- Calculation = 0.023 + (.003 x 100) = 0.323m

Therefore, the Beam Diameter is 32.3 cm (12.7”) at a distance of 100 m (328 ft).



Model	Sensor	ENTER Tank Height (ft)	Beamwidth @ Tank Height (ft)	Needed Distance From Wall (ft)
OptioLaser	S300 Liquid	25	0.15	0.075
	S300 Liquid	75	0.3	0.15
	S300 Liquid	150	0.525	0.2625
	S300 Liquid	300	0.975	0.4875
	S300 Liquid	656	2.043	1.0215

What are the benefits of our products in our chosen markets?

Market	Benefits
Plant Management	• Ruggedness • Ability to handle harsh environments • Ability to set target mode to optimize measurements (averaging or last mode)
Water & waste water	• Ability to measure foam or liquid level • Ability to measure through narrow opening, grates or along a wall
Chemical storage	• Ability to measure liquids without being in contact with process • Ability to measure all liquids, even clear ones

Is this a proven technology in industrial applications?

Yes, lasers for material measurement have been used for industrial applications for over a decade. While relatively new compared with ultrasonic and radar, lasers have continued to expand their application base.

Do you need high data output rates in industrial applications?

Usually, there is no need for high output rates because processes are relatively slow; typically 10Hz or less.

What are the different target modes in the OptioLaser S300 Series?

The OptioLaser S300 series has three standard target modes: first, last and strongest.

Target Mode	Definition	Recommended Use
First	The unit only measures to the first target it sees *	*Not utilized for the S300 with ruggedized housing*
Strongest	The unit measures to the strongest target it sees	When an obstruction, such as a grate, exists between the intended target and sensor
Last	The unit measures to the last target it sees	To get better results through steam and mist.

The OptioLaser S300 series also supports several advanced target modes, which can be used under specific circumstances.

Fluid characteristics:

- Slow moving / small waves
- Rough water / large waves
- Flat surface / still tube

Can HAWK lasers penetrate foam?

Unless the foam has a very low-density, the laser can only measure the top of the foam. However, if the customer can use a standpipe, foam dispersion system or other means to dissipate the foam, then the laser will be able to provide an accurate measurement of the liquid level.

Will HAWK lasers work through dense steam?

Like foam, it depends on the density and composition of the steam, as well as the nature of the surface to be measured: clear or opaque, still or turbid. As a general rule: If you can see through it, the laser can as well.

What considerations are there when measuring through glass?

Borosilicate glass typically works well. Also, there is no degradation using plane glass or even plastic. When measuring through glass, it is recommended the face plate of the sensor be 3mm or closer to the glass. Larger gaps could result in measurement error.

Typically, a transmission of over 90% is desirable. Uncoated glass has a 8% reflection loss per each plate. It is better if each side is coated with an anti-reflection coating, which can reduce the reflection loss to close to 0%". If there are any questions or uncertainties, the customer should get transmission curve for the glass they are considering.

What accessories are available for the OptioLaser S300 series?

The following accessories are available:

- Flange
- Tank adapter
- Swivel mount stand
- Power/Communications cable
- Swivel mount stand

Certifications

Do we have IEC 60825-1 Certification for our lasers?

The OptioLaser is self-certified, permissible in the United States. The power levels of our lasers are within Class 1 eye safety limits.

At the highest PRF (4KHz) and highest power level (400 nJ per pulse), we meet Class 1M limits, safe unless looked at through a magnifying lens. At lower PRF settings, our lasers can be Class 1 depending on the power setting. However, the alignment laser is always a Class 2M device.

What is a Class 1M Laser?

A Class 1M laser is safe for all conditions of use except when passed through magnifying optics such as binoculars and telescopes.

What is the significance of 50mm and 7mm apertures?

The classification looks at what the eye would see when looking through an optical aid (binoculars, magnifying glass, telescope, estimated 50mm aperture) and the naked eye (7mm aperture, no optical aid).

Operating Temperature

The OptioLaser is rated for temperatures of -20°F to 140°F (-28°C to 60°C). Do not operate the instrument in temperatures outside of that range.

Moisture Protection

The lenses of the sensor should be kept clear of excessive contamination for optimal performance.

Cleaning

Excess Moisture: Towel off excess moisture and air dry the instrument at room temperature.

Exterior Dirt: Wipe exterior surfaces clean.

Dirty Lenses: Use a soft lint-free cloth to remove surface dust and loose particles from transmit and receive lenses. To clean a lens, moisten it with lens cleaning solution and wipe it clean with a lens cloth or lens tissue.

Specifications

Performance	**Minimum Range**	1.5 feet (46 cm)
	Maximum Range	656 ft (200 m); 164 ft (50 m) for clear liquids
	Accuracy	± 1.6” (4 cm)
	Data Output Rate	Option 1: <1 up to 14 Hz depending on target
		Option 2: Fixed 200 Hz mode
	Target Modes	First
		Strongest
		Last
Optical & Electrical	**Wavelength**	905 nm (infrared)
	Beam Divergence	3 mrad equal to 12.7” (32.3cm) beam dia. at 328 ft (100m)
	I/O	S300:RS232,Trigger; S310:RS232,alignment laser; S330:4-20 HART,RS232,alignment laser
	Input Power	12-24VDC (12VDC recommended)
	Current Draw	Measuring = 150 mA, Standby = 40mA
Physical	**Dimensions**	5” (12.7cm) dia. X 10”(25.4 cm) length
	Weight	8 lbs. (3.62 kg)
	Housing and Frame Material	Cast aluminum, epoxy coated
Environmental	**Eye Safety**	Class 1, 7mm (FDA CFR21)
		Class 1m (IEC 60825-1:2001
	Shock Vibration	MIL-STD-810
	Moisture	IP54
	Operating Temperature	-20 °F to 140 °F (-28°C to 50°C)

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