

MODEL H-500 SERIES ACOUSTO-OPTIC MODULATORS (AOMS)

Eight-channel ultraviolet (UV) wave modulation

The L3Harris H-500 series AOMs allow eight independent beams to be modulated at data rates in excess of 20 megabytes per second. Light from a coherent optical source is focused to a beam waist within the optical medium, which is composed of low-loss, UV-grade fused silica. The light is proportionally directed into a primary intense diffraction order when an acoustic pulse is introduced by a suitable radio frequency (RF) source. Each channel is driven by an independent RF source through a standard SMA cable interface connector.

PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS

| PARAMETER | SPECIFICATION |
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| Unless otherwise noted, all specifications are at 364 nm wavelength | |
| Number of channels | 8 |
| Nominal RF input impedance | 50 ohms |
| Center frequency | 160 MHz |
| Channel spacing | 360 µm |
| Rise time | <22 ns |
| Diffraction efficiency | >50% |
| Optical beam diameter | 150 µm |
| Maximum RF drive power | 0.75 W per channel |
| Optical wavelength | 257–364 nm |
| Optical material | Fused silica |



APPLICATIONS

 > Independent modulation of an array of light beams for photolithographic printing, optical computing and signal processing

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Achieves excellent performance through the use of high-frequency, bulk wave transducers and specialized fabrication techniques
- > Assures high reliability due to high-vacuum application of alloybonded transducers and low-loss, ultrahard, multilayer, UV-qualified antireflective coatings

PREDICTED PERFORMANCE VS. WAVELENGTH

The following plots show the simulated performance for the H-501 AOM at various wavelengths and may be used as a guide for extrapolating performance at other wavelengths. See specifications for guaranteed performance characteristics and applicable wavelength.



MECHANICAL CONFIGURATION









H501-SI-364-160-R and H501-SI-257-200-R are standard configurations. Please call the factory for additional configurations. Specifications subject to change without notice.

For additional information, email Acousto-Optics@L3Harris.com or visit www.L3Harris.com/Acousto-Optics.

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Nonexport-controlled Information

0.05

0.1

0.15

0.2

0.25

RF Drive Power (W)

0.3

0.35

0.4

0.45

0.5

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