AUTOMOTIVE LIDAR Illumination sources

Leonardo systems have proven reliability and robust operation in extremely harsh defense environments. The latest advancements in Advanced Driver Assist Systems (ADAS) and autonomous vehicle sensors require high-performance illumination sources that can be custom designed to fit particular sensor architectures and maintain performance over extreme automotive conditions.

VCSEL and edge emitter arrays can be supplied as a bare die, chip on sub-mounts, or fully packaged units. Leonardo also offers integration with optics, short pulse drivers, and thermally managed housings. Our team of experts works with customers to provide the best illumination solution for short, mid, and long-range lidar systems. Whether using a flash, scanning, or a hybrid

approach to lidar, Leonardo can help provide a cost-effective source from concept and initial product demonstration through to high-volume production.







VCSEL ARRAYS

VCSEL arrays are offered from 800 nm to 980 nm with customizable emitter geometries. Arrays can be combined to provide the desired power and size. They can be individually addressed or sections within an array can be addressed individually. Operation modes are from nanosecond pulses to CW with intensities of >10 kW/cm² in nanosecond pulses.

EDGE EMITTER ARRAYS

Edge emitter arrays are offered from 760 nm to 1.6 microns with high brightness and customizable geometries.

PACKAGING

Leonardo offers custom packaging options that can be AEC Q102 qualified.

TYPICAL VCSEL SPECIFICATIONS

Parameters	Units	Typical Value
Wavelength	nm	800 to 980
Operating Voltage	V	2.8
FWHM Beam Divergence	0	<30 (circular)
Spectral Width	nm	<3
Power Conversion Efficiency	%	35
Pulse Width	Typical Intensity (W/mm²)	
Short Pulse (1 ns - 100 ns)	100	
QCW (10 µs-100 µs)	10	
CW	1 – 2	

AUTOMOTIVE QUALITY SOLUTIONS

AEC-Q102

Leonardo offers stress-tested products for automotive applications.

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ACCESSORIES

Leonardo's VCSEL and edge emitting arrays can be fully integrated with drive electronics, power boards, and housings.

TYPICAL EDGE EMITTER SPECIFICATIONS

Units	Typical Value
ns	<5
kW	up to 1
nm	760 to 1600
0	10 (slow axis)
	0.2 (fast axis) ²
nm	6
%	up to 60
	Units ns kW nm o nm %

¹Dependent on array geometry (power scales with array size) ²With fast axis collimator

IATF 16949 Certified

Leonardo uses automotive-approved, process oriented, quality systems.

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