

# Diode Laser Weapons



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Diode laser weapons are a subset of directed-energy weapons (DEWs) that convert electrical energy into laser light using laser diodes. These systems can range from low-power dazzlers, which temporarily blind or disorient targets, to high-power systems capable of damaging drones, missiles, or other small vehicles . Unlike traditional firearms or missiles, diode laser weapons deliver energy at the speed of light, allowing near-instant engagement and virtually unlimited “ammunition” as long as electrical power is available .

### How They Work

A diode laser weapon typically consists of three main components:

- Laser diodes: Convert electricity into coherent light. Modern diodes can exceed 1000 W of peak optical power per 1 cm bar .
- Power supply: Provides the necessary electrical energy to drive the diodes.

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### HIGH ENERGY LASER SYSTEMS FOR DIRECTED ENERGY

DIRECTED ENERGY POTENTIAL “Light speed” weaponry is a key component of the Department of Defense's Third Offset

Laser weapon

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High-Energy Lasers | Raytheon

Our laser systems are operational now In 2019, the U.S. Air Force deployed our first High-Energy Laser Weapon System, HELWS,

Laser Design Considerations for Directed Energy Weapons

Laser diodes offer an electrical-to-optical conversion efficiency over 60% and are easily scalable to MWs of power.

The Future of Combat: Miniaturized Laser Weapons Set to Replace

Improved materials and diode-pumping have made solid-state lasers more portable. Miniaturization has expanded

The Key to Enabling Directed Energy Applications

A laser diode pump is comprised of three critical components: the laser diode, the power supply, and a fluid chiller that removes

Electrolaser

An electrolaser is a type of electroshock weapon that is also a directed-energy weapon. It uses lasers to form an electrically

### NEW ADVANCES IN DEFENSE APPLICATIONS HIGH-ENERGY LASERS

HEL weapons is their low shot-to-shot operational cost. Whereas it may cost millions to develop laser weapons, their cost per firing is

Laser Weapon Systems

General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems (GA-EMS) is transforming innovative concepts into

## Laser-Based Directed Energy Weapons: Technological

Hierarchical classification of laser-based Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs) according to

The new laser weapons

The laser diodes may interfere with sensors or blind weapons at short range, but they are not hard-kill weapons.

The new laser weapons

Rather, the diode-pumped laser weapons of today are essentially beam-quality cleaners that

## Military Laser Weapons: Every System in Service and

Modern military lasers are overwhelmingly solid-state systems, specifically fiber lasers or

## Directed Energy Weapons Are Real . . . And Disruptive

DE weapons include high-energy lasers, high-power radio frequency or microwave devices, and charged or neutral particle beam

## DragonFire – Laser Directed Energy Weapon

January 2024 The DragonFire laser directed energy weapon (LDEW) system achieved the UK's first high

## Military-Grade Laser Diodes: Precision in Directed

Military-grade laser diodes are at the forefront of advanced directed energy weapons and

laser and electromagnetic weapons | Lightwave Online

Progress in laser, microwave, and other directed-energy weapons technologies is enabling militaries to deploy

"World's cheapest shot" laser weapon kills 50 drones a

"World's cheapest shot" laser weapon kills 50 drones a minute with 150kW beam  
Packaged

## Microdiode Laser Primers

The concept of using lasers to ignite propellant and energetic material is not new. At the U.S. Army Combat

Welcome to the Laser Wars | WIRED

Amid a rising tide of adversary drones and missile attacks, laser weapons are finally poised to enter the battlefield.

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### Top 10 Companies Leading the Directed Energy

Discover the top 10 companies advancing directed energy weapons with innovations in high

What are high-energy laser weapons, and how do they work?

Unlike traditional weapons such as guns and cannons that have a finite amount of ammunition, a high-energy laser can

### European Developments in Laser Directed Energy

European nations are making significant strides in the development of laser-directed energy

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### Directed Energy — nLIGHT — nLIGHT

Directed Energy nLIGHT's high-power directed energy lasers enable next-generation layered land and sea defenses that

"World's cheapest shot" laser weapon kills 50 drones a

Leading Australian technology company Electro Optic Systems (EOS) has unveiled the

### Microdiode Laser Primers

Microlaser chips make it possible to fit the entire laser assembly into the munition itself as a

### Science & Tech Spotlight: Directed Energy Weapons | U.S. GAO

Directed energy weapons—such as lasers—use energy fired at the speed of light. These weapons can produce force

### DARPA Seeks Next-Gen Scalable Laser Weapon Systems

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has issued a request for scalable, high-energy laser technology

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