DIGITAL LASER DISTANCE METER LD05-A10GF

with glass-fiber coupled remote optical head



The *RIEGL* LD05-A10GF is a **multi-purpose laser distance meter** based on precise time-of-flight laser range measurement especially suited for demanding applications under critical environmental conditions (i.e. high ambient temperature, hazardous environment).

It uses state-of-the-art **digital signal processing** to enable precise distance measurement for complex multi-target situations even under bad visibility conditions. Digitizing the echo signal and subsequent analysis enables multi-target distance measurements.

The measuring system consists of an optical head meeting the requirements of the relevant application and a separate electronics box, connected by a duplex glass-fiber cable of variable length with connectors on both sides.

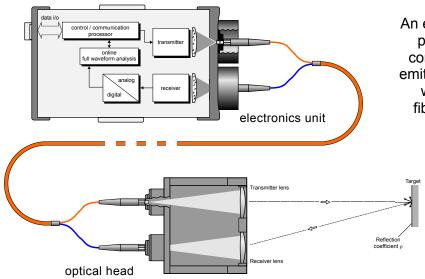
- Electronics unit and measuring head can be mounted separately according to requirements resulting from critical environmental conditions
- Further improved measurement capability in demanding situations causing poor visibility (rain, dust, fog).
- Short infrared laser pulses providing excellent interference immunity
- Narrow measurement beam with low divergence for excellent spatial resolution
- Measurement to almost any surface regardless of the angle of incidence of the beam and the surface characteristics
- Significant enhancement of the maximum range based on predetection-averaging



The LD05-A10GF can be configured for various application modes:

- High Penetration Mode for complex target situations using a sequence of laser shots, providing a self-adapting (rather low) data update rate
 Significant enhancement of the maximum range based on Pre-Detection-Averaging
- **Fast Mode** is a balanced mixture of the High Speed and High Penetration Modes, which provides very high data update rate
- High Speed Mode for simple target situations and an extremely high data update rate

Principle of Operation



An electrical pulse generator periodically drives a semiconductor laser transmitter. emitting infrared light pulses, which are fed into a glass fiber cable. The pulses are guided to the optical head and collimated by the transmitter lens. Part of the echo signal reflected by the target is coupled into the glass fiber cable via the receiver lens and guided back to the electronics unit.

A receiver converts the optical echo signal into an electrical signal, which is digitized internally and subsequently forwarded to a subsystem for on-line full waveform analysis. Sophisticated algorithms for waveform analysis improve the instrument's capabilities to measure the desired target even in the presence of smoke, fumes or dust.

Features and Advantages:

- The LD05-A10GF electronics unit can be combined with various optical heads to suit nearly any requirement.
- The optical head contains no electronics and is therefore extremely small, lightweight, inexpensive, high-temperature resistant, and insensitive to electromagnetic or ionizing radiation.
- The duplex glass-fiber cable connecting the electronics unit and the optical head provides galvanic insulation between optical head and electronics box. Its length can be specified with options ranging from 4m to more than 100m.



Performance Examples

LD05-A10GF (equipped with MK36)

High Penetration Mode	
Measurement range $^{1)}$ for natural targets, $ρ ≥ 80\%$ for natural targets, $ρ ≥ 10\%$ reflector foil $^{2)}$ & plastic cat´s-eye reflector	up to 250 m up to 90 m up to 1100 m
Minimum range	1 m
Measurement accuracy ^{3) 4) 5) 6)}	typ. ± 8 mm
Measurement precision 3) 7)	typ. ± 5 mm
Measurement rate 8)	typ. 100 Hz
Max. number of targets	5

Fast Mode	
Measurement range ¹⁾ for natural targets, $ρ ≥ 80\%$ for natural targets, $ρ ≥ 10\%$ reflector foil ²⁾ & plastic cat´s-eye reflector	up to 130 m up to 45 m up to 600 m
Minimum range	1 m
Measurement accuracy 3) 4) 5) 6)	typ. ± 10 mm
Measurement precision 3) 7)	typ. ± 7 mm
Measurement rate	2500 Hz
Max. number of targets	5

High Speed Mode	
Measurement range $^{1)}$ for natural targets, $ρ ≥ 80\%$ for natural targets, $ρ ≥ 10\%$ reflector foil $^{2)}$ & plastic cat's-eye reflector	up to 100 m up to 35 m up to 500 m
Minimum range	1 m
Measurement accuracy ^{3) 4) 5) 6)}	typ. ± 14 mm
Measurement precision 3) 7)	typ. ± 10 mm
Measurement rate	10000 Hz
Max. number of targets	5

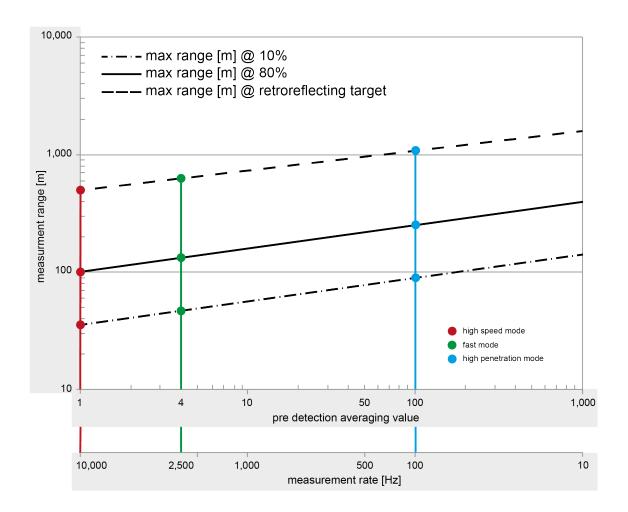
- 1) The following conditions are assumed
 - target is larger than footprint of laser beam, perpendicular angle of incidence, visibility 10 km
 - typical values for average ambient brightness conditions. In bright sunlight, the operational range is considerably shorter than under an overcast sky. At dawn or at night the range is even higher.
- Reflecting foil 3M DG4090 or equivalent, dimensions ≥ 0.45 x 0.45 m²
- One sigma standard deviation @ 50 m range under RIEGL test conditions. 3)
- Plus distance dependent error $\leq \pm 20$ ppm. 4)
- Accuracy is the degree of conformity of a measured quantity to its actual (true) value. Note, that fiber lengths in excess of 30 m may slightly degrade ranging accuracy.
- Precision, also called reproducibility or repeatability, is the degree to which further measurements show the same result.
- With self-adapting measurement time selected, the effective data update rate depends on the number of targets and their reflectivity and distance.



Increasing Measurement Range

The measurement range can be increased by summing echo signals of multiple laser shots (pre-detection averaging) ¹⁾. The position of the target must be stable while a measurement is executed.

The following diagram shows the maximum measurement range versus pre-detection averaging value without any atmospheric attenuation. Depending on atmospheric visibility, the resulting maximum range can be further reduced.



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Laser Specifications

LD05-A10GF (MK36)

Wavelength	near infrared
Beam divergence 1)	2.4 mrad
Laser product classification according to	Laser Class 1M
IEC 60825-1:2014 The following clause applies for instruments delivered into the United States: Complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 except for conformance with IEC 60825-1 Ed.3., as described in Laser Notice No. 56, dated May 8, 2019.	Viewing the laser output with certain optical instruments designed for use at a distance (for example, telescopes and binoculars) may pose an eye hazard.

1) Measured at the 1/e² points.1mrad corresponds to 10 cm beam width per 100 m distance.



General Technical Data - Electronics Unit

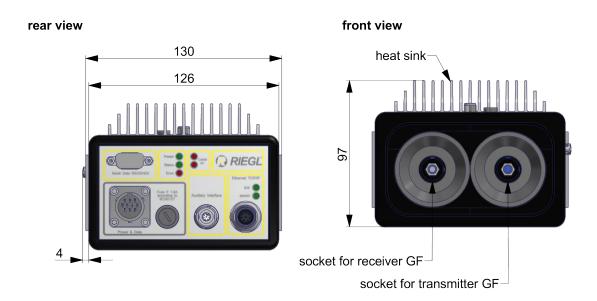
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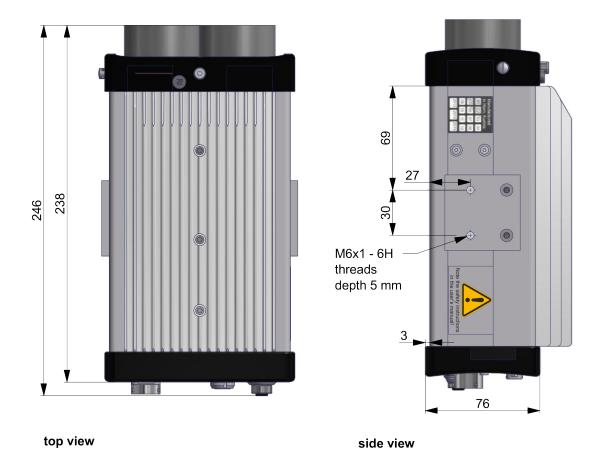
Data interfaces	
Data port Configuration port	TCP/IP, 10/100/1000 MBit port or RS232/RS422 TCP/IP, 10/100/1000 MBit port or RS232/RS422
WEB interface	TCP/IP
Power supply	11 – 28 V DC, 24 VDC nominal
Power consumption	18 W
Main dimensions (L x W x H) mm	246x130x97
Weight	approx. 2.8 kg
Protection class	IP64
Temperature range Operation Storage	-10°C up to +50°C ¹⁾ -20°C up to +60°C ¹⁾
Mounting	Flanges on both sides
Analog Output	4 – 20 mA ²⁾ , not galvanically isolated, resolution 16 Bit, linearity 1 ‰ of full scale
Switching Output	2 x PNP transistor driver ³⁾ , built-in thermal and short-circuit protection, switching current 200 mA max., switching voltage = supply voltage

The life expectancy (MTBF) of the instrument is reduced in case of operation and/or storage at high temperatures.
 Operating range selectable via TCP/IP port or serial interface.
 Switching points adjustable via TCP/IP port or serial interface.



Dimensional Drawings LD05-A10GF





All dimensions in mm

Technical Data Optical Heads



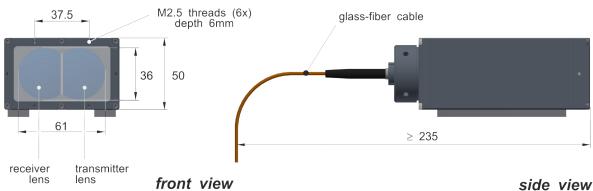
Remote Optical Head MK36:

aluminium, black anodized

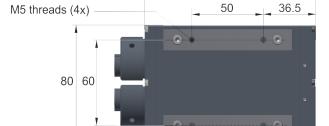
main dimensions: 120 x 80 x 50 mm

weight: 0.67 kg

protection class: IP62 (glass fiber cables attached) -20° to +80° C (operation and storage) temperature range:



120



All dimensions in mm.

bottom view

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Remote Optical Head MK36-Z65:

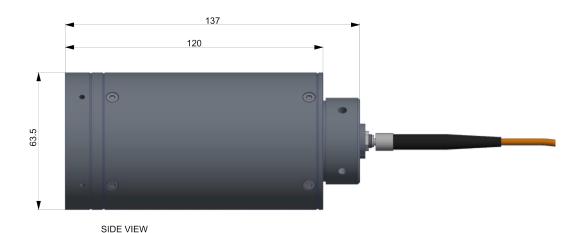
case: aluminium, black anodized

(stainless steel version on request)

main dimensions: 137 x Ø 65 mm

weight: 0.4 kg

protection class: IP62 (glass fiber cables attached) temperature range: -20° to +80° C (operation and storage)



receiver transmitter

FRONT VIEW

M4x0.7 - 6H

depth 8 mm

REAR VIEW

M4x0.7 - 6H
depth 5 mm

all dimensions in mm

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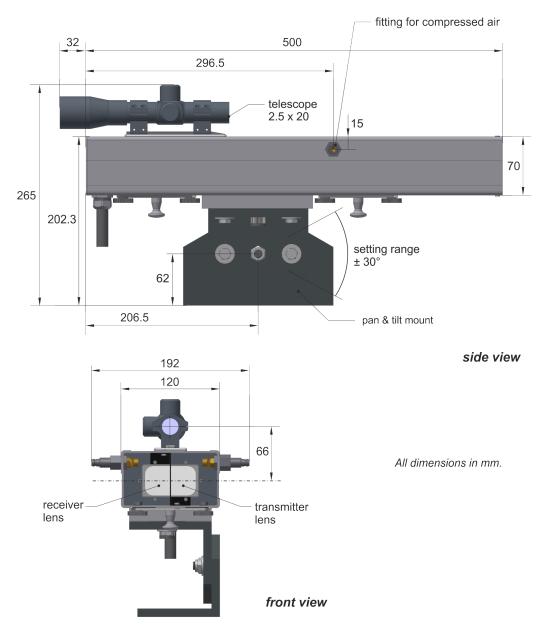
Remote Optical Head MK36-PT:

case: aluminium, black anodized

main dimensions: 500 x 120 x 70 mm weight: approx. 4.4 kg

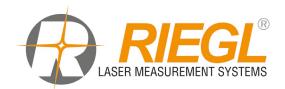
protection class: IP62 (glass fiber cables attached) temperature range: -20° to +80° C (operation and storage)

recommended air pressure: 2 – 4 bar



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