# BBS SERIES OPTICAL BROADBAND SOURCE

**User's Manual** 



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### **Safety Information**

#### Classification

The unit consists of an exposed metal chassis that is connected directly to earth via a power cord and, therefore, is classified as a Class 1 instrument. Class 1 refers to equipment relying on ground protection as a means of shock protection.

The following symbol is used to indicate a protective conductor terminal in the unit.



#### Disconnecting from Line Power

Some of the circuits are powered whenever the unit is connected to the AC power source (line power). To ensure that the unit is not connected to the line power, disconnect the power cord from either the power inlet on the unit's rear panel or from the AC line-power source (receptacle). The power cord must always be accessible from one of these points. If the unit is installed in a cabinet, the operator must be able to disconnect the unit from the line power by the system's line-power switch.

#### Line Power Requirements

The unit can operate from any single-phase AC power source that supplies between 100 and 240 V at a frequency range of 50 to 60 Hz. The maximum power consumption is 90 VA.

#### Laser Specifications

Laser specifications are outlined in Table 1.

#### Table 1: Laser Specifications

Parameter	Specification
Wavelength	980 - 1610 nm
Class	IIIb
Output power	160 mW maximum

Under the laser classification of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), the laser contained in the unit is a Class IIIb laser.





## Warning

Class IIIb lasers are hazardous to eyes and skin if exposed directly.

### Safety Instructions

The following safety instructions must be observed whenever the unit is operated, serviced, or repaired. Failure to comply with any of these instructions or with any precaution or warning contained in the user's manual is in direct violation of the standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the unit. JDS Uniphase assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with any of these safety requirements.

#### Before Initializing and Operating the Unit

☑ Inspect the unit for any signs of damage, and read the user's manual thoroughly.

- ☑ Install the unit as specified in the **Getting Started** section.
- ☑ Ensure that the unit and any devices or cords connected to it are properly grounded.

#### **Operating the Unit**

Warning						
To avoid the risk of injury or death, always observe the following precaution before initializing the unit:						
• If using a voltage-reducing autotransformer to power the unit, ensure that the common terminal connects to the earthed pole of the power source.						
Use only the type of power cord supplied with the unit.						
• Connect the power cord only to a power outlet equipped with a protective earth contact. Never connect to an extension cord that is not equipped with this feature.						
• Willfully interrupting the protective earth connection is prohibited. Any such action can lead to a potential shock hazard that can result in serious personal injury.						
• Never look into the end of an optical cable connected to an optical output device that is operating. Laser radiation is invisible, and direct exposure can severely injure the human eye or skin. For more information, see the user's manual.						
• To prevent potential fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to any source of excessive moisture.						
• Do not operate the unit when its covers or panels have been removed.						
• Do not operate the unit if an interruption to the protective grounding is suspected. In this case, ensure that the unit remains inoperative.						
• Use only the type of fuse specified by the manufacturer as appropriate for this unit. Do not use repaired fuses, and avoid any situations that can short-circuit the fuse.						
Repairs are to be carried out only by a qualified professional.						
Operating the unit in the presence of flammable gases or fumes is extremely     hazardous						

•	Do not perform any operating or maintenance procedure that is not described in the user's manual.
•	Some of the unit's capacitors can be charged even when the unit is not connected to the power source.

## Safety Symbols

The following symbols and messages can be marked on the unit (Table 2). Observe all safety instructions that are associated with a symbol.

### Table 2: Safety Symbols

Symbol	Description
	Laser safety. See the user's manual for instructions on handling and operating the unit safely.
	CAUTION
	The procedure can result in serious damage to or destruction of the unit if not carried out in compliance with all instructions for proper use. Ensure that all conditions necessary for safe handling and operation are met before proceeding.
	Electrostatic discharge (ESD). See the user's manual for instructions on handling and operating the unit safely.
	Protective conductor terminal for electrical grounding to the earth.
	WARNING
	The procedure can result in serious injury or loss of life if not carried out in proper compliance with all safety instructions. Ensure that all conditions necessary for safe handling and operation are met before proceeding.

## Compliance

#### CE Compliance

The unit has been designed and tested to comply with directive 73/23/EEC and its subsequent amendments by the European Community (EC or CE). The directive relates to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits. It ensures that electrical equipment is constructed with good engineering practice in safety matters.

The unit has been designed and tested to comply with directive 89/336/EEC and its subsequent amendments. The directive relates to electromagnetic compatibility. It demands that electromagnetic disturbance does not exceed a prescribed level; that the equipment be immune to a prescribed level of ambient level of interference; that the equipment be protected against electrostatic discharges; and that the equipment be immune to all electrical shock wave disturbances. As of 1997, measures have been added to test for fire hazard, electric shock hazard, and also external exposure to other forms of energy.

The requirements specified by directive 89/336/EEC are as follows. CE compliance requires that the manufacturer or its authorized representative established within the Community affix the EC conformity mark to the apparatus or else to the packaging, instructions for use, or guarantee certificate. The EC conformity mark shall consist of the letters CE as specified and the figures of the year in which the mark was affixed. This mark should, where appropriate, be accompanied by the distinctive letters used by the notified body issuing the EC type-examination certificate. Where the apparatus is the subject of other Directives providing for the EC conformity mark, the affixing of the EC mark shall also indicate conformity with the relevant requirements of those other Directives.

#### FDA-CDRH Compliance

Under the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), the unit complies with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 21, Chapter 1, Subchapter J, which pertains to laser safety and labeling.

See http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/radhlth/cfr/21cfr1000-1050.pdf for more information.

## **General Information and Specifications**

### **General Information**

This user's manual for the BBS Series Optical Broadband Source contains complete operating instructions. The inspection report and a description of any customer-requested information are found in the **Customized Features and Test Data** section.

The BBS Series Optical Broadband Source is a high-power, broadband, optical source unit ideal for laboratory or manufacturing use. Spectral measurements of couplers, wavelength division multiplexers (WDMs), isolators, and other optical components can be tested or verified easily with this instrument when combined with a scanning receiver.



Figure 1: BBS Optical Broadband Source

### Optics

The optics of the BBS unit consist of either an erbium doped fiber amplifier (EDFA), or a superluminescent laser diode (SLD), and supporting components specifically designed to achieve maximum output power at the bulkhead-mounted optical connectors.

### **Key Features**

- Total output power from >3 mW to <160 mW (depending on model)
- High stability
- Bulkhead optical output connectors (FC/HPC, FC/APC, SC/HPC, SC/APC)
- Half width of a 19 inch (48.26 cm) rack
- (4) output connector versions available on some units
- Remote interlock and key enable switch

### Applications

The BBS source is used for optical component measurement and telecommunications transmission testing:

- Spectral measurements of couplers, WDMs, isolators, and other optical components
- Noise loading in system experiments
- Polarization mode dispersion (PMD) measurements

Figure 2 illustrates the connection of a BBS source for optical component and transmission system testing.



Figure 2: Component and Transmission System Testing

#### **Standard Accessories**

- AC power cord
- Remote interlock connector
- Two keys
- Rack-mount kit (ED000899-A-00)
- User's manual

#### **Optional Accessories**

• Rack-mount kit, Japan (ED000899-A-01)

## Specifications

The following optical specifications describe the guaranteed optical performance of the unit (Table 3). Supplementary specifications describe other specifications of the unit and typical operating conditions (Table 4).

#### Table 3: Optical Specifications

Parameter	BBS1550			BBS1590	BBS1560	BBS980
Test band	C-band		L-band	C+L-band	980 nm	
Operating wavelength range	1528 - 1565 nm		1565 - 1610 nm	1526 - 1610 nm	950 - 1010 nm	
Gain flattened spectrum	Yes		Yes	Yes	Near Gaussian	
Total optical power <sup>1,2,3</sup> (minimum)	50 mW	100 mW	150 mW	20 mW	20 mW	3 mW
Spectral gain flatness (maximum)	1.4 dB	1.4 dB	1.8 dB	1.6 dB 1570 –1603 nm	2 dB 1526-1603 nm	-
Total ouput power stability <sup>4</sup>		0.01 dB				0.15 dB
Output isolation (minimum)		46 dB				32 dB
Output connector	FC/HPC, FC/APC, SC/HPC, SC/APC					

1. Measured at1550 nm at 23 °C.

2. Measured at 1590 nm at 23  $^\circ\text{C}.$ 

3. Measured at 980 nm at 23 °C.

4. Tested over one hour at 23 °C

#### Table 4: Supplementary Specifications

Electrical		
Input voltage	100 to 240 V AC, 50 to 60 Hz	
Power consumption	90 VA maximum	
Fuse	(5x20) mm 1.5 A (slow)	
Physical		
Dimensions (W x H x D)	21.2 cm x 8.9 cm x 35.5 cm	
Weight	<4 kg	
Environmental		
Operating temperature	0 to 50 °C	
Storage temperature	-40 to 70 °C	
Humidity (max) (0 to 45 °C)	95% RH non-condensing	

## **Getting Started**

The BBS Series Optical Broadband Source consists of the source unit, an AC power cord, two keys, a rack-mount kit, and a user's manual.

### Before Initializing and Operating the Unit

- ☑ Inspect the unit for any signs of damage.
- ☑ Read the user's manual thoroughly, and become familiar with all safety symbols and instructions to ensure that the unit is operated and maintained safely.

#### Initial Inspection



#### Warning

To avoid electrical shock, do not initialize or operate the unit if it bears any sign of damage to any portion of its exterior surface, such as the outer cover or panels.

Check that the unit and contents are complete:

- 1. Inspect the shipping container for any indication of excessive shock to the contents, and inspect the contents to ensure that the shipment is complete.
- 2. Inspect the unit for structural damage that can have occurred during shipping.
- 3. Keep the packaging.

Immediately inform JDS Uniphase and, if necessary, the carrier if the contents of the shipment are incomplete, if the unit or any of its components are damaged or defective, or if the unit does not pass the initial inspection.

#### **Operating Environment**

In order for the unit to meet the warranted specifications, the operating environment must meet the following conditions for temperature, humidity, and ventilation.

#### Temperature

The unit can be operated in the temperature range of 0 to 50 °C.

#### Humidity

The unit can be operated in environments with up to 95% humidity non condensing 0 to 45 °C. Do not expose it to any environmental conditions or changes to environmental conditions that can cause condensation to form inside the unit.

#### Ventilation

The unit contains a built-in cooling fan. Do not install it in any location where the ventilation is blocked. For optimum performance, the unit must be operated from a location that provides at least 75 mm (3 inches) of clearance at the rear and at least 12.5 mm (0.5 inch) of clearance at

the bottom. Blocking the air circulation around the unit can cause the unit to overheat, compromising its reliability.



#### Warning

Do not use the unit outdoors.

To prevent potential fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to any source of excessive moisture.

### Storing and Shipping

To maintain optimum operating reliability, do not store the unit in locations where the temperature falls below -40 °C or rises above 70 °C. Avoid any environmental condition that can result in internal condensation. Ensure that these temperature and humidity requirements can also be met whenever the unit is shipped.

#### Claims and Repackaging

Immediately inform JDS Uniphase and, if necessary, the carrier, if

- The contents of the shipment are incomplete
- The unit or any of its components are damaged or defective
- The unit does not pass the initial inspection

In the event of carrier responsibility, JDS Uniphase will allow for the repair or replacement of the unit while a claim against the carrier is being processed.

#### Returning Shipments to JDS Uniphase

JDS Uniphase only accepts returns for which an approved Return Material Authorization (RMA) has been issued by JDS Uniphase sales personnel. This number must be obtained prior to shipping any material to JDS Uniphase. The owner's name and address, the model number and full serial number of the unit, the RMA number, and an itemized statement of claimed defects must be included with the return material.

Ship return material in the original shipping container and packing material. If these are not available, packaging guidelines are as follows:

- 1. Cover the front panel with a strip of foam.
- 2. Wrap the unit in anti-static packaging.
- 3. Pack the unit in a reliable shipping container.
- 4. Use enough shock-absorbing material (10 to 15 cm or 4 to 6 in on all sides) to cushion the unit and prevent it from moving inside the container. Pink poly anti-static foam is the recommended material.
- 5. Seal the shipping container securely.

- 6. Clearly mark FRAGILE on its surface.
- 7. Always provide the model and serial number of the unit and the RMA number on any accompanying documentation.
- 8. Please contact the RMA department, using the contact information at the beginning of this document, to provide an RMA number and a shipping address.

## **Cleaning Connectors**

<b>^</b>	Caution
	<ul> <li>Connecting damaged or dirty connectors to the unit can damage the connectors on the unit.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Never force an optical connector. Some connectors have a ceramic ferrule that can easily be broken.</li> </ul>
	Never clean the connectors when the unit is turned on.

Optical connectors need to be cleaned before use with the unit.

The following items are required for cleaning:

- Filtered compressed air or dusting gas
- Lint-free pipe cleaners or lint-free swab
- Lint-free towels
- Optical grade isopropyl alcohol or optical grade 200° ethanol (do not use rubbing alcohol, which contains 30% water)

To clean the connectors:

- 1. Ensure that the unit is shut down (See source shut down).
- 2. Blow the sleeve with filtered compressed air (Figure 3).



Figure 3: Connector Cleaning (connector type can vary)

- 3. Apply optical grade isopropyl alcohol or optical grade ethanol (do not use rubbing alcohol) to a small area of a lint-free towel and rub the end of the ferrule over the wet area.
- 4. Wipe the ferrule on a dry area of the lint-free towel.
- 5. Using the dusting gas or compressed air, blow the end of the ferrule.

- 6. Apply the alcohol or ethanol to a lint-free pipe cleaner or swab and wipe off the remaining parts of the connector.
- 7. With the other end of the pipe cleaner or swab, dry the areas cleaned.
- 8. Using the dusting gas or compressed air, blow the areas cleaned.

## **Operating and Maintenance Instructions**

## Front Panel of Single Output Model

The front of the unit is shown in Figure 4 and described in Table 5.



#### Figure 4: Front of Unit

#### Table 5: Operating Controls and LEDs

Control or LED	Description
I/O	Power on (I) off ( <b>O</b> ) switch.
I/O LED indicator	Power-on LEDan illuminated green LED indicates power is on
Inactive/Active key switch	When Active, turns on current supply to laser diode. When Inactive, turns off the current supply to laser diode.
Inactive/Active LED indicator	Power-on laser LEDan illuminated green LED indicates laser diode is active
Output	Provides the amplified output signal from the source to the device under test (DUT)

## Front Panel of Four Output Model

The front of the unit is shown in Figure 4 and described in Table 6.



#### Figure 4: Front of Unit

#### Table 6: Operating Controls and LEDs

Control or LED	Description
I/O	Power on (I) off ( <b>O</b> ) switch.
I/O LED indicator	Power-on LEDan illuminated green LED indicates power is on
Inactive/Active key switch	When Active, turns on current supply to laser diode. When Inactive, turns off the current supply to laser diode.
Inactive/Active LED indicator	Power-on laser LEDan illuminated green LED indicates laser diode is active
Output	Provides the amplified output signal from the source to the device under test (DUT)

## **Rear Panel**

The back of the unit is shown in Figure 5 and described in Table 7.



Figure 5: Back of Unit

#### **Table 7: Rear Panel Details**

Feature	Description
AC line connector	100 to 240 V AC, 50 to 60 Hz line cord interconnection
Remote Interlock	Pins 1 and 6 of the remote interlock connector must be interconnected to enable operation of the broadband source
Fuse	Located above power entry
RS232	N/A

#### **Connecting the Remote Interlock**

Before the BBS unit can be operated, the remote interlock must be connected. The remote interlock allows a connection for a remote on/off switch.

To connect the remote interlock:

1. Do this remotely with an electrical relay circuit or locally by utilizing the electrical connector supplied with the instrument, interconnecting pins 1 and 6 of the connector at the back of the unit.

## Using the Broadband Source



Warning

Use of protective eyewear is recommended.

To ensure optimum performance, allow the broadband source to warm up for a minimum of one hour.

- 1. Ensure that the unit is turned off (**O**) and that the key switch on the front panel is set to the Inactive position.
- 2. Raise the Output optical connector port protective safety cover to expose the output connector and remove the protective optical connector cap.
- 3. Connect the DUT to the Output connector on the front panel via a suitable connectorized optical fiber (Figure 6). Ensure that all connectors are mated to like connectors.





4. Turn the power switch on (I) and turn the key switch to the Active position. The Active LED lights and the laser starts emitting after approximately 5s. This delay is a safety feature that enables the user to turn off the unit quickly in an emergency situation during start-up. With the unit operating, there are no user adjustments.

### Source Shut Down

It is important to shut source down before doing any maintenance, cleaning, or moving of the unit.

- 1. Switch Active/Inactive key switch to Inactive position.
- 2. Switch power to off (**O**) position.

3. Disconnect AC power source.



### Caution

After turning off the unit, wait at least 30 seconds before powering it up again. Avoid switching off the unit before it is fully initialized.

## **Checking Calibration**

The unit does not require routine calibration.

### Maintaining the Unit

Before every optical connector mating, thoroughly clean the connector end with a lint-free tissue and alcohol (see the **Cleaning Connectors** section).

When the unit is used in a high capacity environment, such as a manufacturing or quality assurance department, ensure that the front panel bulkhead optical connector is cleaned daily with swab and ethanol.

There are two attachments included in this manual

- Inspection report
- Optical spectrum

# Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Corrective Measure
Optical power is low, or no power output	Input / output connectors may be dirty	Clean connectors
	Input / output connectors may be the incompatible (ex. FC/APC – FC/HPC)	Change connectors
	Internal optical connectors may be damaged.	Factory service required
	Internal components are damaged.	Factory service required
Active indicator LED does not illuminate	Active/Inactive switch or power on switch is not turned to on (I) or Active	Turn switches to on (I) position
	Fuse is blown	Check and replace fuse if necessary
	Power line voltage is not correct or does not meet AC input requirements	Check voltage
	Internal components are damaged	Factory service required
Active indicator LED illuminated at all times	Internal components are damaged	Factory service required