OptoSci’s LDRS Small Form Factor OEM device driver is a stable current driver and thermo-electric controller (TEC) supplied in a credit card size, three board stack. It uses the same LDR core driver hardware and offers similar high specifications as our Eurocard modules (LDR250E and LDR1000E). LDRS is designed to be integrated into the user’s product or system rather than sit-stand alone on a test bench as the Eurocard version can. It comes with a dedicated device mount board & heat sink allowing users to solder their devices to the mount board.

**Features**

- **Small Form Factor:** The credit card size three board stack measures 75mm x 55mm x 30mm (excluding the heat sink) and is designed to be readily integrated into the user’s product / system.
- **Device Drive Current** up to 250mA or 1A and TEC to 2.5A as standard to ensure precise and stable device current and temperature control for wide range of devices.
- **Integrated heatsink** with dedicated solder mount board for 14-pin Butterfly devices (SLED, SOA, 980nm Pump Lasers, DFB laser diodes etc). LDRS utilises the same core drivers as our LDRE modules but, unlike the latter, it does not allow rewiring of the unit.
- **Comprehensive driver software (V-DRIVE)** supplied for full PC control and monitoring of the device.
- **Continuous traces** of device drive parameters (power, current, forward voltage and temperature) are available on screen to enable ongoing monitoring of the device.
- **V-DRIVE software** includes LVI plotter allowing direct device characterisation with test data readily available in CSV format.
- **Device current & temperature settings** can be saved to driver EPROM for set & forget operation with no need for connection to a PC.
- **Optional V-DRIVE add-on Multi-Instrument Browser (MIB)** for monitoring up to 5 LDR units simultaneously via USB interface.
- **Optional LabVIEW (beta) VI’s** allowing independent temperature / current control of the LDR units via client’s own LabVIEW interface.
- **Custom modules available.** Contact us to discuss custom device drivers with different specifications and /or mount board options such as 14-pin demountable DIL connector, bare mount etc.
# LDRS General Specifications – Custom Options Available

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<td>LDR1000S: 10 – 1000 mA&lt;br&gt;LDR250S: 0 – 250 mA</td>
<td>User adjustable in 0.1mA increments</td>
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<td>Current stability (CC mode)</td>
<td>≤ 0.05%</td>
<td>8 hours @ 20°C, after warm up</td>
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<td>Forward Voltage</td>
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**OptoSci OEM Design & Production Capability**

OptoSci has extensive experience in the design and production of custom and OEM photonics instruments and sub-systems for our worldwide industrial and research clients, based on our laser diode drivers, TEC controllers, photoreceivers, power meters, lock-in amplifiers, digital & analogue signal processing systems, system control & display modules, etc. (see the *Instrumentation* section of [www.optosci.com](http://www.optosci.com) for further information).

If you have a requirement for a custom photonics instrument, or an OEM sub-system to integrate into your own system or product, and feel that OptoSci’s electronic and optoelectronic expertise would be of interest to you then please let us know and we would be happy to examine and discuss your requirements further with you.
NOTES:
1. All dimensions in millimeters
2. Solder Butterfly mounting, USB interface and InGaAs photodiode option shown
3. Positions of Input/Outputs indicated

Ordering Information:

Driver: LDR250GKS
250mA Grounded Cathode OEM LDR Controller

Driver: LDR250GAS
250mA Grounded Anode OEM LDR Controller

Driver: LDR1000S
1000mA Grounded Cathode OEM LDR Controller

with Photodiode (optional): LDR S – IF
250GA (250mA Grounded Anode)
250GK (250mA Grounded Cathode)
1000 (1000mA Grounded Cathode)
LDRS OEM module with an external InGaAs photodiode in FC receptacle

Custom Module: LDR S – CU
Non-standard / customised module

Other Optional Items: BFM-HS
Spare 14-pin Butterfly LDRS solder device mount board with heatsink
LDR-5VPSU
5V, 2.5A plug-in power supply unit
Included Items
The LDRS OEM board is supplied with the following items as standard.

- Full V-DRIVE control software
- Solder Mount for 14pin butterfly packaged fibre coupled laser, SOA or similar device
- Heatsink for butterfly modules (see separate picture)
- USB interface & PC communications cable
- Operators manual

For optional items and other device mounts / connectors please contact OptoSci.

Operation
A full operating manual is supplied describing the set-up and operation of the LDRS module and the V-DRIVE software.

Top Mount Board Options:

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