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Bench-top High-power C-/L-Band SM Booster EDFA with Interlock & Status Monitor

User Manual

P/N: EDFA-x1(L)xx12xxxxxxxx

Version: 2024-10



Warning

When Emission Button is turned on and there is sufficient laser power to the input port of this device its output will be on at the power level previously set at factory, which is 26dBm. This power level can be changed through provided GUI.

Warning

For amplifiers with output power higher than 30dBm/1W one of the two options of output fiber below is required.

- A pair of fiber optic patch cables with matched high-power connectors
- Splicing of two matched fiber optic cables

Fail to do so will cause severe damage to output fiber, even to amplifier.

Warning

All fiber connectors need to be cleaned and inspected before connecting them to the input and output of amplifier.

Fail to do so might cause poor performance of amplifier, severe damage to fiber and even amplifier.

1 Warning

- 1) Only single mode fiber (SMF, 9/125 μ m) cable is compatible to this EDFA. Using of other fiber cables, including multimode fiber cables and single-mode fiber cables with different core size, may cause poor performance or even damage to the EDFA.
- 2) Only connectors as indicated on the front panel are allowed, such as FC/APC, SC/APC, etc.
- 3) Clean and inspect connectors and fiber ends prior to installation.
- 4) Use only industry approved methods, materials, and solutions for cleaning.
- 5) Always turn off the EDFA prior to plugging/unplugging fiber cable. Failure to do so may cause permanent damage to the EDFA.

2 Summary

This booster EDFA works in C- or L-band. Its front and rear panels are shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Front panel of EDFA

Front Panel

- **Input & Output** The fiber connectors on its front panel are for laser input and output. SMF-28 optical fiber cables are required for this model.
- **Emission Enable Button** The Emission Button is for ON/OFF of whole unit.
 - OFF: Dark
 - ON: Lighted up in blue
- Note:
 - When it is OFF USB functions are disabled.
 - The EDFA is designed to work between -10 ~ 60°C temperature range. Humidity should not exceed 90%. Installation is recommended in a temperature & humidity controlled, dust-free environment.
- **Status Indicator** This indicator LED will be lighted up in green when laser output is on.
- **Emergency Push Button** In case of emergence push it down to disable laser output. To resume laser output turn it clockwise.

Rear Panel

- **Power Connector** This module needs 100-240V AC power. Its on-off power switch locates on rear panel.
- **USB Control** The type-B USB port is for remote control.

The RS232 port is not functional for this model.

- Emission Status Monitor

The BNC connector on rear panel is for output of monitor signal of emission status. Its output can drive an external LED indicator.

EDFA emission on: 3.3V

EDFA emission off: 0.0V

- Safety Interlock

The SMA connector on front panel is for safety interlock input.

Its shield is GND and the core is input. It is pulled up inside EDFA. Shorting its core and shield will shut down EDFA immediately. Once shorting is released the pump laser inside EDFA will restore to previous status.

Interlock Status	Emission Control
Open-circuit	On
Short-circuit	Off

3 Connection and Operation

Warning

- This EDFA will have 30dBm output once the 'Emission' button lights up and > -10dBm input laser power is sent to the input port, even without GUI connection.
- An initial 26dBm output was set in factory and can be changed and saved by using GUI.

- 1) Plug the AC power cord into the receptacle on the rear panel of the module, and connect to 100-240V AC power source.
- 2) Clean the FC/APC connectors of SMF-28 fiber cables properly, and then connect them to the corresponding input/output ports.

Note: ensure that the wavelength and power of the input light are within the EDFA specifications, i.e. -10 ~ 5dBm @ 1550nm.

- 3) Connect interlock input, or leave the SMA connector open.
- 4) If needed, connect the emission status port to desired external device.
- 5) Turn power on using the rocker switch on the rear panel of the device.
- 6) Push the Emission button down to turn on the whole device. The Emission Button will be lighted up in blue. Now the device will have 30dBm output power.
- 7) Connect the USB port on the rear panel to a computer by using the type-B USB cable coming with the device.

- 8) Remote software control (GUI) provided can be used for getting EDFA status, changing output power, saving setting, etc. Please see Part 4 for detailed instruction.
- 9) Pushing the Emission button to turn off the EDFA.

4 Software Instruction

Note:

USB to COM driver for FTDI devices needs to be installed on the computer for remote control. The driver can be downloaded from <https://ftdichip.com/drivers/vcp-drivers/>.

- 1) Download GUI software 'EDFA GUI V3.0' from the link below, under Other Download.

<https://photonwares.com/product/erbium-doped-fiber-amplifier-module/>



Figure 2: Driver download link

- 2) Unzip the file and run setup.exe to install the GUI on host computer.
- 3) Turn on Emission on the front panel of the EDFA to power up the whole unit and enable USB functions.
- 4) Run EDFA GUI V3.0.
- 5) Choose device model **EDFA-M**
 - EDFA-H: standard version EDFAs with 30dBm or higher output power.
 - EDFA-L: standard version EDFAs with less than 30dBm output power.
 - **EDFA-M: standard M511 EYDFAs with 23-40dBm output power.**
 - EDFA-C: high-end or special version EDFAs.

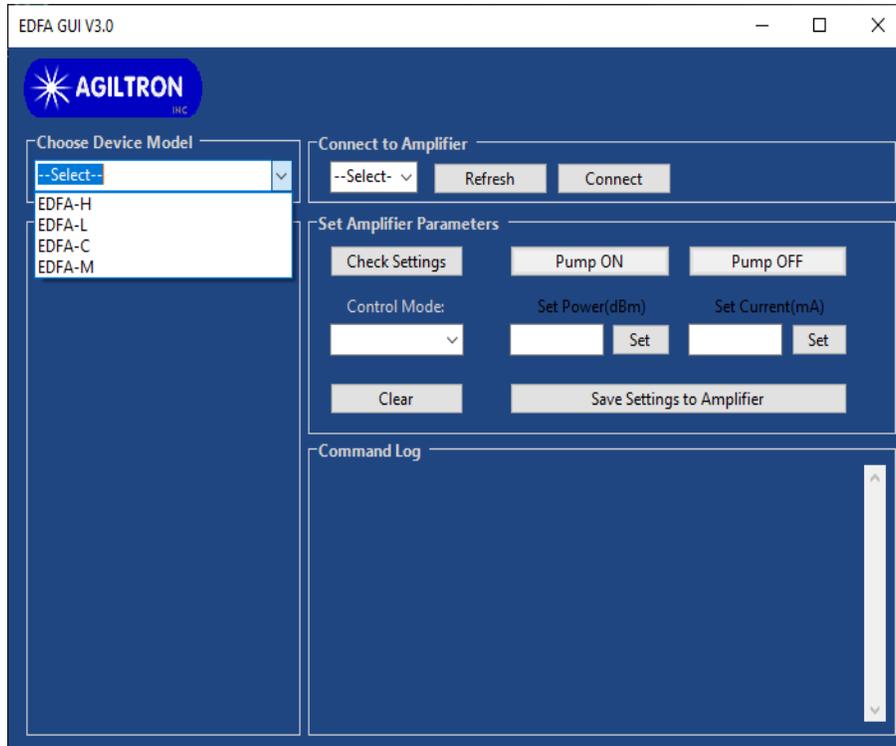


Figure 3: Remote control software: model selection

6) Port Selection:

Select the serial port, to which the EDFA is connected, from the 'Port List', and click 'Connect'. If the desired port doesn't show up click 'Refresh' button and try again.

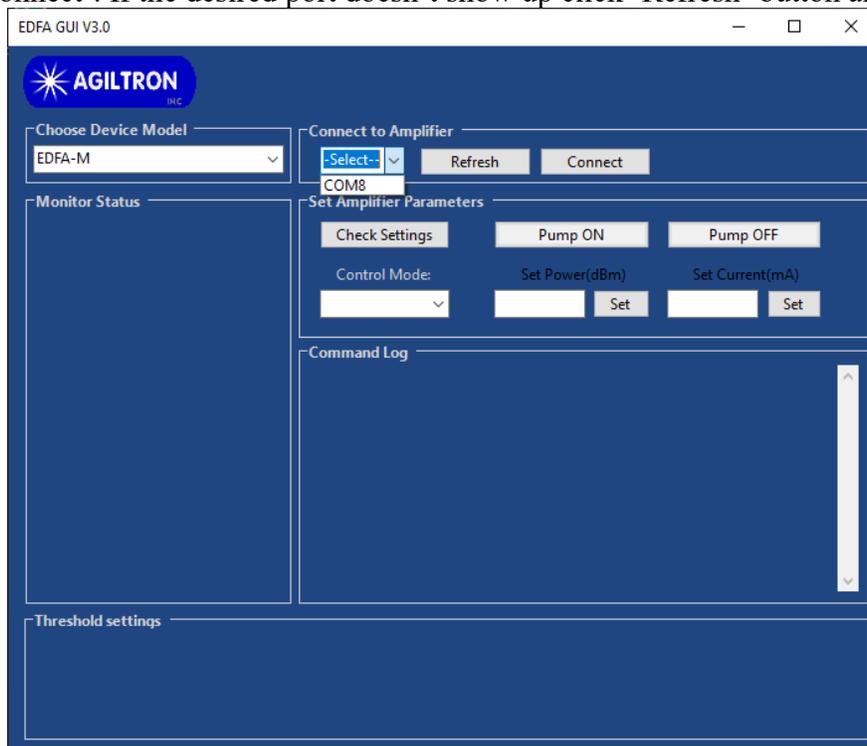


Figure 4: Remote control software: COM port selection.

- 7) Click 'Connect' button to build the connection between computer and the EDFA.
- 8) Once EDFA has been connected successfully the status of the EDFA will be displayed in Monitor Status window. The status keeps updating at an interval of 1 second.
- 9) Check Setting
Click to get the settings from the EDFA.
- 10) Pump ON/OFF

Click to turn on/off the EDFA pump laser, thus to turn on/off its output.

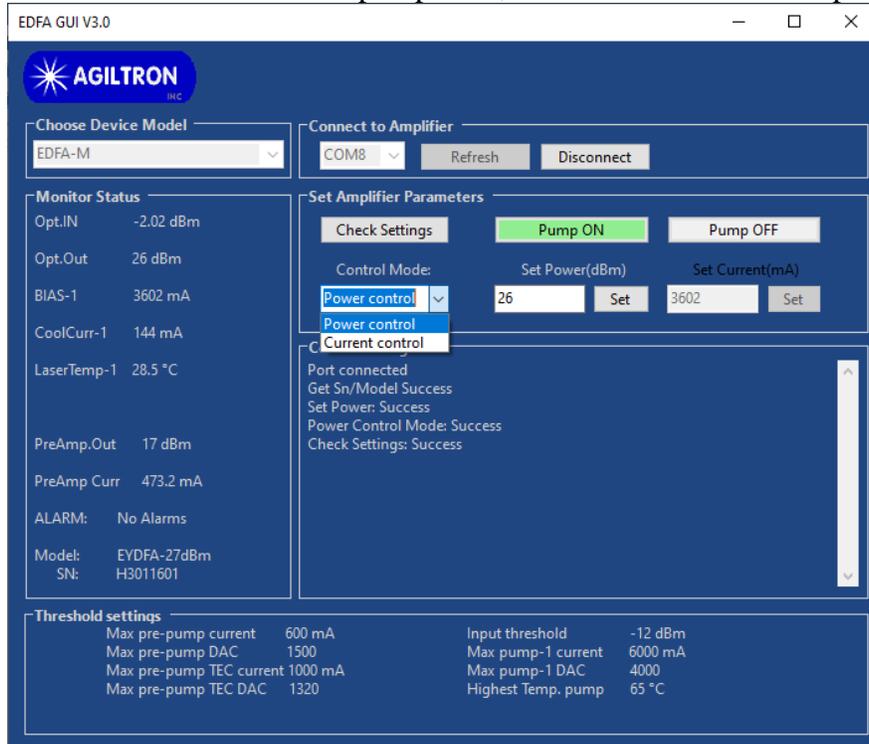


Figure 5: Remote control software: control mode selection

11) Control Mode Selection

Click 'Control Mode' button to get the current mode setting of EDFA.

- Power Control: constant power control mode
- Current mode: constant current control mode

Select the desired mode and input setting value into the corresponding 'Set Power(dBm)' or 'Set Current(mA)' box, then click 'Set' button.

12) Save Settings

Each time when either 'Set' button is clicked all current settings will be saved to EDFA.

When turn on the EDFA next time it will run under saved settings, even without GUI connection.

13) Emission ON/OFF

Click 'Pump ON' or 'Pump OFF' button to turn on/off the output of EDFA.

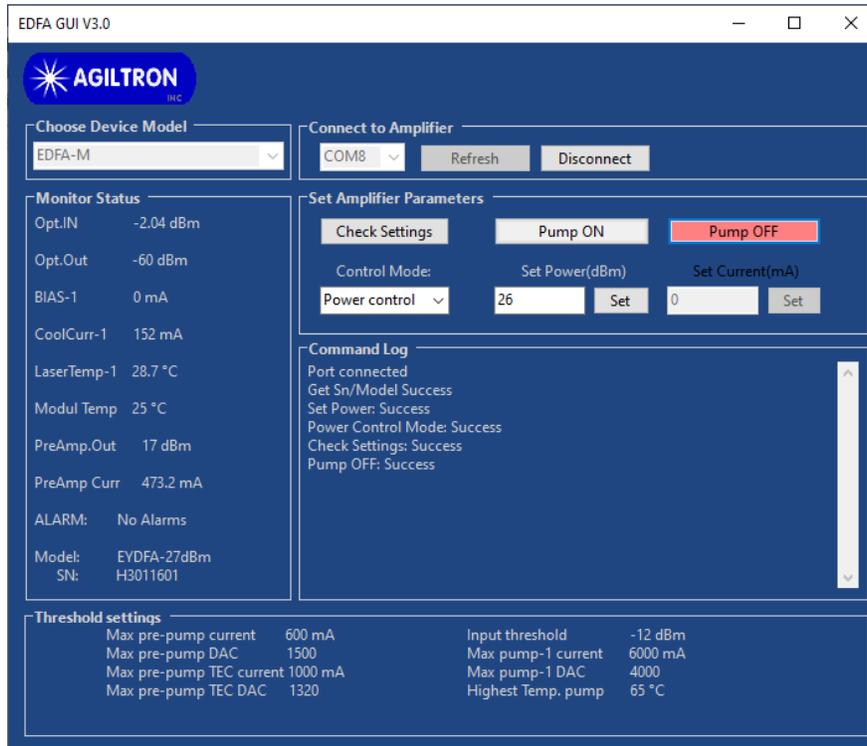


Figure 6: Remote control software: output is turned off.