



# Spot Cooling for Industrial Lasers

# Introduction

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**Thermoelectric coolers** provide spot cooling for industrial lasers



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Industrial laser applications require precise temperature control to achieve peak performance.

**Temperature changes can distort the laser wavelength** as it passes through the inside optics, which can result in poor welding or less precise cutting.

Compressor-based recirculating chiller systems have long been used to cool high-power laser systems, while thermoelectric-based chillers or coolers offer spot cooling for lower-powered lasers and optical components.

# Application Overview

**Industrial laser systems replace CNC machines used for:**

- Cutting
- Welding
- Drilling
- Etching



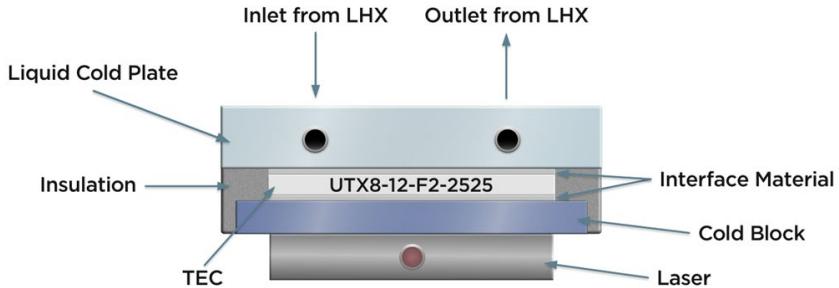
Requires temperature between 20 to 35°C  
at  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$  temperature stability



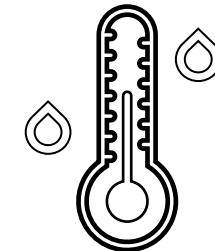
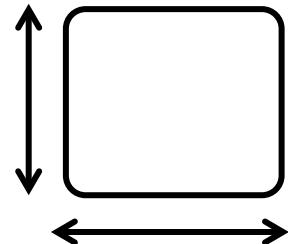
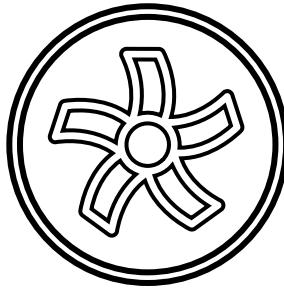
# Thermoelectrics in Lasers

As a laser beam passes through an optic lens, it heats up and distorts its wavelength.

Thermoelectric coolers offer high reliability and a more cost-effective solution



# Application Challenges



## Outgassing

Outgassing from standard thermal interface material can coat optics

## Heat Dissipation

Thermoelectric coolers can exceed the ability of a heat sink and fan to dissipate heat

## Swap Requirements

Ambient liquid cooling system and cold plate can route heat where space is available

## Condensation

Surfaces below dew point must be isolated to prevent condensation

# UltraTEC™ UTX Series

- **10% Cooling Capacity Boost**

Advanced thermoelectric materials for higher heat pumping capacity

- **( $\Delta T$ ) up to 72°C**

Improved temperature differential with higher thermal insulating barrier



# Conclusion

Thermoelectric coolers are used for spot cooling of sensitive laser components

Need of precise temperature control

TECs provide superior spot cooling

UltraTEC™ UTX boosts cooling capacity by 10%

Utilizing an ambient liquid cooling system

Temperature Changes result in poor welding or less precise cut

Can be mounted onto the side of the lens or the fixture holding the lens as well as inside laser diodes.

Greater heat pumping capacity and higher thermal insulating barrier than standard materials.

Will route heat where there is more space to dissipate heat away

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