

3.8.3 BeamWatch® Integrated - Beam Characterization System for Automated Manufacturing

BeamWatch Integrated is a fully automated laser measurement system designed to measure critical laser beam parameters on industrial production lines.

- Measures all the critical laser beam parameters of the focused beam up to 9999 W power (up to 30 kW on request)
Measured laser parameters include:
 - Waist (focus spot) width and location
 - Focal shift
 - Centroid
 - M2 or K
 - Divergence
 - Beam parameter product
 - Rayleigh length
 - Beam tilt angle
 - Absolute power
- Fully automated operation
- Trend analysis with good/bad signal
- Detailed report with time stamp
- Ability to work with different types of welding heads w/o changes to the measurement system
- Industrial interface of choice in addition to GigE: PROFINET, EtherNet/IP and CC-Link
- Rugged for industrial production environment
- Short measurement time for frequent measurements during shift operation
- Two options for single-mode or multi-mode lasers available



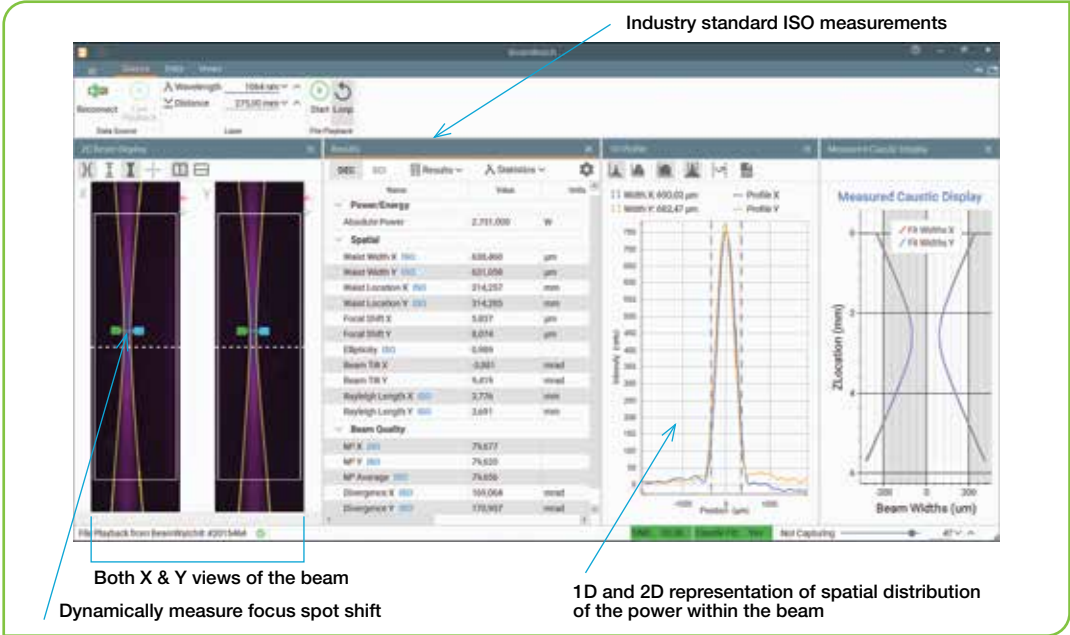
Although ever more powerful cutting and welding laser equipment is being used on modern production lines, all too frequently – due either to lack of time or to the complexity – the quality of the laser beam goes unchecked during the production process. Because laser process quality is directly linked to laser quality, this can lead to large batches of defective parts in high-throughput production lines, e.g. in the automotive industry. In addition to the significantly higher risk of loss or safety issues, neglecting to monitor the quality of the laser beam consistently makes it almost impossible to detect the root cause of problems, when they occur.

To address this issue, BeamWatch Integrated was developed. Based on the patented non-contact BeamWatch measurement principle (using Rayleigh scattering), this technology provides for the simultaneous measurements of multiple profiles along the beam caustic at video rates, delivering – in mere fractions of a second – all the beam key parameters according to ISO 13694 and ISO 11146 standards. Real-time performance also allows for detection of dynamic focal shift, while a NIST-traceable power sensor assures absolute power readings.

With its shutter and rugged design, BeamWatch Integrated is a compact and self-contained system that can accommodate different types of welding heads. A variety of interfaces makes it possible to integrate the system into production networks and automated manufacturing lines to facilitate direct transfer of measurement data.

The short measurement times allow the laser beam to be checked automatically during the loading / unloading phase, as frequently as once every produced unit. Additionally, all parameters can be read out using standard interfaces and – as part of the process monitoring – consistently documented for each individual component, as desired. Since they are based on a large amount of measurement data, trend diagrams are highly accurate and can therefore deliver useful insights for predictive maintenance.

Tolerances and limit values can be set up for measured parameters to trigger corrective actions as needed. BeamWatch Integrated operates virtually without maintenance, because contactless measurement exerts no wear on the instrument.



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- Automatically measure laser power, caustic and focus shift in real time
- Support multi-mode lasers
- Fully automated operation
- Trend analysis with good/bad signal
- Detailed report with time stamp
- Ability to work with different types of welding heads w/o changes to the measurement system
- Rugged for industrial production environment
- Short measurement time for frequent measurements during shift operation

BeamWatch Integrated with 150-175mm distance between focus position and power meter



Specifications

Model	BW-Integrated-150-NIR-155-Profinet		BW-Integrated-150-NIR-155-Ethernet/IP	BW-Integrated-150-NIR-155-CC-Link
Beam Profiling				
Wavelength	980 - 1080 nm			
Waist width accuracy	±5 %			
Waist location accuracy	±125 µm within the BeamWatch window			
Camera field of view inside the unit	32.17 mm x 8.55 mm			
Maximum entrance/exit beam diameter	12.5 mm			
Focal shift accuracy	±50 µm			
BPP accuracy	±3.5 % RMS			
Divergence accuracy	±3.5 % RMS			
M² accuracy	±3.5 % RMS			
Particulate purge	Clean dry gas (Air, Nitrogen, Argon), ~5-10 L/min, 6 bar			
Power Meter				
Power range	500 W - 9999 W (up to 30 kW on request)			
Maximum power density at power meter ⁽¹⁾	Beam diameter	Max power density		
	< 15 mm	10 kW/cm²		
	15 - 20 mm	7 kW/cm²		
	20 - 40 mm	5 kW/cm²		
	40 - 45 mm	4 kW/cm²		
Power sensor response time	2.7 s max for 9999 W (quicker for less power)			
Backscattered power	< 1 %			
Power noise level	25 W			
Linearity with power	±2 %			
Power accuracy	±5 %			
Software				
BeamWatch Integrated software	PROFINET	EtherNet/IP	CC-Link	
	Webinterface or BeamWatch Software			
Output	OK/Warning/NOK values, CSV, PDF and BeamWatch files			
Calibration Certificates				
Power Sensor	NIST traceable			
Camera	Certification			
General				
Communication	PROFINET & GigE	EtherNet/IP & GigE	CC-Link & GigE	
Distance between focus and power meter	150-175 mm			
Power supply	24 Volts DC, 5 Amps max			
Water cooling ⁽²⁾	Clean non-corrosive water, 8 L/min, 18-30 °C, 6 bar, ~2 bar pressure drop			
Weight	~20 kg			
Dimensions	21.78 in x 12.48 in x 6.78 in 553 mm x 317 mm x 172 mm			
Compliance	CE, UKCA, China RoHS			
Ordering information				
Part Number	SP90512	SP90528	SP90537	

Notes:

(1) For circular beam centered within ¼ of beam diameter. IMPROPERLY CENTERED BEAM CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO SENSOR. Maximum tilt angle on power sensor ±5 degrees. For rectangular beam please consult MKS Ophir representative

(2) Water temperature rate of change <1°C/min. The recommended flow rate can be lowered proportionately at lower than full power but should not be below 3 liter/min. The response time will be optimum with the recommended flow rate.

