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## 1550 nm Booster Optical Amplifier, SM

**BOA1550S** 

### Description

Thorlabs' BOA1550S Booster Optical Amplifier (BOA) is designed to amplify polarized optical signals around 1550 nm. The semiconductor device is housed in a standard 14-pin butterfly package with FC/APC connectors. Single mode fiber (SMF-28e) is used on both input and output sides. An integrated TEC and thermistor provide temperature control to stabilize the gain and optical spectrum.

### **Specifications**

#### CW; T<sub>CHIP</sub> = 25 °C; T<sub>CASE</sub> = 0 - 70 °C

BOA1550S Specifications						
	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max		
Center Wavelength <sup>a</sup>	λ <sub>c</sub>	1530 nm	1550 nm	1580 nm		
Operating Current	I <sub>OP</sub>	-	900 mA	950 mA		
Optical 3 dB Bandwidth	BW	95 nm	105 nm	-		
Small Signal Gain @ P <sub>IN</sub> = -20 dBm <sup>b,c</sup>	G	24 dB	27 dB	-		
Saturation Output Power (@ -3 dB) <sup>b,c</sup>	P <sub>SAT</sub>	17 dBm	18 dBm	-		
Gain Ripple (RMS) <sup>b</sup>	δG	-	0.04 dB	0.3 dB		
Noise Figure <sup>b,c</sup>	NF	-	8.5 dB	9.5 dB		
Forward Voltage <sup>b</sup>	V <sub>F</sub>	-	1.6 V	2.1 V		
TEC Operation (Typical/Max @ T <sub>CASE</sub> = 25 °C / 70 °C)						
TEC Current	I <sub>TEC</sub>	-	0.55 A	1.5 A		
TEC Voltage	V <sub>TEC</sub>	-	0.70 V	4.0 V		
Thermistor Resistance	R <sub>TH</sub>	-	10 kΩ	-		



a. This is the center wavelength of the amplified spontaneous emission (ASE), and is not necessarily the operating wavelength. An operating wavelength of 1550 nm was selected for testing to yield the specified saturated output power ( $P_{SAT}$ ).

b. At I<sub>OP.</sub>

c. At 1550 nm

BOA1550S Absolute Maximum Ratings <sup>a</sup>				
	Symbol	Min	Max	
Operating Current	I <sub>OP</sub>	-	950 mA	
Optical Output Power, CW	P <sub>Out</sub>	-	150 mW	
Chip Temperature (TEC)	T <sub>Chip</sub>	10 °C	30 °C	
Case Temperature	T <sub>Case</sub>	0 ° C	70 °C	

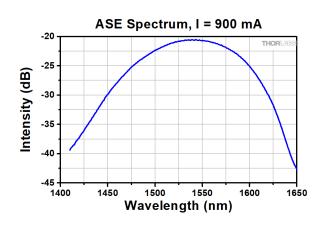
a. Absolute maximum rating specifications should never be exceeded. Operating at or beyond these conditions can permanently damage the amplifier.

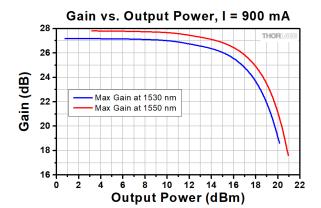
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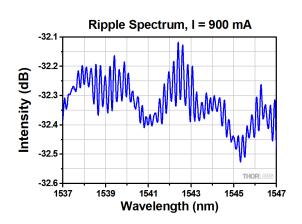
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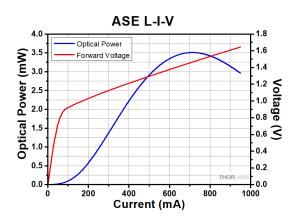
Fiber Specifications			
	Value		
Fiber Type	SMF-28e		
Mode Field Diameter	9.2 ± 0.4 μm @ 1310 nm		
	10.4 ± 0.5 µm @ 1550 nm		
Numerical Aperture	0.14		
Fiber Pigtail Length	1.5 m		
Connector	FC/APC, 2.0 mm Narrow Key		

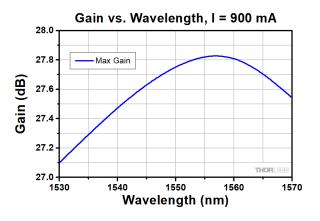
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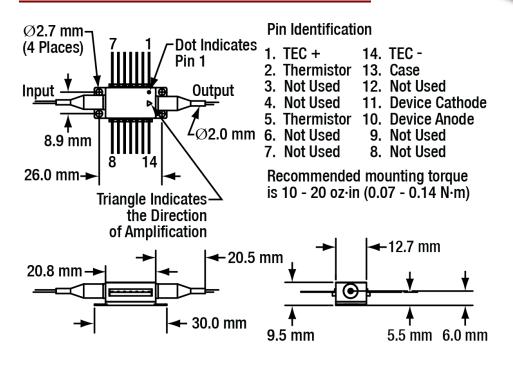




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### Drawings



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