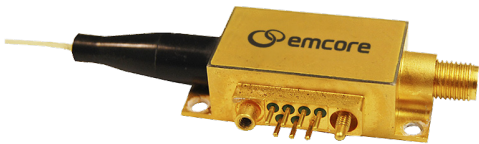


1742 18 GHz 1550 nm
Microwave DFB Laser



Applications

- Antenna Remoting
- Cellular and PCS Networks
- Military Communications
- Tracking, Telemetry, and Control

Features

- High-Dynamic-Range
- Long Distance Communications
- 10 MHz to 18 GHz Bandwidth
- Built-in Optical Isolator
- 1550 nm
- RoHS Compliant

The 1742 18 GHz 1550 nm Microwave Distributed Feedback (DFB) Laser provides exceptional performance for linear fiber optics communications in very wide bandwidth applications. ORTEL’s linear fiber optics are an excellent alternative to using coaxial cable systems to transmit 10 MHz to 18 GHz signals. They offer significant improvements in reliability of microwave communications networks by transmitting the RF signal in its original format. As a result of these properties, the 1742 provides significant improvements in signal quality for a wide variety of applications including antenna remoting, telemetry, timing and reference signal distribution, measurement and delay lines.

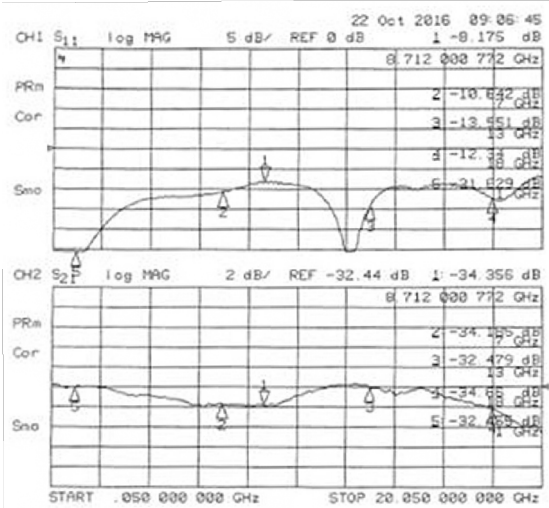
The basic 1742 laser module can be integrated into a complete transmitter either as a flange-mount for extreme environments, or as a plug-in for ORTEL’s System 10000 rack-mount system. Electronics within the flange-mount and plug-in transmitters control the laser temperature and DC bias current and provide warnings whenever the temperature or power deviates from their intended levels. This provides a self-regulating, fully-integrated microwave product with excellent noise performance in sensitive optical links.

Performance Highlights

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Available Wavelengths	1545	1550	1555	nm
Optical Output Power	-	9	-	dBm
Temperature Range	-40	-	+65	°C
Frequency Range	10	-	18,000	MHz



Typical Data



1742 18 GHz 1550 nm
Microwave DFB Laser

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses in excess of the absolute maximum ratings can cause permanent damage to the device. These are absolute stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device is not implied at these or any other conditions in excess of those given in the operational sections of the data sheet. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for extended periods can adversely affect device reliability.

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Max	Unit
Operating Temperature Range of Baseplate	T _{OP}	Continuous	-40	+65	°C
Storage Temperature	T _{STG}	-	-40	+85	°C
RF Input Power	P _{IN}	60 Seconds	-	20	dBm
Laser Forward dc Current	-	-	25	120	mA
Photodiode Reverse Voltage	V _{RPD}	-	200	15	V
Laser Reverse Voltage	-	-	-	1	V
ESD	-	HMB: R = 1500 Ohm, C = 100 pF	-500	500	V
TEC Current	I _{TEC}	Continuous	-1.8	1.6	A

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Specifications	Unit
Wavelength	1550 to ± 5	nm
Spectral Width, FWHM², Typ., Max	10	MHz
Optical Power, Typical @ ITH +55 mA	8 (min)	dBm
Optical Power Stability vs. Temperature	± 15	%
dc Modulations Gain, Typical	0.24	-

1. Specifications guaranteed when unit is connected to an optical path with return loss >35 dB.
2. No RF Input.

DC

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Max	Units
Laser Bias	I _{OP}	25°C	-	100	mA
Threshold Current	I _{TH}	25°C	-	15	mA
Forward Voltage	V _F	I _{OP} = I _{TH} + 50 mA	-	6	V
Thermo Electric Cooler	I _{TEC}	-	-1.1	-	A
Thermistor	R _{TH}	25°C	9.5	10	kΩ
Thermistor Temperature Coefficient	TE _{TH}	25°C	-	4.4	% / °C

Seven-Pin Miniature Rectangular Connector

Pin	Description
A	Thermistor
B	TEC (-)
C	Thermistor
D	TEC (+)
E	Laser Bias
F	Ground
G	Monitor Photodiode

1742 18 GHz 1550 nm Microwave DFB Laser

DATASHEET | JUNE 2026

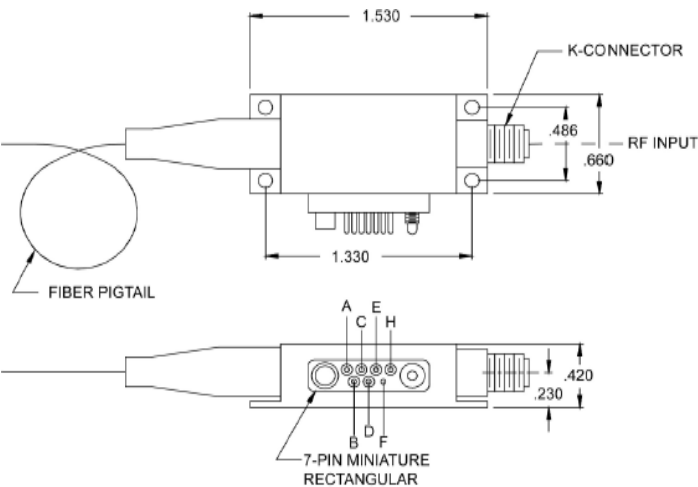
MICROWAVE

RF Characteristics

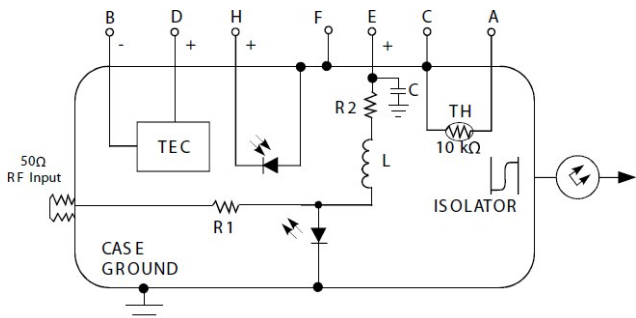
Parameter	Specifications			Unit
	1742B	1742C	1742D	
Maximum Frequency	7	13	18	GHz
Minimum Frequency	0.01			GHz
Amplitude Flatness ^{1&2}	4.0	4.0	4.0	dB p-p
Input Return Loss (50 Ω)	7.0	6.0	6.0	dB
Input 1 dB Compression	+20			dBm
Input Third Order Intercept ³				
0.01 GHz - 7.0 GHz	+34			dBm
7.0 GHz - 18.0 GHz	+30			
Noise Figure (dB) ⁴				
0.01 GHz - 4.0 GHz	45			db
4.0 GHz - 7.0 GHz	48	45	45	
7.0 GHz - 13.0 GHz	-	48	48	
		53	53	
13.0 GHz - 18.0 GHz			59	

1. Specifications guaranteed when unit is connected to an optical path with return loss >35 dB.
2. Peak to Peak
3. Two Carrier Test
4. No RF Input

Mechanical Drawing (dimension are in inches)



Electrical Schematic



1742 18 GHz 1550 nm
Microwave DFB Laser

Ordering Information

1742n-xx-yy-zz

Frequency (n)	Option Code
7 GHz	B
13 GHz	C
18 GHz	D

RF Connector (xx)	Option Code
SMA Female	SF

Optical Connector (zz)	Option Code
FC/APC optical connector, 900m buffered pigtail	FA
SC/APC, optical connector, 900m buffered pigtail	SA

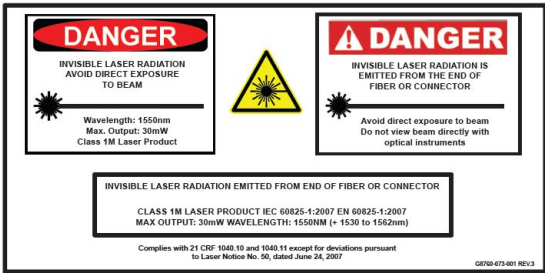
Wavelength (yy)	Option Code
1540 nm to 1560 nm	01
1551.7	32
1550.1	34
1548.5	36
1546.9	38

Laser Safety

This product meets the appropriate standard in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). FDA/CDRH Class 1M laser product. This device has been classified with the FDA/CDRH under accession number 0220191. All versions of this laser are Class 1M laser product, tested according to IEC 60825-1:2007 / EN 60825-1:2007. An additional warning for Class 1M laser products. For diverging beams, this warning shall state that viewing the laser output with certain optical instruments (for example, eye loupes, magnifiers and microscopes) within a distance of 100 mm may pose an eye hazard. For collimated beams, this warning shall state that viewing the laser output with certain optical instruments designed for use at a distance (for example, telescopes and binoculars) may pose an eye hazard.

Wavelength = 1.5 μm.

Maximum power = 30 mW.



*Caution: Use of controls, adjustments and procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous laser radiation exposure.

*IEC is a registered trademark of the International Electrotechnical Commission.