

## 9697 nm DFB Quantum Cascade Laser, 20 mW (Min)

QD9697HH



### Description

The QD9697HH is a single spatial mode, single longitudinal mode, distributed feedback quantum cascade laser contained in a high heat load (HHL) package, designed and manufactured by Thorlabs. This laser operates in continuous wave (CW) mode at room temperature, and the lasing wavelength can be tuned through 9697 nm, making this laser ideal for Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) detection.

The QD9697HH has a collimated output and offers a standard HHL pinout for electrical and temperature control. Its package is sealed, although the seal is not hermetic. There is no monitor photodiode.

### Specifications

Absolute Maximum Ratings (CW Operation)	
Operating Current	Varies Between Devices <sup>a</sup>
Output Power	300 mW
LD Reverse Voltage	1 V
PD Reverse Voltage	N/A
TEC Current	4.5 A
TEC Voltage	6.5 V
Operating Temperature	15 to 45 °C <sup>b</sup>
Storage Temperature	-40 to 85 °C



- The absolute maximum current is determined on a device-by-device basis and is listed on the device's data sheet.
- Non-condensing environment. Single mode performance at the target wavelength is guaranteed within this range, with individual operating conditions listed on the device datasheet.

Thermistor Characteristics (T <sub>CASE</sub> = 25 °C)				
	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max
Thermistor Resistance <sup>c</sup>	R <sub>th</sub>	-	10 kΩ	-
Steinhart-Hart Coefficients	A	-	1.129 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	-
	B	-	2.341 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	-
	C	-	0.878 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	-

- Thermistor resistance follows the Steinhart-Hart equation:

$$\frac{1}{T} = A + B(\ln R_{th}) + C(\ln R_{th})^3$$

## Specifications (Cont.)

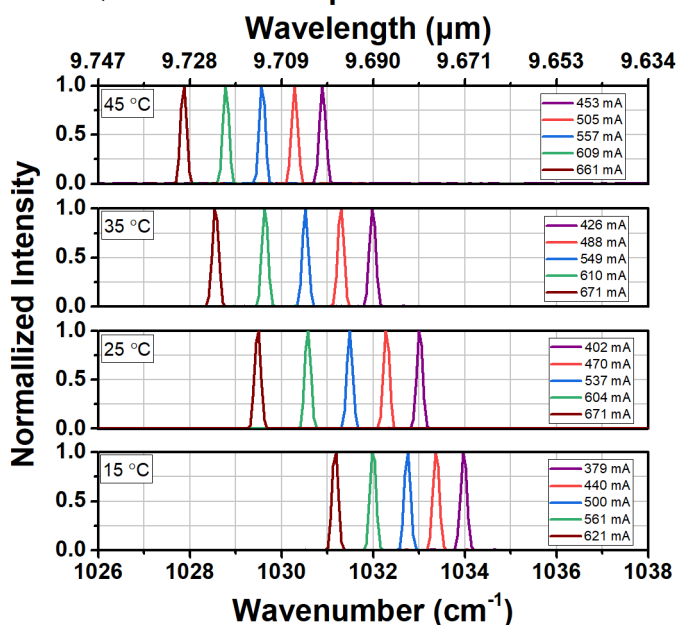
Optical Electrical Characteristics (CW Operation)				
	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max
Center Wavelength	$\lambda$	-	9.697 $\mu\text{m}$	-
Operating Temperature	$T_{\text{op}}$	15 °C	-	45 °C
Tuning Range	$\Delta\bar{\nu}$	-	3 $\text{cm}^{-1}$	-
Temperature Tuning	$\Delta\bar{\nu}/\Delta T$	-	-0.08 $\text{cm}^{-1}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	-
Side Mode Suppression	SMSR	20 dB	-	-
Optical Output Power	$P_{\text{out}}$	20 mW	80 mW	-
Operating Current	$I_{\text{op}}$	-	-	1000 mA
Threshold Current	$I_{\text{th}}$	-	300 mA	-
Forward Voltage	$V_F$	-	12 V	-
Beam Pointing	Parallel <sup>d</sup>	-	-0.75°	0°
	Perpendicular <sup>d</sup>	-	-2.75°	-2.0°
Beam Divergence Angle (FWHM)	Parallel <sup>d</sup>	$\theta_{\parallel}$	3 mrad	6 mrad
	Perpendicular <sup>d</sup>	$\theta_{\perp}$	3 mrad	6 mrad
$M^2$	Parallel <sup>d</sup>	$M^2_{\parallel}$	1.0	1.1
	Perpendicular <sup>d</sup>	$M^2_{\perp}$	1.0	1.1
Minimum Beam Diameter (D4 $\sigma$ Method) <sup>e</sup>	D	0.5 mm	1.5 mm	2.5 mm

d. For this laser, these terms are defined with respect to the plane of the base plate.

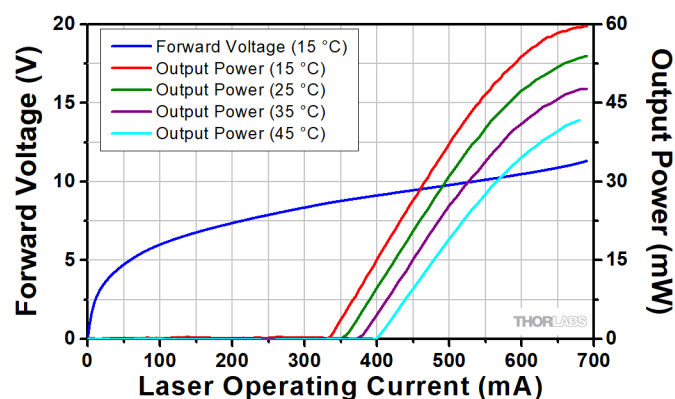
e. Obtained by scanning a razor across the beam and measuring the points where 10% of the total beam intensity and 90% of the total beam intensity are observed.

## Sample Performance Plots

QD9697HH CW Spectral Characteristics

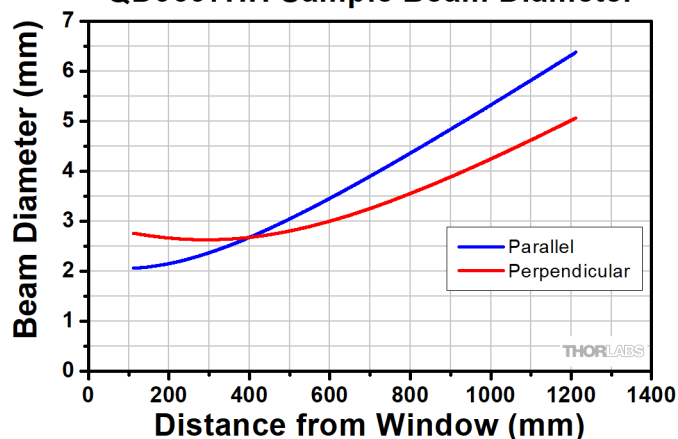


QD9697HH Sample L-I-V Characteristics

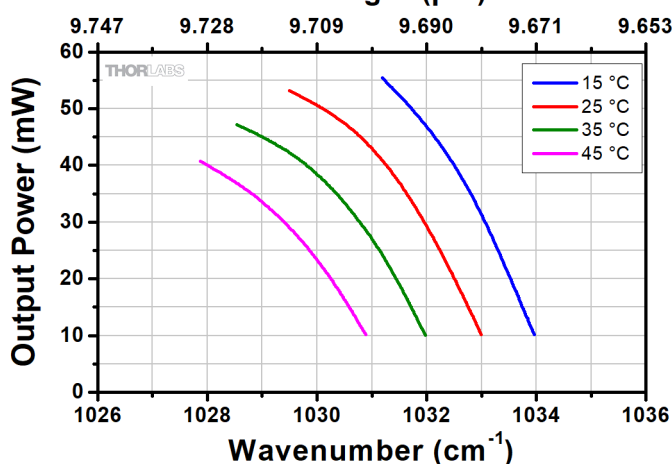


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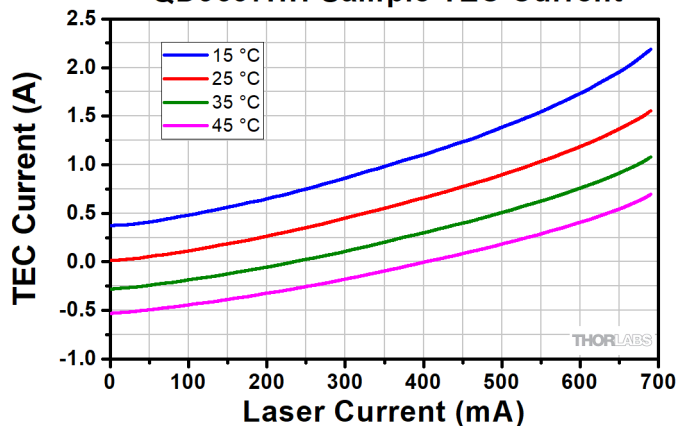
QD9697HH Sample Beam Diameter



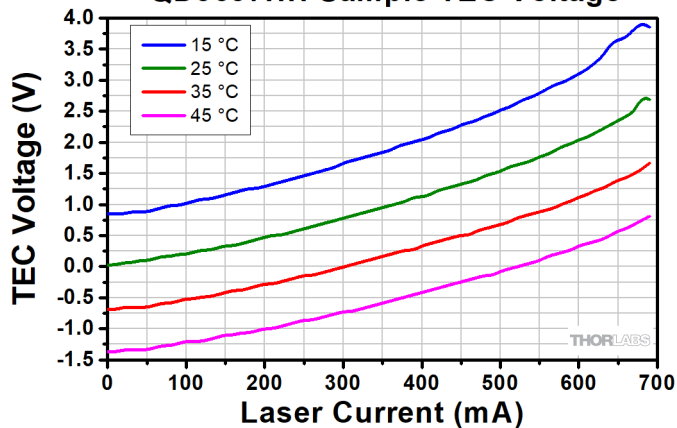
QD9697HH Output Power vs. Wavelength



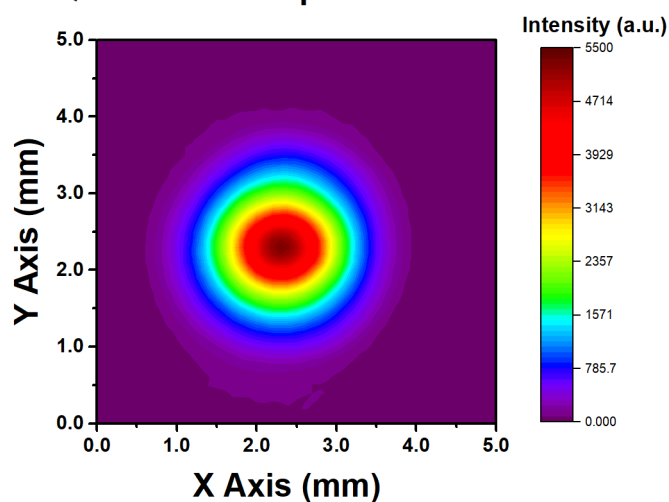
QD9697HH Sample TEC Current



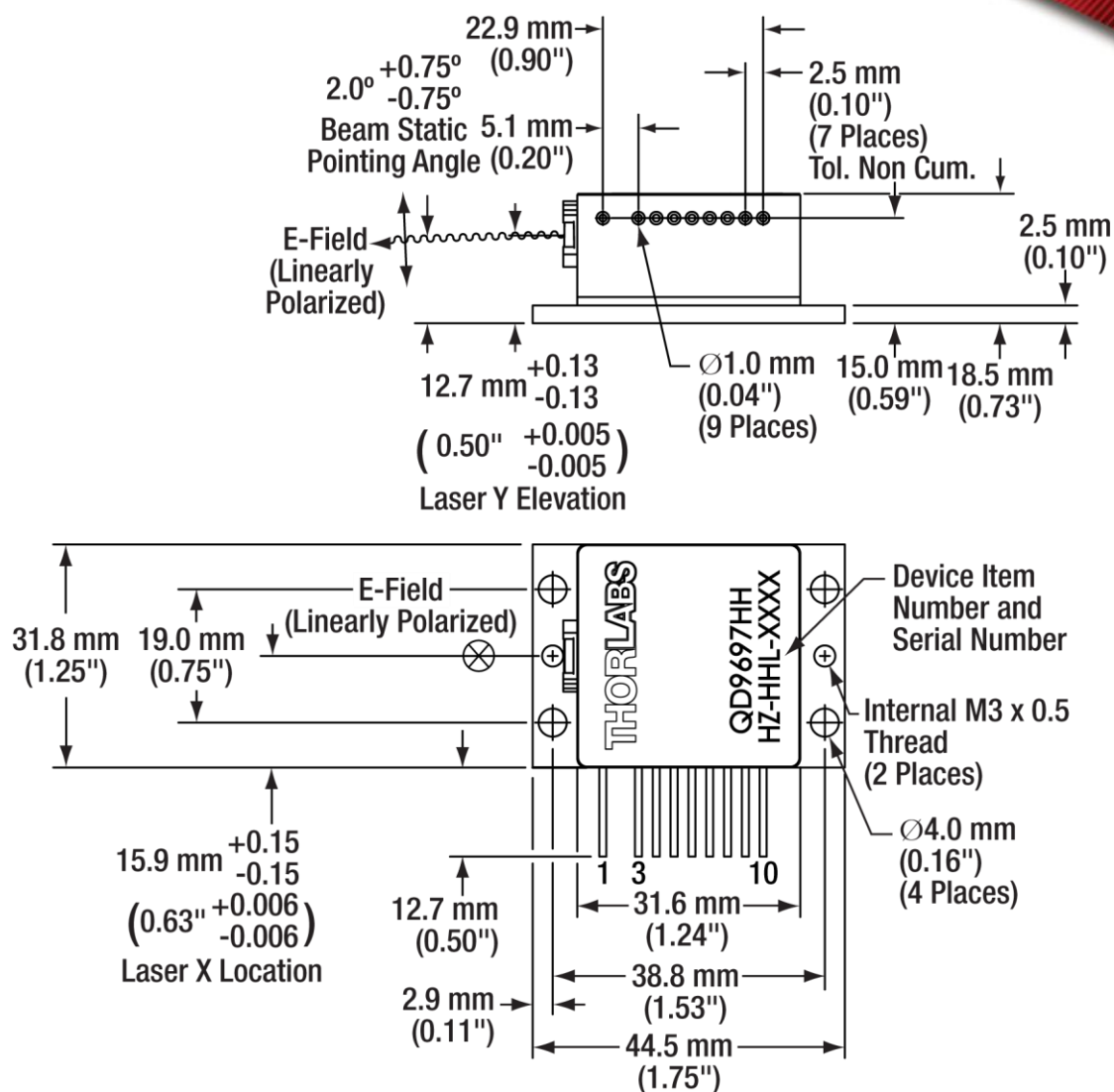
QD9697HH Sample TEC Voltage



QD9697HH Sample Beam Profile



## Drawings for QD9697HH



Pin	Description
1	TEC (-)
2	Not Present
3	N/C
4	Laser Anode (+)
5	Thermistor, 10 k $\Omega$
6	Thermistor, 10 k $\Omega$
7	Laser Cathode (-)
8	EEPROM (+)
9	EEPROM (-/Ground)
10	TEC (+)