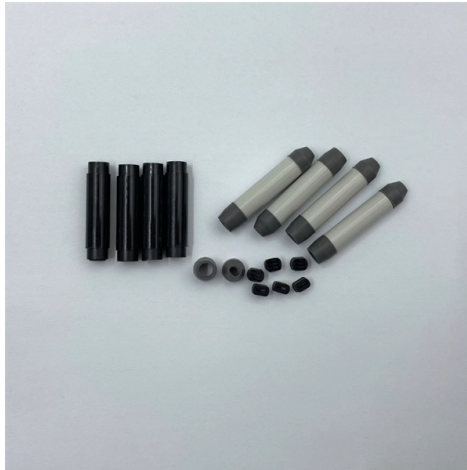


Laser head diode wiring



Overview

Learn how to use the Laser Diode Module with detailed documentation, including pinouts, usage guides, and example projects.

Key Takeaways

Laser diode modules typically have three pins—VCC, GND, and SIG—and must be wired with a current-limiting resistor or driver to safely control the laser. Pinout and Wiring

Most laser diode modules, such as the KY-008, have three pins:

- VCC (+): Connects to the 5V power supply from your microcontroller or external source.
- GND (-): Connects to the ground of your circuit.
- SIG (S): The signal pin used to turn the laser on or off via a digital output pin on a microcontroller like Arduino (). Some modules may have only two pins (VCC and GND), where VCC serves both as power and signal. In this case, connecting VCC to a digital output pin allows you to control the laser directly ().

Current Limiting

Laser diodes are sensitive to overcurrent. Most low-power modules include a built-in current-limiting resistor, but if your module does not, you should add a resistor in series with the VCC line to prevent damage. Typical small diodes operate around 3V and 20mA ().

Example Arduino Wiring

- Connect VCC to the 5V pin on Arduino.
- Connect GND to Arduino GND.
- Connect SIG to a digital output pin (e.g., pin 13).
- In your Arduino code, configure the pin as output and toggle it HIGH/LOW to turn the laser on and off:

```
int LASER_PIN = 13; void setup() { pinMode(LASER_PIN, OUTPUT); } void loop() {
digitalWrite(LASER_PIN, HIGH); // Laser ON delay(3000); digitalWrite(LASER_PIN,
LOW); // Laser OFF delay(3000); }
```

This setup allows you to safely control the laser for projects like tripwires, alignment markers, or signaling ().

Safety Considerations

- Never point the laser at eyes or reflective surfaces. Even low-power lasers can cause eye damage ().
- Use laser safety glasses if working with higher-power modules.
- Ensure your workspace is clear of flammable materials and use warning signs when the laser is active (). By following these wiring and safety guidelines, you can integrate a laser diode module into your electronics projects safely and effectively.

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