

THUNDER LASER SYSTEMS



Installation and operation manual MARS-160

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Introduction

This manual has been designated as the thunder laser systems, laser cutting machine installation and user guide; The manual is divided into five chapters, Including general information instructions, safety instructions, the key components of every laser cutting systems and the installation steps, operation instructions and maintenance instructions from THUNDERLASER Company.

Frist, it should be emphasized that the installation of each system must meet the requirements, and make it consistent with the installation requirements of THUNDERLASER. If not, the machine will not working properly, poor performance, life shortened, maintenance costs increased and even machine damage .

The note is for getting a specific requirement of system installation, and we hope every customer try to understand these notes before installation and usage, thus you can correctly install and use. If you meet any installation problems, you can contact our technical staff and customer service staff. **(At the same time, you can also refer to the machine installation video that we posted on youtube. The specific URL is www.thunderlaser.com/videos.php or http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=likSTBR2_hM&feature=player_embedded.)**

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Chapter1 General

1.1 General Information

Caution:

Please read and follow this Operation Manual carefully, before installation and operation. Damage to persons and/or material can result from not following individual points of the Operation Manual!

Operation of the system is only permitted with equipment and spare parts supplied or listed in the spare parts and consumables lists.

Auxiliary equipment must be adjusted to the base machine (any queries to dealer or manufacturer).

The following symbols are used for easier understanding of the Operation Manual:



If the Operation Manual is not observed, this area represents a particular danger for the operating personnel or the personnel responsible for maintenance.



Caution: This component is under voltage. In these areas strictly observe the safety instructions regarding electricity. Care is to be taken in particular during maintenance and repair work.



Caution: In this area pay attention to the possible dangers of the laser beam.

Tips: Note or information on individual components of the device that simplify the use or make it more understandable.

1.2 Designated

The THUNDER LASER MARS-160 is used for engraving and cutting of signs, stamps and suchlike.

A wide variety of materials such as rubber, acrylic, coated metal, tin, special steel, anodized aluminum, cork, cardboard, glass, leather, marble, several plastics and wood can be processed on the laser.



1. The engraving process must only be performed with a perfectly adjusted machine.
2. For cutting applications with 100 W the use of the cutting table is absolutely necessary.
3. Use of the system in other areas is against the designated use. The manufacturer does not admit liability for damage to personal and/or equipment resulting from such use.
- 4, The system must only be operated, maintained and repaired, by personnel that are familiar with the designated field of use and the dangers of the machine!
5. Non-observance of the instructions for operation, maintenance and repair described in this Operation Manual excludes any liability of the manufacturer if a defect occurs.
6. Caution when processing conductive materials (carbon fibers), Conductive dust or particles in the ambient air might damage electrical components and lead to short circuits. Bear in mind that those defects are not warranted.

1.3 Disposal remarks



Do not dispose the machine with domestic waste!

Electronic devices have to be disposed according to the regional directives on electronic and electric waste disposal. In case of further questions, please ask your supplier. He might take care of proper disposal.



1.4 Technical Data / Device Specification

Mechanics

Working area	51.2"x 35.4" / 1300 x 900 mm
Table Size	55.1"x 40.6" / 1400 x 1030 mm
Z Axis Height	9.1 inch / 230 mm
Max. Height of work piece (Motorized Table, Standard laser head)	9.1 inch / 230 mm
Max. Height of work piece (No Motorize Table, Standard Laser head)	1-2.1 inch / 27- 55mm
Max. Engraving speed	39 inch/sec. / 1000 mm/sec. Standard
Cutting speed	depending on material, thickness, laser power
Motor	Easy Servo Motor
Drive	Hybrid Servo Drive
Work piece table	Solid metal (Honey comb table)
Max. load of work piece table	35 kg
Net Weight	310kgs (683lbs)
Lenses available (focal distance)	2, 0"
Focus lens diameter	20mm
Reflector diameter	25mm
Beam combiner diameter	25mm

Dimensions

W x D x H	76.8"x 55.1"x 41.7" / 1950 x 1400 mm x 1060 mm
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Max Part Size (W x L x H)

Front Door Closed	55.1"x 40.6"x 10.6" / 1400 x 1030 mm x 270 mm
Pass-Through Door	55.1" x ∞" x 1.2" / 1400 x ∞mm x 30 mm

Features

Standard:

Red Dot Pointer, Auto Focus, Motorized Table, Pass-Through Door, Air Assist, Water Pump, Exhaust Fan, Honey Comb Table, 2,0"(50.8mm)Focus Lens, Easily Adjustable Home Position, LCD Display, 3D Engraving, "No Water "protection, Emergency Stop, Open cover protection, TL-Timer, Ammeter, The warning light.

Optional:

Rotary Attachment, Water Chiller Attachment, High Resolution head (up to 1000DPI, while standard laser head Max is 500DPI), Air Compressor, Air Compressor Filter

Control System

Laser power	Adjustable from 2 - 95% (typically 12-95%)
Interface Hardware	USB: connect to PC and U-disk Ethernet: connect to PC
Interface Software	RDWorksV8
Operating Modes	Optimized raster, vector, and combined mode
Buffer Memory	128 MB Standards

Laser Equipment

Laser Type	Sealed CO2 Glass Laser Tube
	Laser Power: 80W, 100W 130W 150W
Wavelength	10, 6 μ m

Cooling System

Air Cooling System	Air-Cooled
Water Cooling System	Water Cooled

Electricity, Power, Fuse

Electricity Requirement	110 to 240 volts, 50 or 60 Hz, Single phase
Power consumption	1600W (Assembly 80Watt Laser Tube)
Recommended fuse	15A (220V), 15A (110V)

Ambient Conditions

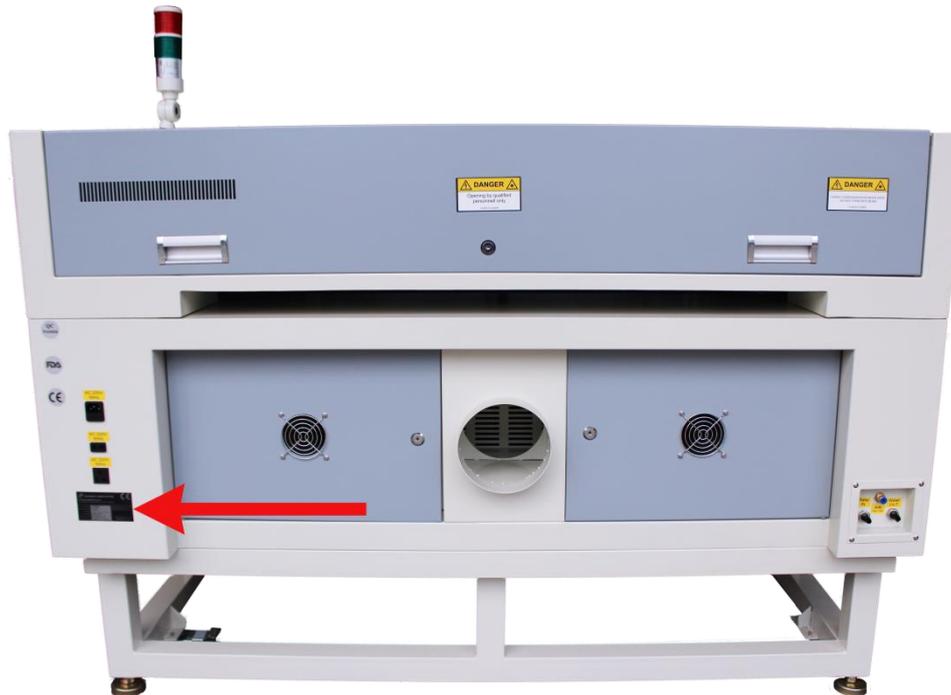
Ambient temperature	+15°C to +25°C / 59°F to 77°F
Humidity	40% to max. 70%, not condensing

Laser Safety

Laser class	CDRH Laser Safety Laser Class 4(H) CE compliant, FDA approved
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1.5 Manufacturer's Label

The manufacturer's label is located on the back of the device (see Figure below).



It is recommended to enter data such as serial number and year of manufacture into the manufacturer's label below so that you always have this data handy if you have problems with your device or require spare parts.

 THUNDER LASER CUTTER		
THUNDER LASER TECH CO.,LTD This Product Complies With 21 Cfr Part 1040.10		
Input Power: Nominal Power: Lasertype: Model/Type: Serial Number: Manufactured:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	601,Unit 1,Building 2,BinYuan Garden, JinTang Street,HongLing South Road,LuoHu District,ShenZhen,China www.thunderlaser.com MADE IN CHINA

Chapter 2 Safety

2.1 General Safety Information

All personnel involved in installation, set-up, operation maintenance and repair of the machine, must have read and understood the Operation Manual and in particular the "Safety" section. The user is recommended to generate company-internal instructions considering the professional qualifications of the personnel employed in each case, and the receipt of the instruction/Operation Manual or the participation at introduction/training should be acknowledged in writing in each case.

Safety-conscious of Working

The machine must only be operated by trained and authorized personnel.

The scopes of competence for the different activities in the scope of operating the machine must be clearly defined and observed, so that under the aspect of safety no unclear questions of competence occur. This applies in particular to activities on the electric equipment, which must only be performed by special experts.

For all activities concerning installation, set-up, start-up, operation, modifications of conditions and methods of operation, maintenance, inspection and repair, the switch-off procedures that may be provided in the Operation Manual must be observed.

Safety Information for the User and/or Operating Personnel

1. No working methods are permitted that affect the safety of the machine.
2. The operator must also ensure that no unauthorized persons work with the machine (e.g. by activating equipment without authorization).
3. It is the duty of the operator, to check the machine before start of work for externally visible damage and defects, and to immediately report changes that appear (including behavior during operation) that affect the safety.
4. The user must provide that the machine is only operated in perfect condition.
5. The user must guarantee the cleanness and accessibility at and around the machine by corresponding instructions and controls.
6. Principally, no safety components may be removed or disabled (already here we emphasize the imminent dangers, for example severe burns, loss of eye-sight). If the removal of safety components is required during repair and service, the replacement of the safety components must be performed immediately after completion of the service and repair activities.
7. Preparation, retooling, change of work piece, maintenance and repair activities must



only performed with equipment switched off, by trained personnel.

8. It is forbidden to perform unauthorized modifications and changes to the machine. It is emphasized, that any unauthorized modifications to the machine are not permitted for safety reasons.

2.2 Laser Safety Information



1. To assess the potential dangers laser systems pose, they are classified into 1 safety classes, thunder laser MARS-160 is a device of class 1. This is guaranteed by the protective housing and the safety installations.

Please note that improper operation of the device can override the status of safety class 1 and can cause the emission of harmful radiation.

2. This laser engraving system contains a carbon dioxide (CO₂) laser of class 4 that emits intensive and invisible laser radiation. Without safety precautions the direct radiation or even diffuse reflected radiation is dangerous!

3. Without safety precautions, the following risks exist with exposure to laser radiation:

Eyes: Burns to the cornea

Skin: Burns

Clothing: Danger of fire

4. Never try to modify or disassemble the laser and do not try to start up a system that had been modified or disassembled!

5. Dangerous radiation exposure can result from the use of operation or adjustment equipment other than that described here, and if different operational methods are performed.

2.3 Safety Precautions when Operating the Device

In your thunder laser MARS-160, a closed safety system is integrated which immediately switches off the power to the laser tube when the protection cover is opened.

Consequently an incomplete engraving can occur if the cover is opened during operation. Therefore, first press the "PAUSE" button, if you want to interrupt an engraving process.

Please remember the following safety precautions when working with this device:

A fire extinguisher must always be handy as the laser beam can ignite flammable materials. Do not store any flammable materials in the inside of the device or in the immediate vicinity of the device. Particularly leftovers of produced materials have to be removed to prevent fire hazard.

Unsupervised operation of the system is not permitted:

Because of their low absorption many metals, in particular un-coated aluminum, copper, silver and gold cannot be processed with the laser and lead to high reflections of the laser beam. Such materials must not be inserted into the beam, as a directed reflection could destroy the protection cover.

Adjustment of the beam path must be performed only by especially trained personnel. An improper setting can lead to uncontrolled emission of the laser radiation.

Before processing materials the user must verify, whether harmful materials can be generated and whether the filter equipment of the exhaust system is suitable for the harmful materials. We emphasize that it is the responsibility of the user, to consider the national and regional threshold values for dust, fogs and gases when selecting the filters and the exhaust system. (The values for the maximum workplace concentration must not be exceeded.)

Please refer to the manual of the exhaust system on how and in what intervals you need to replace filters.

PVC (polyvinyl chloride) must under no circumstances be processed with the laser.

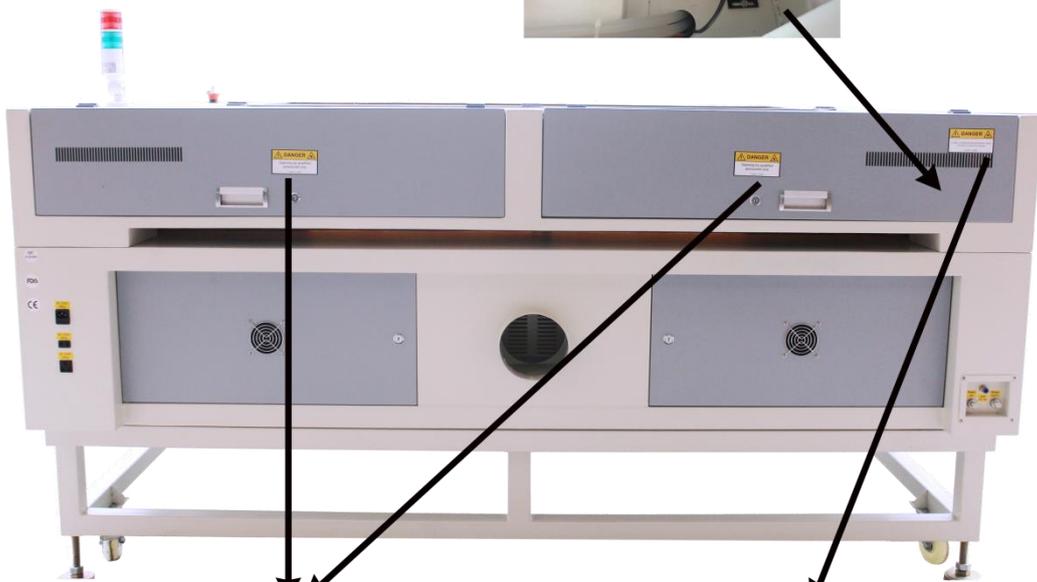
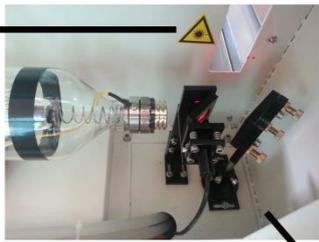
Should you have further questions before starting work, please feel free to write us an email at: tech@thunderlaser.com

2.4 Warning and Information Labels



The warning and information labels are attached in such positions of the device that could represent a source of danger during set-up and operation. Therefore, follow the information on the labels. If labels are lost or damaged, they must be replaced immediately.





DANGER

Opening by qualified
personnell only

CLASS IV LASER

DANGER

VISIBLE LASER RADIATION WHEN OPEN
DO NOT STARE INTO BEAM

CLASS IV LASER

Chapter 3 Process of Installing

3.1 Unpacking

You receive your THUNDER LASER MARS-160 packed in a wooden box, which contains the laser machine and additional accessories. The following steps give you an overview of the unpacking and assembly of the laser. Please follow these steps carefully.

Tips: Keep the packing box. You will require it in case of a return.

Dispose all waste according to the applicable waste disposal law.

1. Put the wooden box on a flat and spacious room for unpacking.
2. Remove the machine box, carefully remove the foam material, which protects the viewing window of the cover and around the machine.
3. Take out the key, open the door of the laser, Remove the accessories box which contains all accessory parts required for the installation of the laser machine. And check if there's anything damaged or missed during shipping.
4. You will see an attachment table on the machine; please check whether the accessories are all on the table.
5. Please keep the keys and the warranty certificate well (and please show us your warranty certificate if you need tech support for the machine failure, then we will provide you the best technical service).
6. Remove the sponge and nylon cable ties inside the machine, and start to install the machine (below chapters are installation details)



3.2 Contents of Delivery

1. Transport and service packaging
2. Laser including optics
3. Other optional components that you buy.
4. Accessories box and the other machine parts, which contains the following parts:

	ITEM	QTY
1	Fuse	2
2	Ruler	1
3	Long USB Cable	1
4	228 Belt	1
5	Power Cable	1
6	Straight Screwdriver	1
7	Cross Scrwdriver(bit)	1
8	Ruler for Adjust Focus	1
9	6mm Acrylic Focus Tool	1
10	Water Pump	1
11	Micro Switch	1
12	Lens Cleaning Liquid	1
13	Air Comperssor	1
14	Lubricating oil	1
15	M3M4M5 Allen Wrench	1
16	Main Switch	1
17	Sticker	5
18	Ribbon	10
19	Exhaust Fan	1
20	Exhaust Pipe	2
21	Hose Clamp	3
22	Lens/Mirror Cleaning Paper	1
23	Lens/Mirror Cleaning Cloth	2
24	Socket	1
25	Silcon Water Pipe	2
26	Key	3 sets
27	Crimp Tool	1
28	Mirror holder retation tool	2
29	Multimeter	1



5. THUNDER LASER Product Warranty Certificate

 <p>DONGGUAN THUNDER LASER EQUIPMENT CO., LTD</p> <p>Product Warranty Certificate</p> <p>Product Name: LASER CUTTER Specification: MARS-160 Serial Number: 6156568433 Inspection Date: March 8 2015 Ex-Factory Date: March 9 2015 Quality Inspection Conclusion: PASS</p> <p>THUNDERLASER Product Warranty Terms</p> <p>1.Warranty Period: The warranty for whole machine is effective 14months from the Ex-Factory Date. But for the laser tube, focus lens, the reflective mirrors, the beam combiner, air compressor, water separator, water pump, air pump and exhaust fan, the water chiller, the warranty is 6months from the Ex-Factory Date.</p> <p>2.Warranty Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please keep the certificate; you need to show us this certificate for warranty. 2. Damage caused by lightning or other electrical system is not covered. 3. Damage caused by improper operations like liquid leakage to mainboard or power supply is not covered. 4. Damage caused by accidents, disasters, wars and other irresistible factors is not covered. 5. Damage caused by not following our User Guide Manual and result in improper operating and maintaining is not covered. <p>3.Warranty:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will send you the spare parts and offer tech support for free during warranty when there is a machine fault, including the part fault. 2. User will need to send back the old parts to us within one week after receiving the new parts,(we will inform you the address for returning the old parts) And a tracking number must be provided as voucher. 3. If we don't get the old part (or tracking number) one week after user receiving the new one, we will stop the machine warranty until we receive the old part. And user must take responsibility for his own loss during this period. 4. We will charge for replacing/repairing (including labor costs and transportation costs) when the warranty is expired. 5. User will need to buy new parts for replacing from us (or with our permission if buy from other company), If not, we won't take any legal responsibility when there's any tech problem or machine fault, meanwhile, we will stop the warranty. 6. If there's any problem in future, we will provide you tech support by sending email/telephoning/Skype/msn. <p>DONGGUAN THUNDER LASER EQUIPMENT CO., LTD No. 197, Hudong Road, Shatian Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province China Post code: 523980 Tel :(86)769 82665376 Email: tech@thunderlaser.com Website: www.thunderlaser.com</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Company Stamp: DONGGUAN THUNDER LASER EQUIPMENT CO., LTD 东莞市雷宇激光设备有限公司</p>
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3.3 Location

Before you install the laser system, you should select an appropriate location. Follow the guidelines shown below:



1. Avoid locations where the system is exposed to high temperatures, dust and high humidity. (The humidity must not exceed 70% and the temperature must not be close to the dew point.)
2. Avoid locations, where the system is exposed to mechanical shocks.



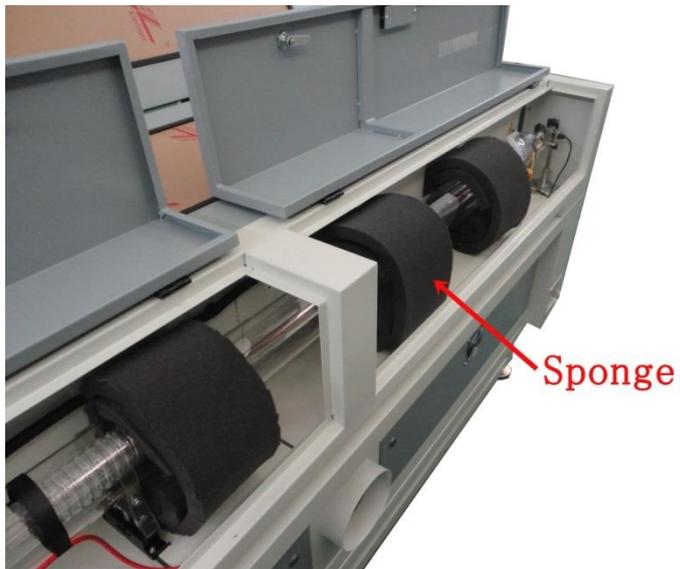
1. Fuse protection:
Do not connect other devices via the laser fuse, as the laser system requires the full amperage.

Tips:

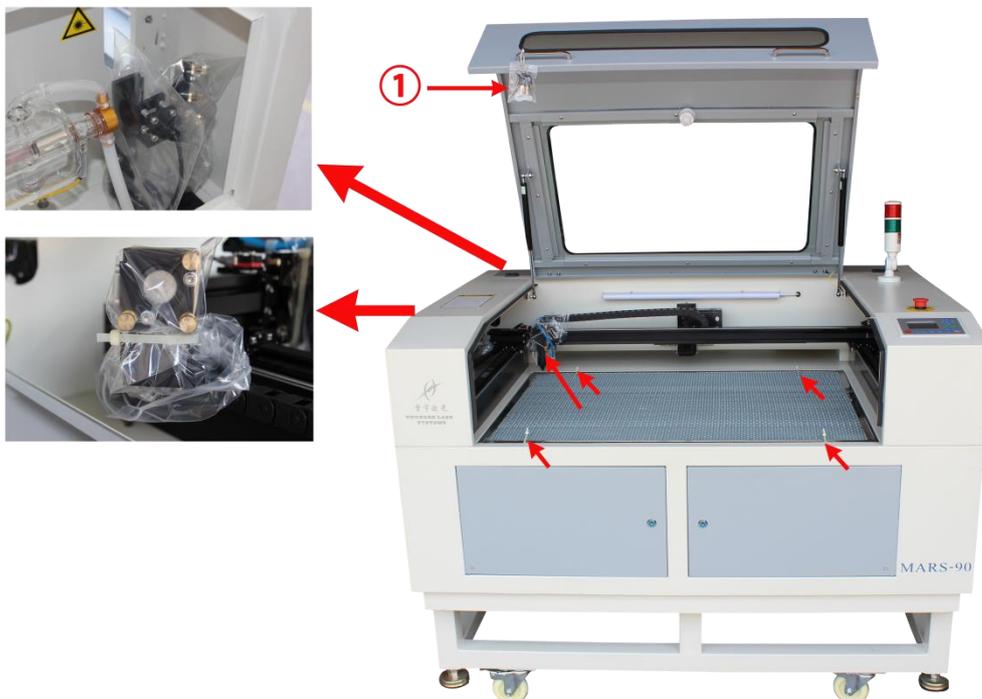
1. Avoid locations with poor air circulation.
2. Select a location, whose room temperature is between 15 °C and 25 °C (59° – 77° F). Avoid higher ambient temperatures and strong exposure of the engraver to the sun. Use blinds, if required.
3. Select a location close to ventilation (if available).
4. Select a location that is not more than 4.50 m away from your computer (max. cable length to avoid disturbing interferences).
5. Try to place a working table or a place to put things next to it. This shall avoid, that the machine is misused as a table.

3.4 Before Installation

1. Take out the sponge around the laser tube. Like below:



2. Take out the nylon cable ties around the honey comb plate and X axis.
Remove the transparent bag out of the first mirror mounts, the second mirror mounts, the first mirror mounts and the standard laser head.
Then install the laser head. Like below:



PS:① is a set of key and a manual focusing tool for users



3. Open the rotate emergency switch (must do it for the first time to use the machine). Like below



4. After carried the machine into room, please re-fix the foot of the four corners. Please refer to below shown:



3.5 Exhaust System – Requirements

To guarantee the right ventilation during the engraving and the cutting. The device must be equipped with a fine exhaust fan (generation of rubber dust), if you use a carbon filter (neutralization of smells) will be better for exhaust effect. A good exhaust fan of the outgoing air is also required when cutting plastics or engraving wood.



Connection - see section 3.7.3 connecting the Exhaust System.



Do not start the machine without an adequate exhaust system.

3.6 Air System – Requirements

To guarantee do not catch fire and too much smoke during the engraving and the cutting. The device must be connecting with the laser to make sure the laser is safe during the work.





3.7 Computer – Requirements

The following recommendation represents the minimum requirements. When using a more powerful computer the graphics are generated and displayed faster and the computing times and the data transfer to the laser are reduced. To use the newest software version, you might have to abide other requirements.

- Windows 8 (32 bit or 64 bit)
- Windows 7 (32 bit or 64 bit)
Windows Vista (with Service Pack 1 or later)
Windows XP (with Service Pack 2 or later)
- 1024 MB of RAM, 400 MB of hard disk space
- Pentium® 3 or 4 processor or AMD Athlon™ XP
- 1024 x 768 or better monitor resolution
- 1 free USB interface
- 1 free Ethernet interface
- Mouse

3.8 Connections



Perform the connections exactly in the order described; otherwise electrostatic charging can damage your computer and/or the electronics of the laser system.

3.8.1 Connecting the Mains

Connect one end of the mains cable with the connection socket at the rear side of the laser device (see Figure below) and the other end with a protected power outlet.



Mains voltage and operating voltage must correspond (AC 220 V/50 Hz or AC 110 V/60 Hz) – see information label beside the connection socket.

The machine (certain) Power Cable for each country was put inside the Tool box with machine.

Under no circumstances switch on the device if the voltages do not correspond.

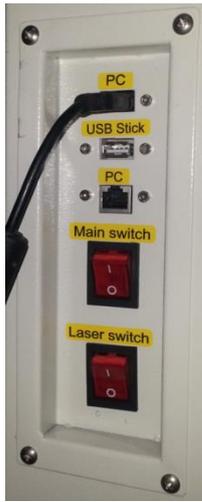


Tips: The main fuses are located inside the connection socket and are accessible from the exterior.



3.8.2 Connecting the Computer

Connecting the Computer and the machine by using the USB cable. Like below:



Connecting the Computer and the machine by using the Ethernet cable. Like below:





3.8.3 Connecting the Exhaust System

Installation of the exhaust transposition. Insert one side of the gray exhaust pipe into the fan inlet and the other side into the fuselage behind the exhaust tank. Insert one side of the blue exhaust pipe into the fan outlet and put the other side of the pipe outside where you work (If the machine is far from the outside of the room that the gas manufactured by the machine cannot be discharged; then you might need an dust/fume filter, it can keep the air quality of your working environment well).

Please refer to the following pictures about how to install the exhaust pipe:



Also follow the operation and maintenance instructions in the Operation Manual of the exhaust system.

The input voltage must correspond (AC 220 V/50 Hz or AC 110 V/60 Hz) – see information label beside the connection socket.



Tips: Do not connect the air compressor or the water chiller to the above interface, if connect them to the above interfaces that cause in failure of the machine, the warranty does not covered.

3.8.4 Connecting the Air System

First of all, Install a air blowing mouth (copper) to the air system, then connect the hoses (white side) to the mouth, the other side to the machine. After that, please connect the power cable (of the air system) to the machine. Like below:





The input voltage must correspond (AC 220 V/50 Hz or AC 110 V/60 Hz) – see information label beside the connection socket.



3.8.5 Connecting the Cooling System

If you have the water chiller, and please connect to the water chiller priority. If not, and please connect to the water pump.

The connection of the machine and the **Water chiller**.

- ① Take out one of the water pipes and connect to the water chiller where marked as “OUTLET”, the other side of the pipe connect to the machine where marked as “Water IN”.
- ② The other pipe, please connect to “INLET” of water chiller and “Water OUT” of machine.

Like below:



We will provide a certain chiller power cable for different countries, and the power cable will be put inside a box together with the water chiller.

The connection of the machine and the **Water pump**

- ① Take out one of the water pipes and connect to the water pump, the other side connect to the machine where marked as “Water IN”.
- ② The other pipe, please connect to the machine where marked as “Water OUT”, the other side directly into the water.

Like below:



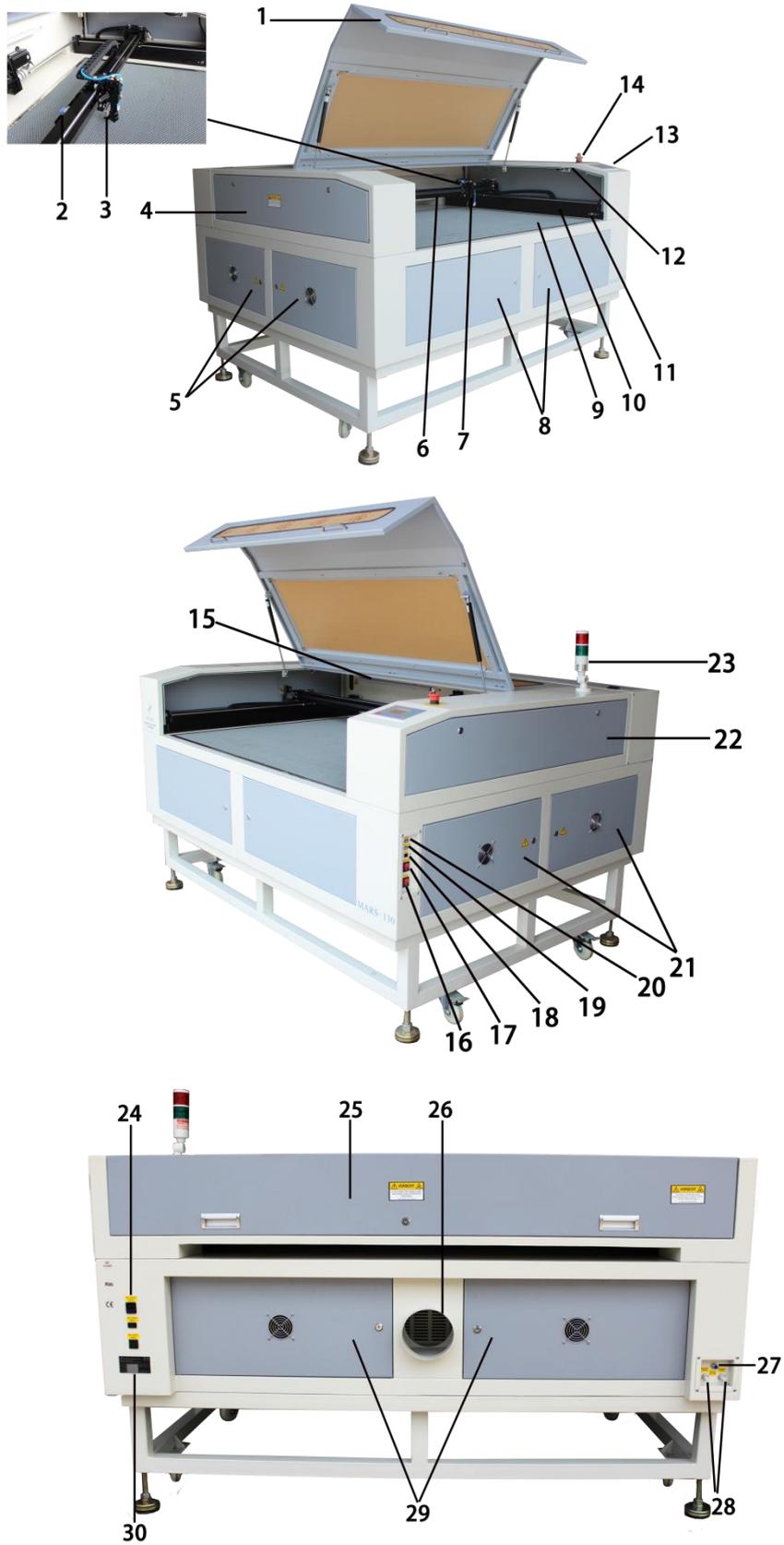
We will provide a certain pump power cable for different countries, and the power cable has been connected to the pump already before we send it out.

Get through the water chiller or the water pump, and turn on the main power.
Check the water chiller or pump to work (If normally work, the green light will light or water will flow from the pipe) .



Chapter 4 Operation

4.1 Machine View





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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Top lid | 16. Laser power switch |
| 2. Blow air conditioner | 17. Main power switch |
| 3. Auto focus sensor | 18. Ethernet port |
| 4. Left-up side door | 19. U-disk connection port(USB) |
| 5. Left side door | 20. PC connection port(USB) |
| 6. X-axis | 21. Right side door |
| 7. Laser head | 22. Right-up side door |
| 8. Front door | 23. The warning light |
| 9. Working table | 24. Power supply socket |
| 10. Y-axis | 25. Laser tube cover |
| 11. Connection socket for rotary | 26. Exhaust hose |
| 12. Flap protection sensor | 27. Blow air port |
| 13. The display | 28. Water in and water out |
| 14. The rotate emergency switches | 29. Rear door |
| 15. LED lamp | 30. Manufacturer's label |

1. Top lid

If the Top lid is opened, no data is processed. When the protection cover is opened during working, the motion system is stopped and the laser source is turned off. During processing of commands the protection cover must only be opened after pressing the "Pause" button.

2. Blow air conditioner

Used for controlling the air blowing amount.

3. Auto focus sensor

Used for the automatic focusing of the work table.

4. Left-up side door

Open this door for cleaning the second reflective mirror

5. Left side door

There is laser power supplier, Ammeter, TL-Timer, filter etc. please open this door for checking these parts, but must pay attention to the electric current.

6. X-axis

The motion system is that performs the mechanical movements in X direction. The X-axis is visible in the working area.

7. Laser head

The laser and red dot pointer comes out from the laser head, and the Auto Focus switch is installed on the laser head, too. The bottom of laser head is parallel to the bottom of the autofocus switch.

8. Front door

Open this door for cleaning the waste after working.

9. Working table

The honey comb plate to be processed is put onto the working table. Put the material on the working table for engraving & cutting

10. Y-axis

The motion system is that performs the mechanical movements in Y direction. The Y-axis is visible in the working area.

11. Connection socket for rotary attachment(option)

Supplies the rotary attachment with the required electric signals.

12. Flap protection sensor

This is where Open flat protection exist. Laser will stop working once the cover has been opened.

13. The display

You can control the X-axis, Y-axis and Z-axis manually by the display panel, it also shows the working time, power, speed and the whole working time and affords many function options(please view this chapter 4.3 for detail).

14. The rotate emergency switches

Once there's an accident happen (laser catch fire, laser out leakage) during working, please turn off this switch immediately.

15. LED lamp

It's used for lighting the working table once turn the Main switch on.

16. Laser power switch**17. Main power switch****18. Ethernet port**

This Ethernet port is for connecting computer.

19. U-disk connection port(USB)**20. PC connection port(USB)**

This USB is for connecting computer.

21. Right side door

There are laser controller, driver(Hybrid Servo Drive and Micro Stepper Drive), power supplier (both 24v DC and 36vDC), filter, the main connecting cables and



cooling fan here, please open this door for checking these parts, but must pay attention to the electric current. if you need to repair, please contact with professional maintenance staff.

22. Right-up side door**23. The warning light**

The light will turning red while laser working, and it'll turning green when laser stop working.

24. Laser supply socket

To connect the main power and the extend power according the label information. And in the main power socket have the fuses.

25. Laser tube cover

There installed the laser tube, red dot pointer device, beam combiner and the first reflective mirror inside.

26. Exhaust hose

This is for installing the exhaust device.

27. Blow air port

This port is for connecting hoses of the air compressor.

28. Water in and water out**29. Rear door****30. Manufacture's Label**

Shows important data of the machine like serial number or manufacturing date etc.

4.2 ON/OFF Switch

Switches the mains and the laser supply power ON/OFF.

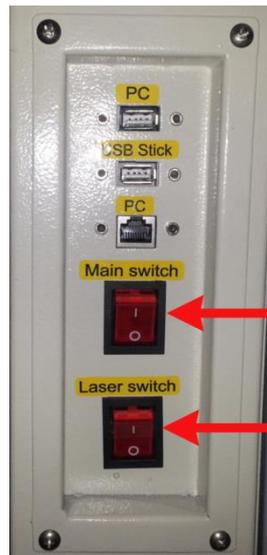
The following conditions must be fulfilled for correct start up:

Unrestricted freedom of motion of the mechanics

No materials under the engraving table

Protection covers closed

When turn on the power of machine, and note that turn on the main switch first and then the laser supply power.



If all covers are closed, immediately after being switched on, the device starts the referencing process. When the referencing process is completed correctly, an acoustic signal sounds and the device is ready for operation. The operation panel will display the home screen when the laser is completed resets.



Before switching on the device, the user must make sure that no objects of any kind are located inside the operating space, which could limit or obstruct the mechanics of the device.

Tips: When switching off the mains supply, all processing data is lost.

4.3 How to use the TL-Timer

The TL-Timer is an additional tool for laser machines.

It will control laser machines periphery like exhaust fan, air-values, warning lights, pneumatic lifts, electrical locks and lost of other stuff automatically.

This will increase the ease of use of your laser machine.

Please note the different types of connection, which makes the TL-Timer able to work with each kind of laser controller.

Operation:

Normal use:

The TL-Timer gets activated by a control signal from laser controller. For this case the red LED lights up and all 4 relays will be activated until the signal from controller gets turned off. Without control signal the 4 relays will stay turned on until a given delay time has expired. Each relay has a freely adjustable delay time from 1-300 seconds.

Set up delay time:

Enter "Menu" switch once. The red LED will blink and the display will show you the delay time in second for the first relay. A yellow LED close to the active relay will show you. Which one is active.

The display does show the delay time in seconds. By pressing "down" or "up" you can change the value. By holding a switch down for more than 2 seconds the value will increase or decrease automatically.

By pressing "Menu" you can switch to relay number 2 now and set the delay time for this one.

For changing delay values for 3rd and 4th relay you have to press "Menu" again.

When 4th relay is active and you press "Menu" again. The TL-Timer will turn back to normal operating mode; the red LED will stop blinking.

After turning of power the TL-Timer will remember the delay-time-values, you did enter before.

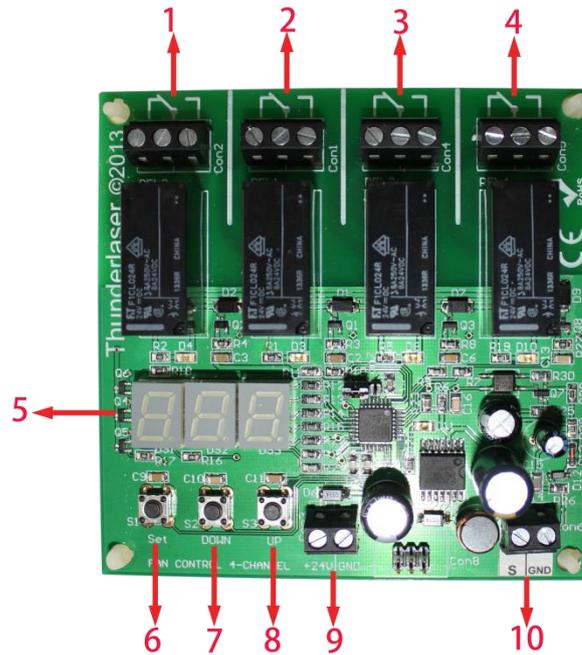
Relay-Output:

Each of the 4 relays offers a opening and closing switch with current capacity of max. 8Amps and a power capacity of max. 1000W.

Higher loads must be controlled by using a power contactor.

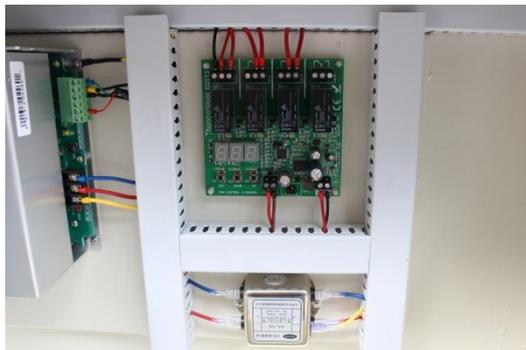


About TL-Timer controller interface and buttons description:



- 1: Interface 1, connection warning light, delay time is set to 1 second (Factory default settings, the user can be set if required)
- 2: Interface 2, connection air pump, delay time is set to 5 second (Factory default settings, the user can be set if required)
- 3: Interface 3, connection exhaust fan, delay time is set to 5 second (Factory default settings, the user can be set if required)
- 4: Interface 4, reserved interface, users can connect the relevant equipment if required
- 5: LED lights display, set the delay time for viewing each interface and enter
- 6: "Enter" button
- 7: "Reduce" the delay time button
- 8: "Increase" the delay time button
- 9: 24V power connection
- 10: Working signal connection

Where the TL-Timer is installed with Thunder Laser machine, please refer to the pictures as bellows:

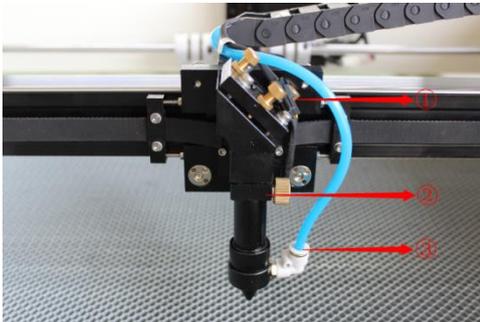


4.4 How to replace the 4 inch and HR laser head

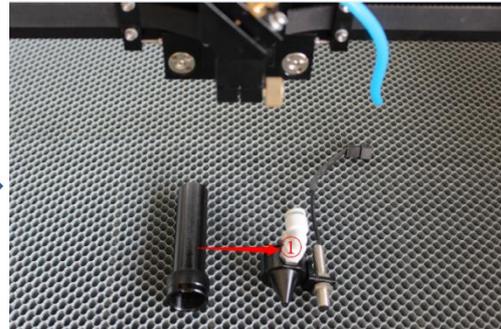
1) How to replace the 4 inch laser head

1. Move the table down till there's enough space to take the standard head out and install the 4" laser head.

2. Separate the standard head mount, like below:

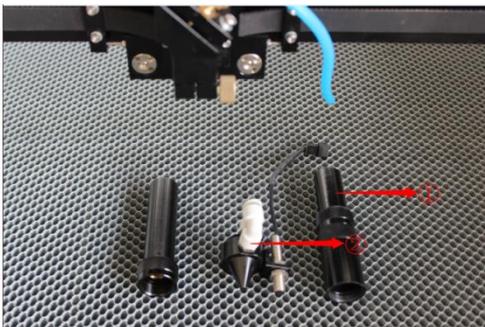


- ①separate the auto focus port
- ②loosen the screw
- ③take out the air hose

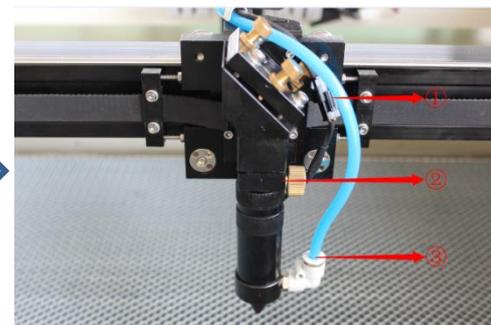


- ①take out the mount mouth

3. Install the 4" laser head like below:



- ①4" laser head
- ②install the mount mouth to the 4" head



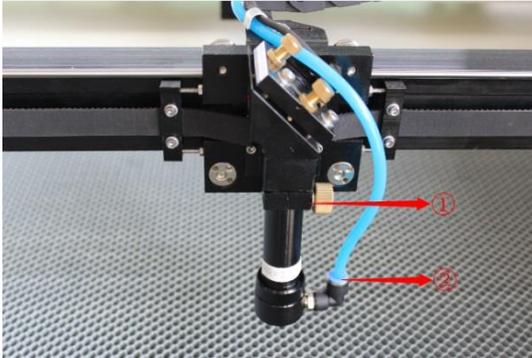
- ①reinstall the auto focus
- ②fix the laser head
- ③connect the air hose,

Tips: If there's no Auto focus for your machine, then no need to deal with it.



2) How to replace the HR laser head

1. Move the table down till there's enough space to take the standard head out and install the HR head.
2. Separate the standard head mount, like above instructions.
3. Install HR head, like below:



- ①fix the head
- ②connect the air hose.

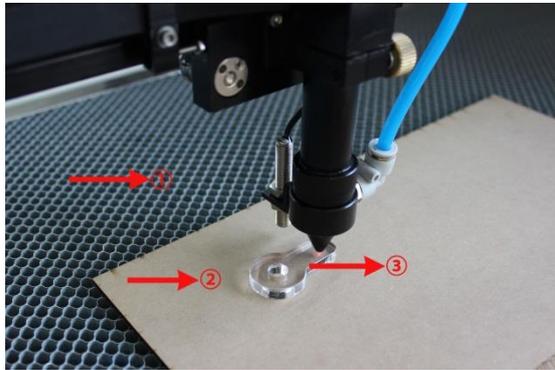
Tips: Since HR head is sensitive for focus distance, it's suggested to adjust the focus by manual rather than auto focus.

4.5 How to adjust focus distance

1). If there's no auto focus function for your machine or there's fault for your auto focus, you can refer to below instructions about how to adjust focus by manual:

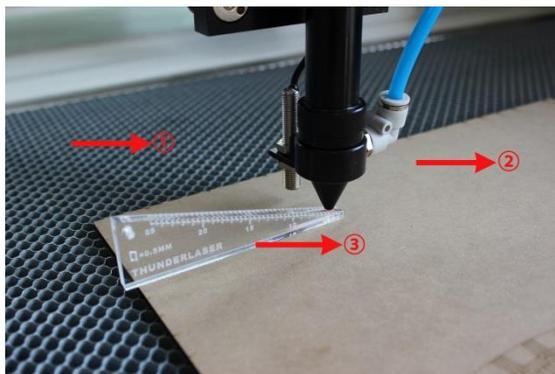
1. For standard laser head:

find the 6mm Acrylic Focus Tool for help to adjust the focus directly like below:



- ① Working Table
- ② Material
- ③ Focus Tool

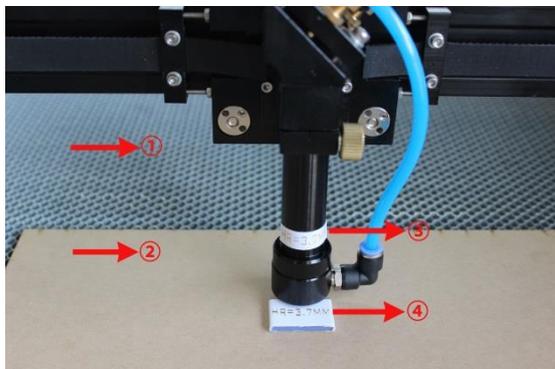
If the focus tool is not the best one for your material, you can use the focus ruler for help like below:



- ① Working Table
- ② Material
- ③ Focus Ruler

2. How to adjust the focus distance by manual

Since HR head is very sensitive for focus distance, thus we've tested and made a special focus tool (with a best distance) for each HR head, like below:

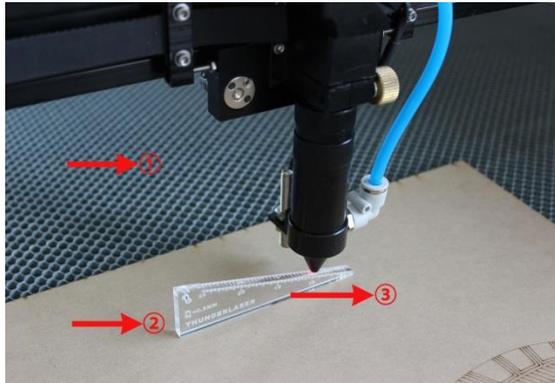


- ① Working Table
- ② Material
- ③ The Best Focus Distance
- ④ Focus Tool



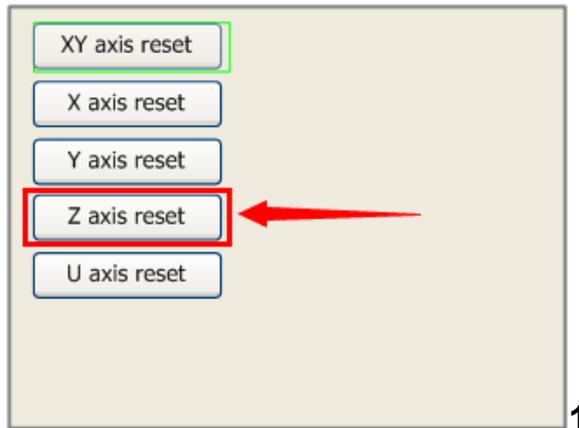
3. How to adjust 4" head focus distance

4" laser head is not so sensitive for focus distance; you can set the distance about 10mm with the help of focus ruler



- ①Working Table
- ②Material
- ③Focus Ruler

- 2) If there's Auto Focus function for your machine, you can adjust the focus by auto,
1. Reset Z-axis.(Z-axis will move up until touch the Auto focus switch(or the machinery limit switch), here the coordinate: 0.0) please refer to Pic 1.
 2. Set a correct focus distance, please refer to pic 2
 3. Select "Auto focus" on display panel, then the table will auto focus directly, please refer to pic 3.





Work	Output	Doc	User	Test	Transform
			Auto home X	Yes	
			Auto home Y	Yes	
			Auto home z	No	
			Auto home U	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>			Go Scale para		
			Go scale mode	Close laser	
			Go scale blank(mm)	0.000	
<input type="checkbox"/>			Other		
			Array processing	Bi-dir Array	
			Return position	Absolute Origin	
			Focus depth(mm)	5.000	
			Backlash X(mm)	0.000	
			Backlash Y(mm)	0.000	

100.0 %

Open Save Read Write

2

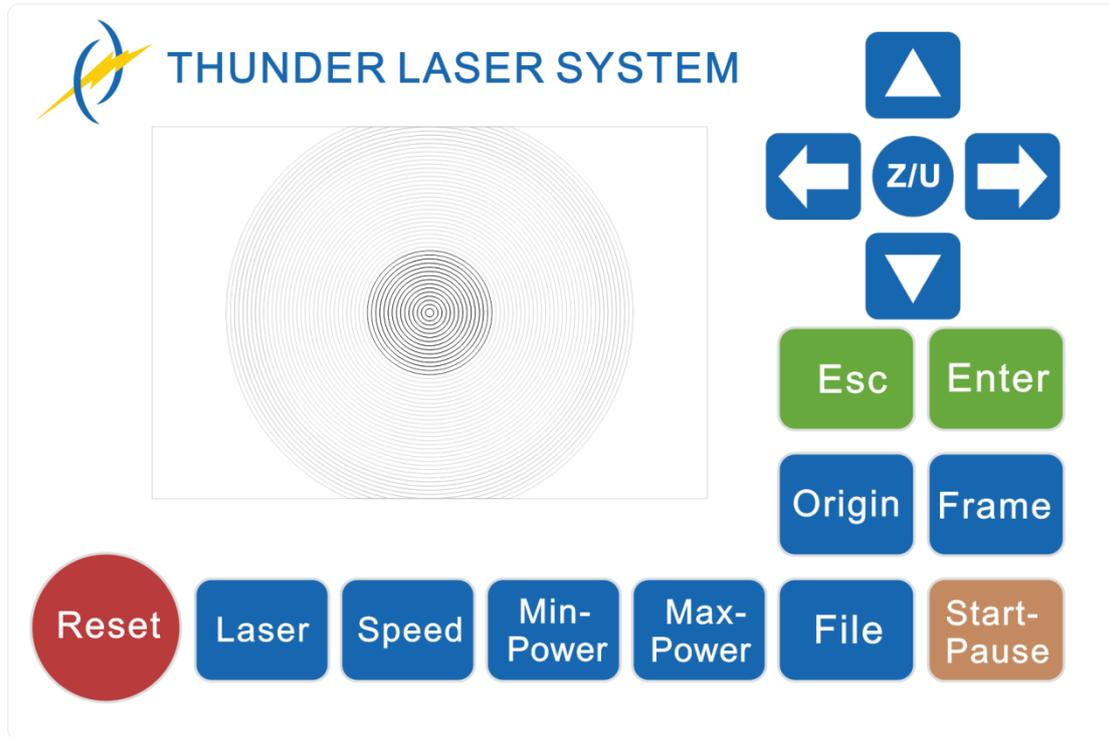
Z move	Language+
U move	IP setup+
Axis reset+	Diagnoses+
Manual Set+	Screen Origin+
Laser Set+	
Origin set+	
Set Fact Para	
Def Fact Para	
Auto Focus	

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4.6 How to use the display

4.6.1 Function of the Buttons



- ✧ Arrow buttons: control the movement of the laser head.(also can be used to change the parameters in the control panel)



- ✧ Z/U button: The Z/U key can be pressed when the system is idle or the work is finished. On pressing this key, it will show some entries in the interface, each entry includes some functions, Z axes move, U axes move, each axes to go home etc.



- ✧ Reset button: reset the machine.



- ✧ Laser button: single press to draw a dot, press and hold to drill a hole.



- ✧ Speed button: Set the speed of the current running layer, or set the direction keys' move speed.



- ✧ Min-Power button: Set the min laser power of the current running layer.

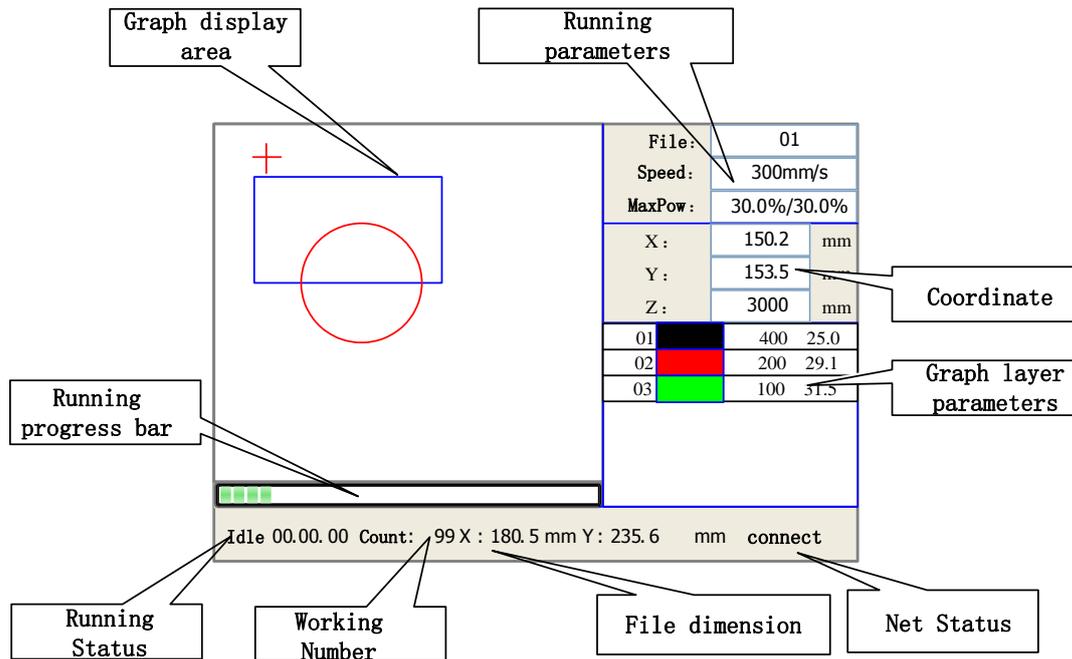


- ✧  Max-Power button: Set the max laser power of the current running layer, or set the power of “Laser” Key.
- ✧  File button: The management of the memory and U disc files.
- ✧  Start-Pause button: run/pause the current job.
- ✧  Origin button: set the starting point for the laser head.
- ✧  Frame button: To track by the current file’s frame.
- ✧  Esc button: To stop work, or return to the last menu.
- ✧  Enter button: confirm your selection.



4.6.2 The main interface

When the system is powered on, the screen will show as below:



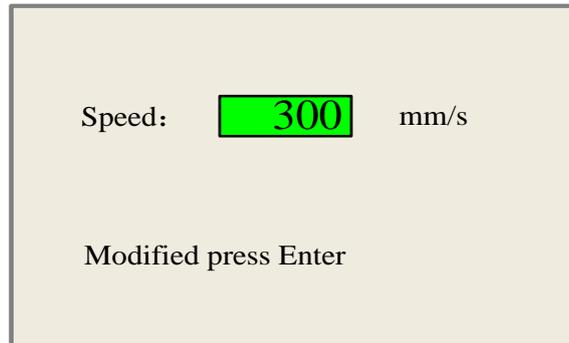
- Graph Display Area: To display the whole file's track, and display the running track.
- Running parameters: To display the running file's file number, speed, max power etc.;
- Coordinate: To display the current coordinate of X,Y and Z axes
- Graph layer parameters: To display the layers' information of the current file, such as max or min power, speed etc.. When system is idle, dblclick the layer, then users can change the layer's parameters and the changing would be saved.
- Running Status: To display the current status of the machine, such as Idle, Run, Pause, Finish, etc.;
- Running Progress Bar: To display the progress bar of the current running file;
- Working Number: To accumulate the work number of the current file.
- File Dimension: To display the dimension of the current file;
- Net status: To display the connecting status of the Ethernet.

When work is Idle or finished, all keys can be pushed, users can select a file to run, set some parameters, preview to a select file etc. But, when work is running or paused, some keys don't respond when they are pushed.



4.6.3 Speed Key

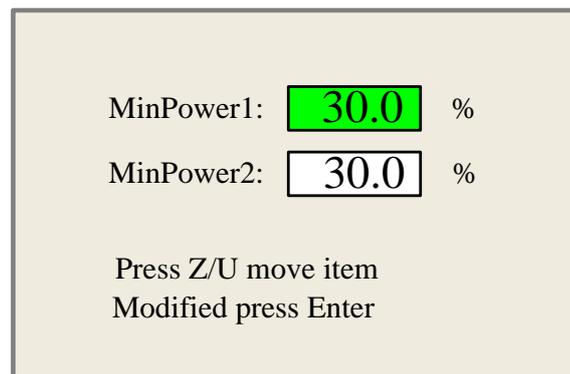
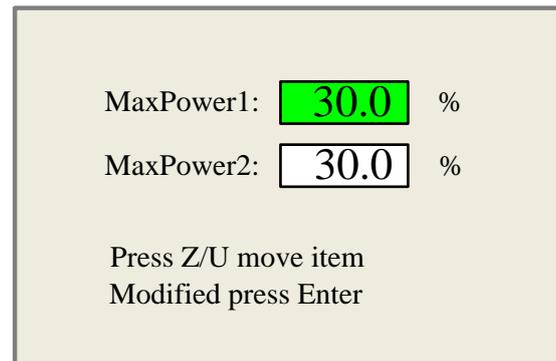
Push the “Speed” key when the screen is on the main interface, it will show as below:



Push the “X+/-” Keys to move the cursor in the numeral area, and push the “Y+/-” keys to change the value, then push the “Enter” key to save the change, push the “Esc” key to invalidate the change.

4.6.4 Max/Min Power Keys

Push the “Max Power” or the “Min Power” keys when the screen is on the main interface, it will show as below:



When “Z/U” key is pushed, the green block can move up and down to denote the changing item, then “Y+/-” keys and “X+/-” keys can be used to change the value.



4.6.5 Set the Layer Parameters

After selecting a file to preview on the main interface, user can push “Enter” key to let the cursor move to the first layer, then “Y+/-” Keys can be pushed to select the intent layer, on that time, user can push “Enter” key to check the selected layer’s parameters, show as below:

01		400	25.1
02		200	29.1
03		100	31.5

Layer0: <>

Speed: mm/s

MinPower1: %

MinPower2: %

MaxPower1: %

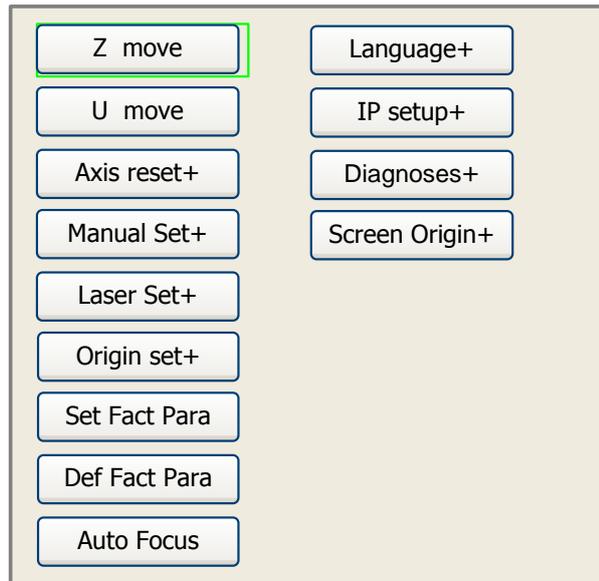
MaxPower2: %

Press Z/U move item
Modified press Enter

User can push “Z/U” Keys to move the green block on the intent parameter, then he could change the parameter if needed. “OK” to validate the change, and “Esc” to invalidate the change.

4.6.6 Z/U Key

The Z/U key can be pressed when the system is idle or the work is finished. On pressing this key, it will show some entries in the following interface:



Press up and down arrow keys to move the green block to the anticipated item, and then push the “Enter” key to display the sub menu.

4.6.7 Z Move

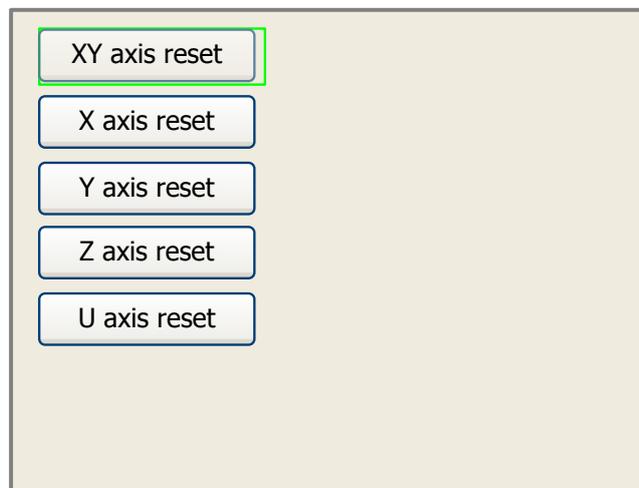
When the green block is on “Z Move” item, to move the Z-axis table up and down by press left and right arrow keys, then press ESC to go back to normal x & Y axis control.

4.6.8 U Move

When the green block is on “U Move” item, to move the Z-axis table up and down by press left and right arrow keys,

4.6.9 Axis Reset+

When the green block is on this item, push the “Enter” key to show as below:



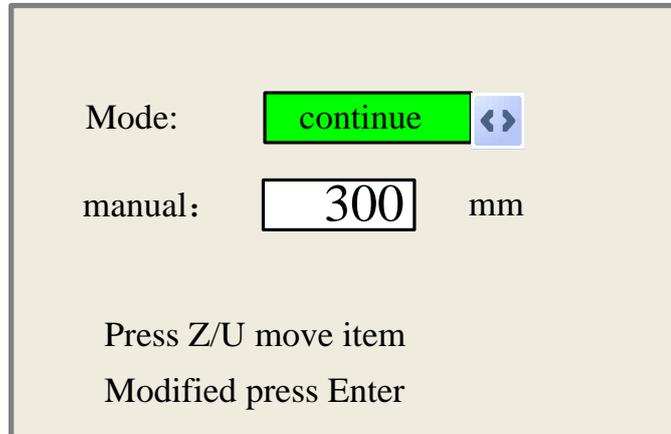
Press up and down arrow keys to move the cursor to one of the entry, then push “Enter”



key to restart the selected axis, the screen will show some information when resetting.

4.6.10 Manual Set+

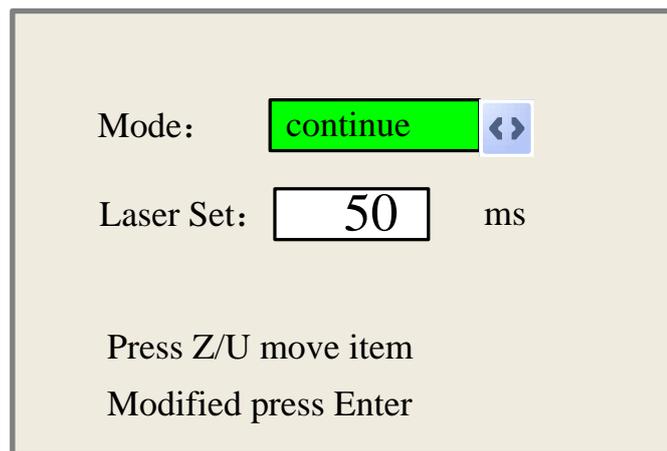
When the green block is on this item, push the “Enter” key to show as below:



Push “Z/U” key to move the green block, and when the green block is on the “Mode” item, push “X+/-” keys to select the anticipated value, “Continue” or “Manual”. When “Continue” item is selected, then the “Manual” item is not valid, on that time, push the direction keys to move the corresponding axes, and when the pushed key is loosed, then the corresponding axes will finish moving. When the Mode item is “manual”, then pushing the direction key one time, the corresponding axes will move a fixed length, unless the scope is overstepped.

4.6.11 Laser Set+

When the green block is on this item, push the “Enter” key to show as below:

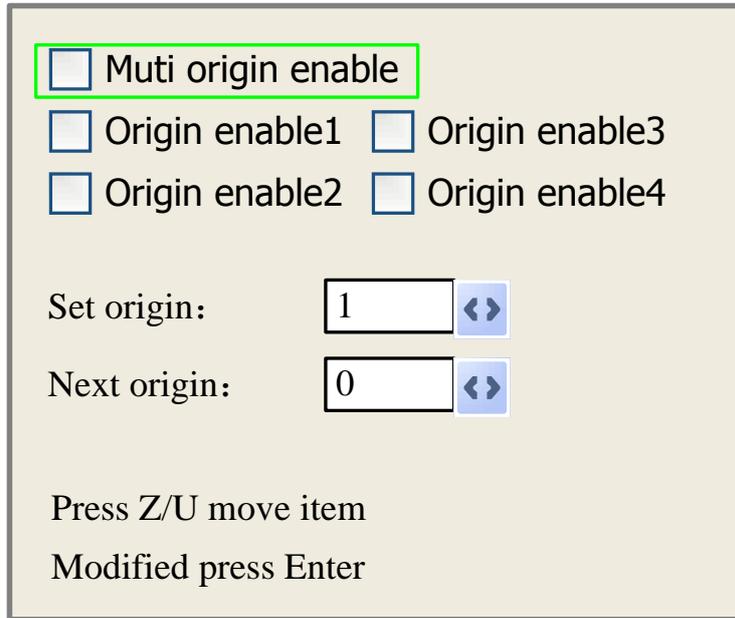


Push “Z/U” key to move the green block, and when the green block is on the “Mode” item, push “X+/-” keys to select the anticipated value, “Continue” or “Manual”. When “Continue” item is selected, then the “Laser Set” item is not valid, on that time, push the Laser key to splash the enabled lasers, and when Laser key is loosed, then the lasers will finish splashing. When the Mode item is “manual”, then pushing the Laser key one time, the enabled lasers will splash a fixed time.



4.6.12 Origin Set

When the green block is on this item, push the “Enter” key to show as below:



Push “Z/U” key to move the green block to the anticipant item, and when the green block is on “enable” items, push “Enter” key to enable or disable the item, when enabled, the small diamonds is green, and when disabled, the small diamonds is grey. When the green block is on the “Set origin” item or the “Next origin” item, push the “X+” keys to select the value.

Pay attention to if when the green block is on the “Set origin” item, push the “X+” keys to select a value, then, “Enter” key must be pushed to valid the change, or, the change is invalid.

Each item introduced as below:

- Multiple Origins Enable: “Yes” or “No” can be selected. If you select “No”, the system will use the single-origin logic. You can press the “Origin” key and set the origin, and only this origin can become valid. If you select “Yes”, the system will use the multiple- origin logic and the “Origin” key on the keyboard become invalid. In such a case, the parameter of each origin must be set in the menu as follows.
- Origin Enable1/2/3/4: after the multiple-origin logic is enabled, the four origins can independently be prohibited and enabled.
- Set Origin 1/2/3/4: after the multiple- origin logic is enabled, you can stop the cursor at “Set as Origin 1/2/3/4”. Press the “Enter” key on the keyboard and the system will take the coordinate figures of current X/Y axles as the corresponding ones to the origin 1/2/3/4.
- Next Origin: there are such five digits as 0~4 for option, which are the origins to be used for the next figure. Origin 0 means the origin set by the “Origin” key on the panel in the single- origin logic. 1~4 means the serial number of the origins in the multiple- origin logic. Next origin can be modified to any one of origin 1~4, so as to control the start location of next work (the premise is that the origin is enabled), but it can’t be modified to origin 0.



	<p>Once the multiple- origin logic is selected and if the serial number of the next origin is 1 and four origins are enabled, when the memory file function is prompted or the processing file is uploaded into the PC and this file selects "Take the Original Origin as current Origin", the work started for each time will use different origins. The rotation order of origin is 1->2->3->4->1->2.....</p>
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4.6.13 Set Fact Parameters

After the "Set Fact Para" is selected and the Enter key pressed, the interface will show the specific password to be entered when set as default parameter.

Password:

Password error

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z				

Push "X+/-" keys and "Y+/-" keys to select the characters, and push the "Enter" key to valid the characters, when finishing enter the password ,that is to say, the six characters, if the password is error, it prompts there is some error, or, all parameters are stored.

	<p>After the manufacturer regulates all parameters of the machine well (including all manufacturer parameters and user parameters), this function can be used to store the well-regulated parameters to help users to recover the original parameters (including all manufacturer parameters and user parameters) through selecting "Recover Para" when they regulate parameters improperly.</p>
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4.6.14 Def. Fact Parameters

After the "Def Fact Para" is selected and the Enter key pressed, the "Successful Recovery" dialog box will pop up to prompt that all manufacturer parameters and user parameters are recovered successfully. You can return to the previous menu by press the Enter key.

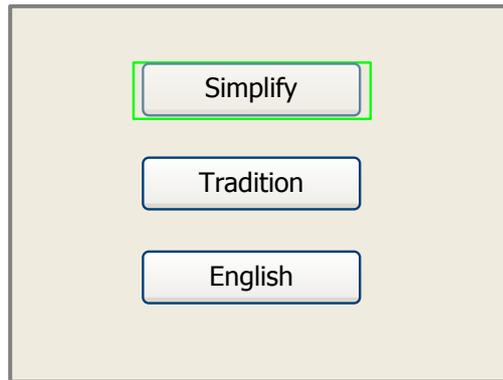
4.6.15 Auto Focus

When the cursor stops at "Auto Focus", press the Enter key to search for the focus(When there is z axes, and the z axes reset function is enabled, the auto focusing is valid); press the Esc key to return the prior menu.

4.6.16 Language

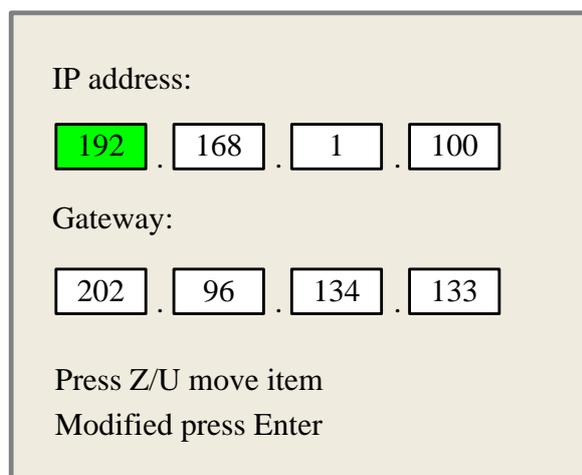
The item "Language" helps you to select a appropriate langue which is displayed on the

pane:



4.6.17 IP Setup

When the green block is on this item, push the "Enter" key to show as below:



Push "Z/U" key to move the changing item, then push "X+/-" keys and "Y+/-" keys to change the value, when all the IP value and the Gateway value are changed, push "Enter" key to validate the change, or "Esc" key to invalidate the change.

4.6.18 Diagnoses

If the "Diagnoses" item is pressed, the system will show as below:



<input type="checkbox"/> X Limit+	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Limit -
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y Limit+	<input type="checkbox"/> Y Limit-
<input type="checkbox"/> Z Limit+	<input type="checkbox"/> Z Limit-
<input type="checkbox"/> U Limit+	<input type="checkbox"/> U Limit-
<input type="checkbox"/> Water prot1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water prot2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open prot	
<input type="button" value="Read para"/>	

This interface shows some system input information, such as limiter status, the status of the water protecting, and the status of the foot switch etc.. When the input is validated, the color frame will be green, otherwise it's gray.

4.6.19 Screen Origin

If the "Screen Origin" item is pressed, the system will show as below:

Origin locat:

To modify press ← / →

Modified press Enter

There are four entries to be selected: Top Left, Top Right, Bottom Left and Bottom Right. When one is selected, the previewed graph on the screen would be enantiomorphous based on X or Y direction.

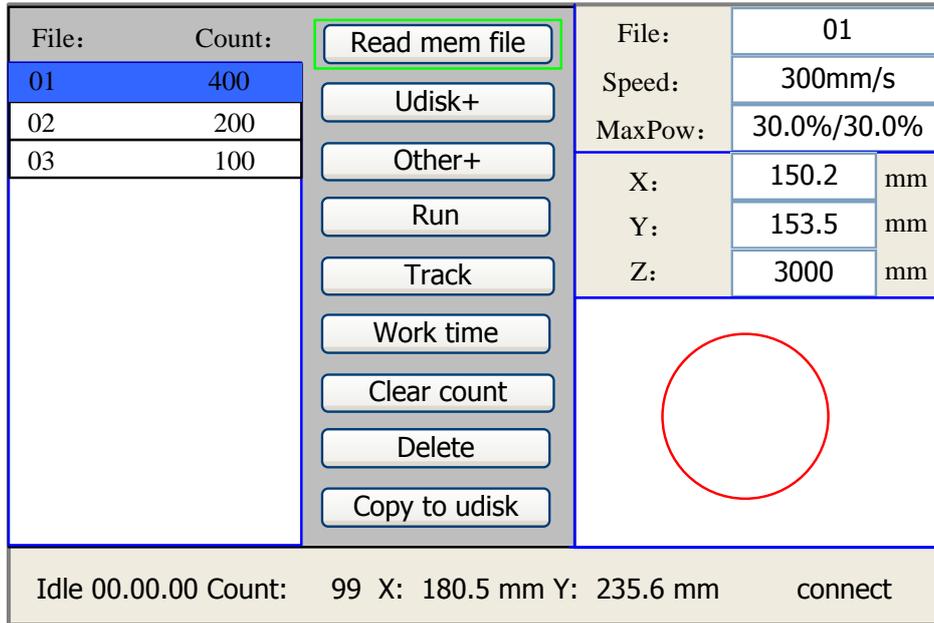
 Caution	This item is only used to preview the file on the screen, and it is no meaning to the machine's movement.
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4.6.20 File Key

1). Memory File

On the main interface, if “File” key is pressed, it will show as below:

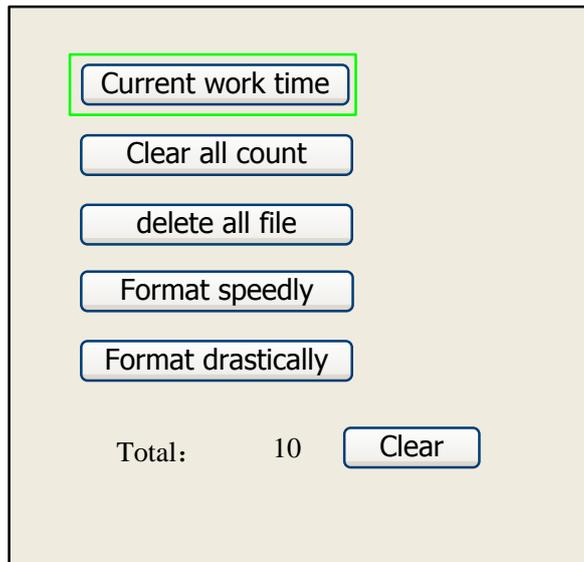


When showing this menu, the system would read the memory file firstly, the file name and the work times would be listed in the area, and the selected file is previewed in the bottom right area. “Y+/-” keys could be used to move the cursor on the file name list. When the cursor is on a target file name, presses the “Enter” key, the selected file will be previewed on the main interface, and then if “Esc” key is pushed, the preview will disappear.

“X+/-” keys could be used to move the cursor left and right. All the item show as below:

- **Read mem file:** read the memory file list;
- **Udisk:** read the U disk file list;
- **Other:** the other operation of the memory files;
- **Run:** To run the selected file;
- **Track:** To track the selected file, and the track mode is optional;
- **Work time:** To forecast the running time of the selected file, and the time is accurate to 1ms;
- **Clear count:** To clear the running times of the selected file;
- **Delete:** To delete the selected file in the memory;
- **Copy to Udisk:** To copy the selected file to Udisk;

If the “Other” entry is pressed, the system will show as below:

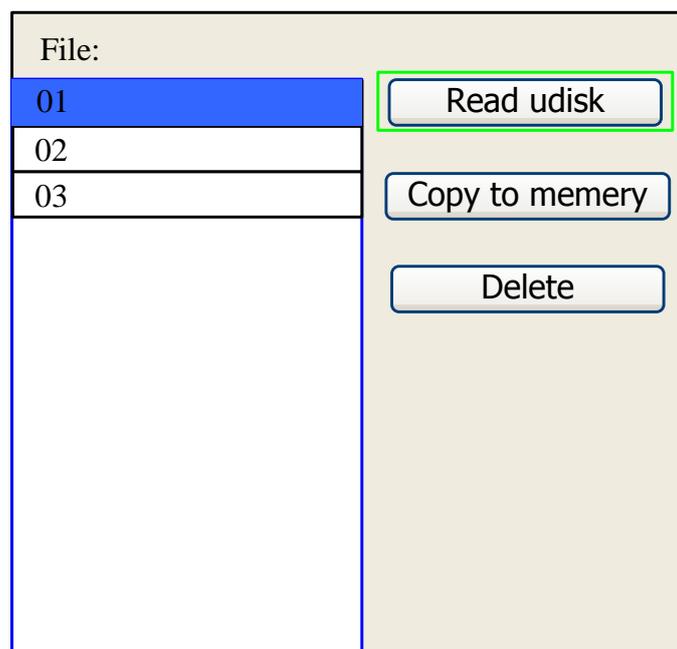


- **Current work time:** To forecast the running time of the current file(the current file No. is showed on the main interface), and the time is accurate to 1ms.
- **Clear all count:** To clear the running times of every file in the memory
- **Delete all file:** To delete all memory files
- **Format speedily:** To format memory speedily, and then all the files in memory will be deleted.
- **Format drastically:** To format memory drastically, and then all the files in memory will be deleted.

Total: the total running times of all the files.

2). U-Disk File

If the “U-disk” entry in figure 8.4-1 is pressed, the system will show as figure 8.4-3, and the operation method is all the same as figure 8.4-1.



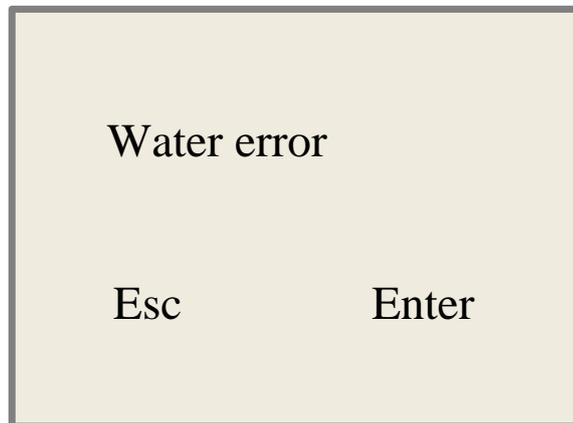


- **Read Udisk:** read the file list in the Udisk;
- **Copy to memory:** copy the target Udisk file to the memory;
- **Delete:** delete the selected Udisk file;

 Prompt	This system supports such file formats of Udisk as FAT32 and FAT16, but it can identify them when the files are put under the root directory of Udisk. The file name of more than 8 characters will automatically be cut out by the system. The file name that has only English letters and digits will not show when they are copied to the mainboard. The files copied from the mainboard to Udisk will be placed under the root directory of Udisk.
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4.6.21 Alarm Information of Display

When users are operating the system, or when the machine is running, some alarm information such as water protecting error maybe shows as below:



Push "Enter" key or "Esc" key, the system will execute some relative steps.

4.7 The First Time Running the Laser



1. Using the machine for the first time, and please note that the machine working voltage of 220V (110V for USA).
2. Please put the honeycomb on the standard table .Unless you need to engrave on thick material or use the rotary axis.
3. Lower the laser head, and the upper part of the head tube must be longer than 38mm
4. Please reset Z-axis after turn on the laser machine (watch the guiding video to learn how to reset the Z-axis, and refer to the thunder laser operation video).
5. Please don't use the autofocus function if there's no materials on the table.

For example, first engraving tests

The following steps describe how to successfully engrave a first pattern. Please follow the individual steps:

1. First switch on the computer and the Laser.

Tips: When turn on the power of machine, and note that turn on the main switch first and then the laser supply power.

2. Put the object to be engraved into the laser and move into the desired position on the engraving table. Usually the object is positioned in the upper left-hand corner. Use the rulers to determine the dimensions of the object to be engraved.
3. With the positioning keys the lens is positioned over the material to be engraved. You focus with the help of the focus tool or by auto focus.
4. Generate a graphic with the help of your graphics software, or lead in a picture that you want to engrave, but before this, you must click the "Port setting" in the software. The size of the graphic does not matter as the printer driver adjusts it to the work piece automatically if requested.

If you have any questions, and also consult the Software Manual for further information.

5. Double-click the Work in the window of "Work", then you can modify the parameters such as speed, Min Power, Max Power, ramp Effect, Ramp Length, Interval and so on.
6. Select "Download", you can change the file name. If you don't change the file name, that will be the default name for "default", and will be covered the last file.
7. Click "Original" and "Frame" on the display, please make sure that the material is in the right location and there is enough space for working.

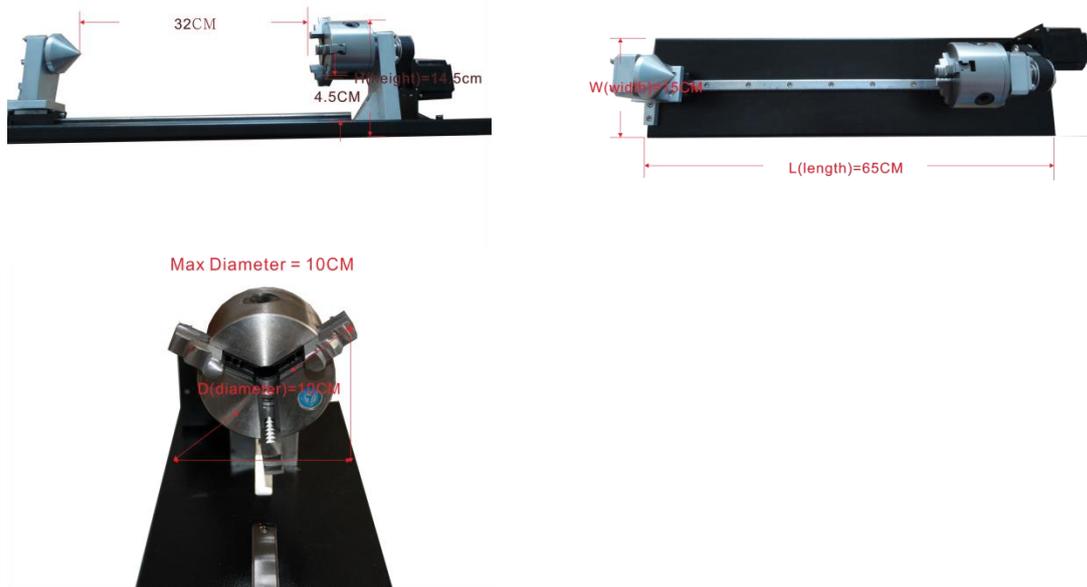


8. Please check the water cooling system is working properly; the water is running into and filling the laser tube. Please do not start your work if the laser tube isn't full of water, because that may led to laser tube damage due to the high temperature.
9. Finally press the "Start-Pause" button in the display, to start the engraving process.
10. While the laser is engraving, you can generate the next graphic.
11. When the engraving is complete, the laser machine will give out the notification sound and the laser head will go back to the original point, and the warning light will return to the green light, then you can repeat engraving.

4.8 Rotary axis Attachment

The rotary axis attachment option in the printer driver is used in combination of the rotary axis attachment, to engrave cylindrical objects. To compensate for the different diameters of different objects, the image must be adjusted. This is performed automatically by the engraving driver, by selecting the rotary axis option and entering the diameter of the object to be engraved.

The Rotary size:

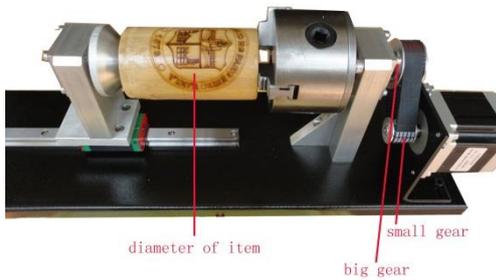


To install and set-up the rotary axis attachment proceed as described as follows:

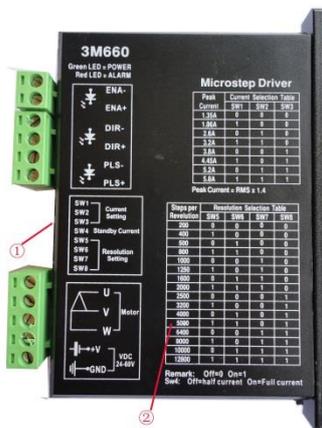
1. Move the working table to the lower position switch off the laser and open the top lid.
2. Put the rotary axis attachment onto the working table and connect the rotary axis attachment to the working table. Before you fix the rotary axis attachment, align it so that its sides are parallel to the rulers. The rulers offer a visual aid for placing the graphic.
3. Connect the rotary axis attachment via the control cable with the connector of the motion system. The connector is located inside the right front of the laser. Connected it to this interface and fixed, **then turn on the switch and reset the rotary device by press the “reset” button on the display**, and then you have finished the device connection. Like below:



- Before you mount the object into the rotary axis attachment, measure the diameter of the object at the position to be engraved with a sliding caliper or a similar tool. Write down this value. And how to set the parameter about "Circle Pulse", please refer to following the picture indicates. Like below:



- Diameter of item = 80mm
- Gear ratio = big gear/small gear =2

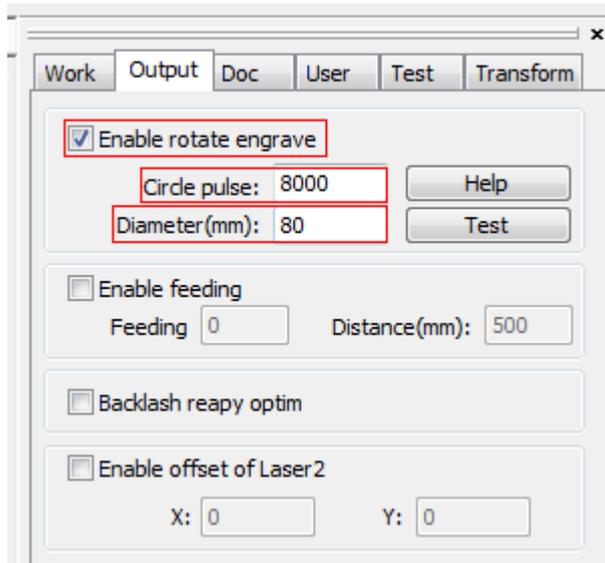


- See the settings of your motor driver
- The subdivision of our motor driver is set to 4000 (the "Circle Pulse" is 4000 x 2)

- Adjust and fix the slider to make the work piece fitting into the rotary axis attachment.
- Now switch on the laser and wait until the referencing is finished. Position the working head over the object at the position, where you want to engrave. Now focus the object with the focus tool or by auto focus.
- Generate a graphic with the help of the graphics software. The graphics size must be adjusted until less than the dimensions of the work piece.



8. Select “Output”, and then input the diameter of the object and the circle pulse. Like below:



Select “Output” , and then tick “Enable rotate engrave”

- ① The Circle pulse is set to 8000
 - ② The diameter of the target item
9. Select "Download", click “Original” and “Frame” on the display, please make sure that the material is in the right location and enough space for working.
10. Switch on the cooling system. And connect the exhaust system and the air pump to behind of the laser. Please check the water cooling system is working properly; the water is running into and filling the laser tube. Please do not starts your work if laser tube isn't full of water, because that may led to laser tube damage due to the high temperature.
11. Finally press the “Start-Pause” button in the display, to start the engraving or cutting process.
12. When you don't need to use the rotary axis attachment to work, please turn the rotary axis switch off and remove it out of the working table, then **reset the laser machine**.

4.9 For Laser Engraving

The engraving depth can easily be varied through the laser power or the speed. To increase the engraving depth, reduce the speed or increase the power setting. This way you increase the amount of energy per area unit. Engraving too deep, however, reduces the quality of the details. With coated materials the required power depends of the kind and thickness of the coating. With power set too high the individual lines become too thick and a sharp picture cannot be achieved. The resolution of the graphics should usually be at 500 dpi. The dpi setting (number of laser dots per inch) depends on the material. The lower this setting is, the lower the resolution of the engraved picture will be. This, however, reduces flaming and increases the energy of a pulse, which can improve the overall result (e.g. when engraving some sorts of plastic materials).

1. Plastics

Plastics for engraving are available in many different colors and thicknesses and with many different coatings and surfaces. The majority of available plastics can be well engraved and cut with the laser. Plastics with a micro-porous surface seem to give the best result, because less surface material needs to be removed. As most plastic materials have a low melting point, a low pip setting should be selected to reduce the danger of melting.

2. Acrylic

There are two different types of acrylic – cast and extruded. The cast acrylic becomes white or mat after engraving, the extruded acrylic remains clear. Use extruded acrylic for engravings that are filled with paint and cast acrylic for normal engravings. Cast acrylic can be best engraved without protection foil. It is better to engrave the entire surface with a low energy setting.

3. Engrave the rubber stamp

The various mixtures and densities of rubber plates cause a slightly varying engraving depth. The settings in the overview table give a good indication. Since engraving a standard rubber material requires a relatively high laser power, the laser power is principally set to 40% or more high and only the speed is varied. Due to their lower density, so-called micro porous rubber materials allow a significantly higher engraving speed. Test the rubber first, to find out the correct speed setting.

The RDWorksV8 software using the engraving function, you can choose “Ramp Effect” or common engraving, once you choose “Ramp Effect” and you will need to set a minimum power lower than Max Power, generally we set it to about 15%, and input a value with the Ramp Length what you want, but if you want to make it better, you may need to test different kinds of power and speed by yourself, then you can get the best result.

Engraving rubber produces a considerable amount of dust and terrible gas. Therefore a well-dimensioned exhaust system and its regular maintenance are very important.



Chapter 5 Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning the Laser Machine



1. Caution – use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified here in may result in hazardous laser radiation exposure.
2. Before starting cleaning and maintenance work always switch off the device and unplug the mains plug.
3. Always keep the system clean, as flammable parts in the working area or exhaust area rise the fire hazard.

Tips: You should check at least once a day, whether dust has accumulated in the engraving system. In case of soiling the machine must be cleaned. The cleaning interval strongly depends on the material that is being processed and the operating time of the device. Please bear in mind that only a clean machine guarantees optimal performance and reduces the service costs.

General Cleaning Notes:

1. Make sure, that the device is switched off and unplugged. Open the protective cover.
2. Move the working table into a position in which it is easiest for you to clean the surface with a window cleaning agent and paper towels.
3. Thoroughly remove all loose dirt particles and deposits in the interior of the machine.
4. Clean the cover of the laser tube.
5. You can clean the viewing window with a cotton cloth. Do not use paper towels as they could scratch the acrylic.

5.2 Cleaning the Optical Parts

The lens has a durable multi-coating and won't be damaged by correct and careful cleaning. You should inspect the focus lens and the mirrors and the beam combiner according the maintenance plan. If you discover a veil of haze or dirt, you must clean them.



It is suggested to clean the mirrors/lens before work every day in order to run the machine at max efficiency.

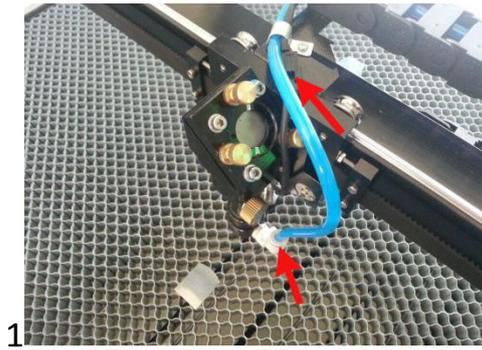
Follow the instructions below for the cleaning of optical parts:

5.2.1 Cleaning the Focus Lens

1. Move the engraving table to a distance approx. 10 cm under the lens holder.
2. Move the working head into the center of the working surface and put a cloth under the lens holder (so that the lens is not damaged if it accidentally falls out of its holder).
3. Now you can unscrew the lens holder.
4. Once positioned over a clean lens cleaning tissue, remove the lens from the lens holder by carefully turning the lens holder and letting the lens and the O-ring drop onto the cleaning cloth.
5. Examine the O-ring and, if necessary, clean it with a cotton bud and a lens cleaning tissue/cloth.
6. Remove the coarse dust as good as possible by blowing air onto the lens surface.
7. Check the surface and if necessary clean the lens with the lens cleaning liquid and lens tissue.
8. Hold the lens assembly by its edge with a lens cleaning tissue and use a drop of lens cleaning liquid from the little bottle which you received as an accessory delivered with the laser. While holding the lens on an angle, flush both surfaces of the lens, to wash away coarse soiling.
9. Put the lens on a clean lens cleaning tissue. Put some lens cleaning liquid on one side of the lens. Leave the liquid to take effect for approximately one minute and then gently wipe it away with lens cleaning tissues soaked with lens cleaning liquid.
10. Finally, dry this side of the lens with dry lens cleaning tissues and repeat the cleaning process on the other side of the lens. Never use a cleaning tissue twice. Dust accumulated in the cleaning tissue could scratch the lens surface.
11. Examine the lens. If it is still soiled, repeat the cleaning process until the lens is clean.
12. Carefully insert the lens into the lens holder. Ensure, that the rounded side (= convex) of the lens is facing upwards. Then put the O-ring on top of the lens.
13. Carefully assemble the lens in reverse order.



How to take out the focus lens, please just as following the picture indicated:



1

Remove the air pipe and the autofocus



2

Rotation of the left, and the head is divided into two parts

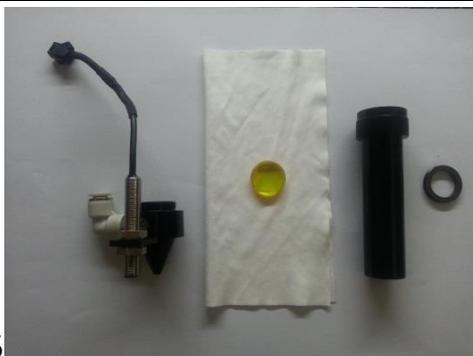


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4

Direction of rotation



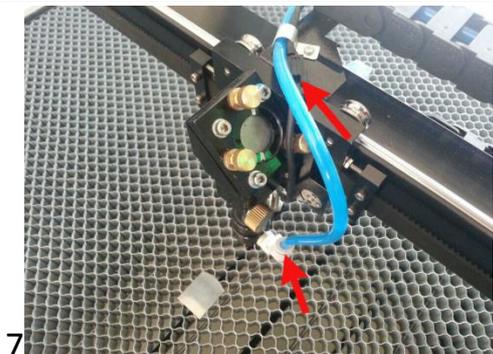
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Installation and please concave downward (convex side of the lens is facing upwards)



6

Fixed back the focus lens, and please be careful not to scratch the lens, then merge both parts together



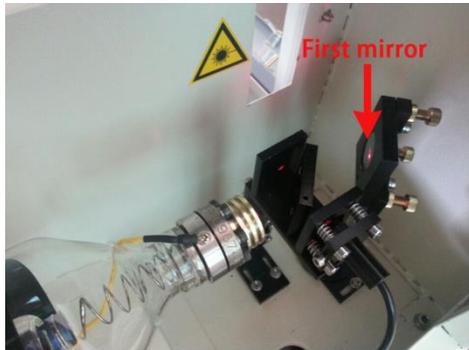
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Reinstall the air pipe and auto focus interface.

5.2.2 Cleaning the Mirrors

There are three mirrors in the operating area of the laser, which may have to be cleaned if they are soiled. To clean the reflector, follow the instructions below.

The Mirror#1



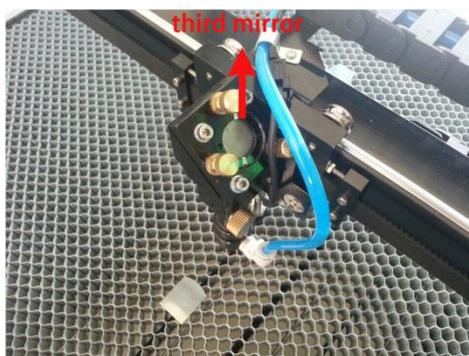
The mirrors are easily get dirty. And this will reduce the efficiency of the laser beam. Meanwhile, laser energy absorbed by the mirror may cause heat and destroy the mirrors too. For the first mirror, you can clean them directly.

The Mirror#2



Make sure the power of the laser machine is turned off while cleaning. The 2nd mirror is installed on the left side of X rail. For the second mirror, you can clean them directly.

The Mirror#3



Cautions:

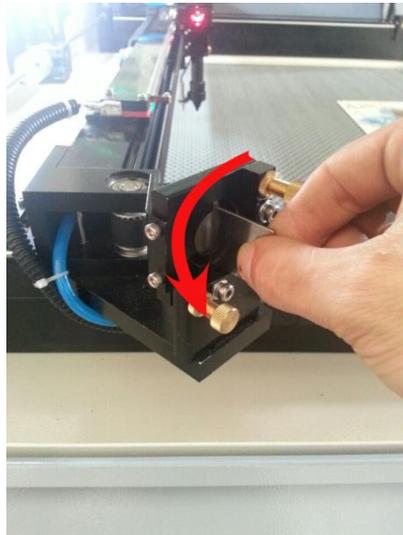
- 1) Mirrors must be cleaned carefully by using lens cleaning paper/lens cleaning cloth to avoid scratching the surface.
- 2) Do not touch the surface of the mirrors/lens after cleaning
- 3) The concave side of the lens must be on the bottom when installed



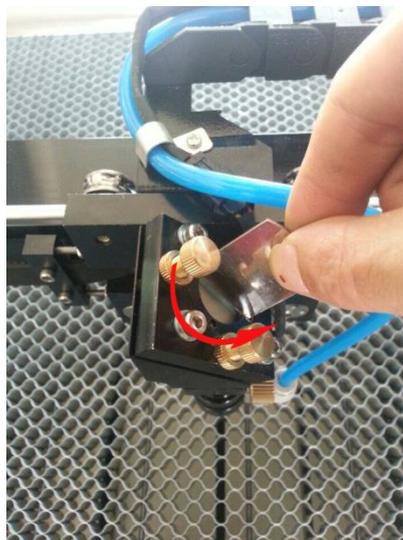
How to take out the mirror#1 #2 and#3, and please just as following the picture indicated:



1. The mirror#1



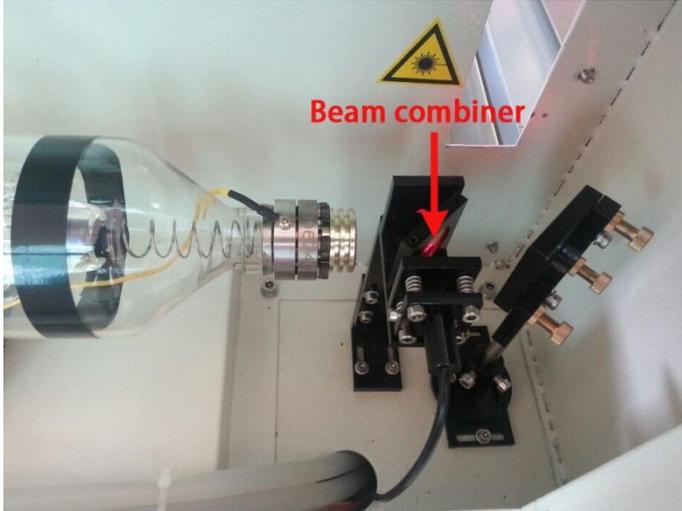
2. The mirror#2



3. The mirror#3



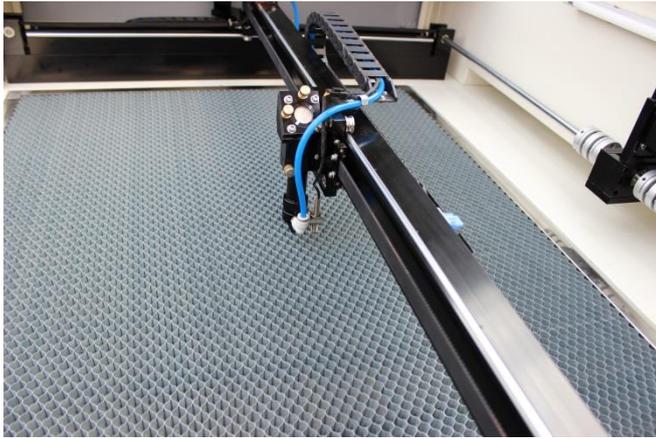
5.2.3 Cleaning the Beam Combiner



- ① The beam combiner must be cleaned carefully by using lens cleaning paper/lens cleaning cloth to avoid scratching the surface.
- ② Do not touch the surface of the beam combiner after cleaning.
- ③ For the beam combiner, you can clean them directly.



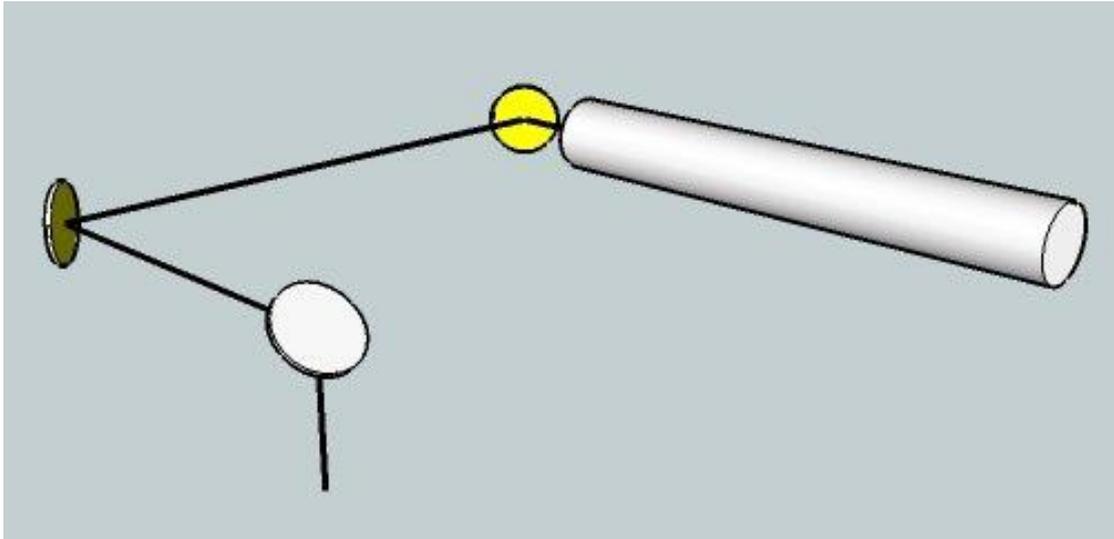
5.3 Maintain the X/Y/Z Rails



It is suggested to add lubricant oil (or Rust Preventative Grease) to the rails/screws at least every two weeks.



5.4 Check the Beam Path



After being used for a long time, the beam path might be deflective. This will reduce the efficient of the laser beam or even cause no laser beam. At this moment, you will need to re-adjust the beam path again.

If you need to know that about adjust the laser beam path of the video on YouTube released by our company and please link to the URL:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw8Ro2vEEzY>

5.5 Change Cooling Water for The Water Chiller



It is suggested to change the water at least once every month

Make sure the laser tube is filled with water before starting the machine. It is advised to add water every 3 days.

The quality and temperature of the cooling water affects the life time of the laser tube. You need to use pure(distilled) water and control the temperature below 35°C (95°F) .



5.6 Maintenance Plan

1. The lens and the mirror#3 must be checking daily, and cleaning if required
2. The mirror#1 and the mirror#2 must be checking every monthly, and cleaning if required.
3. The beam combiner must be checking every weekly, and cleaning if required.
4. The working table must be cleaning daily.
5. The whole laser machine must be cleaning every monthly.
6. The exhaust system must be checking every weekly, and cleaning if required.
7. The air blower must be checking every monthly, and cleaning if required.
8. The other component (as the water cooling system) must be checking every monthly, and cleaning if required.

5.7 Troubleshooting

Below are some solutions to this problem , we advise customs consult the following thinking before encounter problems, and hope customs can revise our thinking at any time.

Laser head impact Limit switch while resetting

Here are the fault factors:

1. Wrong pulse settings
2. Limit switch type mismatch the laser controller
3. Wiring mistake

Here are the solutions:

Step 1. Wrong pulse setting

Resetting the pulse equivalent, for how to reset, please refer to the lesson “why cutting size doesn’t match design size”

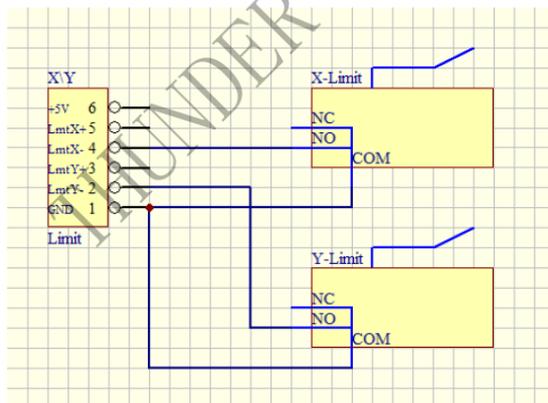
Step 2. Limit switch type mismatch laser controller

Our Thunder laser controller support NPN-NO mechanical switch or sensor switch only.

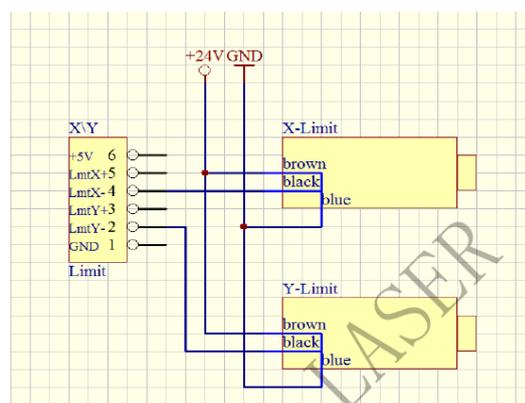
Step 3. Wiring mistake

Please refer to following diagram for how to wiring the limit switch:

1. Mechanical switch



2. sensor switch



Please set the limit switch signal to “Low Level Effect” in software.

If you want to know more information about troubleshooting, and you can visit our website: <http://www.thunderlaser.com/technical-support/troubleshooting.html>

If you need any other help, just contact with us by sending e-mail to: tech@thunderlaser.com

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Chapter 6 The Characteristics of Thunder Laser

1.1 Laser heads for application

Different laser head owns different focal distance and laser dot size, thus they were used for different job.

According to customer's application, we have three kinds of laser head for choice.

TYPE	LASER DOT SIZE	FOCAL DISTANCE	FUNCTION
Standard head	0.0039"(0.099mm)	5.0mm~6.5mm	For common cutting and engraving
HR head	0.0020"(0.050mm)	3.0mm~4.0mm	For engraving high quality picture and cutting very thin material
4" laser head	0.0078"(0.198mm)	9.0mm~11mm	For cutting thick material

Note 1: Standard head means 2" head; usually we use it for cutting material less than 10mm thickness and engraving simple patterns.

Note 2: HR head is special for engraving high quality picture and cutting very thin (usually less than 1mm) material for getting a precise job.

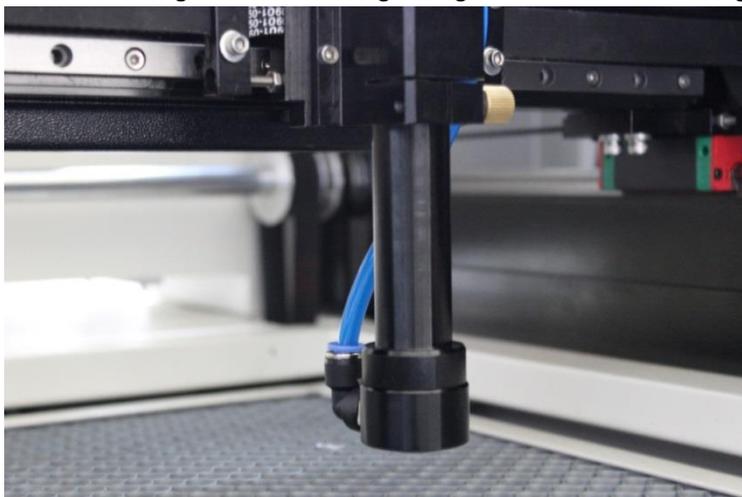
Note 3: 4" laser head is special for cutting thick material (usually more than 10mm). Usually we install a 2" standard head for our Thunder Laser system, and HR head and 4" head are optional parts,

You can choose them according to your job requirement.

Below are detail descriptions for HR head and 4" head.

HR head

High Resolution head, HR head for short which was made by special structure, this structure allows laser beam to be focused into a much smaller focal dot, and it is suitable for intricate, tight-tolerance engraving and for direct marking on some metals

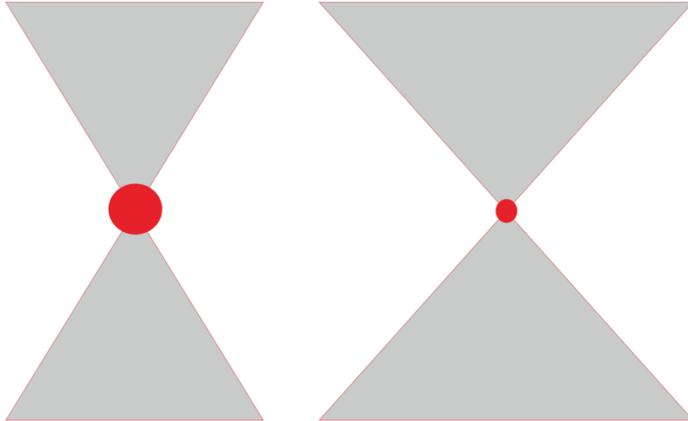




Unique accessories from THUNDERLASER

For expanding more capabilities to use Thunder Laser system, you can have a try with our HR head.

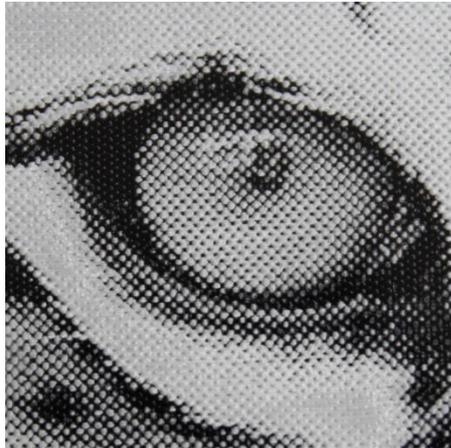
HR head focuses the laser beam onto a much more concentrated dot than can be practically achieved with standard optics systems, increasing the power density of the laser. In order to produce a similar dot size using standard optics, the focal length would need to be as short as 3-4mm, thus HR head can increase the utility of our laser system.



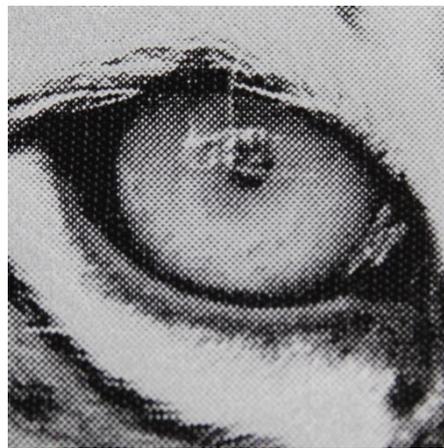
Laser dots comparison between standard 2" head and HR head

With the help of special design, HR head is able to absorb and focus co2 laser beam into a tiny dot, thus it's very well for engraving high quality pictures on flat material and precisely for cutting very thin material.

If you engrave a normal size photo with an HR head, you can also get a better result than the standard head. As you can see from the photo, even the tiger's eyes are very vivid and the whole photo looks lifelike.



Standard Head



HR Head

Samples introduction

Read more high resolution samples, just click below link:

<http://www.thunderlaser.com/samples/category/19-high-resolution.html>

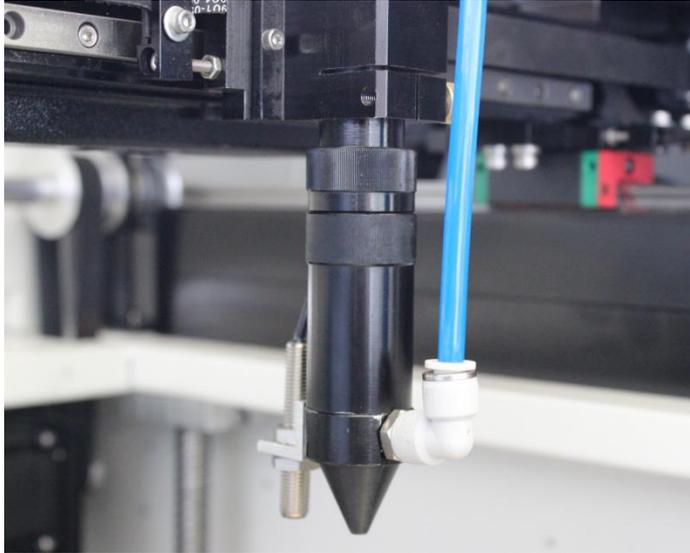
Engrave high definition picture

THUNDERLASER HR Head was really superior for engraving pictures, the high-density laser spots allows you to achieve a higher-resolution(higher megapixel counts) photo engraving than standard laser head.

Comparison between_HR_head_and_standard_head (download)

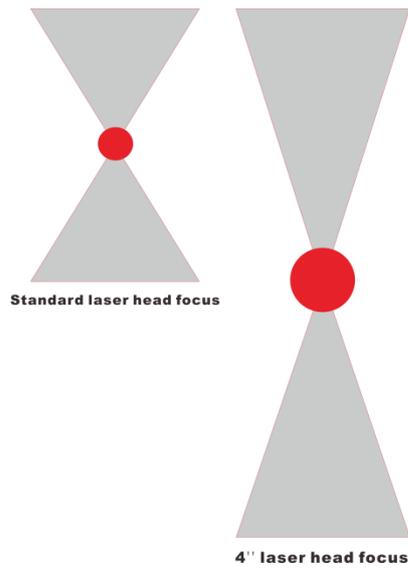
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4" laser head



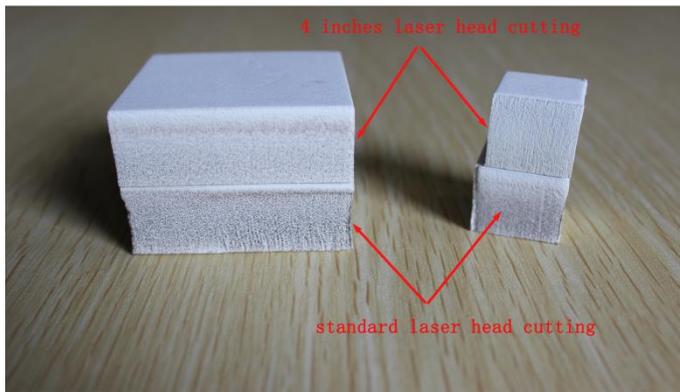
4" laser head owns a longer focal distance than 2" standard head, thus for cutting thick material, it makes the cutting edge more smooth and straight.

Laser focus comparison between standard 2" head and 4" head





17mm thickness foam samples by using 4" laser head and standard 2" head:

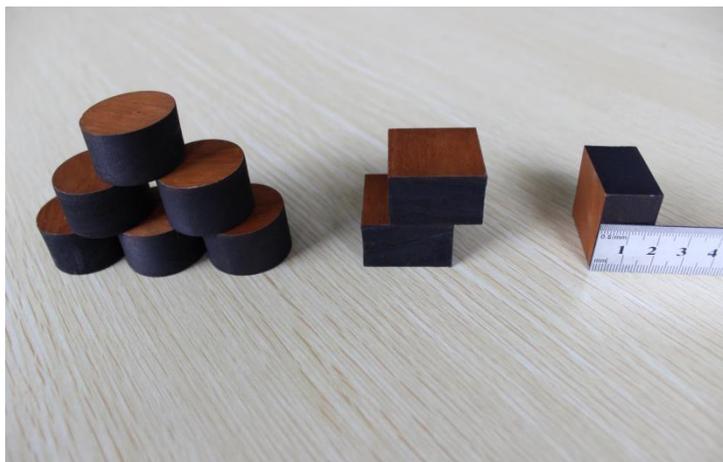


Samples for 4" laser head

Acrylic



Wood



Note: when we cut thick material (usually more than 10mm) with 4" laser head and the material are very easy to catch fire, for example: wood, foam, plastic, etc. usually we would suggest customer to use a High pressure air compressor set while working. High pressure air compressor set including two parts: high pressure air compressor and water separator.

**High pressure air compressor**

High pressure air compressor is used for blowing air to reduce material burning.

Note: After two hours of continuous work of air compressors, and it will needs to stop working for half an hour or more.

Air compressor filter

When we use the High pressure air compressor for blowing air, it will absorb much moisture with air at the same time. If we just let the moisture go, they will gather on the focus lens, and when the laser working, the water (moisture) will heat that may lead the lens break. Thus we need a water separator for help, it can stop moisture reaching lens. Water separator was installed between the air compressor and laser head.

For how to connect and use the High pressure air compressor set, please refer to below lesson:

<http://www.thunderlaser.com/technical-support/downloads/category/others.html>

If you have any question, please contact with us: tech@thunderlaser.com

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