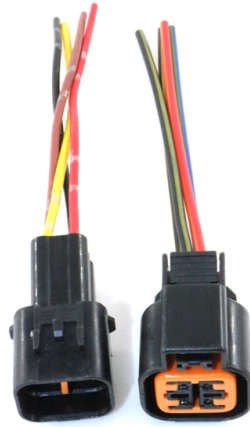


# Reasons for laser diode breakdown



## Article Overview

Laser diode breakdown occurs due to electrical overstress, thermal effects, defect formation, and catastrophic optical damage, all of which compromise the active region or facets of the diode.

### Electrical Overstress (EOS)

Laser diodes are highly sensitive to voltage and current fluctuations. Exceeding the maximum rated current or voltage can cause immediate failure by perforating the P-N junction or damaging the active region. Even small overcurrents beyond the lasing threshold can exponentially increase current flow, leading to irreversible damage if the diode exceeds its design limits. Electrostatic discharge (ESD) is a common source of EOS, which can create localized defects that propagate under normal operation.

### Thermal Effects and Thermal Runaway

Localized heating in the active region can trigger a positive feedback loop where increased temperature reduces the bandgap, causing higher absorption of laser light and further heating. This thermal runaway can lead to material destruction in the active zone, especially at microscopic weak points. High injection currents and poor heat dissipation exacerbate this effect, accelerating breakdown.

### Catastrophic Optical Damage (COD)

COD, also known as catastrophic optical mirror damage (COMD), is a primary failure...

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Degradation of high power laser diodes is related to defect formation in the active parts of the laser. Extended defects

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Under ESD tests the laser diodes fail. The usual failure mode is a short circuit, and EBIC shows junction perforation at least at one of

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Overview Laser diodes are operated at high injected current densities, which create high-energy electrons and holes, thermal

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Catastrophic optical damage Four electron micrographs of a green laser diode PLT5 with catastrophic optical damage on one side of

Laser diode stops working after a few runs

The laser diode has a reverse breakdown voltage of only 2V. Switching constant current sources creates voltage

Failure Analysis and Reliability Assessment in High Power ...

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