

# WORLD-BEAM QS186LE Laser Emitter



Class 1 and 2 Lasers for Use with Banner Modulated Photoelectric Receivers



- Self-contained Class 1 or Class 2 modulated visible laser diode emitters permit higher gain than LEDs and extended range in opposed-mode sensing systems.
- Narrow effective beam provides small-object detection and precise position control.
- Bright spot and multiple shapes provide great visual marking of objects.
- 10 to 30V dc operation; third wire extinguishes laser light when connected to +V correct dc.

Models *	Laser Class	Laser Spot Shape	Excess Gain at 15 m (50 ft)	Typical Beam Size	
QS186LE	Class 1	Small Spot	With receiver Q23SN6R: 7500	See table.	
			With receiver SM31RL: 340		
			With receiver QS18VN6R: 4500		
			With receiver VS3AN5R: 2100		
			With receiver VS2AN5R: 1100		
		Circle	-		
		Vertical Line	-		
		Horizontal Line	-		
		Cross	-		
		Small Spot	With receiver Q23SN6R: 12200		
QS186LE2	Class 2		With receiver SM31RL: 1200	See table.	
			With receiver QS18VN6R: 7000		
			With receiver VS3AN5R: 5500		
			With receiver VS2AN5R: 3600		
	Circle	-			
	Vertical Line	-			
	Horizontal Line	-			
	Cross	-			

\* Standard 2 m (6.5 ft) cable models are listed. To order the 9 m (30 ft) cable model, add suffix "W/30" (QS18LE W/30). To order the 4-pin Pico-style pigtail QD models, add suffix "Q" (QS18LEQ). To order the 4-pin integral Pico-style QD models, add suffix "Q7" (QS18LEQ7). To order the 4-pin Euro-style QD models, add suffix "Q5" (QS18LEQ5). To order the 4-pin integral Euro-style QD models, add suffix "Q8" (QS18LEQ8).

Models with a QD connector require a mating cable.


**WARNING: Not To Be Used for Personnel Protection**

Never use this device as a sensing device for personnel protection. Doing so could lead to serious injury or death. This device does NOT include the self-checking redundant circuitry necessary to allow its use in personnel safety applications. A sensor failure or malfunction can cause either an energized or de-energized sensor output condition.

## Alignment

Conventional modulated infrared LED photoelectric emitters are designed with beam divergence angles of several degrees. As a result, most emitters are easily aligned to their receivers by simple line-of-sight methods.

The beam widths listed are also the effective beam sizes at the receiver for model QS186LE. The effective beam size is equal to the minimum opaque object profile required to block the laser beam. The beam size at the emitter is 2.5 mm (0.1 inches) diameter. Beam sizes at various distances for other models are shown in the tables below.

The effect of angular misalignment is dramatic (see *Figure 3. Beam Displacement per Degree of Misalignment* on page 3). The wide beam angles offered by conventional photoelectric emitters allow several degrees of misalignment between the optical axes of the emitter and receiver. This is not true for laser emitters, which require the beam center to directly strike the receiver lens. The figure shows how far the laser beam will miss the center of the receiver lens for one degree of angular misalignment (in any plane). Note that even at a 5 foot range, one degree of misalignment will cause the laser beam to miss the lens of most receivers.

	Opposed Distance (X)	Beam Width (W)
	1.5 m (5 ft)	3.5 mm (0.14 inches)
	3 m (10 ft)	5 mm (0.20 inches)
	6 m (20 ft)	7.5 mm (0.29 inches)
	15 m (50 ft)	16 mm (0.63 inches)
	30 m (100 ft)	26 mm (1.02 inches)

Figure 1. QS186LE Laser Emitter Beam Divergence at 25°C

Typical Beam Size vs. Distance, Class 1 Lasers							
<b>Small Spot (Model QS186LE)</b>							
Distance	1.5 m (5 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	6 m (20 ft)	15 m (50 ft)	30 m (100 ft)	-	-
Spot Size	3.5 mm (0.14 in)	5 mm (0.2 in)	7.5 mm (0.29 in)	16 mm (0.63 in)	26 mm (1.02 in)	-	-
<b>Circle* (Model QS186LE10)</b>							
Distance	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	4 m (13 ft)	5 m (16 ft)
Circle Diameter	16 mm (0.63 in)	32 mm (1.26 in)	40 mm (1.57 in)	82 mm (3.23 in)	120 mm (4.72 in)	158 mm (6.22 in)	196 mm (7.72 in)
<b>Vertical Line** (Model QS186LE11)</b>							
Distance	0.2 m (0.6 ft)	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.6 m (1.9 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)
Line Size	80 x 3 mm (3.1 x 0.1 in)	145 x 3 mm (5.7 x 0.1 in)	210 x 3 mm (8.3 x 0.1 in)	270 x 3 mm (10.6 x 0.1 in)	330 x 3 mm (13.0 x 0.1 in)	480 x 3 mm (18.9 x 0.1 in)	600 x 3 mm (23.6 x 0.1 in)
<b>Horizontal Line** (Model QS186LE12)</b>							
Distance	0.2 m (0.6 ft)	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.6 m (1.9 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)

Typical Beam Size vs. Distance, Class 1 Lasers							
Line Size	95 x 2 mm (3.7 x 0.1 in)	175 x 2 mm (6.9 x 0.1 in)	252 x 2 mm (9.9 in x 0.1 in)	333 x 2.5 mm (13.1 x 0.1 in)	418 x 2.5 mm (16.5 x 0.1 in)	613 x 3 mm (24.1 x 0.1 in)	765 x 3 mm (30.1 x 0.1 in)
Cross* (Model QS186LE14)							
Distance	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	4 m (13 ft)	5 m (16 ft)
Line Size	60 mm (2.4 in)	125 mm (4.9 in)	155 mm (6.1 in)	310 mm (12.2 in)	460 mm (18.1 in)	615 mm (24.2 in)	760 mm (29.9 in)

\* May contain a small collimated spot in the center of the pattern. For best focus, view circle at distances greater than 1 meter and cross at distances greater than 0.3 m (image is not crisp at closer distances).

\*\* Light distribution is non-uniform, having less light at ends. The horizontal line is more uniform than the vertical line.

**Alignment Tip:** The visible red beam of the laser emitter is easily seen in subdued lighting. At opposed distances of up to 10 feet, attach a sheet of white paper directly in front of the receiver lens and mark the location of the lens center on the paper. Using the mark as an aiming target, sight along the beam from directly behind the laser emitter. Adjust the emitter mounting until the dot of red light is centered exactly on the mark. Remove the paper and check the response of the receiver.

For longer distances (up to 25 feet), replace the white paper with a 4 x 4 inch square of high-grade retroreflective tape (Banner model BRT-THG-4X4-5 or equivalent; see figure below). For greater distances, use a larger sheet of retroreflective material (see [Retroreflective Tape](#) on page 7).

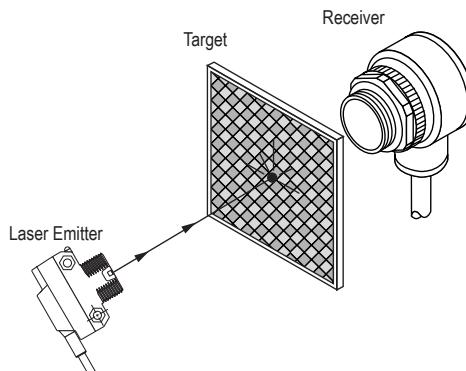


Figure 2. Long Distance Alignment

At long distances, use retroreflective tape to locate the beam at the desired location. Never use a mirror as an alignment target.

Opposed Distance (X)		Beam Displacement (Y) for 1° of Misalignment
		1.5 m (5') 25 mm (0.98")
		3 m (10') 50 mm (1.96")
		6 m (20') 100 mm (3.92")
		15 m (50') 250 mm (9.84")
		30 m (100') 500 mm (19.7")

Figure 3. Beam Displacement per Degree of Misalignment

Typical Beam Size vs. Distance, Class 2 Lasers							
Small Spot (Model QS186LE2)							
Distance	1.5 m (5 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	6 m (20 ft)	15 m (50 ft)	30 m (100 ft)	-	-
Spot Size	3.8 mm (0.15 in)	5.1 mm (0.2 in)	10.2 mm (0.4 in)	17.8 mm (0.7 in)	30.5 mm (1.2 in)	-	-
Circle* (Model QS186LE210)							
Distance	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	4 m (13 ft)	5 m (16 ft)

Typical Beam Size vs. Distance, Class 2 Lasers							
Circle Diameter	17.8 mm (0.7 in)	33 mm (1.3 in)	41.9 mm (1.65 in)	82.3 mm (3.25 in)	122 mm (4.8 in)	160 mm (6.3 in)	198 mm (7.8 in)
Vertical Line** (Model QS186LE211)							
Distance	0.2 m (0.6 ft)	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.6 m (1.9 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)
Line Size	72.1 x 2.5 mm (2.8 x 0.1 in)	150 x 2.5 mm (5.9 x 0.1 in)	208 x 2.5 mm (8.2 x 0.1 in)	284 x 2.5 mm (11.2 x 0.1 in)	350 x 2.5 mm (13.8 x 0.1 in)	502 x 2.5 mm (19.8 x 0.1 in)	660 x 2.5 mm (26 x 0.1 in)
Horizontal Line** (Model QS186LE212)							
Distance	0.2 m (0.6 ft)	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.6 m (1.9 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)
Line Size	74 x 2.5 mm (2.9 x 0.1 in)	159 x 2.5 mm (6.25 x 0.1 in)	224 x 2.5 mm (8.8 in x 0.1 in)	330 x 2.5 mm (13 x 0.1 in)	406 x 2.5 mm (16 x 0.1 in)	610 x 2.5 mm (24 x 0.1 in)	800 x 2.5 mm (31.5 x 0.1 in)
Cross* (Model QS186LE214)							
Distance	0.4 m (1.3 ft)	0.8 m (2.6 ft)	1 m (3.3 ft)	2 m (6.6 ft)	3 m (10 ft)	4 m (13 ft)	5 m (16 ft)
Line Size	61 mm (2.4 in)	125 mm (4.9 in)	155 mm (6.1 in)	312 mm (12.3 in)	467 mm (18.4 in)	620 mm (24.4 in)	760 mm (29.9 in)

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## Description of Laser Classes

**Class 1 Lasers.** Lasers that are safe under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation, including the use of optical instruments for intrabeam viewing.

Reference IEC 60825-1:2001, section 8.2.

Class 1 Laser Characteristics: see specifications.



**Class 2 Lasers.** Low-power lasers are by definition incapable of causing eye injury within the duration of the blink (aversion response) of 0.25 seconds. This reaction may be expected to provide adequate protection under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation, including the use of optical instruments for intrabeam viewing. They also must emit only visible wavelengths (400–700 nm). Therefore, an ocular hazard can exist only if an individual overcomes their natural aversion to bright light and stares directly into the laser beam.

For safe laser use:

- Do not permit a person to stare at the laser from within the beam.
- Do not point the laser at a person's eye at close range.
- The beam emitted by a Class 2 laser product should be terminated at the end of its useful path. Open laser beam paths should be located above or below eye level where practical.

Reference IEC 60825-1:2001, section 8.2.

Class 2 Laser Characteristics: see specifications.

**CAUTION: Do Not Disassemble for Repair**

Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure. Do NOT attempt to disassemble this sensor for repair. A defective unit must be returned to the manufacturer.

## Installation

To mount the QS186LE into bracket models SMB18A or SMB46A, follow these steps.

1. Insert the laser emitter into the hole in the bracket.
2. Tighten the hex jam nut to the bracket until the emitter is held snugly in place.
3. Mount the bracket using your own screws or bolts (SMB18A uses M4 or #8 screws or bolts; SMB46A uses M5 or #10).
4. Check the sensor alignment, as described in [Alignment](#) on page 2

If you are using the adjustable bracket (model SMB46A), tighten or loosen one or two of the precision alignment screws (use the supplied 2 mm Allen wrench) until the laser is accurately aligned.

## Specifications

Power	General
<b>Supply Voltage and Current</b> 10 to 30V dc (10% maximum ripple) at less than 35 mA	<b>Indicators</b> Green LED, indicates power applied
<b>Supply Protection Circuitry</b> Protected against reverse polarity	<b>Construction</b> ABS housing, PMMA window 3 mm mounting hardware included
<b>Delay at Power Up</b> Class 1 Models: 250 ms Class 2 Models: 10 ms	<b>Connections</b> PVC-jacketed 2 m (6.5 ft) attached cable, or 4-pin Euro-style quick-disconnect (QD) fitting
Performance	Environmental
<b>Sensing Beam (Class 1 Laser)</b> 650 nm visible red (temperature coefficient 0.2 nm/° C) Pulse Width: 5 microseconds Rep Rate: 27 microseconds Pulse Output Power: less than 1.9 milliwatts	<b>Rating</b> NEMA 6; IEC IP67; UL Type 1
<b>Sensing Beam (Class 2 Laser)</b> 650 nm visible red (temperature coefficient 0.25 nm/° C) Pulse Width: 5 microseconds Rep Rate: 27 microseconds Pulse Output Power: less than 4.8 milliwatts	<b>Operating Conditions</b> Temperature: -10° to +50° C (+14° to 122° F) Max. Relative Humidity: 90% at 50° C (non-condensing)
<b>Laser Control</b> Apply 0V dc to white wire to enable beam Apply +10 to 30V dc to white wire to inhibit beam Class 1 Enable Time: 240 ms; 100 ms disable time Class 2 Enable Time: 8 ms; 1 ms disable time	<b>Certifications</b> 
<b>Laser Classification</b> Class 1 / Class 2 laser product; complies with 21 CFR 1040.10, EN60825-1:2001 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice 50, dated 7-26-01	

## Dimensions

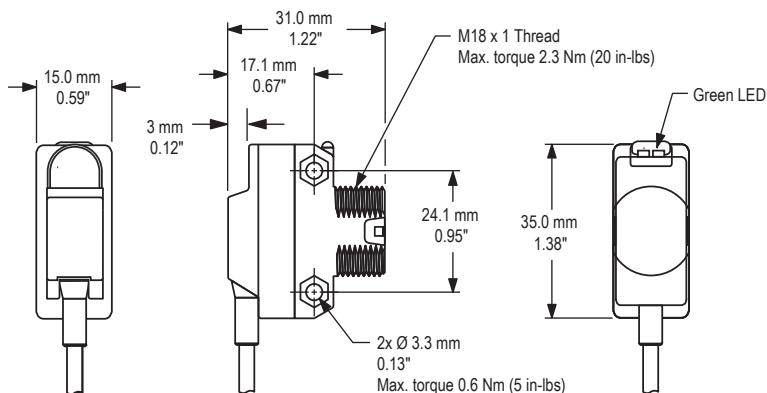


Figure 4. Cabled Models

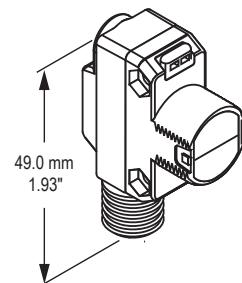


Figure 5. QD Models

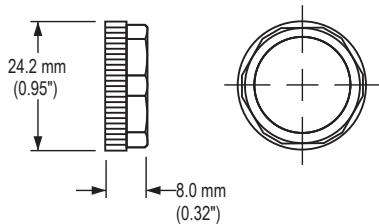


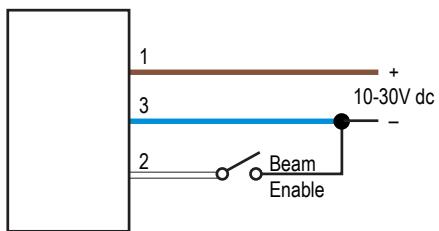
Figure 6. Lock Nut

## Wiring

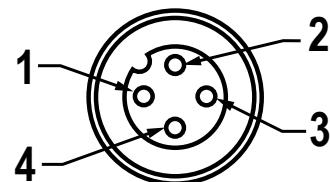
Cable and QD hookups are functionally identical.

### Key

### 4-pin Euro-style Pinout



- 1 - Brown
- 2 - White
- 3 - Blue
- 4 - Black (not used)



## Accessories

### Quick-Disconnect Cordsets

4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout
MQDC-406	1.83 m (6 ft)	Straight		
MQDC-415	4.57 m (15 ft)			
MQDC-430	9.14 m (30 ft)			
MQDC-450	15.2 m (50 ft)			

**4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets**

Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout
MQDC-406RA	1.83 m (6 ft)	Right-Angle		1 = Brown 2 = White 3 = Blue 4 = Black
MQDC-415RA	4.57 m (15 ft)			
MQDC-430RA	9.14 m (30 ft)			
MQDC-450RA	15.2 m (50 ft)			

**4-Pin Snap-on M8/Pico-Style Cordsets**

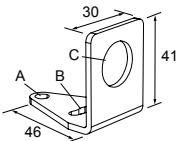
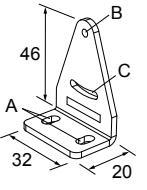
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout
PKG4-2	2.00 m (6.56 ft)	Straight		 1 = Brown 2 = White 3 = Blue 4 = Black
PKW4Z-2	2.00 m (6.56 ft)			

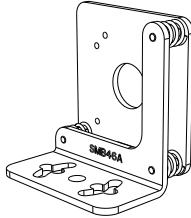
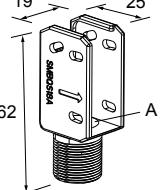
**Retroreflective Tape**

Used for laser alignment.

Model	Reflectivity Factor	Maximum Temperature	Size
BRT-THG-4X4-5	0.7	+60°C (+140°F)	100 x 100 mm (package of 5)
Model	Reflectivity Factor	Maximum Temperature	Size
BRT-THG-8.5X11-2	0.7	+60°C (+140°F)	216 x 280 mm (package of 2)
Model	Reflectivity Factor	Maximum Temperature	Size
BRT-THG-18X36	0.7	+60°C (+140°F)	457 x 914 mm (single sheet)

**Mounting Brackets**

<b>SMB18A</b>		<b>SMB312S</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right-angle mounting bracket with a curved slot for versatile orientation</li> <li>12-ga. stainless steel</li> <li>18 mm sensor mounting hole</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stainless steel 2-axis, side-mount bracket</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearance for M4 (#8) hardware</li> </ul> <p><b>Hole center spacing:</b> A to B = 24.2 <b>Hole size:</b> A = ø 4.6, B = 17.0 x 4.6, C = ø 18.5</p>	<p>A = 4.3 x 7.5, B = diam. 3, C = 3 x 15.3</p>
<p><b>SMBQS18Y</b></p> <p>IMAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Die-cast bracket for 18 mm holes</li> <li>Includes metal hex nut and lock washer</li> <li>Allows ± 8° for cabled sensors</li> </ul> <p><b>Hole size:</b> A = ø 15.3</p>	<p><b>SMB46A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-piece 12-ga. stainless steel bracket assembly with precision sensor alignment adjustment</li> <li>2 mm hex key included</li> </ul>  <p><b>Hole center spacing:</b> A to B = 18.5, B = 30.5 <b>Hole size:</b> A = ø 6.6, B = 7.1 x 20.3</p>
<p><b>SMBQS18A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wrap-around protection bracket</li> <li>Die-cast bracket</li> <li>Base fits 18 mm threaded hole</li> <li>Metal hex nut, lock washer and grommet included</li> <li>Mounting holes specially designed for QS18AF sensors</li> </ul> <p><b>Hole size:</b> A = ø 15.3</p>	

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