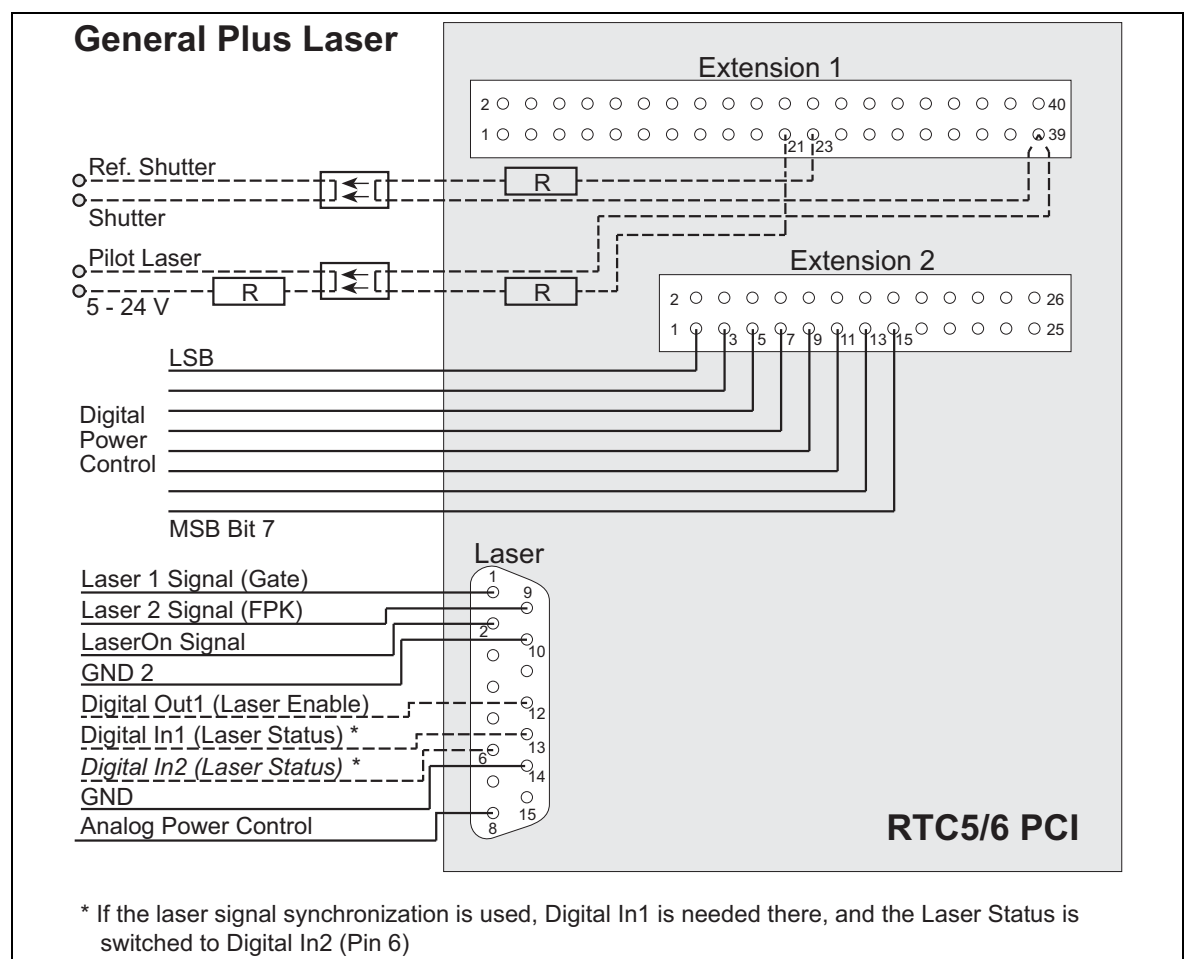


Connecting a General Plus Type Laser to an RTC5 or RTC6 Control Board

If you use a General Plus Type laser, it must be connected to the RTC5 or RTC6 PC control board as shown in the figure and tables below.

The continuous lines show connections which are mandatory to control the laser via the RTC5 or RTC6 board. The dashed lines show connections which are used additional with SCANLAB's laser processing software laserDESK (e.g. for monitoring or pilot laser control).

These connections can be used also with other software, but in this case programming is required. It is also possible to use other pin connections or to use external execution.



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Notes:

- Please verify the connections by using the laser manual, because the laser connection interface may have changed.
- The 'Laser' connector shown above (D-SUB 15-pin female) is the connector of the RTC5 and RTC6 PCI boards. Please note the different pin assignment of the RTC6 Ethernet board (16-pin socket). The table below shows the pin assignment for both card types.
- Although the information in this document has been tested and reviewed, SCANLAB cannot guarantee its correctness. Please read the manuals of your laser and the RTC5 or RTC6 board to verify the information given in the following is correct. SCANLAB is not liable for any damages beyond the terms and conditions set forth in your written contract with SCANLAB and your RTC5 or RTC6 Manual.

The tables below show the connections and the pin-configuration of the RTC control board's 'Laser' connector, the 'Extension 1' connector (40-pin socket) and the 'Extension 2' connector (26-pin socket).

RTC5/6 'Laser' Connector				General Plus Type Laser
Name	Pin No.		General Use	
	RTC5/6 PCI	RTC6 Eth.		
DIGITAL IN1	13	10	Laser state *	Laser ok = active low; error = active high
DIGITAL IN2	6	11	<i>Laser state</i> *	If DIGITAL IN1 is used for the laser synchronisation, this pin is used for the laser state
DIGITAL OUT1	12	8	Laser control *	set/reset by 'Laser On' button; dependent on the connected laser
DIGITAL OUT2	5	9	Laser control *	not used
ANALOG OUT1	8	15	Laser power	Power
ANALOG OUT2	15	14	Defined by user	
GND	14	12	Ground (PC ground)	Ground
LASER1	1	1	Laser process control	dependent on selected laser mode (see RTC5/RTC6 Manual)
LASER2	9	2	Laser process control	dependent on selected laser mode (see RTC5/RTC6 Manual)
LASERON	2	3	Laser process control	dependent on selected laser mode (see RTC5/RTC6 Manual)
+ 5 V	7	13	Output voltage	
GND2	10	4	Ground	Ground

* Signals whose functions are specially programmed in laserDESK

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RTC5/6 'Extension 1' Connector			General Plus Type Laser
Name	Pin No.	General Use	
Digital In 0-7	2, 4, ..., 16	Defined by user *	
Digital In 8	18	Reserved *	–
Digital In 9	20	Reserved *	–
Digital In 10	22	Reserved *	–
Digital In 11	24	Reserved *	–
Digital In 12	26	Switching automatic mode on/off ¹⁾ *	–
Digital In 13	28	Switching laser on/off ^{1, 2)} *	–
Digital In 14	30	Reserved *	–
Digital In 15	32	Reserved *	–
Digital Out 0-7	1, 3, ..., 15	Defined by user *	
Digital Out 8	17	System status: job execution not aborted *	–
Digital Out 9	19	Reserved *	–
Digital Out 10	21	Pilot laser *	1 = Guide laser on (optional)
Digital Out 11	23	Shutter switch (1 = open) *	1 = Shutter open (optional)
Digital Out 12	25	System status: ready *	
Digital Out 13	27	System status: automatic mode *	
Digital Out 14	29	System status: job in execution *	
Digital Out 15	31	System status: error *	
5 V	37	5 V out	
GND	39	Ground (PC ground)	Ref. ground for guide laser and shutter
GND	40	Ground (PC ground)	

* Signals whose functions are specially programmed in laserDESK

1) Function has to be activated in the laserDESK Hardware Configuration.

2) Only for full supported laser types.

RTC5/6 'Extension 2' Connector			General Plus Type Laser
Name	Pin No.	General Use	
Data0	1	Laser power bit 0	Power bit 0
Data1	3	Laser power bit 1	Power bit 1
Data2	5	Laser power bit 2	Power bit 2
Data3	7	Laser power bit 3	Power bit 3
Data4	9	Laser power bit 4	Power bit 4
Data5	11	Laser power bit 5	Power bit 5
Data6	13	Laser power bit 6	Power bit 6
Data7	15	Laser power bit 7	Power bit 7
Latch	17	Power latch-bit	Latch-bit (optional)
GND	2	Ground (PC ground)	