

Connecting a Spectra-Physics Hippo Laser to an RTC5 or RTC6 Control Board

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.
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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				Spectra-Physics Hippo Laser
Name	Pin No.		General Use	
	RTC5/6 PCI	RTC6 Eth.		
DIGITAL IN1	13	10	Laser state *	not used
DIGITAL IN2	6	11	Laser state *	not used
DIGITAL OUT1	12	8	Laser control *	not used
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	Pulse repetition rate (Frequency)
LASER2	9	2	Laser process control	FPK
LASERON	2	3	Laser process control	Laser beam on/off (Gate)
+ 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			Spectra-Physics Hippo 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 (optional) *	1 = Guide laser on
Digital Out 11	23	Shutter switch (1 = open) *	not used
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)	
GND	40	Ground (PC ground)	

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

2)Only for full supported laser types.

RTC5/6 'Extension 2' Connector			Spectra-Physics Hippo Laser
Name	Pin No.	General Use	
Data0	1	Laser power bit 0	not used
Data1	3	Laser power bit 1	not used
Data2	5	Laser power bit 2	not used
Data3	7	Laser power bit 3	not used
Data4	9	Laser power bit 4	not used
Data5	11	Laser power bit 5	not used
Data6	13	Laser power bit 6	not used
Data7	15	Laser power bit 7	not used
Latch	17	Power latch-bit	not used
GND	2	Ground (PC ground)	