

Table 2.3

Exposure limit values for laser exposure to the eye — Long exposure duration ≥ 10 s

Wavelength ^a [nm]		Aperture	Duration [s]		
			$10^1 - 10^2$	$10^2 - 10^4$	$10^4 - 3 \cdot 10^4$
UVC	180 - 280	3,5 mm	$H = 30 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 40 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 60 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 100 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 160 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 250 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 400 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 630 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 1,0 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 1,6 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 2,5 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 4,0 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 6,3 \cdot 10^3 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $H = 10^4 \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$		
	280 - 302				
	303				
	304				
	305				
	306				
	307				
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	314				
UVA	315 - 400				
Visible 400 - 700	400 - 600 Photochemical ^b Retinal damage	7 mm	$H = 100 C_B \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $(\gamma = 11 \text{ mrad})^d$	$E = 1 C_B \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}; (\gamma = 1,1 t^{0,5} \text{ mrad})^d$	$E = 1 C_B \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}$ $(\gamma = 110 \text{ mrad})^d$
	400 - 700 Thermal ^b Retinal damage				
IRA	700 - 1 400	7 mm	if $\alpha < 1,5 \text{ mrad}$ then $E = 10 C_A C_C \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}$ if $\alpha > 1,5 \text{ mrad}$ and $t \leq T_2$ then $H = 18 C_A C_C t^{0,75} \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ if $\alpha > 1,5 \text{ mrad}$ and $t > T_2$ then $E = 18 C_A C_C T_2^{-0,25} \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}$	if $\alpha < 1,5 \text{ mrad}$ then $E = 10 C_A C_C \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}$ if $\alpha > 1,5 \text{ mrad}$ and $t \leq T_2$ then $H = 18 C_A C_C t^{0,75} \text{ [J m}^{-2}\text{]}$ if $\alpha > 1,5 \text{ mrad}$ and $t > T_2$ then $E = 18 C_A C_C T_2^{-0,25} \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}$ (not to exceed $1\,000 \text{ W m}^{-2}$)	
IRB & IRC	$1\,400 - 10^6$	Sec ^c	$E = 1\,000 \text{ [W m}^{-2}\text{]}$		

a If the wavelength or another condition of the laser is covered by two limits, then the more restrictive applies.

b For small sources subtending an angle of 1,5 mrad or less, the visible dual limits E from 400 nm to 600 nm reduce to the thermal limits for $10 \leq t < T_1$ and to photochemical limits for longer times. For T_1 and T_2 see Table 2.5. The photochemical retinal hazard limit may also be expressed as a time integrated radiance $G = 10^5 C_B \text{ [J m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}\text{]}$ for $t > 10$ s up to $t = 10\,000$ s and $L = 100 C_B \text{ [W m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}\text{]}$ for $t > 10\,000$ s. For the measurement of G and L γ_m must be used as averaging field of view. The official border between visible and infrared is 780 nm as defined by the CIE. The column with wavelength band names is only meant to provide better overview for the user. (The notation G is used by CEN; the notation L is used by CIE; the notation L_p is used by IEC and CENELEC.)

c For wavelength $1\,400 - 10^6$ nm; aperture diameter = 3,5 mm; for wavelength $10^3 - 10^6$ nm; aperture Diameter = 11 mm.

d For measurement of the exposure value the consideration of γ is defined as follows: If α (angular subtense of a source) $> \gamma$ (limiting cone angle, indicated in brackets in the corresponding column) then the measurement field of view γ_m should be the given value of γ . (If a larger measurement field of view is used, then the hazard would be overestimated).
If $\alpha < \gamma$ then the measurement field of view γ_m must be large enough to fully enclose the source but is otherwise not limited and may be larger than γ .