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2. The laser will be treated as a continuous wave (CW) laser
3. The maximum exposure time to eyes will be 0.25s aligning with an accidental glance
4. The laser will be operated at 12mA thus producing 2.85mW output power [5]
5. Increase in temperature and thus effects on laser power output are negligible
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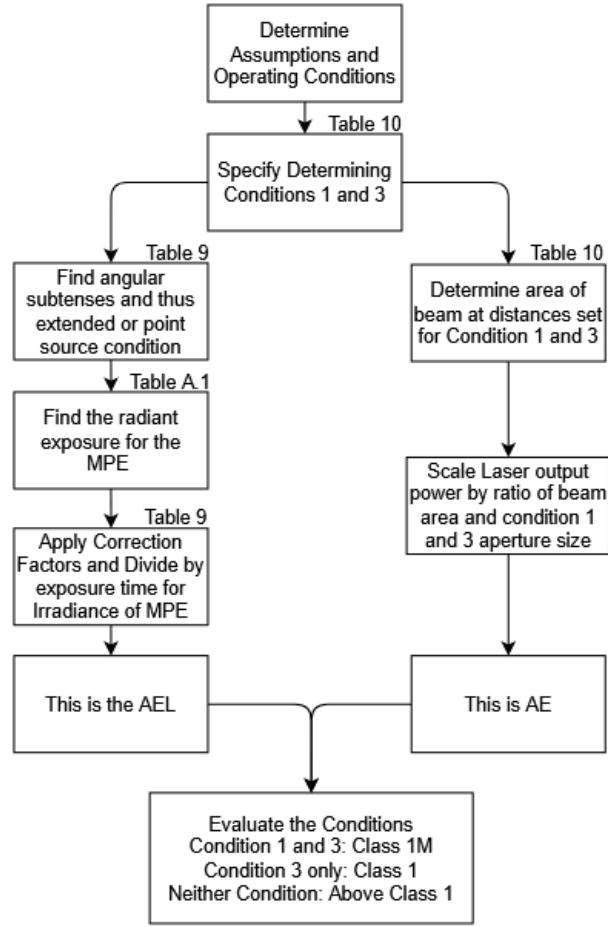


Figure 1: General Flowchart of Laser Class Verification

To be classified as a Class 1M, the laser is judged against two conditions, where condition 3 determines the adherence to the class, and condition 1 determines the hazard associated with telescopic optics (as provided in Table 10 [30] for 400-1400nm wavelength lasers):

Condition 1: $AE_1 > AEL_1$ for an aperture stop of 50mm, 2000mm away ($z = 2\text{m}$)

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To confirm these conditions, the AEL for each scenario is calculated below. The first step is to determine the angular subtense (α) and thus the related extended source correction factor (C_6). The angular subtense is calculated below:

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$\alpha \leq \alpha_{min}$	1
$\alpha_{min} < \alpha \leq \alpha_{max}$	$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_{min}} = \frac{\alpha}{1.5}$
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Given the calculated angular subtense, for the classification of the laser in this report, the following correction factors are used.

$$C_{6_1} = 1$$

$$C_{6_3} = \frac{\alpha_3}{1.5} = \frac{5}{1.5} = 3.3$$

Next, it is required to determine the MPE for maximum exposure time of 0.25s to an 850nm laser. From the standard, for a 700-1050nm wavelength laser, the radiant exposure of the MPE can be found via the following equation (as per Table A.1 [30]):

$$H_{MPE} = 18t^{0.75}C_4 J/m^2$$

Where t is the exposure time (0.25s) and C_4 is another correction factor which may be determined simply for lasers of wavelength between 700 and 1050nm (as per Table 9 [30]), as shown below:

$$C_4 = 10^{0.002(\lambda-700)} = 1.995$$

Thus, producing a radiant exposure of $H_{MPE} = 12.7 J/m^2$ which aligns with an irradiance of:

$$E_{MPE} = \frac{H_{MPE}}{t} = \frac{12.7}{0.25} = 50.8 W/m^2$$

Now, this irradiance will be applied to the area associated with the aperture stops of each condition to determine the accessible emission limit (AEL):

$$A_1 = \pi r_1^2 = \pi \times \left(\frac{0.05}{2}\right)^2 = 0.002m^2$$

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$$AEL_{1,point} = E_{MPE} \times A_1 = 50.8 \times 0.002 = 0.09975 W = 99.75 mW$$

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This AEL is assuming a point source, where given the large angular subtense earlier determined for Condition 3, the specified setup is extended source, and thus the extended source correction factor C_6 is applied:

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Now that the AEL for each condition has been determined, it is necessary to calculate their associated accessible emissions for the laser under test. For a conservative approach for the sake of safety, the beam will be assumed initially infinitesimally small. Given the full beam divergence of 24° of the OPV300 laser diode, the beam area at the distances specified by each of the conditions is calculated below:

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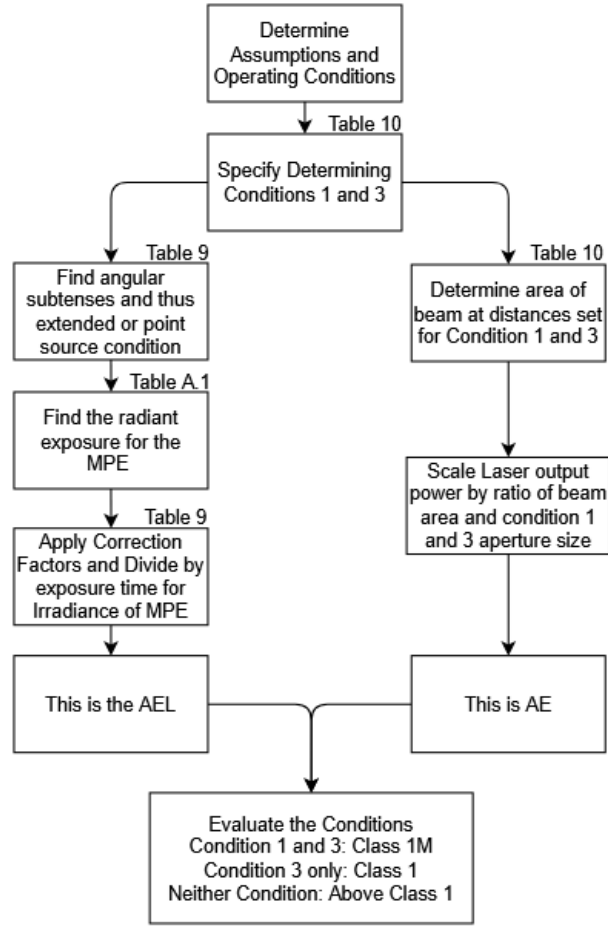


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