

Gooch & Housego

OL 490 Agile Light Source



Capable of producing emissions at a single wavelength or broad spectrum. Steady state or varying with time. Gooch & Housego's OL 490 Agile Light Source utilizes Texas Instruments' innovative Digital Light Processor technology (DLP®) to offer a programmable and variable high intensity and high resolution spectral output. The OL 490 is the next generation of precision spectral light sources and delivers an unprecedented level of flexibility and speed to a wide range of scientific and technical applications, including:



- **Chemometrics and Hazardous Materials** – The agile light source enables generation of synthetic spectra, which can be used for truthing of hazardous materials (HAZMAT) sensing technology. Although a variety of conventional and novel sensing technologies are now available for detecting pathogenic agents, few methods exist for testing their effectiveness. The OL 490 can be programmed to synthesize spectra rendering development and calibration processes routine and eliminate the need to handle such substances directly.



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- **Product Testing** – The OL 490 offers new options for commercial and industrial product testing, ranging from colorimetric evaluation of substances to assessing the performance of optical elements under various operating lighting environments.



These applications include on-line/off-line parts inspection, color matching/ rendering, and surface tests.

- **Instrument/Detector Spectral Response Calibration** – Typical monochromators coupled to incandescent sources provide only limited utility in terms of control of spectral content and programmable LED sources offer only limited spectral range and use static spectral filtering within to shape the profile. In comparison, the versatility, accuracy, reliability and speed of the OL 490 are unmatched.



- **Forensics and Biosciences Imaging** – The OL 490 brings new dimensions to tools already in use in clinical and field research. The OL 490 is the ideal source for fluorescence excitation, illumination for microscopy, and other forms of imaging, including fiber-based techniques such as endoscopy. Spectral output can be tailored to stimulate reactions in photosensitive biological systems.



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Spectral Synthesis

The OL 490 can easily synthesize complex spectral features that enable simulation of custom filtered source, LEDs, luminaires, day light, night light, and room light. Nearly any spectral shape, natural or synthetic, can be created. For highly precise spectra, adding the optional real-time spectrometer feedback can increase the spectral matching to the target spectra even more.

SOFTWARE

The OL 490's control software is both powerful and easy to use. Operators can easily set multiple bands, sweeps, and trigger modes. The OL 490's software allows direct control of the DLP mirror array to produce almost any desired spectrum. The software control has three (3) primary modes of operation that will render the desired spectral shape: Render Sliders, Render List, and Render Sequence. An SDK is also included to allow for fully customized control.

- **Render Sliders**

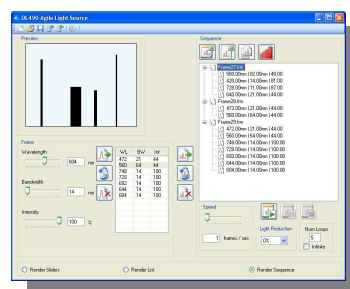
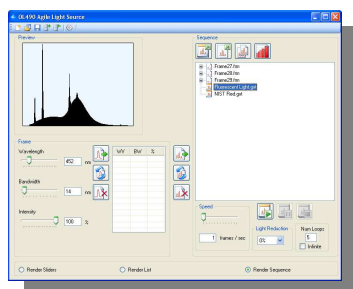
Real time manual rendering is easy with the slider controls, which instantly change the wavelength, bandwidth, or intensity by dragging the slider left and right, or entering a value in the text box. The spectral output is updated in real time, useful for manipulation of a single peak. This easily simulates bandpass filters, LEDs, and monochromators.

- **Render List**

For combining multiple peaks, the Render List mode allows the slider controls to send each desired peak to a list that can be selected for composite rendering. The parameters of each individual peak can be edited and updated into the list.

- **Render Sequence**

Spectral patterns may be sent from the list to a sequence inserted at any desired order in time. The sequence can be executed at a user selectable rate. Start, stop, and pause controls control the sequence output timing. The loop can be set for a specific number of cycles then stopped, or set for continuous operation. Hardware triggers also allow precise control for use with other equipment, such as cameras and microscopes.



OL 490 Specifications

Output Power (350 μ m slit, 3 mm LLG)	> 175 mW *
Minimum Half-bandwidth (@ 580 nm)	5 nm (150 μ m slit) to 20 nm (750 μ m slit) \pm 2 nm
Spectral Range	380 – 780 nm \pm 1 nm (150 μ m slit)
Spectral Accuracy	1 - 2 nm (2 nm with 750 μ m slit)
Intensity Control Levels	768 to 49,152 levels **
Max Spectral Scan Rate	12500 spectra/s
Min Exposure Time	80 μ s
Max Modulation Freq	6.25 kHz
Out of Band Rejection (@ 580 nm, output 480 nm, BW = 10 nm)	> 1000:1
Output	3 mm Liquid Light Guide ***
External Triggering	Start, Stop, Pause, Advance, Modulate
Modular Lamp Port	Yes
Voltage	47 – 63 Hz, 88 – 264 VAC
Control Interface.....	High-speed USB 2.0
Size (optics head only)	25" L x 10" W x 10.5" H (63.5 cm x 25.4 cm x 26.67 cm)
Weight (optics head only).....	28.5 lbs (12.9 kg)
Operating Systems.....	Windows XP, Vista, and 7 32 or 64 bit compatible

* OL 490-Xe, all mirrors on, new lamp

** 64 level grey scale control available using SDK

*** 5 mm liquid light guide available

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