

## Lasers for Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) Applications

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- Laser requirements:
  - Subnanosecond pulse width
  - Asynchronous PRF - 2 kHz
  - Software controllable

Specifically, Photonics Industries' RGL 532-2.5 LP has the following specifications:

- Wavelength 532nm
- Power level 5W @ 5kHz
- Repetition rate Single Shot to 5kHz,
  - external trigger
- Pulse energy 2.5mJ/pulse @ 2kHz
- Pulse width 50ps (Nominal)
- Pulse to Pulse Stability < 2% rms
- Spatial mode profile TEM00, M2 < 1.3

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