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# Laser Shutter Systems

SR470 Series — Laser shutters and controllers







## · Ultra-low vibration shutter head

- · True mechanical laser beam blocking
- ·>10 M cycle lifetime
- Microprocessor controlled timing
- · DC to 100 Hz
- · Easy to align 3 mm aperture
- · GPIB, RS-232 and Ethernet
- · SR470 Controller
- · SR474 Controller
- · SR475 Shutter Head

## SR470 Series Shutter Systems

Introducing two new optical shutter systems from SRS — the SR470 Laser Shutter Controller and SR474 Four-Channel Laser Shutter Driver. These shutter systems are designed specifically to minimize vibration on your optical table.

They are built around a unique shutter head design, supported by one of two available controller models. The SR470 provides timing signals to a single shutter head, while the multi-channel SR474 drives up to four shutter heads, and is controlled by external timing signals.

#### The Shutter Head

Unlike conventional solenoid based shutters, the SR475 shutter head contains a closed-loop DSP control system that precisely guides the shutter blade between open and closed positions, never encountering physical stops. Vibration and mechanical noise are kept to a minimum, leaving your optical table disturbance-free.

The shutter blade is mounted between sapphire jewel bearings that minimize friction and result in a head lifetime in excess



The SR475's unique beryllium-copper shutter blade driven with rare earth magnets





of 10 M cycles — orders of magnitude more than is typically found in shutter heads.

The 3 mm clear aperture is designed for easy alignment and is large enough to be used with common light sources. Typical rise and fall times are under 500 µs, and repetition rates from DC to 100 Hz can be used. Unlike other shutters, the SRS shutter is not duty cycle limited — you can run any duty cycle you choose.



SR475 Shutter Head with cover removed, revealing control system electronics

#### **SR470 Controller**

The SR470 Shutter Controller allows you to generate timing signals for the shutter head. You have complete control of the exposure time, which can be set between 4 ms and 10,000 s with 0.1 ms resolution. Pre- and post-exposure delays can also be configured. A bright green 8-digit LED display shows the current parameter in seconds or hertz, and timing is accurate to 100 ppm.

A variety of trigger modes are provided — internal, external, front panel, and continuous - giving you the flexibility to handle just about any application. Triggered bursts from milliseconds to months can also be generated, placing the SR470 in a class of its own.



SR470 rear panel

In addition to triggered sequences, the SR470 can also act as a driver to actuate the shutter head from your own timing signals. You can also manually control the shutter from the front panel.

Remote operation is supported with GPIB, RS-232 and Ethernet computer interfaces. All instrument functions can be controlled and read over any of the interfaces. Up to nine complete instrument configurations can be saved in non-volatile RAM and recalled at any time. Shutter faults are automatically detected and reported with audible and electronic (TTL) alarms.

#### SR474 Four-Channel Driver

The SR474 Four-Channel Driver interfaces with up to four shutter heads. Rear-panel TTL level inputs are provided for your external timing signals. Each of the four channels can be set for normally open or normally closed operation.

Each channel has a front-panel State button which allows you to manually change the shutter state. The channel Source buttons set each channel to manual, external TTL or remote state control. Each channel also has an Align button that drives its shutter head at a 1 Hz rate making laser alignment simple. The Global Control section of the front-panel allow you to set or reset all channels to their "normal" states.

As with the SR470, remote operation is supported with GPIB, RS-232 and Ethernet computer interfaces. All instrument functions can be controlled and read over any of the interfaces. Shutter faults are automatically detected and result in audible, visible and electronic alarms.

## **Performance and Reliability**

The SR470 and SR470 Laser Shutter systems from SRS offer performance and reliability not found in other systems. For more details call us at 408-744-9040.



SR474 rear panel



## **SR470 Series Specifications**

### SR475 Laser Shutter Head

#### Mechanical

Shutter blade BeCu alloy, black oxide finish Clear aperture 0.120 in. min. diameter

Repetition rate

Exposure rise/fall time 500 μs typ., in full-speed

Min. exposure time 5 ms

Insertion delay jitter 10 μs rms typ.

(measured at 10 Hz rep rate)

Bearing Sapphire jewel bearing

Blade position Closed-loop (PID) controlled. Can be operated as NO or NC.

Opening/closing bounce None allowed

0°C to 35°C Operating temperature Mounting Any orientation

#### General

Max. cable length  $3 \, \mathrm{m}$ Weight 1 lbs.

 $2.25" \times 1.6" \times 1.0"$  (WHD) Dimensions 4.5 VDC @ 250 mA Power 12 VDC @ 1.25 A

## SR470 Controller

## **Timing**

Resolution 100 μs (8-digit display)

Accuracy 100 ppm 0 to 10,000 s Pre-exposure delay

4 ms to 10,000 s (shutter limited) Exposure time Post-exposure delay 4 ms to 10,000 s (shutter limited)

Repetition rate Shutter limited

Initial state Normally open or closed

(user defined)

Shutter type SR470 Series Laser Shutters

**Triggering** 

Modes Internal, external TTL, external level, and front-panel, continuous Triggered burst 1 to 99,999,999 timing cycles

## **System Fault and Alarms**

Fault LED indicator, audible alarm Alarm types

> and rear-panel TTL output. System automatically detects shutter fault.

**Display** 

Type 7-segment LED, 8-digit

Front panel LEDs can be disabled. Display blanking

#### General

Interfaces GPIB, RS-232 and Ethernet.

All instrument functions are

controllable over the interfaces.

Shutter alignment Align button chops shutter at 1 Hz Save/recall Nine sets of instrument settings can

be saved and recalled.

Auxiliary I/O ports Rear-panel Aux I/O 1 & Aux I/O 2.

TTL level, multi-purpose ports.

Context sensitive TTL input. Control input

> Triggers on falling edge. TTL-Hi resets to Normal state. TTL-Lo

sets to Normal state.

Rear-panel TTL level output. Sync out 40 W, 90 to 264 VAC, 47 to 63 Hz Power  $7.95" \times 3.37" \times 10.25"$  (WHL) Dimensions

Weight 7 lbs.

One year parts and labor on defects Warranty

in materials and workmanship.

## SR474 Four-Channel Driver

#### **Operation**

Shutter type SR470 Series Laser Shutters Shutter state Shutter state can be controlled

manually from front-panel or

from external TTL timing signals. Front-panel Enable buttons enable

Channel enable or disable each channel.

Sets or resets all channels to their Global control

"Normal" states.

Shutter alignment Front-panel Align buttons cause

selected channels to change state at a 1 Hz rate for easy laser alignment.

#### **Triggering**

Modes Front-panel Source button selects

> external TTL, manual or remote (computer interface) state control.

## **System Fault and Alarms**

Alarm types Fault LED indicators, audible

> alarm and rear-panel TTL output. System automatically detects

shutter fault.

General

Display blanking Interfaces

Front panel LEDs can be disabled. GPIB, RS-232 and Ethernet. All instrument functions are

controllable over the interfaces.





Auxiliary I/O port Shutter polarity

Warranty

Rear-panel Aux I/O, TTL level "Normally Open" and "Normally Closed" states for each channel are

set on rear-panel DIP switch. Power 75 W, 90 to 264 VAC, 47 to 63 Hz Dimensions  $7.95" \times 3.37" \times 10.25"$  (WHL) Weight

> One year parts and labor on defects in materials and workmanship (SR475 and SR476 shutter heads are warranted for 90 days)

**About the Shutter Heads** 

Unlike conventional designs, the SR475 Shutter Head can be mounted on your optical table in any orientation. This gives you complete flexibility to route the mating cable out of the way of your experiment.

The aperture is positioned very close to the chassis edge, making the SR475 ideal for chopping one of two parallel beams separated by less than a centimeter. It also allows you to operate your lasers very close to the plane of your optical table top.

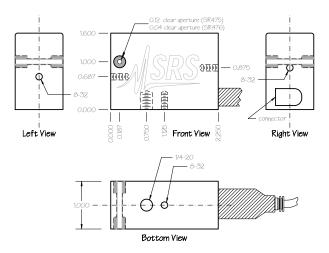
The small size of the shutter heads make them ideal in tight quarters, and with a precision guided blade, shutter vibration is essentially eliminated.

# **Ordering Information**

SR470 Shutter controller SR474 4-ch. shutter driver

O470RMS Single rack mount kit for SR47X **O470RMD** Double rack mount kit for SR47X

Shutter head (100 Hz) SR475



(All dimensions in inches)

