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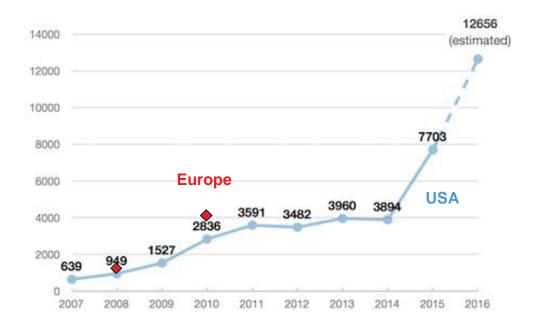
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Cockpit Laser Illuminations - Occurrences

Laser illuminations reported to FAA, annual total



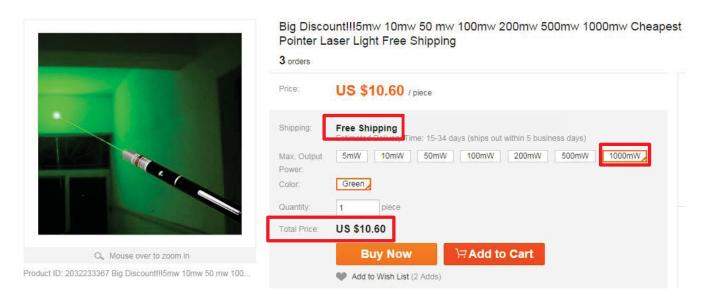
FAA Simulations
(Steady Illuminations)

- 93% of attacks are Green Lasers
- Mainly at night, during approach & TO
- Possible eye injuries
- MEDIUM Risk but HUGE occurrence!



Cockpit Laser Illuminations – Laser Threat

- Laser power "class IV" easy to find (more than 500mw)
- General tendency for Power and availability increases
 while cost decreases



Example of worldwide website

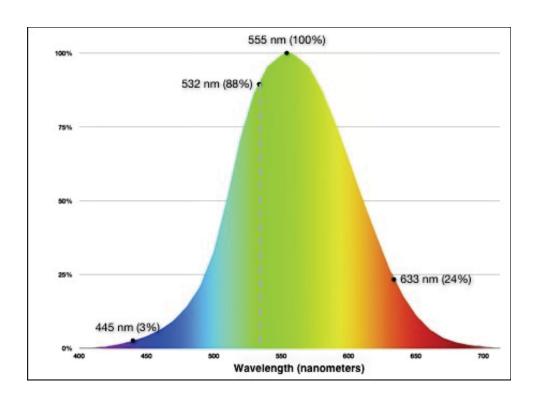


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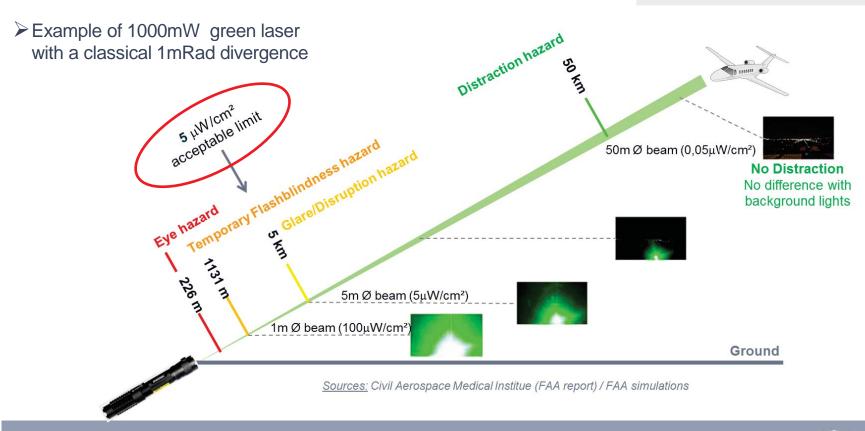


Green laser light is:

- very narrow wavelength (532nm)
- close to the eye's peak sensitivity
- appear brighter than other colors.



Cockpit Laser illumination - Safety Impact (Human eye)



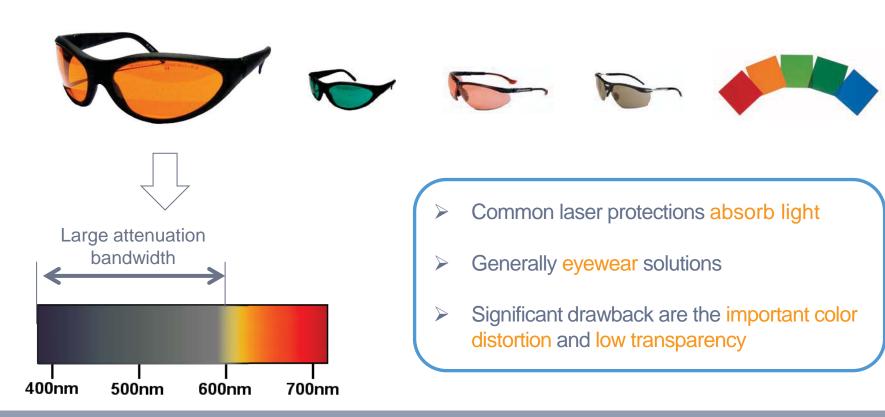


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Cockpit Laser illumination – Classic optical protections

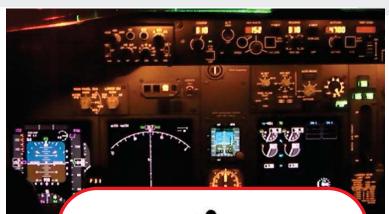


Cockpit Laser illumination – Classic optical protections

Example of « Green » filtering glasses.







Example of « Red » filtering glasses.









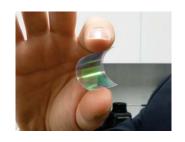
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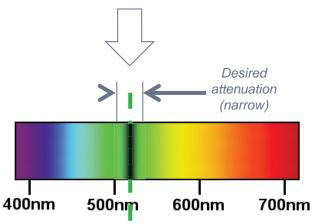
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Cockpit Laser illumination – Innovative Metamaterial protections





Green laser characterized by narrow 532nm wavelength

Innovative Metamaterial Protection

- ➤ Highly selective and transparent
- ➤ Allow safe aircraft navigation
- Possible to produce large surfaces



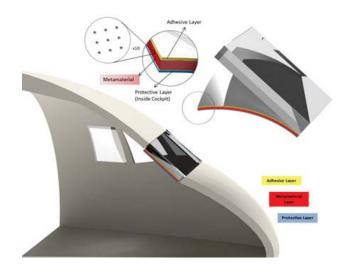
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Cockpit Laser illumination – Cockpit protection

Objective is to develop the technology to an aircraft integrated cockpit protection...



- ✓ Reduce laser illuminations to a safe optical level
- ✓ Comply with safe flight operations (even at night)
- ✓ Be compliant and integrated to aircraft environment
- ✓ Retrofit on all aircraft



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Cockpit Laser illumination – Cockpit protection prototypes



30cm x 30cm prototype (mid 2015)

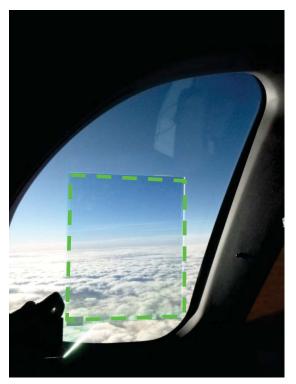
- √ x80 times attenuation at 532nm
- √ Very narrow attenuation (15nm)
- ✓ >85% Light transmission



Cockpit Laser illumination – Cockpit protection prototypes

A350 flight test (January 2016)



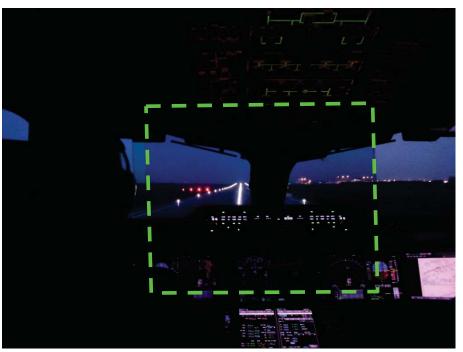




Cockpit Laser illumination – Cockpit protection prototypes

A350 flight test (January 2016)







Cockpit Laser illumination – Possible products and integration to aircraft

From low to high A/C integration



Protective Goggles



Retractable shields



Permanent windscreen fliter





Visual Comfort ?



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