

**Price and Feature Comparison of Fiber Laser
vs
Nd:YAG/Nd:YVO₄ (Lamp and Diode Pumped)**

	20 Watt TEM₀₀ Fiber Laser	50-100 Watt Multimode (Lamp or Diode) 20 Watt TEM₀₀ Diode Nd:YAG Laser
Laser System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laser ▪ Computer ▪ Software ▪ Power Supplies ▪ Q-switch RF Driver ▪ Scan Head ▪ Control Cards 	\$47,500	\$55,000 - \$65,000
Chiller	\$0	\$5,000 - \$8,000 (Replacement Required every 1 – 2 years)
Reliability MTBF(Mean Time Between Failure)	50,000 to 100,000 Hours	500 to 1,000 Hours (Lamp-pumped) 10,000 to 20,000 Hours (Diode-pumped)
Consumables	\$0 Note: Fiber Laser Modules Can Be Repaired – Average Repair Costs Range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 USD	\$2,000 - \$15,000 (Lamps - \$100 each) (Diode Packs - \$5,000 to \$12,000 each)
Maintenance Downtime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lamp/Diode Replacements ▪ Flow Tube Replacements ▪ Crystal Replacements ▪ Filter Replacements ▪ Optical Alignment 	\$0	\$1,500 - \$ 10,000 (Individual Results May Vary – Diode Pumped Systems Require Significant Training for Replacement Procedure)
Power Consumption (Two Eight Hour Shifts Running 365 Days at \$.04 kW)	\$39.71 Yearly 170W an Hour	\$1,401.60 Yearly 6 kW an Hour

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Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Maintenance ▪ No Consumables ▪ No Cleaning or Aligning of Mirrors and/or ▪ Beam Path ▪ No Filters (Chiller) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Optical Path requires often adjustments to optimize power output ▪ Periodic replacement of flash lamps, diode packs, and solid state crystals ▪ Extremely temperamental diode packs often require factory-trained technicians – takes several hours in many cases ▪ Cleaning, replacement and aligning of laser mirrors
Power Efficiency	Up to 50% (20x Improvement)	2-3% (0.2% with 3x Nd:YAG)
Beam Quality	Round, Concentric Near M2=1 (<1.05)	Not symmetric on both axes
Spot Size	Due to the excellent M2, spot size is 50% smaller than Nd:YAG. Requires less power for the same result in comparison with Nd:YAG system	Significantly bigger than the Fiber Laser. Requires more lasing power to achieve the same result
Optical Path/Beam Path	Flexible Cable (up to 50m)	Mirrors, Optical Path Loss of beam quality and significant power drop-off with fiber delivery scan head system
Reliability	100,000 Hrs MTBF	500-1,000 Hrs MTBF (Lamp-pumped) 10,000-20,000 Hrs MTBF (Diode-pumped)
Cooling	Air Cooled	De-ionized (DI) Water
Size	19" Rack Mount Unit	Large Footprint
Chiller	No Chiller necessary up to 200 Watt Qswitched (pulsed) or CW	30x Watt to laser output power