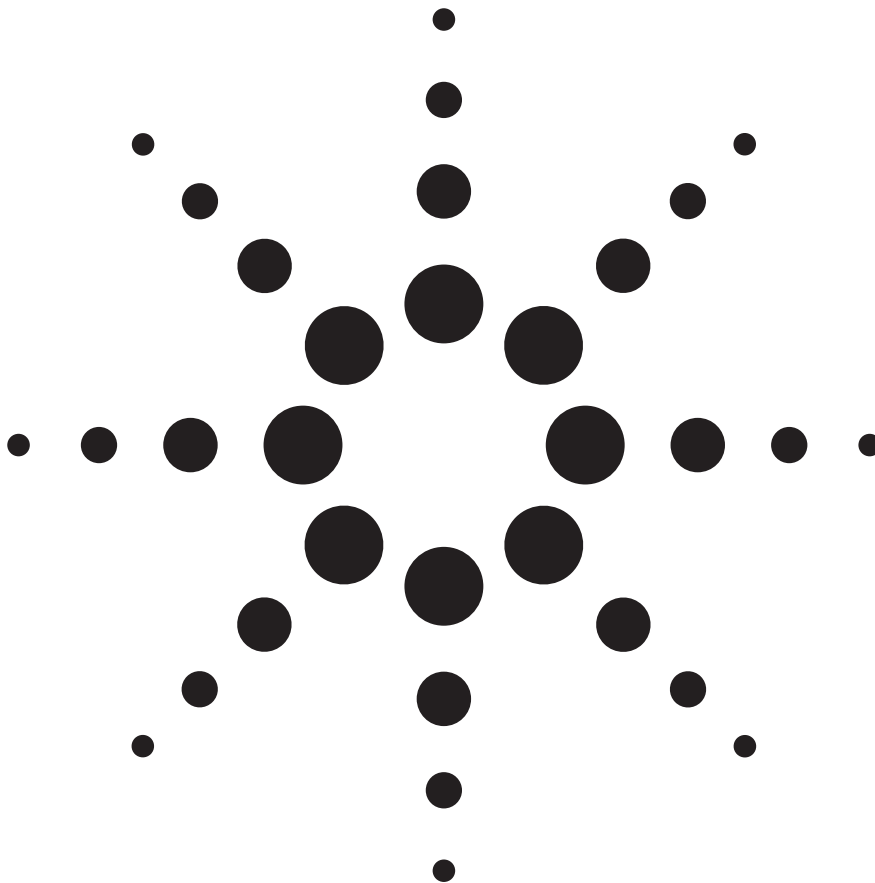




**Agilent 81689A / 81689B / 81649A**  
**Compact Tunable Laser Modules**  
**Technical Specifications**  
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The 81689A, 81689B, 81649A compact tunable laser modules offer superior performance now also in the compact module class. As they are tunable with continuous output power, they are the most flexible stimulus for the test of optical amplifiers, DWDM components as well as for the test of complete DWDM systems.



## Compact tunable lasers for C- and L-band

The Agilent 81689A and 81689B modules operate in the C-band from 1525 nm to 1575 nm, whereas the Agilent 81649A covers the L-band from 1570 nm to 1620 nm.

## Test of optical amplifiers

A variable amount of the compact, yet fully remote controlled Agilent 81689A, 81689B and 81649A tunable laser modules, in combination with the 81682A and 81642A high power Tunable Laser, is the ideal solution to characterize optical amplifiers for use in DWDM applications. The 81689A, 81689B and 81649A compact tunable laser modules provide the high stimulus power needed to test today's optical amplifiers. Together with the 81651A optical attenuator module, an output power dynamic range of more than 60 dB can be achieved. Even without the attenuator module the power can be attenuated by 9dB (10dB for 81689B) e.g. to equalize power levels of several sources.

## Polarization Maintaining Fiber for the test of integrated optical devices

The 81689A, 81689B and 81649A modules are ideally constructed to characterize integrated optical devices. Their optional Panda PMF output ports provide a well defined state of polarization to ensure constant

measurement conditions on waveguide devices. A PMF cable easily connects an external optical modulator.

The 81689A, 81689B and 81649A is available with both, standard single-mode fiber and Panda type PMF.

## Compact module for DWDM multi-channel test

The 81689A, 81689B and 81489A allow a realistic multi-channel test bed for DWDM transmission systems to be set up.

Their flexibility make them the preferred choice for tests of DWDM transmission system during installation and maintenance phases.

## Compact spare for DFB modules in ITU grids

The 81689B for the first time solves the sparing nightmare for users of DWDM combs. In combination with a comb of 81662A DFB lasers the 81689B can replace any DFB between 1525nm and 1575nm without power penalty.

## Remote control & PnP software drivers for easy process automation

Its continuous, mode-hop free tuning makes it quick and easy to set even the most complex configurations to the target wavelengths and power levels, just by dialing or using the vernier keys.

A 8163B mainframe can host 2 compact tunable laser modules. This allows for the most compact C- and L-band stimulus solution available today.

Each 8164B mainframe can host up to four units of the 81689A, 81689B or 81649A in its upper slots.

The 8166B is most interesting for high channel count solutions. Up to 17 compact tunable laser modules can be hosted here.

The 81649A, 81689A and 81689B are produced to ISO 9001 international quality system standard as part of Agilent's commitment to continually increasing customer satisfaction through improved quality control.

Specifications describe the instrument's warranted performance. They are verified at the end of a 2 m long patchcord and are valid after warm-up and for the stated output power and wavelength ranges.

Each specification is assured by thoroughly analyzing all measurement uncertainties. Supplementary performance characteristics describe the instrument's non-warranted typical performance.

Every instrument is delivered with a commercial certificate of calibration and a detailed test report.

For further details on specifications, see the Definition of Terms in Appendix C of the Compact Tunable Laser User's Guide.

## 81689A, 81689B, 81649A Compact Tunable Laser for Multi-channel test applications

	Agilent 81689A	Agilent 81689B	Agilent 81649A
Wavelength range	1525 nm to 1575 nm	1525 nm to 1575 nm	1570 nm to 1620 nm
Wavelength resolution	0.01 nm, 1.25 GHz at 1550 nm	0.01 nm, 1.25 GHz at 1550 nm	0.01 nm, 1.17 GHz at 1595 nm
Absolute wavelength accuracy (typ.) <sup>[1]</sup>	±0.3 nm	±0.3 nm	±0.3 nm
Relative wavelength accuracy <sup>[1]</sup>	±0.3 nm	±0.15 nm	±0.15 nm
Wavelength repeatability <sup>[1]</sup>	±0.05 nm	±0.05 nm	±0.05 nm
Wavelength stability (typ., over 24 h at constant temperature) <sup>[1]</sup> (typ., over 1 h at constant temperature) <sup>[1]</sup>	±0.02 nm	±0.01 nm ±0.005 nm	±0.01 nm ±0.005 nm
Tuning speed (typ.)	< 10 sec/ 50 nm	< 10 sec/ 50 nm	< 10 sec/ 50 nm
Linewidth (typ.) <sup>[2]</sup> with Coherence Control ON (typ.) <sup>[2]</sup>	20 MHz ---	< 20MHz > 100MHz	< 20MHz > 100MHz
Output power (continuous power on during tuning)	≥ 6 dBm (1525 –1575nm)	≥ 10 dBm (1525 –1575nm)	≥ 6 dBm (1570 –1620nm)
Minimum output power	-3 dBm	0 dBm	-3 dBm
Power stability (at constant temperature) <sup>[3]</sup>	±0.03 dB over 1 hour, typ. ±0.06 dB over 24 hours	±0.015 dB over 1 hour, typ. ±0.0075 dB over 1 hour, typ. ±0.05 dB over 24 hours	±0.015 dB over 1 hour, typ. ±0.0075 dB over 1 hour, typ. ±0.05 dB over 24 hours
Power repeatability (typ.) <sup>[3]</sup>	±0.02 dB	±0.02 dB	±0.02 dB
Power linearity	±0.1dB	±0.1dB	±0.1dB
Power flatness versus wavelength	±0.3 dB	±0.2 dB	±0.2 dB
Side-mode suppression ratio (typ.) <sup>[2]</sup>	> 40 dB (1525 – 1575 nm at 0 dBm)	> 45 dB (1525 – 1575 nm at ≥ 3 dBm)	> 45 dB (1570 – 1620 nm at ≥ 0 dBm)
Signal to source spontaneous emission ratio (typ.) <sup>[4]</sup>	≥ 39 dB/ nm (1525 –1575 nm at 6 dBm)	≥ 44 dB/ nm (1525 –1575 nm at 10 dBm)	≥ 42 dB/ nm (1570 – 1620 nm at 6 dBm)
Relative intensity noise (RIN, typ.)	< -137 dB/Hz (100 MHz – 2.5 GHz, at +3 dBm)	< -137 dB/Hz (100 MHz – 2.5 GHz, at +7 dBm)	< -137 dB/Hz (100 MHz – 2.5 GHz, at +3 dBm)
Dimensions	75 mm H, 32 mm W, 335 mm D (2.8" x 1.3" x 13.2")	75 mm H, 32 mm W, 335 mm D (2.8" x 1.3" x 13.2")	75 mm H, 32 mm W, 335 mm D (2.8" x 1.3" x 13.2")
Weight	1 kg	1 kg	1 kg

<sup>[1]</sup> At CW operation. Measured with wavelength meter based on wavelength in vacuum.

<sup>[2]</sup> Measured by heterodyning method.

<sup>[3]</sup> 500 ms after changing power.

<sup>[4]</sup> Measured with optical spectrum analyzer at 1 nm resolution bandwidth.

### Listed options

**Option 021:** standard single mode fiber,  
straight contact output connector

**Option 022:** standard single mode fiber,  
angled contact output connector

**Option 071:** polarization maintaining  
fiber, straight contact output connector

**Option 072:** polarization maintaining  
fiber, angled contact output connector

## Supplementary performance characteristics

### Modulation

#### Internal digital modulation

50% duty cycle, 200 Hz to 300 kHz.  
> 45% duty cycle, 300 kHz to 1 MHz.  
Modulation output (via Mainframe):  
TTL reference signal.

#### External digital modulation

> 45% duty cycle, fall time  
< 300 ns, 200 Hz to 1 MHz.  
Modulation input (via Mainframe):  
TTL signal.

#### External analog modulation

$\geq \pm 15\%$  modulation depth,  
5 kHz to 1 MHz.  
Modulation input: 5 Vp-p

#### Coherence control

(81649A/81689B)  
For measurements on components with 2 m long patchcords and connectors with 14 dB return loss, the effective linewidth results in a typical power stability of  $< \pm 0.025$  dB over 1 minute by reducing interference effects in the test setup.

## General

**Output isolation (typ.):**  
38 dB

**Return loss (typ.):**  
55 dB (options 022, 072)  
40 dB (options 021, 071)

**Polarization maintaining fiber** (Options 071, 072)

Fiber type: Panda.  
Orientation: TE mode in slow axis, in line with connector key.  
Extinction ratio: 16 dB typ.

#### Laser class:

Class IIIb according to FDA 21 CFR 1040.10, Class 3A according to IEC 825 - 1; 1993.

**Recommended re-calibration period:**  
2 years.

#### Warm-up time:

< 40 min,  
immediate operation after boot-up.

## Environmental

**Storage temperature:**  
-20 °C to +70 °C (81689A)  
-40 °C to +70 °C (81689B, 81649A)

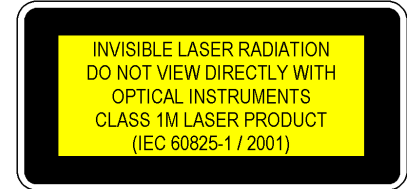
**Operating temperature:**  
15 °C to 35 °C

**Humidity:**  
< 80 % R.H. at 15 °C to 35 °C

Specifications are valid in non-condensing conditions.

## Laser Safety Information

All laser sources specified by this data sheet are classified as Class 1M according to IEC 60825-1 (2001). All laser sources comply with 21 CFR 1040.10 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated 2001-July-26



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