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# About This Manual

## Document Purpose and Intended Audience

This document provides you with an installation section to get your system up and running and basic information about the calibration light source.

## What's New in this Document

This version of the *Wavelength Calibration Installation and Operation Manual* describes the re-engineered Wavelength Calibration light sources. The design for this product series has been updated to add features such as remote enable, a rechargeable battery, and indicator LEDs which let the user know the power and battery statuses.

## Document Summary

Chapter	Description
Chapter 1: <a href="#">Overview</a>	Contains a list of package contents and unpacking instructions. Also describes the components on the front and back face of the unit.
Chapter 2: <a href="#">Specifications</a>	Contains operating environment specifications, as well as other physical details of the products.
Chapter 3: <a href="#">Operating Instructions</a>	Provides instructions for operating the wavelength calibration unit and basic calibration information
Chapter 4: <a href="#">Troubleshooting and Maintenance</a>	Describes LED status information

## Product-Related Documentation

You can access documentation for Ocean Optics products by visiting our website at <http://www.oceanoptics.com>. Select *Support* → *Documents*, then choose the appropriate document from the available drop-down lists.

Ocean Optics offers a Glossary of spectroscopy terms to help you further understand your state-of-the-art products and how they function, located at: <http://oceanoptics.com/glossary/>.

- Detailed instructions for OceanView Spectrometer Operating Software is located at: <http://oceanoptics.com/wp-content/uploads/OceanViewIO.pdf>.

## Upgrades

Occasionally, you may find that you need Ocean Optics to make a change or an upgrade to your system. To facilitate these changes, you must first contact Customer Support and obtain a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number.

# Important Safety Notices

1. The HG-2 assembly emits UV light. Always wear UV safe goggles if and when exposed to its light.
2. Do not remove or modify any installed safety device on this equipment. Doing so will void your warranty and create an unsafe operating environment.
3. Dangerous voltages are present in this device. There are NO user serviceable parts inside.
4. Only allow qualified personnel to operate this unit.
5. Do not use the unit if it is damaged in any way. Contact your dealer for repair or replacement information.
6. Always screw in the fiber optic cables before starting the instrument.



### WARNING

Protective eyewear **must** be worn when using this equipment.  
**Never look directly into the light beam**, as this can cause eye damage.

The HG-2 assembly emits UV light. Always wear UV safe goggles if and when exposed to its light.

This device is designed with safety features. Use of equipment in a manner not specified by Ocean Optics may compromise the protection provided by the equipment.

Light sources contain mercury. Contact supplier to replace bulbs; user should not attempt to replace bulbs.

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# Warranty

Light Source products are covered by Ocean Optics Exclusive Three Year Warranty. However, there are no warranties for the bulbs or batteries.

For details, please visit the following webpage:

<https://oceanoptics.com/wp-content/uploads/Warranty-Sheet.pdf>

**This instrument should not be used for any Clinical or Diagnostic purposes.** Data generated in these areas is not warranted in any way by Ocean Optics, Inc.

# Certifications and Compliance

## ISO CERTIFICATION

Ocean Optics, the industry leader in miniature photonics, has been certified for ISO 9001:2015 applicable to the design and manufacture of electro-optical equipment since 2009.



## WEEE COMPLIANCE

The WEEE symbol on the product indicates that the product must not be disposed of with normal household waste. Instead, such marked waste equipment must be disposed of by arranging to return to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. Separating and recycling this waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that the equipment is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment.



**This device has been tested and complies with the following standards:**

**Electrical Safety and Mechanical Safety:**

CAN/CSA C22.2 No 61010-1:2012  
UL 61010-1:2012  
EN 61010-1:2010

**Emissions:**

EN55011: 2009/A1:2010 Group 1, Class A  
FCC Part 15 Class A  
Per ANSI C63:4:2003) Verification

**Immunity:**

EN 613126-1:2013 (Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC Requirements – Part 1L General Requirements)  
CISPR 11:2009/A1:2010 (Industrial, scientific and medical equipment Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement)  
IEC 61000-4-2:2008 / EN 61000-4-2:2009 (Electrostatic Discharge Immunity Test)  
IEC 61000-4-3:2006 / EN 61000-4-3:2006/A1:2008/A2:2010 (Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test)  
IEC 61000-4-4:2012 / EN 61000-4-4:2012 (Electrical Fast Transient/ Burst immunity test)  
IEC 61000-4-5:2005 / EN 61000-4-5:2006 (Surge Immunity test)  
IEC 61000-4-6:2008 / EN 61000-4-6: 2009 (Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields)  
IEC 61000-4-11:2004 / EN 61000-4-11:2004 (Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests)

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**FCC AND INDUSTRY CANADA COMPLIANCE**

**This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules and Industry Canada ICES003. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.**

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# Chapter 1

## Overview

The Wavelength Calibration Light Source units offer wavelength calibration for UV to NIR spectrophotometric systems. Element calibration is ideal for performing fast, accurate spectrometer wavelength calibrations.

Each member of the product line produces distinct lines for calibration as shown below.

Product	Type	Wavelength Range
<b>AR-2</b>	Argon	696 – 1704 nm
<b>HG-2</b>	Mercury Argon	253 – 1700 nm
<b>KR-2</b>	Krypton	427 – 893 nm
<b>NE-2</b>	Neon	540 – 754 nm
<b>XE-2</b>	Xenon	916 – 1984 nm



**Wavelength Calibration Light Source Unit**

The Wavelength Calibration units feature an SMA 905 Connector for interfacing with our optical fibers. It operates via a 5 VDC power supply (included with the unit) or with the embedded, rechargeable, lithium ion battery.

The following sections provide instructions on unpacking and setting up your Wavelength Calibration Light Source.

## Unpacking the Light Source

### ► *Procedure*

1. Unpack your lamp assembly and power supply carefully. Although the lamp is rigidly mounted, dropping this instrument can cause permanent damage.
2. Inspect the outside of the instrument and make sure that there is no damage. Do not use the instrument if damage is present.
3. Prior to first use, fully charge the battery.
4. Use this instrument in a clean laboratory environment

## Contents

Your Light Source package should contain the following:

- ❑ Wavelength Calibration Light Source unit
- ❑ Power Supply and region-specific plugs

## Additional Accessories

The following are additional accessories available from Ocean Optics that you may need, depending on your system set-up:

- ❑ Spectrometer
- ❑ SMA-terminated optical fiber
- ❑ Wavelength Calibration Cuvette Holder Adapter
- ❑ Ocean Optics software

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### **WARNING**

**The beam emerging from the HG-2 light source contains UV radiation that can cause serious eye injury upon direct contact with the eye. Never look directly into the light source.**

**Dangerous voltages are present, and there are no user-serviceable parts inside. Never open the unit.**

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# Components

The following sections describe the components located on the front and rear of your Wavelength Calibration unit.

## Front Panel



Component	Description
SMA Connector	Covered to protect users from unintentionally looking directly at the beam of light. Connect the fiber cable to the unit <b>BEFORE</b> turning the lamp on to avoid unnecessary exposure to radiation. Always wear proper eye protection when using the lamp.
Green LED	Lamp is on
Yellow LED	Battery is in process of charging
Red LED	Battery needs to be charged
On/Off Switch	Turn lamp on/off

## Rear Panel



Component	Description
Input terminal for Remote Enable	Connector for remote enable cable. A signal of 2.5 to 5VDC applied to the yellow wire of the trigger cable will enable the lamp, equivalent to engaging the On/OFF switch. Current draw is: 2.5mA @ 2.5V, 3.9mA @ 3.3V and 8.1mA @ 5.0V. This signal is optically isolated from the chassis ground.
Input Terminal for Power Cord	Plug power cord into this terminal. <b>Note:</b> Only connect the power cable to the lamp when the Main Power Switch is in the OFF position. THE INSTRUMENT MUST BE CONNECTED TO A GROUNDED (EARTHED) OUTLET

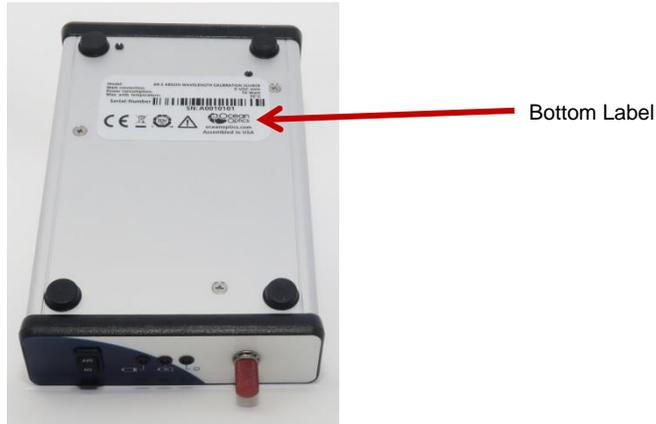
## Top Panel

The label on the top of the device provides a quick reference for the strongest emission peaks for the device. Refer to the [Specifications](#) section of this document for a more complete listing of the emission peaks for each of the devices (AR-2, HG-2, KR-2, NE-2 and XE-2).



## Bottom Panel

The bottom panel contains a label providing information regarding the specific device.



Unit Label	Description
Model Number	Identifies the device as a: AR-2 Argon HG-2 Mercury KR-2 Krypton NE-2 Neon XE-2 Xenon Wavelength Calibration Source
Input connection	5 VDC. Through output of certified external plug-in power supply
Power consumption	10 Watts when battery is charging
Max. ambient temperature	35°C
Serial number	Includes both a barcode and a numeric display of the device serial number
Environmental operating conditions	For indoor use only Pollution Degree: 2 Overvoltage Category: I Maximum operating altitude: Up to 2000m Relative Humidity: ???

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## Chapter 2

# Specifications

This section provides information on unit specifications, operating environment, and parts list for the Wavelength Calibration light sources.

## Unit Specifications

Dimensions (in mm):	102mm(W) x 166mm(D) x 30mm(H)
Power consumption:	2A max at 5 VDC when battery is charging
Power requirements:	5 VDC Through output of certified external plug-in power supply
Bulb life:	Typical 3500 hours
Aperture:	3 mm
Amplitude stabilization:	~ 1 minute
Optical Connector:	SMA 905
Remote Enable Connector:	2 pin connector for attaching remote enable cable.

# Operating Environment

The following table provides information on optimizing the operating environment of your calibration light source.

Moisture	5-95% without condensation
Altitude	< 2000m
Ventilation	Unit should be situated so that its location or position does not interfere with proper ventilation.
Temperature	5°C – 35°C. Unit should be situated away from any device that emits excessive heat.
Object and Liquid Entry	Unit should be positioned so that objects do not fall on top of the unit. Additionally, ensure that no liquids are spilled onto the enclosure.

# Parts List

Part Number	Description
AR-2	Argon Wavelength Calibration Light Source
HG-2	Mercury Argon Wavelength Calibration Light Source
KR-2	Krypton Wavelength Calibration Light Source
NE-2	Neon Wavelength Calibration Light Source
XE-2	Xenon Wavelength Calibration Light Source
WC-SERVICE	Factory Replacement of lamp and battery in unit
WC-CABLE	Remote enable cable

# Strong Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm) For All Units

The following table is a composite of strong emission lines for all of the Wavelength Calibration Light Sources.

253.652	Hg	446.369	Kr	607.433	Ne
296.728	Hg	450.235	Kr	609.616	Ne
302.150	Hg	452.186	Xe	612.884	Ne
313.155	Hg	462.420	Xe	614.306	Ne
334.148	Hg	466.849	Xe	616.359	Ne
341.790	Ne	469.097	Xe	621.728	Ne
342.391	Ne	469.804	Xe	626.649	Ne
344.770	Ne	473.415	Xe	630.479	Ne
345.076	Ne	479.262	Xe	633.442	Ne
345.419	Ne	480.702	Xe	638.299	Ne
346.052	Ne	482.971	Xe	640.225	Ne
346.658	Ne	484.329	Xe	650.653	Ne
347.257	Ne	491.651	Xe	653.288	Ne
349.806	Ne	492.315	Xe	659.895	Ne
350.121	Ne	503.135	Ne	667.828	Ne
351.519	Ne	503.775	Ne	671.704	Ne
352.047	Ne	508.038	Ne	692.947	Ne
359.353	Ne	511.367	Ne	696.543	Ar (Hg)
360.017	Ne	511.650	Ne	703.241	Ne
363.366	Ne	540.056	Ne	706.722	Ar (Hg)
365.015	Hg	546.074	Hg	714.704	Ar (Hg)
368.573	Ne	556.222	Kr	717.394	Ne
370.122	Ne	557.029	Kr	724.512	Ne
404.656	Hg	576.441	Ne	727.294	Ar (Hg)
407.783	Hg	576.960	Hg	733.930	Xe
427.397	Kr	579.066	Hg	738.398	Ar (Hg)
428.297	Kr	582.015	Ne	738.600	Xe
431.958	Kr	585.249	Ne	739.379	Xe
435.833	Hg	587.096	Kr	740.040	Xe
436.264	Kr	588.189	Ne	743.890	Ne
437.612	Kr	594.483	Ne	747.244	Ne
439.997	Kr	597.553	Ne	748.887	Ne
445.392	Kr	602.000	Ne	750.387	Ar (Hg)

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753.577	Ne
754.404	Ne
755.979	Xe
758.468	Xe
758.741	Kr
760.155	Kr
763.511	Ar (Hg)
764.391	Xe
768.525	Kr
769.454	Kr
772.376	Ar (Hg)
780.265	Xe
785.482	Kr
788.132	Xe
791.343	Kr
794.818	Ar (Hg)
796.734	Xe
800.616	Ar (Hg)
805.726	Xe
805.950	Kr
806.134	Xe
810.436	Kr
811.531	Ar (Hg)
819.006	Kr
823.163	Xe
826.324	Kr
826.452	Ar (Hg)
826.652	Xe
829.811	Kr
837.761	Ne
842.465	Ar (Hg)
849.536	Ne
852.144	Ar (Hg)
866.794	Ar (Hg)
877.675	Kr
878.375	Ne
881.941	Xe
892.869	Kr

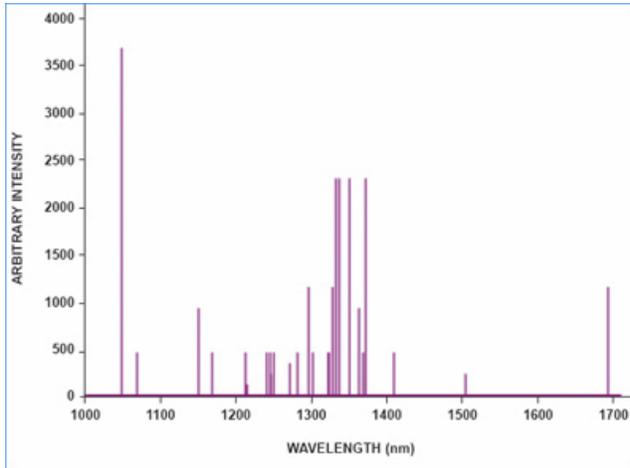
904.545	Xe
912.297	Ar (Hg)
916.265	Xe
922.450	Ar (Hg)
935.422	Ar
965.779	Ar
978.450	Ar
979.970	Xe
992.319	Xe
1047.005	Ar
1067.357	Ar
1083.837	Xe
1107.887	Ar
1117.752	Ne
1144.183	Ar
1148.811	Ar
1152.275	Ne
1166.871	Ar
1171.949	Ar
1181.938	Kr
1211.233	Ar
1213.974	Ar
1220.353	Kr
1234.339	Ar
1243.932	Ar
1248.766	Ar
1262.339	Xe
1270.228	Ar
1273.342	Ar
1280.274	Ar
1295.666	Ar
1300.826	Ar
1317.741	Kr
1322.811	Ar
1327.264	Ar
1331.321	Ar
1336.711	Ar
1350.419	Ar

1362.266	Ar
1363.422	Kr
1365.706	Xe
1367.855	Ar
1371.858	Ar
1382.572	Ar
1390.748	Ar
1409.364	Ar
1414.244	Xe
1442.679	Kr
1473.281	Xe
1473.444	Kr
1504.650	Ar
1517.269	Ar
1520.310	Kr
1532.934	Ar
1537.204	Kr
1541.839	Xe
1598.949	Ar
1605.328	Xe
1620.872	Kr*
1647.290	Xe
1656.023	Xe
1672.815	Xe
1689.676	Kr
1694.058	Ar
1755.350	Kr
1763.882	Xe
1785.738	Kr
1790.450	Xe
1800.223	Kr
1809.090	Xe
1816.733	Kr
1832.530	Xe
1959.940	Xe
1984.638	Xe
2190.851	Kr

# AR-2 Specifications

The following sections detail the specifications of the AR-2 Argon Wavelength Calibration Light Source.

## AR Spectral Output



## Strong AR Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm)

There are more argon emission lines than those printed on the label on the AR-2 housing. The label is intended as a quick, convenient reference and does not list every AR emission line that exists. Wavelengths displayed in blue are listed on the calibration lamp's label.

866.794
912.297
922.450
935.422
965.779
978.450
1047.005
1067.357
1107.887
1144.183
1148.811
1166.871
1171.949

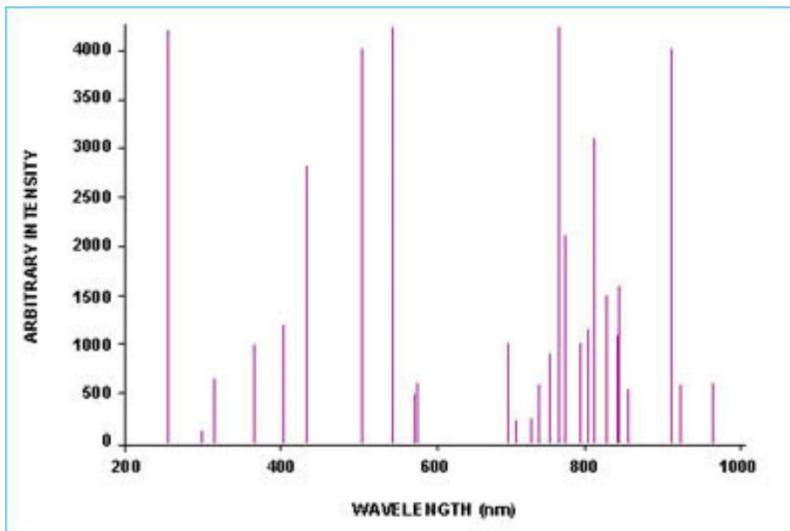
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1322.811
1327.264
1331.321

1336.711
1350.419
1362.266
1367.855
1371.858
1382.572
1390.748
1409.364
1504.650
1517.269
1532.934
1598.949
1694.058

# HG-2 Specifications

The following sections detail the specifications of the HG-2 Mercury Argon Wavelength Calibration Light Source.

## HG Spectral Output



Mercury emission lines are <600 nm. Argon emission lines are >600 nm, and are shown here on an exaggerated amplitude scale.

## Strong Hg Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm)

There are more mercury emission lines than those printed on the label on the HG-2 housing. The label is intended as a quick, convenient reference and does not list every HG emission line that exists. Wavelengths displayed in blue are listed on the calibration lamp's label.

253.652
296.728
302.150
313.155
334.148
365.015

404.656
407.783 *
435.833
546.074 **
576.960
579.066

\* This spectral line is not evident with spectrometers configured with 300 or 600 lines/mm gratings.

\*\* Spectrometers with 1200, 1800, 2400 or 3600 lines/mm gratings have spectral lines evident at 576.96 nm and 579.07 nm.

## Strong Ar Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm)

696.543
706.722
714.704
727.294
738.398
750.387

763.511
772.376
794.818
800.616 *
811.531
826.452

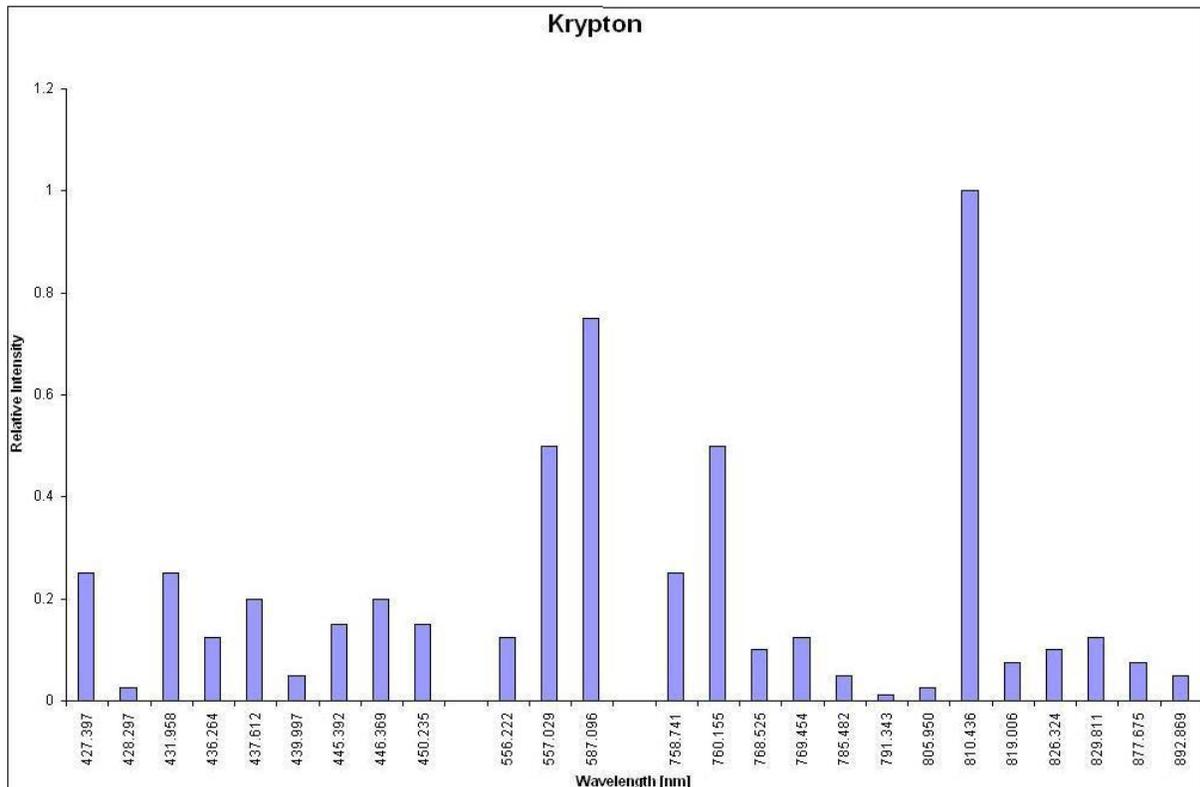
842.465
852.144
866.794
912.297
922.450

\* This spectral line is evident only with spectrometers configured with 1800, 2400, or 3600 lines/mm gratings.

# KR-2 Specifications

The following sections detail the specifications of the krypton KR-2 Krypton Wavelength Calibration Light source.

## KR Spectral Output



## Strong KR Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm)

There are more emission lines shown below than printed on the label on the KR-2 housing. The label is intended as a quick, convenient reference and does not list every KR emission line that exists. Below is a list of wavelengths for Krypton. Wavelengths displayed in blue are listed on the calibration lamp's label.

427.397
428.297
431.958
436.264
437.612
439.997
445.392
446.369
450.235
556.222
557.029
587.096
758.741
760.155

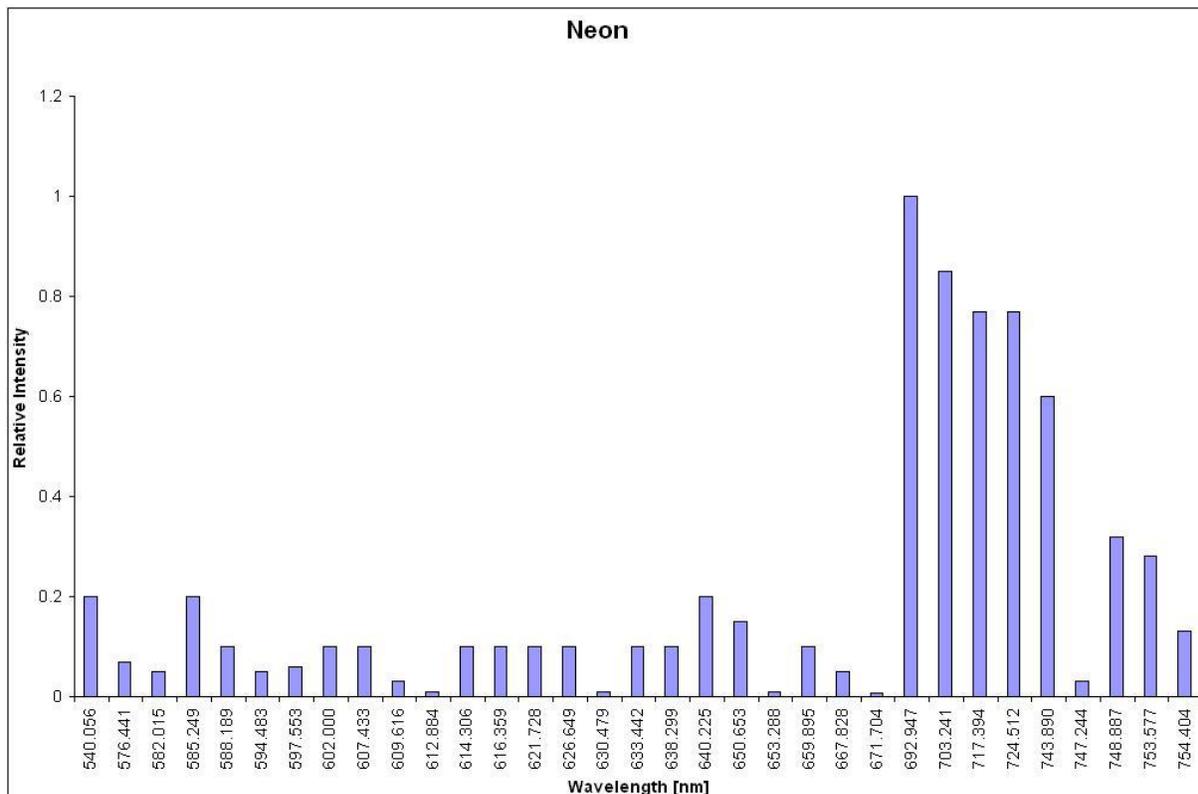
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1181.938
1220.353
1317.741

1363.422
1442.679
1473.444
1520.310
1537.204
1620.872
1689.676
1755.350
1785.738
1800.223
1816.733
2190.851

# NE-2 Specifications

The following sections detail the specifications of the NE-2 neon calibration light source.

## NE Spectral Output



## Strong NE Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm)

There are more emission lines shown below than printed on the label on the NE-2 housing. The label is intended as a quick, convenient reference and does not list every NE emission line that exists. Below is a list of wavelengths for Neon. Wavelengths displayed in blue are listed on the calibration lamp's label.

341.790
342.391
344.770
345.076
345.419
346.052
346.658
347.257
349.806
350.121
351.519
352.047
359.353
360.017
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368.573
370.122
503.135
503.775
508.038

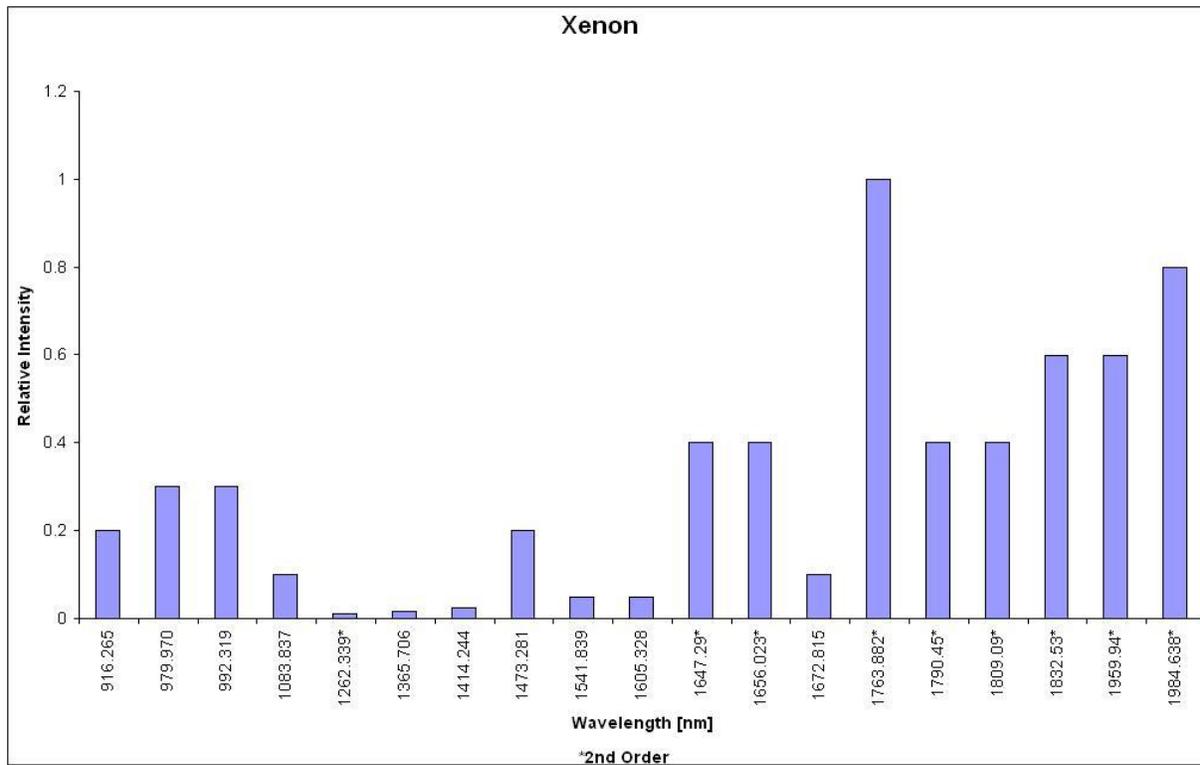
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511.650
540.056
576.441
582.015
585.249
588.189
594.483
597.553
602.000
607.433
609.616
612.884
614.306
616.359
621.728
626.649
630.479
633.442
638.299

640.225
650.653
653.288
659.895
667.828
671.704
692.947
703.241
717.394
724.512
743.890
747.244
748.887
753.577
754.404
837.761
849.536
878.375
1117.752
1152.275

# XE-2 Specifications

The following sections detail the specifications of the XE-2 xenon calibration light source.

## XE Spectral Output



## Strong Xe Emission Lines by Wavelength (nm)

There are more emission lines shown below than printed on the label on the XE-2 housing. The label is intended as a quick, convenient reference and does not list every Xe emission line that exists. Below is a list of wavelengths for Xenon. Wavelengths displayed in blue are listed on the calibration lamp's label.

452.186
462.420
466.849
469.097
469.804
473.415
479.262
480.702
482.971
484.329
491.651
492.315
733.930
738.600
739.379
740.040

755.979
758.468
764.391
780.265
788.132
796.734
805.726
806.134
823.163
826.652
881.941
904.545
<b>916.265</b>
<b>979.970</b>
<b>992.319</b>
<b>1083.837</b>

<b>1262.339</b>
<b>1365.706</b>
<b>1414.244</b>
<b>1473.281</b>
<b>1541.839</b>
<b>1605.328</b>
<b>1647.290</b>
<b>1656.023</b>
<b>1672.815</b>
<b>1763.882</b>
<b>1790.450</b>
<b>1809.090</b>
<b>1832.530</b>
<b>1959.940</b>
<b>1984.638</b>

# Operating Instructions

## Connecting the Light Source

Follow the steps below to set up your Light Source for use.

► **Procedure**

1. Prior to using your device for the first time, be sure to fully charge the unit. Plug the 5 VDC power supply into a power outlet, then connect the barrel connector of the power supply to the power input on the rear of the light source.
2. When operating the device, you may either plug the 5 VDC power supply into a power outlet, as described above.

or

Alternately, you can use the embedded battery to power the light.

3. Connect a fiber to the SMA 905 Connector on the light source. If your spectrometer does not have an entrance slit, use a 50  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter (or smaller) fiber. Larger fibers and slits result in reduced optical resolution.

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### Note

If the spectrometer does not have a slit and your experiment requires you to use fibers of varying diameters, you will need to perform a wavelength calibration after changing fibers. You should perform a wavelength calibration each time you unscrew the fiber from the spectrometer and change fiber size.

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4. Move the On/Off switch (next to the SMA 905 Connector) to the On position. The green LED will illuminate to indicate that the lamp is on.

Or

Alternately, you can employ the remote on/off feature utilizing the enable cable which attaches to the back of the device. The remote enable overrides the manual switch position. The yellow wire in the trigger cable is positive, the green wire is negative.

You have now configured the light source for use.

## Warming Up the Lamp

After starting the lamp, it must be followed by a 60 second warm-up period to stabilize the output.

## Recharging the Battery

When operating the unit utilizing battery power, the red LED on the front panel will light when the battery needs to be recharged. The calibration activity should be suspended and the battery recharged. The device should not be run to a fully discharged state.

## Calibrating With the Light Source

The information in this section explains how to calibrate your spectrometer's wavelength using your light source.

## About the Wavelength Calibration

You are going to be solving the following equation, which shows that the relationship between pixel number and wavelength is a third-order polynomial.

$$\lambda_p = I + C_1 p + C_2 p^2 + C_3 p^3$$

Where  $\lambda$  = the wavelength of pixel  $p$ ,  
 $I$  = the wavelength of pixel 0,  
 $C_1$  = the first coefficient (nm/pixel),  
 $C_2$  = the second coefficient (nm/pixel<sup>2</sup>)  
 $C_3$  = the third coefficient (nm/pixel<sup>3</sup>)

You will be calculating the value for  $I$  and the three  $C$ s.

## Calibration Requirements for Ocean Optics Spectrometers

To re-calibrate the wavelength of your Ocean Optics spectrometer, you will need the following items:

- Wavelength Calibration Light Source (AR-2, HG-2, KR-2, NE-2, or XE-2)
- Ocean Optics spectrometer and its manual
- An optical fiber (for spectrometers without a built-in slit, a 50- $\mu$ m fiber works best)

- A spreadsheet program (Excel or Quattro Pro, for example) or a calculator that performs third-order linear regressions

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**Note**

If you are using Microsoft Excel, choose Tools | Add-Ins and check AnalysisToolPak and AnalysisTookPak-VBA.

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## Calibration Procedure

Please see the appropriate manual for your model Ocean Optics spectrometer for instructions on how to calibrate it. Ocean Optics manuals are located at <http://www.oceanoptics.com/technical/operatinginstructions.asp>.

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## Chapter 4

# Troubleshooting and Maintenance

## LED Status Indicators

The Wavelength Calibration Sources have three LEDs. They are used to indicate the following:

Green LED	Lamp is energized
Red LED	The battery requires charging and the unit should be attached to the power adapter
Yellow LED	The unit is currently charging

Note: When using a fully charged battery and without the power adapter connected, the red light will appear after approximately 60 minutes. The lamp will remain operational until the red and green lights turn off, after approximately 30-55 minutes depending on the type of lamp.

## Bulb and Battery Replacement

**There are no user serviceable parts in the light sources. All service, including bulb and battery replacements, must be performed by Ocean Optics, Inc.**

To initiate service, navigate to: <https://oceanoptics.com/support/rma/> to obtain a RMA (Return Merchandise Authorization) number.

**It is very important that you obtain a RMA number.**

Please **DO NOT SHIP** merchandise to Ocean Optics, Inc. without prior authorization.

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