# Cascades™ Vertical Stacked Arrays



*n*LIGHT's Cascades<sup>™</sup> vertical array product series is based on the Cascades<sup>™</sup> actively, water-cooled, low thermal resistance package, which provides end users with state-of-the-art power, brightness and reliability. Our 1-cm wide, MOCVD grown GaAs or InP arrays consist of multiple transverse mode emitters, which provide low beam divergence and narrow spectral bandwidth. Cascades<sup>™</sup> vertical stacked arrays are available in a wide range of wavelengths between 790 nm to 980 nm, and 1400 to 1600 nm.

The design of these devices allows multiple packages to be vertically stacked, with a pitch of 1.8 mm, up to 20 bars high. Standard packaging footprint allows these stacks to easily integrate into your product.

### **Features**

- Highest power
- High reliability
- Low bar smile
- Fast-axis lensing
- High polarization purity

# **Applications**

- Solid-state laser pumping
- Materials processing
- Medical therapeutics

# **Typical Device Performance**

Package		VSA-ww-xxx-yyyy <sup>1</sup>								
Optical										
Center Wavelength (Range) 1	nm	790-825	910-980	1400-1600	790-825	910-980				
Center Wavelength Tolerance	nm	± 3	± 3	± 5	± 3	± 3				
Number of Bars	#	1 - 20	1 - 20	1 - 20	1 - 20	1 - 20				
CW Output Power / Bar	W	60	100	60	80	50				
Bar Length	cm	1	1	1	1	1				
Number of Emitters / Bar	#	49	49	19	64	49				
Emitter Size	μm	100	100	100	120	100				
Emitter Spacing	μm	200	200	500	150	200				
Spectral Width (FWHM)	nm	3.2	3	< 10	< 3	< 4				
Slope Efficiency	W/A	1.16	1.12	> 0.4	> 1.05	> 0.9				
Polarization	TM or TE	TM	TE	TE	TM	TE				

# **Proven Performance**

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Fast-axis Divergence	Degrees	34.7°	34.8°	27°	36°	38°
Fast-axis Divergence (Lensed)	Degrees	0.25°	0.25°	0.25°	0.25°	0.25°
Slow-axis Divergence	Degrees	5.4°	5°	10°	10°	10°
Wavelength Temperature Coefficient <sup>1</sup>	nm / °C	0.28	0.3	0.4	0.28	0.3
Electrical						
Power Conversion Efficiency	%	51	48.8	30	48	52
Threshold Current (I <sub>TH</sub> )	А	14	8	10	26	12
Operating Current (I <sub>OP</sub> )	А	65.2	114.5	70	110	95
Operating Voltage / Bar (V <sub>OP</sub> )	V	1.99	1.93	1.2	1.85	1.6
Series Resistance / Bar (R <sub>S</sub> )	Ω	0.0023	0.001	0.005	0.005	0.005
Mechanical						
Storage Temperature Range <sup>3</sup>	°C	10 - 40	10 - 40	10 - 40	10 - 40	10 - 40
Fluid Flow Rate	ml/min/plate	200-250	200-250	200-250	200-250	200-250
Max Inlet Pressure	psi	55	55	55	55	55
Deionized Water Resistivity	MΩ - cm	0.25-0.5	0.25-0.5	0.25-0.5	0.25-0.5	0.25-0.5
Filter	μm	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20
Thermal						
Thermal Resistance <sup>2</sup>	°C/W	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Operating Temperature	°C	20 to 35				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> VSA-ww-xxx-yyyy: ww denotes the number of bars in the stack; xxx denotes CW power; yyyy denotes the operating wavelength.

### **CFR Regulation**

These components do not comply with the federal regulation (Title 21 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter J) as administered by the Center for Device and radiological Health. Purchaser acknowledges that their products must comply with these regulations before they can be sold to an end-user.



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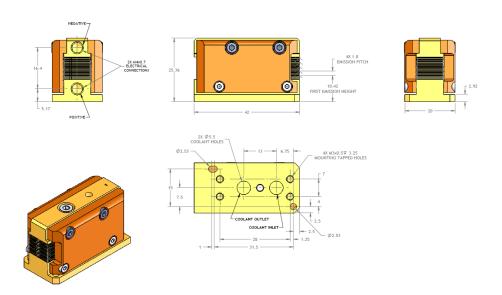
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The wavelength temperature coefficient is the wavelength shift per °C change at the diode junction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>A non-condensing environment is required for storage and operation below ambient dew point.
<sup>4</sup> Thermal resistance is the diode junction temperature shift per incremental Watt of heat load.

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# **Package Dimensions**

# Cascades™ Vertical Stacked Arrays 10 bar, unlensed



### Cascades™ Vertical Stacked Arrays 10 bar, lensed

