



BOSS LASER ECOCUT and ECOCUT/PRO Series Laser Cutter Operators Manual



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BOSS ECOCUT/PRO

EXPLORE EVERY WAVELENGTH OF INNOVATION

We're thrilled you've chosen the Boss ECOCUT/PRO as your laser solution. Designed for ease of use, precision, and reliability, the ECOCUT/PRO is ready to bring both your creative and professional projects to life.

We recommend printing out this manual to save time in the future. It will guide you through the basic setup of the machine, so keep it close to your computer or machine for easy access while designing files or operating the machine.

Be sure to read the manual in its entirety before operating the machine as this will give you a solid understanding of how it works. We know there can be a learning curve with any new equipment, but with a bit of effort and patience, you'll be running your new laser with confidence and efficiency in no time!

Our team is here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions while reading the manual or setting up your machine, feel free to call us at 407-878-0880 or email techsupport@bosslaser.com. A member of our technical support team will be happy to help!

Welcome aboard, and here's to countless projects and endless possibilities!







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Introduction

1.1 Definition of Procedures

This manual is provided with information specific to your ECOCUT machine. The manual will cover information for both the ECOCUT and the ECOCUT/PRO machine models. Please note that the difference between the ECOCUT and the ECOCUT/PRO machines is the size of the ECOCUT/PRO and its manual oil pump. The ECOCUT/PRO machine is larger in size compared to the ECOCUT machine and a manual oil pump is provided to help with lubricating the Axis Gear Drives on the ECOCUT/PRO.

The Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO is designed for cutting materials like steel using a Fiber laser. Inside its protective housing, the laser beam focuses high energy on your material to create precise cuts.

To ensure you feel confident when operating your laser, we will go over everything you'll need to know about the Boss ECOCUT/PRO in this manual, but most of these sections can be broken down into three basic categories: Operation, Maintenance, and Service. We will provide a general overview of each category below and go into depth throughout this manual.

1.1a Operation

To start operating the ECOCUT/PRO, first, program the controller with your desired cutting pattern using the provided software. This involves designing your file, creating layers, adjusting settings, and sending the file to the machine.

Once your files are ready, place your materials on the worktable as required. After positioning the material, you're all set to initiate the cutting process.

When the ECOCUT/PRO is finished, simply remove your completed work.

1.1b Maintenance

The best way to keep your machine performing optimally is to keep up with maintenance by setting a schedule. Maintenance includes routine cleaning and lubricating of rails and drives, cleaning the protective windows, cutting nozzles, ceramic sensors, and removing any dust or particles.

As a reminder, these procedures are to be performed with the machine off. Your safety is our number one priority.

1.1c Service

Service includes initial installation and alignment of the machine, as well as repair when needed. Your ECOCUT/PRO should arrive mostly ready to go, but you will need some installation from our Boss Laser techs, replacement parts, or to conduct minor repairs in the future. Procedures during service may require the machine to be turned on.

Boss Laser recommends that only trained service personnel, such as Boss Laser Technician complete service or repair unless directed by a Boss Laser Technician. Always call Technical Support if you're unsure what to do when servicing your machine.



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1.2 Warranty Disclaimer

This Limited Warranty applies to the laser machine itself, and all parts purchased from Boss Laser, LLC.

This Limited Warranty covers any defects in material or workmanship while the machine is operating under normal use and for its intended purpose during the warranty period.

During this Warranty Period, Boss Laser, LLC will repair or replace any part or product that is proven defective while the machine is being used under normal conditions and for its intended purpose. This does NOT include labor and/or on-site tech support.

The Warranty Period for the Laser Equipment will begin on the day of arrival and will be covered for 2 years unless an extended warranty is purchased.

All parts purchased, and replacement parts are under warranty for two years from the time of installation by Boss Laser. The only exception to this warranty is the regular maintenance items that include, but are not limited to, the protective window lens, ceramic insulator, and nozzles which have a 30-day warranty to be free of defects upon arrival.

This Limited Warranty does not cover any problem that is caused by: conditions, malfunctions or damage not resulting from defects in material or workmanship (ex. modifications done to the machine)

All modifications that are made to the machine must have written consent from Technical Support or the warranty will be voided.

Lack of proper maintenance of the machine will also result in a voided warranty.

To obtain a warranty service or part you must first contact Technical Support via phone (407-878-0880) or email (techsupport@bosslaser.com) to determine any issues and the most appropriate solution for the machine.



Safety Information

2. Safety Information

2.1 Laser Classification

The Boss ECOCUT/PRO Laser System is a Class 4 laser product, as defined in International Standard IEC 60825-1.

The Boss ECOCUT/PRO complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11, the Federal Performance Standards for Light-Emitting Products, except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated May 8, 2019. The Center for Devices and Radiological Health, of the US FDA, issued Laser Notice No. 50 to permit manufacturers to classify and manufacture their products in accordance with the International Standard.

During normal operation, the laser's output is safely contained within the ECOCUT/PRO's laser head enclosure.

The visible beam from the Laser Diode Pointer (Red Dot Pointer) is accessible for positioning. This pointer uses similar technology to a laser pen pointer, so, like those, it's important to avoid direct eye exposure. We've taken every measure to ensure the Laser Diode Pointer (Red Dot Pointer) is as safe as possible. Its beam path is securely positioned inside the laser head enclosure, so under normal operation, no hazardous levels of laser radiation can escape. Once the shutter is open, the aiming is shut off.

The standard reference for laser safety is the American Standard for the Safe Use of Lasers, Z136.1-2000, developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This reference is the basis for many of the federal regulations for laser and laser system manufacturers, and for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) laser safety guidelines. It contains detailed information concerning proper installation and use of laser systems.

While the ANSI standard itself does not have the force of law, its recommendations, including warning signage, training, and the designation of a laser safety officer, may be compulsory under local workplace regulations when operating laser systems above Class I. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that the installation and operation of the Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO Series Laser System is performed in accordance with all applicable laws.

Copies of ANSI Standard Z136.1-2000 are available from:



Laser Institute of America 12424 Research Parkway

Suite 125 Orlando, FL 32826 (407) 380-1553



Safety Information

2.2 Essential Safety Information Before Using Your Machine

Before setting up and turning on the machine, all operators are required to read this manual carefully and adhere to the operating requirements & specifications. As a reminder, the Boss ECOCUT/PRO is classified as a Class IV laser machine, meaning that radiation exposure is a possibility if proper safety precautions are not followed. We understand that the number of safety precautions can be overwhelming to first-time laser users, therefore, we have provided a bulleted list below to give you a quick reference guide.

2.2a Trained Personnel & Bystanders

Anyone who has not read this manual should abstain from using the laser machinery, as it can cause harm to the machinery, the operator, and bystanders.

If using this laser machinery in a shared area, allow only qualified personnel or people
to operate the laser machine, and each person who enters the area while the machine
is in operation should have general laser safety knowledge and any person who
operates the machine should read this manual first

2.2b Pre-Operation & Environment Requirements

Prior to operating the machine, all doors, covers, hoods, and safety mechanisms should be in place.

• The ideal environment for the ECOCUT/PRO is dry, free from pollution, vibration, high voltage, or strong magnets, and the machine should be in an ambient temperature of 39°- 104° Fahrenheit (5° - 40° Celsius) with 5% - 95% with no dew.

2.2c Material Hazards

While a multitude of materials can be cut with your Boss ECOCUT/PRO, it is important to be careful when processing new material.

- Do not place any reflective material or objects in the machine as reflective material can cause the laser beam to deflect, causing damage to the machine, surrounding areas, or bystanders
- Do not stack materials in the laser machine to be cut, this can increase the chance of a fire
- Do not put flammable or explosive materials near the machine, this can increase the risk of fire or explosion

2.2d Fire Hazard

Materials within the machine and surrounding areas can catch fire if not monitored closely. It is important that the machine is not left unattended while running. If you must leave the area where the machine is firing, press the "Pause" button, then start where you left off when you return. We recommend having a CO2/ABC fire extinguisher on hand and near the machine to minimize damage to the machine and the surrounding area in case of a fire.



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2.2e Hazardous Fumes & Proper Ventilation

Ensure there is proper ventilation in the area the machine will be running in. Smoke, fumes, and particles can be exhausted from the machine while processing materials. These should be exhausted via an external exhaust port to the outside or via a fume and odor extractor.

 Certain materials can produce toxic fumes and hazardous gases when processed by a laser machine, so it is very important to review the MSDS of any material to ensure it is safe to be processed with a laser machine

2.2f Electrical Safety

The Boss ECOCUT/PRO uses electricity to power the machine, which increases the risk of electrical shock if not handled properly.

- Do not disassemble the machine without prior approval and direction from Boss Laser Technical Support, otherwise, the warranty may be voided and injury or death from electrical shock may occur
- Ensure all sources of power are unplugged prior to conducting service and maintenance on the machine
- The operating voltage of this machine should be 220v 60Hz

3. Fire & Hazardous Materials

⚠ WARNING: This machine uses focused energy to cut material. At no point should the machine be left unsupervised while it is in use. Leaving the machine unattended while in use can result in a fire and substantial damage to the machine and the building it resides in. Any damage caused by fire that is not due to defects in workmanship, or the machine itself will NOT be covered by the BOSSLASER, LLC Limited Warranty.

⚠ Hazardous Materials: All materials considered hazardous to the health of the machine, the health of the individuals operating the machine and the individuals surrounding the machine while in use are NOT recommended. These materials can produce toxic fumes or cause the machine to not function properly and need replacement parts. Processing hazardous materials can void the warranty of the machine.

Materials that should NOT be cut:

- o Non Metal Materials Specifically, the materials listed below:
 - Polycarbonate Fumes produced by polycarbonate can cause irritation to eyes, skin, and respiratory tract.
 - o PVC Compounds Fumes produced by Polyvinyl Chlorine when exposed to elevated temperatures can cause irritation to eyes, skin, and the respiratory tract.
 - Vinyl Fumes produced by Vinyl that has Chlorine can cause irritation to eyes, skin, and respiratory tract. This material should not be exposed to elevated temperatures.
- o Helpful Hint:



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o Do not cut materials other than metals and their protective covering that is laser safe. An example is a metal sheet covered in Novacel®.

Most materials have a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), which can tell you whether materials are safe and/or be exposed to high heat. Any material containing chlorine is not safe for your laser, the machine operator(s), or bystanders. If you are still unsure about the material after reviewing the MSDS and its properties, contact Technical Support. We would be happy to try and identify the safety of the material and whether it can be processed with a laser machine.

4. Laser Safe Materials

Lasers use heat to cut, engrave and etch. Some materials react beautifully, other materials can have less than a desirable effect. It is important to know the material you are working with. Some materials like PVC are easy to cut but give off a chlorine gas that's not healthy for the machine or the operator.

New materials come out daily. If you're unsure if the material is safe, contact Technical Support, and we'll try to identify its properties and determine if it's possible/safe to be processed with a laser.

To make this process a little bit easier, we have created a list of materials we know are safe for the machine. It is important to review the information below to ensure you are not attempting to cut or engrave a material that is not meant for your machine.

Materials that can be cut:

Metals

5. Laser Safety & Policies

First and foremost, BE CAREFUL! Laser machines are a powerful tool, and the proper precautions should be taken, just as if you were working with any other high-powered tool or machinery. These machines are designed to cut with highly focused heat energy and can be dangerous. You should never leave your machine unattended while it is in operation and do not let an inexperienced or unfamiliar person operate your machine at any time. Maintenance should be done by properly trained personnel.

- Designate a safety administrator to determine the scope of their duties and provide training for safe operation and safety protection around the machine and for using the laser
 - a. A risk manager and/or Laser Safety Officer are recommended to be part of the safety administration
- 2. Specify a laser safety management area, set warning signs at the entry, and exit of the management area, including the following:
 - a. Laser processing machine power
 - b. Laser Type
 - c. Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), specifically use of laser safety goggles or glasses rated to block the laser wavelength



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- d. Prohibiting unauthorized persons from entering, and the name(s) of the safety administration personnel
- 3. The operator of the laser processing machine must be trained to operate the machine safely with the consent of the safety administrator
- 4. The main harm of the laser to the human body is to the eyes and skin.
 - a. Any part of the body exposed to the laser can cause bodily harm or death
 - b. Avoid placing any part of your body in the working light path of the laser device to avoid injury

Always keep any access covers on and the laser head enclosure closed whenever the machine is in operation. Avoid any direct exposure and do not stare at the laser beam while the machine is operating. Notice and understand all the warning labels located on your machine.

The new ECOCUT/PRO (open cutting frame) should be placed and prepared in accordance with the pre-installation checklist provided by Boss Laser. Care must be used when preparing to install as bending and moving cables on the machine can cause damage to the equipment.

Only trained operator(s) should operate the machine. It is recommended that the business establish a safety management area around the machine and provide warning signs as recommended above. Hazards from this machine include but are not limited to electrical high voltage, LASER radiation, mechanical movement, hot metal, compressed gases, and lifting and or moving heavy metal pieces.

Never leave the machine unattended while it is running. The operator should not leave during the operation of the machine. If an abnormality occurs during the use of the device, immediately press the Emergency Stop button.

The following safety measures must be strictly implemented and be abided by to ensure the safety of the machine and the individual operating it. Boss Laser, LLC shall not be held responsible for any damage or injuries resulting from improper use or dismantling of the laser machine.

- NEVER operate laser machinery unless you have been properly trained
- ALWAYS use protective eyewear
- ALWAYS operate the machine as designed
- ALWAYS be sure to keep the exhaust fan running while the machine is in use
- NEVER set anything on top of the laser and/or on the worktable while NOT in use
- NEVER leave the laser unattended while it is running
 - o This will ensure that you are able to see or hear any abnormalities/potential
- ALWAYS maintain the machine's environment free of heavy pollution, such as strong magnetic electrical interference
- NEVER use unapproved or unsafe materials, such as Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or any materials that emit noxious gases
 - o Unsafe vapor from these materials can cause harm to people



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- These gases can cause harm to your central nervous system
- NEVER operate the laser near flammable or explosive substances
 - o The light beam that is emitted is not visible and poses a fire hazard
- NEVER try to cut reflective material as the laser beam can reflect and deviate (bounce around) which can cause blindness or serious injury, requiring medical attention
- NEVER push or pull the laser head and its gantry while the laser is running
- NEVER dismantle the laser machine as this can disrupt the laser and its high voltage / pressure parts
 - o This can also cause harm or injury
- ALWAYS clean out the collection tray(s) to prevent accidental hazards
- ALWAYS have a clean area around the machine to allow it to function properly
- ALWAYS have an appropriate fire extinguisher and method of egress in case of an emergency

In Case of a Fire:

- 1. Press the Emergency Stop button located on the right side of the machine
- 2. Quickly blow out the flame(s) with a Co2/ABC fire extinguisher for serious flames

Laser Safety

The human body is vulnerable to the output of certain lasers, and under certain circumstances, exposure can result in damage to the eyes and skin.

The laser used in the machine is a Class 4 classification with a wavelength of 1064nm (1.06µm). This means that people near and/or operating the machine must wear proper wavelength safety rated laser glasses. Laser safety glasses not rated for the proper wavelength given above will allow the laser to pass through as if no protection were worn. Other PPE needed can be determined by the owner/operator or site safety administrator of the machine as per company policy and as federal, state, and local laws mandate.

It is recommended that warning signage is posted in conspicuous locations prior to people being exposed to the laser radiation. Anyone within viewing distance of the laser must be wearing safety rated laser glasses that can protect against the given wavelength of 1064nm.

Exhaust Safety

Exhaust gases generated during laser cutting may be toxic. Review the Safety Data Sheet for the metal you are cutting to determine the hazards. Ensure that the exhaust fan(s) is operating normally, and the working site is ventilated.

Electrical Safety

Any time any electrical work is done, it should be done by a trained technician. Do not touch live components in the electrical cabinet during power-on, such as numerical control devices, servos, transformers, fans, etc. Whenever possible any electrical work should be done when the system is deenergized and a Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO) system is in place. If



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work must be done while the system is energized extreme caution must be used by trained personnel.

Chiller Safety

Because of the Chiller containing water the Chiller should be connected to a GFCI outlet or an inline GFCI attachable plug. Although regulatory jurisdictions may not require a GFCI, many Insurance companies may require this in a warehouse or factory space. This will help to prevent electric shock to an employee and is good safe practice.

Confined Space Safety

The main cutting frame is an enclosed space that has moving parts and can be considered as a confined space. You are responsible for ensuring the safety of personnel and following local, state and federal regulations for a confined space if service is to be completed inside the machine. At no time shall anyone be inside the machine while it is energized as severe injury or death can occur.

6. Safety Features & Regulatory Compliance

6.1 Safety Features

Boss Laser has incorporated specific safety features into the ECOCUT/PRO Laser System to meet the requirements of 21 CFR 1040.

These safety features include:

- A fully enclosed laser head enclosure that contains the cutting laser and its beam path
- A visible Emission Indicator Light illuminating when the laser is firing/operating
- Manual reset that enables the laser to resume operation after an interruption of firing caused by a remote interlock or a power loss lasting over 5 seconds
- An Emergency Stop button to instantly halt laser emission
- Laser safety glasses provided to limit radiation exposure to the eyes
- A remote interlock functions when the terminals of the connector are not electrically joined
- Human access to all laser radiation from the laser product that is more than the accessible emission limits of Class I and table VI shall be prevented

6.2 Safety & Regulatory Labels

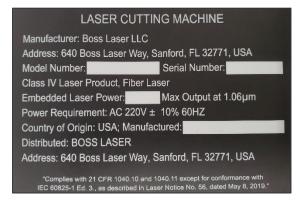
21 CFR 1040 requires that certification, identification, and warning labels be placed on laser products. The labels affixed to the outside of the Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO system are shown throughout the following pages, with their locations specified. These labels are put in place for the safety of the machine and the operator. It is important that you pay attention to these warning labels and adhere to them. If these warnings are not followed, it could cause serious damage to the machine and possible injuries to the operator.



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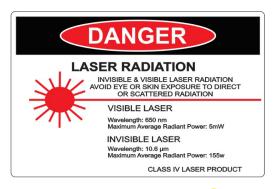
6.2a Certification & Identification Label

The "Certification" and "Identification" labels are combined into one label. The label can be found on the back right side of the machine.



6.2b Warning Logotype

The "DANGER: Visible & Invisible Radiation" warning label can be found on the front right side of the machine. Staring at the laser beam can cause damage to the eyes and touching the laser beam can cause serious injuries. Wearing safety glasses will protect your eyes from injury.



6.2c Laser Aperture

The "LASER APERTURE" warning label can be found on the laser head. The aperture warning label is there to identify where your laser beam will exit the laser head.



6.2d Danger: Visible and Invisible Radiation

The "DANGER": Visible and Invisible Radiation warning label can be found on the front of machine. Staring at the laser beam can cause damage to the eyes and touching the laser beam can cause serious injuries.



6.2e Danger: Crush or Injury

The "DANGER" labels for being crushed or injured during the machine gantry movement process can be found around the machine. It is important to make sure the machine is not running prior to placing your hands or other body parts into the machine.





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6.2f Electrical Safety

The "DANGER: High Voltage" sticker can be found on the inside of the right- hand bottom cabinet, on the power supply. This warning indicates that precautions should be taken when touching or handling any electrical components of the machine. Please make sure to disconnect the laser from all power sources prior to opening these cabinets or handling the internal electrical components.



6.3 Safety Design Features

6.3a Safety Interlocks

There are no specific safety interlocks on your Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO machine. Please use the necessary caution as written on this manual when operating.

6.3b Key Control (Master Switch)

The master switch is installed as part of the control panel. The master switch controls the hot wire of the main circuit. When this switch is turned off, the machine is powered down.



6.3c Emergency Stop Switch

The emergency stop switch, which is located on the right side of the machine, controls the live wire of the main circuit, and when the main control switch is turned off, the machine will power down.





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6.3d Laser Status

The machine comes equipped with a Red-Light Emissions Indicator showing what the status is for the machine. When the machine is running a file & the laser is firing, the Red-Light Emissions Indicator will light up. When the machine is done running the file, the Red-Light Emissions Indicator will turn back off.

6.3e Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Laser Safety Glasses are included with the machine, they can be found inside the toolbox. All eyewear provided meet or exceed ANSI Standards for the Boss Laser Safety Systems. The Laser Safety Glasses should be worn when the machine is firing/operating.



6.3f Remote Interlocks

The machine incorporates a remote interlock connector (located at the back of the machine) enabling the end user to have the option of implementing a remote interlock with the included In-Use Connector. An optional Remote E-Stop Box is also included with the machine to be used as a remote interlock Emergency Stop, if desired.



Remote Interlock Connector



Optional Remote E-Stop

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7. Accessing Our "How To" Videos and Manuals

We strive to provide support to our customers, that is why we have a variety of videos and manuals to assist our customers during the use or setup of their machine. In this manual, certain pages will contain a QR code. This will indicate that there is a video located on our website that will be able to guide you through this process or give you a better idea of how something is done.

Scan this QR code to access our Instructional Videos.



Scan this QR Code to access our Manuals Online



7.1 How to Access the Manuals on the USB

- 1. Your Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO will come with a USB that contains the CYPCUT software and a few of our manuals. The first step is to plug in the USB that accompanied the machine.
- 2. Next, there should be two folders within the USB, a "USB CYPCUT" folder and "USB (For Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO)" folder. There will be respective manuals in each folder.
- 3. In the "USB CYPCUT" folder, there will be the manuals for the CYPCUT software and a "READ ME" (for installing CYPCUT).
- 4. The "USB (For Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO)" folder will contain the "ECOCUT/PRO Manual", and other various information.

8. Receiving Your Boss ECOCUT/PRO

While most of our machines arrive safe and sound, we urge you to inspect the machine upon delivery to ensure that no damage has occurred while in transit. Damage can include pierced or broken pallets, smashed sides or components. If there seems to be any damage to the machine, take pictures prior to removing the bands.

If no damage is visible on the outside, proceed to removing the plastic wrap covering. If there is damage to the machine under the plastic wrap covering, contact your Sales Consultant or Client Services Coordinator and send them pictures so we can report that damage to the carrier. The machine is insured for its full value while in transit and if it is damaged to the point of needing parts or replacement, the carriers are very good at covering those costs. But the damage must be reported within 24 hours of delivery.

Some machines might come with a pallet. This pallet will contain any accessories that are part of the machine or were ordered in addition to the machine. If you expect to receive a pallet with the machine



but receive only the machine and no extra pallet or boxes of components and/or accessories, contact your Sales Consultant or Client Services Coordinator as soon as possible.

After the machine has been inspected for damage and all the components/accessories have been accounted for, be sure to remove any foam or padding from inside or outside of the machine. Remove any plastic/Velcro ties used for securing the laser head from moving while in transit.

8.1 Toolbox Contents

Your toolbox will contain a variety of items. Be sure to put them back in the toolbox or in a designated area after use. The items in the toolbox are used for testing, maintenance, and operation of the machine. It is important not to lose these items.

- 1. Various adapters and unions, depending on the size of the laser wattage
- 2. Accessory Gas connector 1/4" NPT to 10mm (x2)
- 3. High Precision Proximity Switch
- 4. Keys (Laser PSU, Panel, Power)
- 5. Chiller and remote bypass plugs
- 6. One pair of Laser wavelength safety glasses
 - a. *Nozzle Kit (nozzle sizes may vary per machine type and wattage)
 - b. An example includes:
 - i. Nozzle 1.2 Single and Double
 - ii. Nozzle 1.5 Single and Double
 - iii. Nozzle 2.0 Single and Double
 - iv. Nozzle 2.5 Single and Double
 - v. Nozzle 3.0 Single and Double
 - vi. Nozzle 3.5 Single and Double
 - vii. Nozzle 4.0 Single and Double
 - viii. 1 Ceramic Disk
 - ix. 1 Lower Protective Window
 - x. 1 Upper Protective Window



8.2 Machine Remote

The remote is very easy to use. It has many of the same features of the control panel portion on the main screen of your CYPCUT software. You can control the X, Y, and Z axis of the machine and be able to watch where your gantry and the head is located. You can Start, Stop, and Pause a job as well. The remote allows mobility to inspect and to remain safe from the table and the cutting operation.

These features will be covered by the Boss Laser trainer during the initial training. Should you forget, remember these things.



- X-Axis Moves the laser head left and right across the table
- Y- Axis Moves the gantry, which holds the laser head, to the front and back on the table
- Z-Axis Moves the laser head up and down

8.3 Exhaust Fan & Fume Extractor Overview

The laser vaporizes material as it moves along the axis. This could generate large amounts of smoke. Some materials generate even larger amounts of smoke than other materials, so the exhaust of your machine and its importance cannot be overstated as it is necessary to remove harmful fumes and smoke produced by the laser machine.

During the cutting operation of a laser, smoke and particulates are generated as the material is being vaporized by the laser. The laser system exhaust is designed to facilitate the efficient removal of the smoke and particulates by drawing them into the exhaust



system to be removed from the laser operation area to a safe exhaust location.

Many of the materials processed by the laser "off-gas" fumes and odors that are neither pleasant nor safe for the human respiratory system. A correctly working exhaust will keep the air around the laser safe to breathe.



The ECOCUT/PRO machine uses a single phase 220v AC exhaust fan that pulls the exhaust from the machine. Exhaust is then moved via the 6" hose to be evacuated into a safe area and environment.

If you purchased a fume extractor with your Boss ECOCUT/PRO, skip to section 8.3b on page 25. If you did not purchase a fume extractor, the exhaust must be ducted to the outside and away from any area where animals or humans congregate. When ducted correctly, a laser can be placed in an office, garage, or spare room.

If you are cutting materials that will produce large amounts of smoke or fumes, industrial size inline fans can be purchased from websites like Grainger and other industrial supply warehouses. All ECOCUT/PRO machines will need a 6" exhaust fan with a minimum of 250 CFM's (**included with the machine**).

The exhaust fan must be turned on and used each time the laser is running and in use.

8.3a Types of Gas Assist

During the cutting process an assist gas is used to process the cut. Most of the time either oxygen or nitrogen is used, depending on the type of material being cut. Clean dry compressed air or Argon can be used as well for some metals. Metals can be separated into two categories: ferrous and non-ferrous. Simply put, ferrous metals contain iron and non-ferrous metals do not.

Other than the choice of gas, the cutting process typically remains the same for all materials.



Oxygen Assist

Oxygen amplifies the effect of the laser's heating of the material, allowing the laser to pierce through quickly. This is especially important in highly reflective material as you want to pierce through before it has a chance to reflect any of its energy back to the laser. Some of the benefits include less gas used in the process, which can lower operating costs. The limitations of using oxygen include the creation of an oxide layer, which may or may not need to be removed before continuing onto the next step of the process. The oxide layer requires post cut processing which can include chemical passivation or abrasive grinding for removal. Some examples include Cold Rolled Steel, Copper, Brass, Bronze.

Nitrogen Assist

Nitrogen is used to blow the molten material through the cut. This provides a "clean" edge on parts like stainless steel and aluminum. Nitrogen however is used at high pressures from typically 200 psi to 325 psi and can be consumed very quickly during parts cutting. The advantage of using the nitrogen is that many parts can be cut in a way that does not require



post processing. Some examples include Aluminum, Stainless Steel, and thin Cold Rolled Steel.

Compressed Air Assist

This process can provide quality cuts since air is approximately 78% nitrogen by volume and 21% oxygen with the remaining percentage that is other gases and water vapor. To effectively use an air-assist the air must be filtered, cleaned of particulates, and dried to the extreme. Nitrogen is still the best gas to use when looking for clean cuts and anyone who is cutting for either the Aerospace industry or Food Processing industry.

The typical components in an air system consist of a large capacity compressor tank (80 gallon or more) oil and water separator, desiccant dryer with pre and post filter, a pressure booster, and a dry tank. Annual maintenance costs must also be included for the system as this keeps the system optimally running for air assist. Most cutting can be done using less than 200 psi. The customer should consult a professional in their area that can help them to meet the requirements needed for the usage of compressed air.

8.3b Setting Up Your Fume Extractor

A fume extractor is an upgrade to the standard exhaust fan and would allow you to exhaust your machine inside without needing to vent the fumes/exhaust externally. If you ordered a fume extractor for your Boss ECOCUT/PRO machine, it will be dropped shipped from the manufacturer and come separately from the machine.

If you would like to purchase a fume extractor or replacement filters for your current fume extractor, scan this QR code. The FiltraBOX Micro is recommended for the Boss ECOCUT/PRO.



To set up your fume extractor, remove the exhaust tubing (120mm & 150mm) from the crate/machine, as well as your exhaust hose clamp. You will take the **120mm exhaust tubing** from the crate/machine and place it on the exhaust port, located on the back side of the machine (this will be a 4" metal circle). Once the tubing is placed on the exhaust port, take the **one 120mm exhaust hose clamp**, and place it over the tubing and the exhaust port. Now that the exhaust hose clamp is properly placed, tighten it down so there is a snug fit with minimal room for fumes to escape.

After the first end of the exhaust hose has been placed and secured, take the second exhaust hose clamp, and place it on the other end of the exhaust tubing. Next, place the exhaust tubing and clamp on the intake port of the fume extractor **with the reducer attached to the intake port**. After it is correctly positioned, tighten down the exhaust clamp as you did the first time. Please remember that your fume extractor may look different than the photo in this manual. Some fume extractors have intake ports located on the top, others are located on the back.



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To view the appropriate operator's manual for your fume extractor, scan the QR code for your fume extractor below.

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8.4 Water Chiller

The Chiller is a single phase 220v AC 20-amp accessory required to operate your machine. The Chiller circulates water throughout the machine and the laser. There are two outputs and two inputs. The larger diameter tubing or hoses typically circulates water throughout the laser PSU. The smaller diameter tubing or hoses circulates water from the Chiller to the laser head.

The Chiller will circulate water at a specified water temperature and must be kept running if the temperature drops below the recommended environmental temperature of 40°F. This will help to keep the water from freezing in the machine and head and causing damage.



Note: The Chiller model may differ from the one shown due to product change or the power of the laser.

8.5 Machine Table

The machine table is constructed of high strength steel and the gantry is made of a high strength Aluminum to improve strength and to have a lighter weight.

8.6 Machine Control Panel

Prior to turning on your Boss ECOCUT/PRO for the first time, ensure that all components have been removed from the worktable, including any plastic/Velcro ties used for securing the laser head from moving while in transit.

The ability to access this control cabinet is important. The double doors on the machine

open and allow for access to the Computer, the PLC control card and the drivers for the table motors. It also houses the Z-axis controller and power connections for the machine components. Use caution while in this cabinet as items are energized and live electrical is to be expected unless the breaker is off, and the machine is unplugged from its power source.





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The machine's monitor mount has the Emergency Stop, Key Control Switch and PC Power button.

Once the power cord has been plugged into a 220V wall outlet, we can flip the Key Control power switch on the machine monitor mount.

After turning the Key Control power switch ON, we must ensure the Emergency Stop button on the machine is in the "up" position and not pressed down. To do this, locate the Emergency Stop button on the right-hand side of the ECOCUT/PRO monitor mount. Once the button is located, start by pressing the Emergency Stop button. If the button



will not press down any further, the emergency stop is already engaged. If you were able to press down the Emergency Stop button and hear a faint "click", you have now engaged the Emergency Stop button. To disengage the button, turn the button clockwise and release until the Emergency Stop button is no longer engaged.

Now that the Emergency Stop button is disengaged, locate the machine ignition switch located on the right-hand side of the machine. Next, locate the ignition key from your toolbox. Insert the key into the ignition switch and turn clockwise to turn the machine ON.

9. Operating Your Boss ECOCUT/PRO

9.1 Machine Operation

9.1a Inspection

Inspect the area of the machine to ensure it is safe to operate. The area should be free of debris and catch trays emptied.

Inspect the Chiller first. Check the water level gauge and ensure it is at the green level. Turn the Chiller on. The Chiller should beep after it does its self-check and begins to flow water. Inspect the hose lines at the coupling for leaks and observe if you see any water pooling on the ground that would indicate a leak. If an alarm is on the Chiller, the error codes given are listed on the front of the Chiller and can indicate how to clear the alarm. If you follow these recommendations and fail to resolve the error, contact Boss Laser technical support for additional assistance.

Ensure the electrical area is clear and free of debris and plug in or turn on the circuit to the machine.

Turn on the machine in accordance with the process of the Power On/Off sequence that follows in this manual.



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Power On/Off Sequence

Power On

- Inspect the area.
- Turn power ON at the breaker
- Turn the Chiller on and allow time for the Chiller to circulate water and reach an optimal operating temperature at approximately 25°C.
- Turn Gases ON at the gas valves
- Disengage the E-Stop button
- Turn the key on for power
- Press Computer button
- Complete Daily check of laser head

Power Off

- Shut off Gases at source valves
- Shut Gas assist off
- Purge lines to release pressure in system lines using the Blow button on the remote
- Shut down laser cutting software
- Shutdown Computer
- Press E-stop
- Switch the breaker off
- Shut down the chiller unless the environment temperature dictates to remain on
- Inspect area to ensure the area is safe
 - Note: The Exhaust can be turned on and off at any time during the power on or off sequence

Once you have powered on the machine and the computer is operational you should have a Windows desktop screen with a shortcut to the CYPCUT laser cutting software. Once you open the laser cutting software you now have control of the operation of the machine. You can refer to the CYPCUT software manual for information that was covered in the training you received, and you can refer to the CYPCUT document for additional information that may not have been specifically covered in the training provided.



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Origin the head if you did not do so at the software startup. This will find your limits on the table.

Load your material on the table. Ensure material is beneath the head prior to doing the calibration. Try and calibrate the middle of the sheet instead of near the edge. Calibrating at the edge can cause the calibration to be slightly degraded.

CYPCUT uses a Six Step Process to run a job to its full potential:

- Import the File Bring the file into CYPCUT or create a file in the software
- Pre-processing Graphics Processing, close lines, remove duplicate lines, etc.
- Cutting Technique User can set layer setting for the material
- Tool path planning Sorting will allow for setting the cut path
- Pre-(machining) Operation check User can simulate the job and frame it on the material
- Start (Machining) Operation Start the cut job (note: Prior to pressing the start button ensure you have your PPE on and anyone else around is at a safe distance or wearing appropriate PPE

9.1b Metals & Cutting

The Boss Laser ECOCUT/PRO Fiber Cutter can process diverse types of metal including both ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The wattage of the fiber laser will be the biggest determining factor in its ability to cut a certain type of metal. The thickness of the material that can be cut is also determined by the laser wattage.

The most common metals processed on the fiber laser machine includes those listed below:

- Stainless Steel A family of alloy steel that contains approximately 10% to 30% chromium
 - o The chromium allows the steel to have a resistance to corrosion
- Carbon Steel Steel that is manufactured using varying amounts of carbon and iron which imparts hardness and strength into the metal
- Aluminum A lightweight nonferrous metal used in many applications today
- Other metals that can be processed include alloy steel, tool steel, galvanized steel, copper, and brass
 - o Care must be taken when cutting copper and brass

Cut charts are given for some material for the laser wattage and the thickness of the material. Not all materials will perform the same on the machine and the settings are to be used as a guide. Stainless Steel for example can be grouped into five major types and have over 100 different grades. Settings for Stainless Steel can then be adjusted by the customer to find the best results.

You can contact Boss Laser Technical Support for guidance concerning materials if you have additional questions.



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9.1c Emission Indicator Light

The Emission Indicator Light can be seen on the top of the machine or on the side of the Laser head enclosure. The Emission Indicator Light is a safety feature and will glow Red when the machine is firing and emitting a laser beam.

9.1d Emergency Stop Button

The Emergency Stop button can be seen in the image to the right. The Emergency Stop is a safety feature and should be used in case of an emergency. If the button is engaged, it will be pushed down. If the emergency stop is in the up position, it is disengaged. For your machine to turn on, the Emergency Stop Button must be disengaged.



9.2 Software Installation

Your Boss ECOCUT/PRO machine will come standard with the CYPCUT software, as cutting operations of the machine is done through the CYPCUT software. The on-site tech will go through the basic use of the machine and how to dial in cutting parameters for certain materials using the software if installation and training is being provided. A digital copy of the software manual is provided on the computer desktop as well. The idea is to teach you how to use the software and to reference the manual as necessary for both basic and advanced features. Many further details in the software manual can be referenced and found.

The software is already installed on the computer. If needed, plug the USB drive into the computer you will be using to send files to the Boss ECOCUT/PRO. On this USB drive, there will be different folders and files. It is important to keep this USB drive somewhere safe, so you do not lose it.

10. Maintaining Your Boss ECOCUT/PRO

10.1 Optics

Before any machine leaves our facility, it is put through a quality assurance process and these optics are already aligned and ready for use. Therefore, there should be no need for adjustment. There is a possibility that the optics may have shifted in transit but we recommend calling technical support prior to making ANY adjustments.



The laser and optics are the heart of the machine. It is important to understand the basics which will allow you to get the most out of your machine. Once tuned, the laser machine should stay aligned for months of work.

The optical system of your fiber laser includes protective windows, lens, and Collimator.

Protective Windows

There are two protective viewing windows located on the laser head.

The lower protective window needs to be inspected daily. To do so simply press the release latch and gently pull the window out. It should be free of spots, scratches, or debris.

The upper viewing window is located between the QBH interface and the Collimator. This item rarely needs to be inspected. Regular observation should only be every 6 months with heavy usage, and once a year for light to moderate usage. It may need to be removed and checked for spots, scratches, or debris after you are experiencing cutting issues, and you have spoken with Boss Laser Technical Support. These are not items that need to be changed often. If maintenance is needed, you may need tools to gain access.

Note: Ensure the area surrounding the laser head area is clean before removing the protective window. Visually inspect it under a light. The surface should be perfectly clean and free of debris or scratches. If needed, use soft free cloth to gently clean the window. There should be no dust or debris on the window when remounted to the head.

Inside Lens

The protective window is designed to isolate the lens from any contaminant. There is no need for any visual check of the lens.

Collimator

The Collimator is located between the laser lens and the QBH interface. This component is isolated from contaminants. The only way for any debris to encounter the Collimator is if the laser lens or QBH connector is removed. There is no need for an inspection of this component.

Check the alignment of the optics once a month to ensure no bumping or mechanical failure has occurred.

10.2 Mechanical Components

10.2a Nuts & Bolts

If you are concerned about these items rusting, then you should apply a thin coating of silicone base grease. One application per year should suffice.



10.2b Axis Gear Drive

The Axis Gear Drive should be checked for appropriate lubrication at least every six months. These Axis Gear Drives work together to move the gantry from front to back and the laser head from left to right. If one Axis Gear Drive is lubricated more often than the other, it could lead to potential performance issues and/or undesired production quality. It is difficult to describe the appropriate lubrication amount, but there should be no rough, grinding, scraping, or squeaking sounds coming from any axis movements. It should always be smooth. The difference between the ECOCUT and the ECOCUT/PRO machines is the size of the ECOCUT/PRO and its manual oil pump. The ECOCUT/PRO machine is larger in size compared to the ECOCUT machine and a manual oil pump is provided to help with lubricating the Axis Gear Drives on the ECOCUT/PRO.

10.3 Machine Component Maintenance

10.3a Air Filters

If a fume extractor was purchased with the machine, there will be filters installed within that fume extractor. These air filters work best when air can move freely from one side to the other while catching dust, fumes, and other debris within the air. If the air filter is dirty, the air pressure will be greatly reduced. The main application of a fume extractor is to clean the air and absorb the dangerous smells and fumes that some material can produce. Some of these gases can be caustic, nauseating, volatile, corrosive, or even deadly. It is best to use multiple stages of filters to catch the particles of different sizes. New filters can be ordered from Boss Laser by contacting sales.

10.3b Exhaust Fan & Tubing

Cleaning the exhaust fan and tubing is crucial for maintaining proper ventilation, ensuring optimal performance, and preventing fire hazards. Be sure to clean your exhaust system every 1-3 months to ensure the longevity and safety of your Boss ECOCUT/PRO.

To start, turn off and unplug the ECOCUT/PRO, disconnect the tubing from the machine and exhaust fan. Use a vacuum cleaner to remove dust and debris from the fan blades, housing, and tubing. Be gentle to avoid damaging the components. If necessary, use a soft-bristled brush to clean the fan blades and hard-to-reach areas. For tubing, a pipe-cleaning brush works well to remove residue. After cleaning, inspect the fan and tubing for any damage. If you notice damage, contact Technical Support to see if any components should be replaced.

Reassemble the exhaust system, ensuring all connections are secure and aligned properly. Finally, power on the machine to verify that the exhaust system is functioning effectively.



10.3c Water Chiller & Coolant

Monthly inspections of the water connections will assist in keeping the water Chiller system in good operating condition. Inspect coolant hoses, fittings, and connections for wear, cuts, nicks, corrosion, or leaks. Repair leaks and replace worn hoses immediately. The water should be drained and replaced every 3 months.

First, automotive antifreeze should NEVER be used as a laser coolant, only deionized water. In the absence of deionized water, distilled water can be used (tap water being a last resort).

The coolant should always be clean and clear. It is a common problem for the coolant to become infested with mold. This often will look like murky green water with algae built up on the inner walls of the hoses. This issue can be solved in just a few steps.

- 1. Flush out the bad water from the water reservoir
- 2. Create absolution of water and 20% bleach
 - Cycle the bleach-water solution for about 30 minutes then flush out this water
- 3. The safety flow sensor could also be full of mold
 - i. The best solution is to take it apart and clean it with a soft brush or pipe cleaners
 - ii. Make sure to re-assemble the sensor correctly and without leaks
 - iii. It is possible that harsh cleaners could creep into the sensor electronics and cause permanent damage.

Note: The water should be changed AT LEAST every three months.

10.4 Storage, Environment, & Maintenance Schedule

10.4a Storage of the Boss ECOCUT/PRO

Keep the laser machine in a clean, dry, and warm location with no vibration. Make sure there are NO MATERIAL(S) left on the worktable when the machine is not in use.

10.4b Environment & Humidity

Humidity can cause the metal parts of the laser machine to rust. All metal at some point can rust. One unexpected metal surface is the laser mirrors. It is best to try and control the humidity level in the laser work area. Clean the mirrors and check for oxidation as a possible problem. Replace the mirrors that do not meet your expectations of performance.

10.4c Maintenance Schedule Practices

The easiest way to follow a cleaning schedule is to use a calendar, keep it close to your machine, and write the dates that you want/need to do maintenance on. Some maintenance is needed on a regular basis while other cleaning could be an immediate requirement after a fire or a large amount of smoke or fumes as previously stated.



A laser machine that has a lack of maintenance could result in a laser that is not working properly, or at all, and remember that lack of maintenance can void your warranty.

As with most pieces of equipment, preventive maintenance is an important part of owning a fiber laser cutting system. Keeping your laser system running is easy.

Recommended daily cleaning

Because it is best practice to always keep your machine clean, we recommend **daily** cleaning. These daily cleanings include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Ensuring the area around the laser is free of clutter
- 2. Emptying the collection trays
- 3. Ensuring there are no combustible materials in the area
- 4. Ensuring that volatile solvents such as acetone and alcohol are clear of the area
- 5. Ensuring the working area is free of dust and debris
- 6. Ensuring that the area around the machine and accessories are clean and clear of clutter so that air can circulate and that none of these have been moved or positioned where they can be struck by the table gantry when in motion or become a hazard to the operator

Laser Source Maintenance

There are no user maintainable or serviceable parts on the laser module. Contact Boss Laser Technical Support with any questions.

Exhaust System Maintenance

Clean the exhaust blower and duct system **monthly** to remove built up debris. Inspect the exhaust system for leaks and obstructions. Ensure all connections are properly secured. Check for loose or broken duct connections. Inspect and clean the exhaust ports in your machine to ensure there are no obstructions within the machine itself.

Linear Bearing and Rails Maintenance

The rails should be inspected and wiped clean **daily**. Once cleaned you can use any metal lubricant such as white lithium grease, or even better, a lubricant that is equivalent to the Mobil SHC 629 Synthetic Lubricant that we use.

Cutting Nozzle and Ceramic Sensor

The copper cutting nozzle is a consumable part. This nozzle will be replaced multiple times through the life of your machine. The frequency of replacement will vary depending on the material being processed. Daily visual inspection is recommended. If there is any metal residue from the cutting process, it should be cleaned off with a soft wire brush. Carefully inspect the nozzle orifice and remove any blockages. The ceramic sensor should be cleaned weekly or monthly depending on the use of the machine.



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10.4d Machine Memory

There should always be little to no files stored on your machine's memory. A large number of files can cause the controller card to have a slower reaction time. If the machine's memory is pushed to its limits, it has the possibility to crash the controller card and or lock up the entire machine. This machine is just like a computer, if you acquire a large number of files over time, it will cause the operating system to slow down.

11. Common Diagnostic Solutions

11.1 Laser is Not Turning On

First, make sure that the electrical outlet is working, plug in a lamp or phone charger to ensure that it is the machine and not the outlet. Check the simple stuff first.

- Is the Emergency Stop button (located on the monitor mount) pressed down?
- Is the On/Off power switch (located on the monitor mount) turned into the off position?
- Is the cord plugged into the machine and electrical outlet?

11.2 High or Low Temperature Alarms

The laser has multiple protection modes built in to prevent possible injuries or damage to the machine. Problems with any of these modes can prevent the machine from firing but the laser head will still move around as if the machine is working correctly.

High or Low Temperature Alarms

If you have either high or low temperatures, then the laser may not be able to power up without an alarm.

- Alarm: Overheat Power Supply Off
 - Solution: Shut off laser PSU and check the Chiller to ensure it has no alarms and that it is running
 - o If you just turned it on let the chiller run for 5-10 minutes to cool the water and then turn laser PSU back on

11.3 Axis Alarms, Chiller Alarms, and Inadequate Cuts

Axis Alarms

- Alarm: X-Axis, Y Axis
 - o Solution: Check the E-Stop button. Try to origin the machine



Common Diagnostic Solutions

Chiller Alarm:

- Alarm: A given error code will show on the display. Most of the Chillers now have a sticker on the front with the Error code numerical value and a solution to clear the alarm. If you are unable to clear the alarm with the remedy given you can follow the steps below.
 - Solution: If the chiller is in an alarm state, identify what the error code is and then shut it off
 - Check the water level on the gauge and ensure it is at the green level
 - Isolate the chiller from the machine by disconnecting the water lines from the machine and recirculating both output lines of the chiller right back into the inputs of the chiller
 - This will determine if the issue is related to just the chiller or the machine
 - Turn the chiller back on
 - o If the alarm clears on the chiller, the issue is related to the machine
 - If the alarm clears, contact Boss Laser Technical Support for additional assistance
 - o If the alarm doesn't clear, then try the troubleshooting steps suggested on the front sticker of the chiller
 - If yours does not include the error codes and steps to clear the alarm, or you have tried these steps without success, then contact Boss Laser Technical Support for assistance.

Inadequate Quality / Cuts:

- Check your consumables first
 - The Nozzle, Lower Protective Window, or the Ceramic Disk may need to be replaced

Additional Troubleshooting Assistance

You can contact Boss Laser Technical Support via phone at 407-878-0880 or via email techsupport@bosslaser.com

Some common issues can be caused by being out of sequence for the startup procedure. Many issues can be remedied by shutting the system down, pause for about 1 minute, and then going back through the Startup process again.

