PRODUCT GUIDE

This guide includes information for the following NKT Photonics products:

**SuperK VARIA**
Variable Bandpass Filter A301-100-000

**CAUTION:** Do not open the device chassis. All chassis are equipped with warranty labels (see Figure 40) on their covers. The warranty is void if a device is opened.

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Guide Overview

This product guide is intended to provide functional, operational and installation information for the SuperK VARIA. The guide includes chapters that cover VARIA description, installation, operation and parameter adjustment.

**WARNING:** Do not operate a laser with the VARIA before first reading and understanding all warnings, cautions and handling information stated within the document:

*SuperK VARIA Safety, Handling and Regulatory Information*

The paper copy of this guide is included with your accessory; it can also be downloaded from:


Documentation  A USB memory stick is included. It contains documentation for all NKT Photonics products including this accessory.

Terminology  The guide may refer to the SuperK VARIA as the VARIA, device or accessory.

Target Audience  This guide is for technical personnel involved in the selection, planning and deployment of lasers and photonic equipment in laboratory and industrial settings. The guide assumes a reasonable knowledge level of lasers, photonic principles and electrical interface connectivity.

Chapters Inside  This guide includes the following chapters:

- Chapter I “Description” — Describes the accessory including its general operational principles, management and interfaces.

- Chapter 2 “Installation” — Includes information and procedures on how to correctly install the accessory chassis.

- Chapter 3 “CONTROL Interface” — This chapter provides the details on how to manage the accessory using NKT Photonics CONTROL software interface.

- Appendices — The appendix includes specifications, servicing information, support contact details, and how to install the management software.
Added information and Safety Notices

Lasers with their accessories are highly dangerous devices that can cause serious injury and property damage. This guide uses the following symbols to either highlight important safety information or provide further information in relation to a specific topic.

**NOTE:** Highlights additional information related to the associated topic and/or provides links or the name of the NKTP guides describing the additional information.

**CAUTION:** Alerts you to a potential hazard that could cause loss of data, or damage the system or equipment.

**WARNING:** The laser safety warning alerts you to potential serious injury that may be caused when using a laser with the accessory.

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1 Description

A SuperK VARIA is a plug & play filter accessory for the SuperK series of lasers. It provides a filtered output channel using a variable bandpass filter. In addition to the primary output channel, it also includes a second auxiliary output channel which emits the remaining portion of unfiltered light.

A SuperK VARIA filter block may be combined with a SuperK CONNECT and SuperK Fiber Delivery to form a Fiber Delivery System (FDS).

Figure 1 SuperK VARIA general view

Features

Output  Emission from SuperK VARIA output ports are free space beams. To deliver the filtered and unfiltered auxiliary outputs, Fiber Delivery System (FDS) using SuperK CONNECTs can be fitted to the VARIA.

Interlock  SuperK VARIAs are equipped with a safety interlock. The interlock interconnects with the SuperK laser’s interlock system. The interlock system disables emissions immediately when the interlock circuit is broken, such as an interconnected safety door switch. Refer to “Electrical Connections” on page 24.

Shutters  As a safety feature, each optical output of the SuperK VARIA is equipped with a mechanical shutter. When the shutter is closed, it blocks all optical emission. The
shutters are manually operated by turning the shutter knob between the Open and Closed positions as shown in Figure 2.

**Figure 2 Auxiliary output – shutter knob set to open**

> !CAUTION: When the laser outputs are not in use, NKTP recommends to CLOSE the shutters.

> !CAUTION: You can view the position of the shutters in the status panel of CONTROL, see “Status Indicators” on page 29.

> WARNING: When the Auxiliary output is OPEN, significant IR power can be emitted (several watts). At this level, the power is sufficient to ignite paper, cartons, gyprock walls and other similar material.

> WARNING: The NKTP FDS is rated for 500 mW maximum. SuperK system power should be adequately reduced when mounting an FDS (not advisable) to the Auxiliary output.

**Top panel** The top panel shown in Figure 3 includes the following:

- Input and output aperture indicators
- Output shutter control knobs
- Collimator release button with locking screw
- Mounting hole access
Auxiliary output shutter
Set this shutter to block or unblock the auxiliary emission output aperture. Set the shutter to “Closed” to block emission and “Open” to unblock emission from the auxiliary output aperture.

Mounting holes
The two mounting holes (2) are designed to fasten the SuperK VARIA to either metric or imperial optical tables that have screw holes spaced at either 25 mm or 1” pitch.

Primary output shutter
Set this shutter to block or unblock the primary filtered output emission from the aperture. Set the shutter to “Closed” to block emission and “Open” to unblock emission from the aperture.

Collimator release button and locking screw
SuperK laser outputs are provided with a barrel shaped collimator. When inserted into an VARIA optical input receptacle, it is automatically retained by a locking mechanism that securely holds the barrel in place. To release the collimator from the input receptacle, press the Collimator Release button (6).

i. See “Electrical Interfaces” on page 17
**Optical apertures**  
Optical apertures are located on the side panels of the VARIA as shown in Figure 4 and described in the following.

**Figure 4  Optical Interfaces**

1 Optical input aperture – see Figure 1  
2 Primary optical output aperture – with CONNECT mounted  
3 Monitor optical output aperture – with optional cover plate mounted  
4 Auxiliary optical output aperture with CONNECT mounted

**Optical input aperture**
The Optical input aperture is a receptacle that houses the output collimator of a SuperK laser. The laser’s output collimator is inserted into the aperture until it clicks and locks in place. To remove the collimator, press the release button. The collimator can be secured by tightening the lock screw.

**CAUTION:** Do not over tighten the lock screw, doing so may damage the threads.

The optical input includes an interlock switch. If a SuperK collimator is not inserted in the input receptacle, the switch detects this and prevents emission (refer to Figure 5).

**CAUTION:** Always loosen the optical input lock screw before removing a collimator.

**Primary optical output aperture**
This is a free space output aperture for the primary filtered emission.

**NOTE:** Do not over tighten the lock screw, doing so may damage the threads.
**Features**

**Auxiliary optical output aperture**
This is a free space output aperture with IR emission.

**Monitor optical output aperture**
This is a free space output aperture for power monitoring (optional).

**NOTE:** All output apertures include 4 screw holes for mounting, for example, a fiber coupler with a SuperK CONNECT accessory.

**Electrical Interfaces**
The electrical interfaces are located on the same side panel where the optical input aperture is located. Figure 5 shows the panel, all electrical interfaces are located on the right side of the panel.

**Figure 5 Electrical Interfaces and optical input**

1. Monitor output
2. External bus input port
3. Optical input aperture (collimator receptacle)
4. Accessory bus address selector
5. Bus through output port
6. Emission LED
7. Power and Interlock LEDs

**Monitor output (optional)**
This port outputs an electrical signal representing the repetition rate of the laser’s output pulse. The port is optional and only available on custom orders. Contact NKT Photonics sales engineering for further information.

**External bus input port**
The bus input port connects accessories in a daisy chain with a SuperK laser. SuperK lasers and their accessories connect using the NKTP External bus protocol. The bus carries data communications, DC power and the interlock signal from the laser to accessories connected to its bus.

**Optical input aperture**
See “Optical input aperture” on page 16.
Accessory bus address selector
When multiple accessories are connected in an External bus daisy chain, to a SuperK laser, you can use this dial to set the bus address of the VARIA.

Accessories communicating on the same external bus must have a unique address. The address selector dial can set the bus address with up to 16 addresses from 0x0 to 0xF (hex). Only power on the SuperK laser and accessories after all accessories on the External bus daisy chain are configured with a unique address.

Bus through output port
Connects additional accessories to the External bus in a daisy chain configuration. A bus defeater must be connected to this port if no other accessories are used with the SuperK laser. Without a bus defeater at the end of the accessory External bus daisy chain, the interlock loop circuit is left open and emission is disabled at the SuperK laser.

SuperK VARIA Control

Software Description
Both the SuperK laser and the VARIA accessory are controlled using NKT Photonic’s CONTROL management software installed on a PC or the front panel interface.

A PC with CONTROL installed on it can connect to the laser using either the USB serial port or the 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet port on the laser. CONTROL communicates with the VARIA through the laser’s External bus connection.

Chapter “CONTROL Interface” contains information on using NKTP’s CONTROL software and how to connect to and control the VARIA. It also includes instructions on how to set the center wavelength to a resolution of 0.1 nm to match the intended application.

CONTROL software installation
Refer to the procedure found in Appendix C.

Status LEDs
The VARIA includes three status LEDs as described in Table 1. The LEDs are located on a side panel next to the External bus ports as shown in Figure 6.

The emission LED is lit ON RED when the connected SuperK laser’s emission is enabled. When ON RED, laser light is present at the primary and auxiliary optical output ports.

WARNING: If any of the VARIA aperture shutters are closed, emission is blocked. The position of the shutters does not affect the status of the emission LED, only the emission status of the connected SuperK laser.
WARNING: DO NOT OPERATE the SuperK laser until you are familiar with the controls and have taken all precautions necessary as described in the laser’s safety handling and regulatory information document.

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<th>LED Name</th>
<th>Condition</th>
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<td>Emission</td>
<td>ON RED</td>
<td>Emission enabled(^i)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>Emission disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>ON GREEN</td>
<td>The VARIA is powered ON; the external bus 12V DC power is OK.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ON RED</td>
<td>DC supply voltage is low.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>FLASHING GREEN/AMBER</td>
<td>Indicates data transmission on the external bus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>The VARIA is OFF; no DC power connected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interlock</td>
<td>ON GREEN</td>
<td>Interlock safety circuit is closed; laser emission permitted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ON RED(^ii)</td>
<td>Interlock safety circuit is open; laser emission is disabled.</td>
</tr>
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\(^i\) Warning: SuperK emissions are rated Class 4.
\(^ii\) Check the SuperK laser for interlock error information.
Chassis labels

The SuperK VARIA chassis includes multiple labels that indicate hazards and safety and product information. The labels are located on the panels as described in Table 2 with the panels shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8.

Table 2  Chassis labels

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<th>Panel</th>
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<td>Class 4 Laser</td>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Classification Safety information indicating the laser emission radiation class and precautions to take when the laser is operating.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laser Aperture</td>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Safety information alert indicating the location of the aperture where laser radiation is emitted from the device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>Side</td>
<td>Manufacturing information including address, part and serial number, date manufactured and regulatory compliance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laser Radiation</td>
<td>Top</td>
<td>Warning Safety information alert indicating this area of the device is near a source of dangerous laser emissions.</td>
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Figure 7  Side panel manufacturing label
Figure 8  Top panel labels

1. Laser aperture
2. Laser radiation warning
   i. Laser apertures are located on the side panel adjacent the label.
3. Class 4 emission hazards
2 Installation

CAUTION: For reliable operation, the SuperK VARIA should not be exposed to corrosive agents or excessive moisture, heat or dust.

CAUTION: Ambient operating environment specifications are listed in Table 5 on page 35.

CAUTION: This product is not UL-approved but all safety components are UL-approved.

Installation process The following steps outline the installation process:

1. Prepare a suitable installation platform for the VARIA.

2. Place and fasten the VARIA to the prepared installation platform ensuring the optical outputs are aligned with the intended application.

3. Turn all optical output shutters to the Closed position.

4. Insert the SuperK output collimator into the Optical Input receptacle. See “Optical Connections” on page 22.


6. Place and connect the included bus defeater onto the VARIA Bus Through port connector.

7. Turn the SuperK laser power ON.

8. Observe and ensure the power and Interlock LEDs are ON. See “Status LEDs” on page 18 to interpret their status condition.

General All chassis types must be installed on a level surface that is free from vibrations. The SuperK VARIA can be fastened to both metric and imperial optical tables. The ambient temperature surrounding the laser and VARIA should be stable and free from anything that could cause temperature fluctuations. Temperature changes and vibrations may affect the device operation and result in abnormal operation.

CAUTION: The SuperK VARIA is intended for use with the SuperK Class 4 lasers systems only. Using the SuperK VARIA with a laser source other than a SuperK laser may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

WARNING: To operate these systems, you must be familiar with laser safety regulations and have received instruction in the safe use of lasers.
Optical Connections

Following the steps in Procedure 1, to insert the output collimator of the SuperK laser into the Optical Input receptacle of the SuperK VARIA.

**Inserting the collimator**

**Procedure 1 Inserting a SuperK output collimator**

1. Disconnect power from the laser.

2. If not already installed, position the SuperK VARIA at its final operating location and securing it to a suitable mounting surface.

3. Partially insert the laser’s output collimator barrel into the Optical Input receptacle as shown in Figure 8.

**Figure 8 Partially inserting the collimator**

4. Holding the collar, rotate the collimator until the alignment key of the collimator aligns with the slot at the optical port of the chassis (Figure 9).

**NOTE:** When the key is aligned with the slot, the axial orientation of the collimator is correctly aligned.
5. Push the collimator into the receptacle until its collar rests against the chassis. As you push it in, the collimator will encounter some resistance, and two distinct clicks as it locks in place.

**NOTE:** Again, you may need to turn the collar slightly to align the collimator key with the alignment slot.

6. To secure the collimator in the receptacle, tighten the lock screw shown in Figure 10 using a 2.5 mm hex key (Allen key).

**CAUTION:** Do not over tighten the lock screw, doing so may damage the threads.

Figure 9 Collimator lock screw

![Collimator lock screw](image-url)
Electrical Connections

**External bus**  For basic operation, connect the External bus of the SuperK laser to the Bus Input of the VARIA. To connect the bus:

1. Disconnect power from the laser.

   **CAUTION:** If the laser is powered ON when connecting the external bus cable, DAMAGE can occur to both the laser and the VARIA.

2. Using a DB-15 male to female external bus cable (included with your laser or accessory), connect the *External bus* connector of the SuperK laser to the *Bus Input* connector of the VARIA.

   Figures 11 and 12 show the connections for each of the devices.

*Figure 10  Connecting the External bus - SuperK laser*

*Figure 11  Connecting the External bus and bus defeater - VARIA*
3. Place the *Bus Defeater* (included with your laser or accessory) on the *Bus Through* connector of the VARIA - see Figures 12 and 13.

**Figure 12 Bus defector**

**NOTE:** If you do not terminate the External bus with an NKT Photonics bus defeater, the interlock circuit remains open and laser emission cannot be enabled.

### Adding additional accessories

1. If any additional accessories are to be connected to the SuperK laser, use an External bus cable to connect the *Bus Through* connector on the VARIA to the *External bus* connection on the other accessory.

2. The last accessory in the External bus daisy chain requires the *Bus Defeater* to be placed on its *Bus Through* connector.

**NOTE:** To enable emission on a SuperK laser, the power supply and the door-switch interlock must be connected. Refer to the instruction manual for the SuperK laser system for more information.

**NOTE:** All bus cables used with the SuperK laser system must be shielded and no more than 3 meters in length.

**NOTE:** When additional accessories are added to the External bus daisy chain, each device must have a unique bus address. For the VARIA, set the address using the address selector when next to the External bus connectors. (See “Address selector” on page 28.)
CONTROL Interface

CONTROL overview

The CONTROL user interface includes multiple panels and a selection of menu drop down items in the upper left corner. Figure 14 shows CONTROL’s main panels and menu; their functions are described in the table below. This chapter only describes CONTROL operations related to the SuperK VARIA, for all other functionality, refer to the specific SuperK documentation.

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<th>Function</th>
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<td>Selectable list of connected devices (lasers and accessories) sorted by the PC port they are connected to.</td>
<td>Device Selector on page 28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quick Connect</td>
<td>Provides a button when clicked, scans all available PC ports for connected NKTP products.</td>
<td>Refer to SuperK laser documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status Panel</td>
<td>This panel displays the selected device status, emission control and a CONTROL settings menu.</td>
<td>Status Panel on page 29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Menu Items</td>
<td>Five drop down menus with multiple functions.</td>
<td>Refer to SuperK laser documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control Panel</td>
<td>The control panel provides adjustable controls for the laser and accessories selected. The SuperK Extreme provides configuration controls for current, repetition rate and trigger delay.</td>
<td>Control panel on page 33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Log</td>
<td>This panel displays a debugging log that can be saved to a file.</td>
<td>Refer to SuperK laser documentation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device Monitor</td>
<td>To also help debugging issues, this panel displays multiple port and device module parameters.</td>
<td>Refer to SuperK laser documentation.</td>
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Figure 14  CONTROL panel navigation
Device Selector

You can find the list of SuperK nodes that CONTROL is currently communicating with in the Device selector. To manage any device, click on its corresponding icon. When the icon is highlighted blue, it indicates that the *Control panel* and *Status panel* are displayed for that device. In the device selector list, the VARIA is represented by the icon shown in Figure 15.

**Figure 15  Device selector icon**

![Device selector icon](image)

Figure 16 shows the device selector list with an VARIA selected, indicated by the blue highlighting.

**Figure 16  Device selector**

![Device selector](image)

**Address selector** When multiple accessories are used with a single SuperK laser, the laser’s External bus connects the accessories in a daisy chain topology. For each device, the address selector wheel must be set to one of 16 (0x0 to 0xFF) unique addresses. Figure 17 shows a case where multiple accessories share the External bus.

**Figure 17  Device selector set to 0xE bus address**

![Device selector set to 0xE bus address](image)

**CAUTION:** Only turn ON the SuperK laser and External bus connected accessories after all accessories are configured with a UNIQUE BUS ADDRESS.
Status Panel

The Status Panel for the VARIA provides status indicators, error messages, an emission control button, and a CONTROL settings menu.

**Figure 18 Status Panel**

![Status Panel Diagram]

**Status Indicators**
The panel displays the following indicators:

**Main output shutter**
Indicates the position of the mechanical shutter for the IR output shutter. The shutter is either in the closed or open position.

- **ON Green** – the Main output shutter is in the open position, laser emission can pass through the aperture.
- **OFF Grey** – the Main output shutter is in the closed position, emissions are blocked.

**AUX output shutter**
Indicates the position of the mechanical shutter for the Visible output shutter. The shutter is either in the closed or open position.

- **ON Green** – the AUX output shutter is in the open position, laser emission can pass through the aperture.
- **OFF Grey** – the AUX output shutter is in the closed position, emissions are blocked.
Interlock
Indicates the status of the Interlock circuit and whether emissions can be turned on or not. The indicator will be either:

- **ON Red** – the interlock circuit is open or shorted to ground – No emissions allowed
- **ON Green** – the interlock circuit is closed and reset – emissions allowed

To clear the ON Red indicator, close the interlock circuit and reset it. Any shorts to ground or circuit opens must be removed or the Interlock will remain ON red.

Status
Indicates the operational status of the laser. The indicator has the following states:

- **ON Green** – The VARIA is ready for operation.
- **ON Red** – The VARIA has experienced a fault and has shutdown. An error code is displayed underneath the Status indicator. Contact NKT Support if the fault cannot be cleared - see “Support Contact Details” on page 37.

System Info
The System Info section shows the following:

- VARIA Serial number
- VARIA Firmware version

Output power monitor
If an optional output power monitor is fitted to your VARIA, the gain setting and monitor signal levels can be shown in the Status panel. To show the setting and level, access the “View” menu and click the Output power monitor check box.

Emission button
The emission button turns the SuperK laser emission ON or OFF. The button indicator turns ON RED when laser emissions are generated. Otherwise, it will be OFF Grey. This button operates identically to the button available in the CONTROL status panel of the SuperK laser. Refer to the SuperK laser documentation for further information on managing emission.
Control settings

The CONTROL settings are accessible by clicking the gear icon 🛠 in the upper right corner of the Status panel. Clicking the gear icon provides access to the View settings menu as shown in Figure 19:

**Figure 19  CONTROL settings**

- **Reset**  The VARIA is equipped with a stepper motor to adjust its optics. After a long period of use, access this menu to reset and calibrate the stepper motor.

  *Home filter* – click button to reset and calibrate the stepper motor function.

**Figure 20  Reset settings**

- **View**  The View settings toggle ON or OFF the display of VARIA system information in the status panel.

  *System info* – check the box next to “System info” to toggle ON displaying the system information within the status panel.
Output power monitor – check the box next to “Output power monitor” to toggle ON the display of the gain setting and monitor signal level in the status panel.

**Figure 21 View settings**

### Settings

**View**

- System info
- Output power monitor

Check to toggle ON displaying status panel System info and/or Output power monitor parameters.

**Bandwidth restrictions**

These two settings allows the output bandwidth to be greater than 100 nm or less than 10 nm

*Allow bandwidth higher than 100 nm* – check the box to increase the bandwidth to a maximum of 440 nm. Using bandwidths greater than 100 nm results reduces the quality of the output spectrum.

*Allow bandwidth lower than 10 nm* – check the box to allow a bandwidth that is less than 10 nm. Using bandwidths smaller than 10 nm reduces the quality of the output spectrum.

**Figure 22 Bandwidth restriction settings**

### Settings

**Bandwidth restrictions**

- Allow bandwidth higher than 100 nm.
- Allow bandwidth lower than 10 nm.

Check each box to change the minimum and maximum bandwidth range.
Control panel

The Control panel displays the VARIA Wavelength settings adjusted with slider controls or the individual text input fields. The standard Wavelength settings configures the:

- **Center (wavelength)** – slider control for the center wavelength of the filtered output. The wavelength is set using either the slider control or a text input field for direct input of the wavelength. **Range:** 400 to 840 nm

- **Bandwidth** – slider control for the total bandwidth of the filtered output spectrum in nanometers. The bandwidth will be equally distributed on either side of the set center wavelength. **Range:** 10-100 nm

- **Start/Stop** – you can manual set the lower and upper bandwidth limits using the two start stop slider controls. Setting the two sliders will automatically adjust the center wavelength and bandwidth controls. **Range:** you can set the sliders to almost all values between 400 and 840nm with a 10 to 100 nm bandwidth.

**Figure 23  Wavelength controls – click-hold and slide**

![Wavelength controls](image)

**NOTE:** When a new center wavelength and bandwidth is configured, the VARIA immediately makes the proper adjustments to filter the newly set emission range.

**Text input**

On the upper right side of each slider control is a text input field. You can directly enter the setting values using these fields. Note the **Start Stop** setting has two fields. The upper field is the lower bandwidth limit wavelength and the lower field is the upper bandwidth limit.

**Using a bandwidth less than 10 nm** You can reduce the bandwidth output from the VARIA to below 10 nm. Below the 10 nm limit, the quality of the output spectrum is diminished. Use the Status panel...
“Bandwidth restrictions” settings to change the Bandwidth slider scale to permit the reduced bandwidth as shown in Figure 24.

**Figure 24 Reduced Bandwidth set to 3.0 nm**

![Wavelength chart showing reduced bandwidth set to 3.0 nm](image)

**Using a bandwidth greater than 100 nm**

You can increase the bandwidth output from the VARIA to beyond 100 nm. Beyond the 100 nm limit, the quality of the output spectrum is diminished. Use the Status panel “Bandwidth restrictions” settings to change the Bandwidth slider scale to permit the increase in bandwidth as shown in Figure 25.

**Figure 25 Increased Bandwidth set to 247.0 nm**

![Wavelength chart showing increased bandwidth set to 247.0 nm](image)

**NOTE:** The VARIA output center wavelength can only be adjusted within an operating range specific to the model. Center wavelengths entered outside the range, are replaced by a wavelength at the nearest limit of the operational range.
## Specifications

### Table 3 Interfaces

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<td>Monitor</td>
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### Table 4 Mechanical dimensions

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<td>Size (H x W x D)</td>
<td>68 x 272 x 212 mm (2.68 x 10.71 x 8.35 in)</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>7.9 kg (17.4 lb)</td>
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### Table 5 Operating and storage environment

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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>18°C to 28°C (64°F to 82°F)</td>
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<td>Storage Temperature</td>
<td>-20°C to 50°C (-4°F to 122°F)</td>
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<td>Operating Humidity (non-condensing)</td>
<td>20 to 80%</td>
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<td>700 hPa to 1060 hPa</td>
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### Table 6 Safety and regulatory compliances

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<td>EN 61010-1:2010:Safety requirements for electrical equipment for</td>
<td>EN 61326-1:2013: Electrical equipment for measurement,</td>
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Figure 26  Mechanical dimensions
Servicing

The accessory has no user serviceable components. In case of malfunction, contact NKT Photonics using the support channels in section “Support Contact Details”.

**CAUTION:** Do not open the accessory chassis. The accessory is equipped with warranty labels (see Figure 27) on the covers of its chassis. The warranty is void if the system is opened.

**CAUTION:** The accessory contains electro-static discharge (ESD) sensitive components. To avoid permanent ESD damage, use ESD protection precautions when handling the accessory. Always connect the accessory’s earth point to a ground earth within your facility.

Figure 27 Warranty seal

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Opening the chassis

There are no user serviceable components inside the accessory chassis. Should your accessory malfunction, and it cannot be serviced on site, it must be shipped to the NKT Photonics office in Denmark.

**WARRANTY VOID IF REMOVED** label

The unit is sealed with a label “WARRANTY VOID IF REMOVED”. It is strictly prohibited to remove the chassis cover.

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Support Contact Details

For technical or general support, NKT Photonics can be contacted for help regarding issues and questions with your accessory.

**Online Support Webpage**

1. Go to:
   
   [https://www.nktphotonics.com/support/](https://www.nktphotonics.com/support/)

2. Scroll down and click or press:

   ![Contact Support](#)

3. Select the type of help required, fill in the form, and click or press *Submit*. 
Shipping Address  NKT Photonics A/S
               Blokken 84
               DK-3460 Birkerød
               Denmark
Installing CONTROL

Download the software from:

https://www.nkt photonics.com/support/

Follow the steps in Procedure 2.

Procedure 2 Installing CONTROL

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<td>1 On the PC, launch the installer package and then double click the installer icon.</td>
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<td>2 The installation wizard appears. Click Next to continue.</td>
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<td>3 Accept to use the default installation directory or select another directory by clicking the Browse button. Click Next to continue.</td>
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4. Uncheck the components you do not require. By default, all components are installed. Click Next to continue.

5. Read the End-User License Agreement, and check “I accept the license.” box. Not checking the box ends the installation wizard. Click Next to continue.

6. The wizard creates a start menu folder with program short-cuts. Use the default name or enter a new name for the folder. Click Next to continue.
7. Check the box to create a desktop shortcut to access Control.

Click Next to continue.

8. Check the ‘Run the Silicon Labs CP10x driver installation’ box and click Next.

Note: If you do not have the driver installed USB connectivity will fail.

9. Click Install to install NKTP CONTROL software on your PC.

Click Cancel if you want to abort the installation.
10 The wizard displays a progress meter for the installation.  
   **Note:** a normal install should only take a few seconds.

11 Click Next to install the UART drivers for the PC USB port.

12 The drivers are installed.  
   **Note:** Depending on your computer this occurs so fast you may not see this.
13 The Silicon Labs drivers is installed successfully.

Click Finish to end the driver installation.

14 CONTROL is now installed.

Check the Run box to launch CONTROL when the Finish button is clicked.

Click Finish to end the installation wizard.