HLS LASER TEST INSTRUCTIONS

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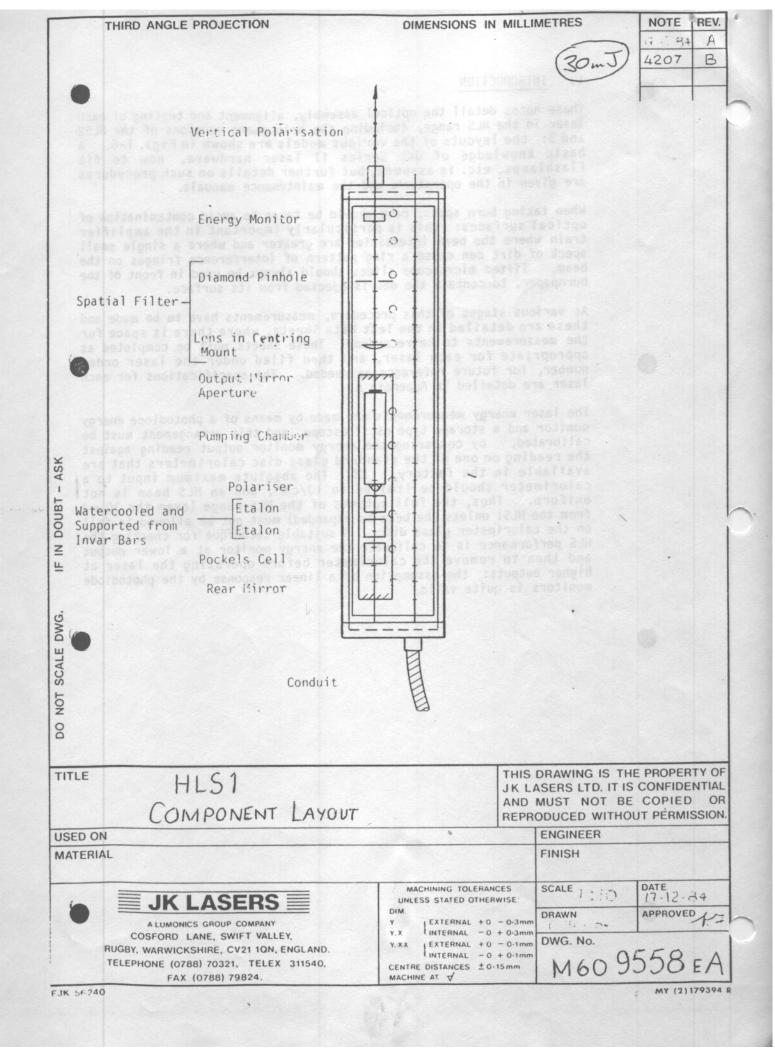
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At various stages of this procedure, measurements have to be made and these are detailed in the Test Data Sheets, where there is space for the measurements to be recorded. These sheets must be completed as appropriate for each laser, and then filed under the laser order number, for future reference as needed. The specifications for each laser are detailed in Appendix A.

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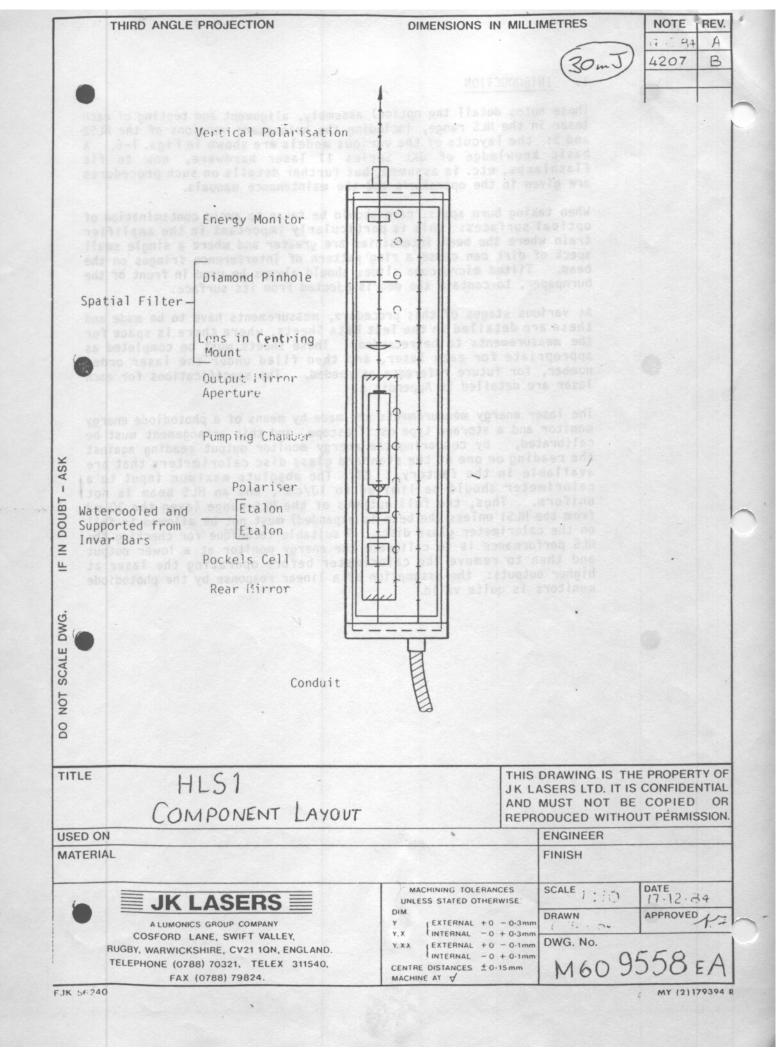
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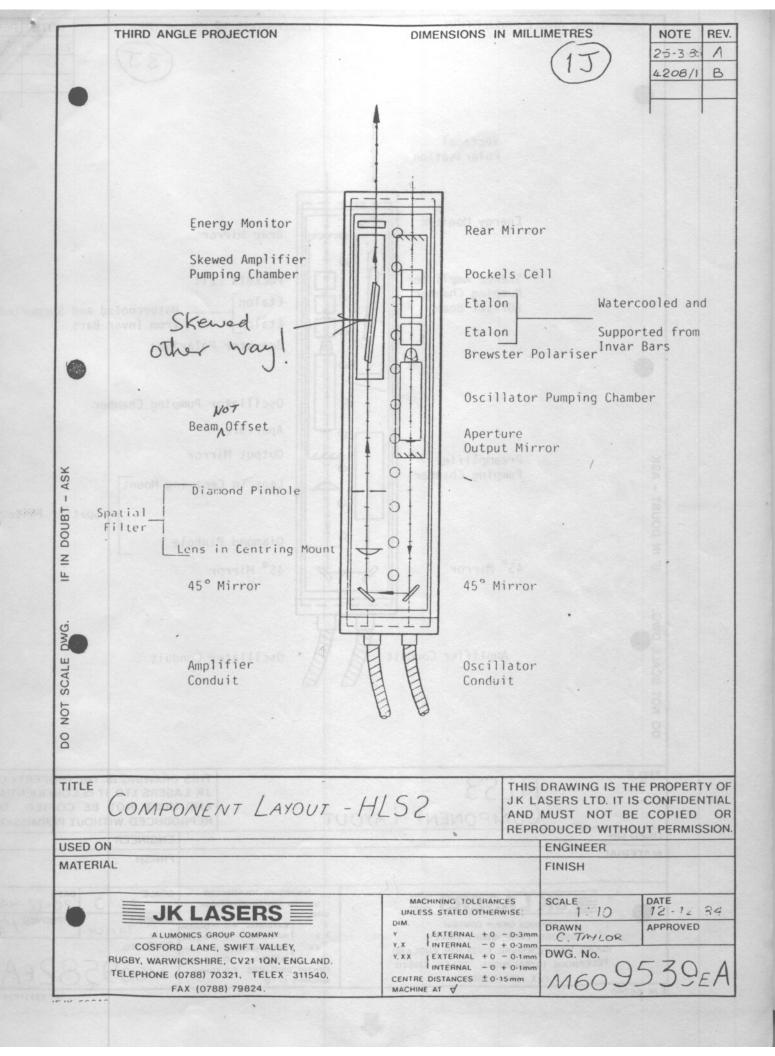
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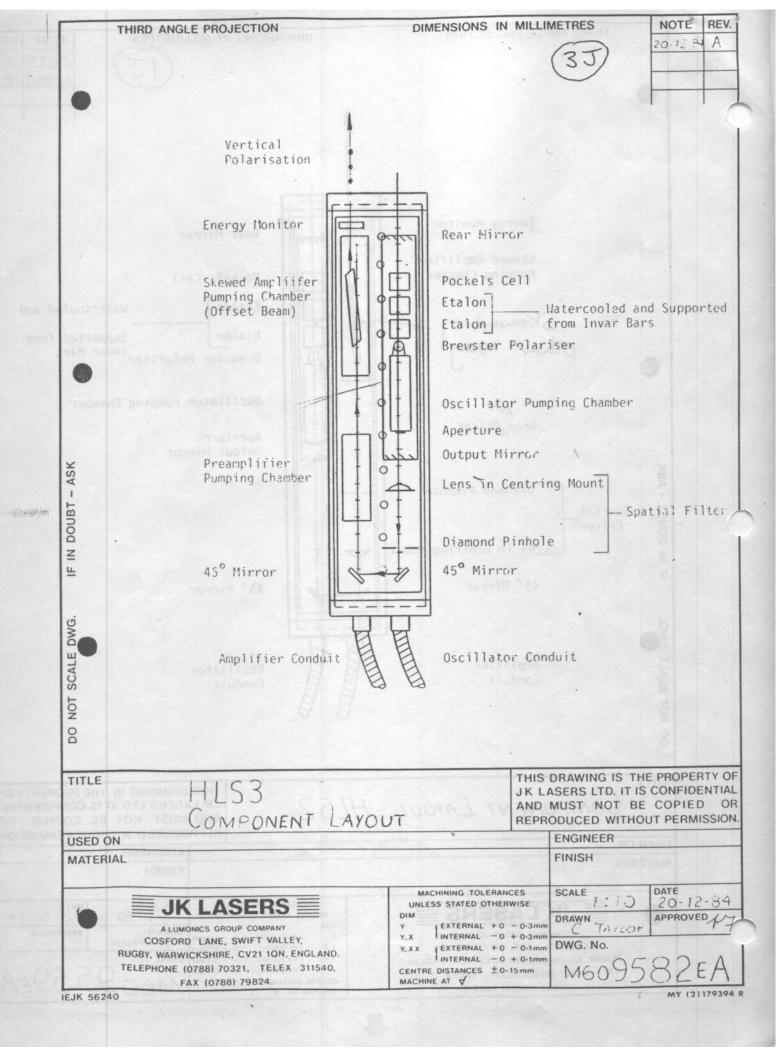
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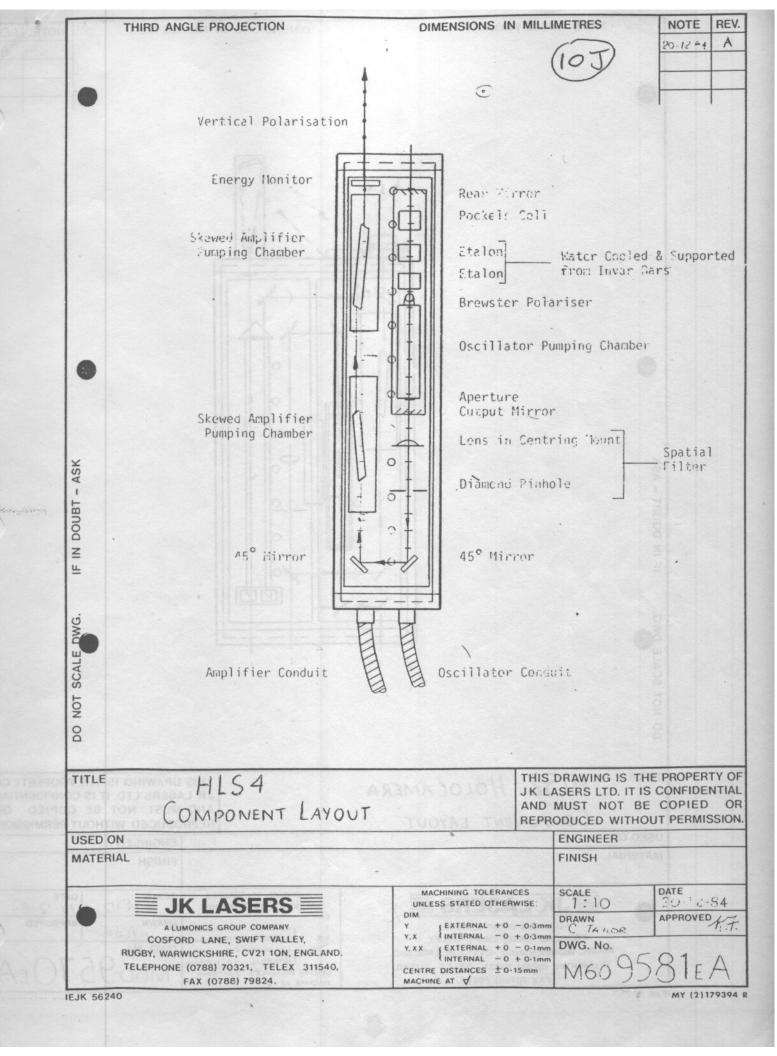
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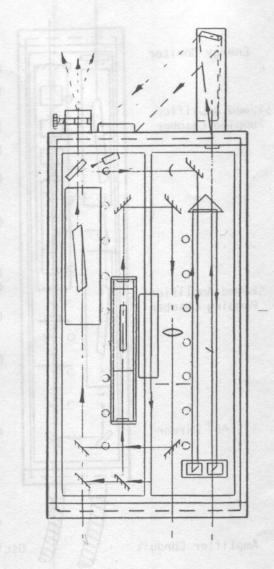
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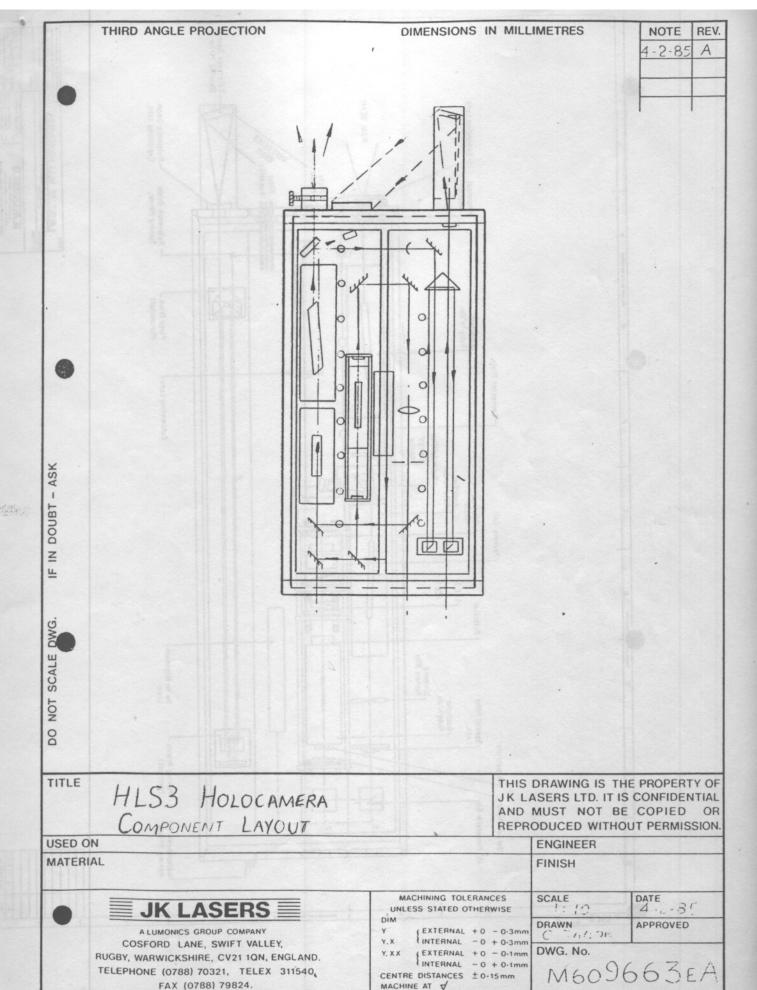
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