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Technology & Workholding Systems

Quick Start Guide

## Before you start: review all safety and design precautions

This quick start guide was written for the users of Blue Photon's workholding technology. Before you use, read this manual carefully. In particular, pay attention to the warnings and cautions that appear in the safety and design sections at the front of the manual. Before you begin, you should also read the user guide. For more information, visit our website for the most up-to-date product and safety information: [www.BluePhotonGrip.com](http://www.BluePhotonGrip.com).

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### Safety Considerations

This guide as well as additional manuals provide a description of the function, application and safety considerations of the Blue Photon system. These manuals must be read and understood before any attempt is made to install or use this system. Improper use could result in damage to the product or unsafe conditions for the user. Follow these safeguards to prevent serious injury or property damage. Consult the factory on turning applications.



### Design Considerations

This guide provides general operating procedures. Your specific application will have special considerations in setup, function and use. There are several design considerations that must be addressed before implementing Blue Photon workholding. Review these considerations with your design and engineering teams, including the number and position of grippers, adhesive joint temperature, adhesive cure time, amount of adhesive, setting the part on applied adhesive, and part and gripper cleaning.

## Important

Before using the ultraviolet (UV) LED equipment read and understand all manufacturer's documentation for proper setup, safety and necessary maintenance.



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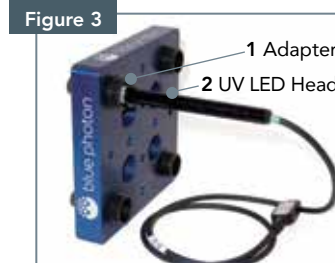
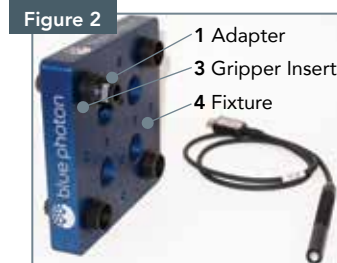
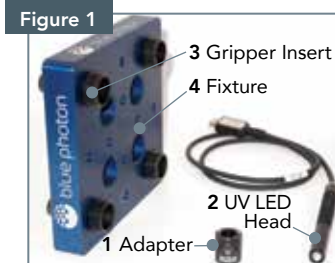
## Instructions

### 1. Install the UV LED light head adapters

The adapters protect the UV LED heads and provide an accurate alignment to the back of the gripper.

1. Install gripper insert or gripper (3) into your fixture (4). See Figure 1 below. If you do not use inserts, install grippers per installation instructions in the User Guide on page 11. Caution: Do not over tighten the grippers.
2. Insert the adapter (1) into the fixture (4). See Figure 2 below.
3. Insert the UV LED head (2) into the adapter (1). See Figure 3 below.
4. Tighten the lock screw.\*
5. Remove the UV LED head with the adapter now attached. See Figure 4 below.

\*Caution: Do not over tighten the lock screw.



### 2. Setting up the UV LED head controller

1. Connect the UV LED head cable to the back of the UV LED head controller.
2. Connect the supplied AC power cord to the power supply and to a properly grounded AC outlet. Then connect the power supply's DC connector to the back of the UV LED head controller.
3. Turn the controller power switch to ON.
4. The main control panel shows the current state of any connected UV LED heads.  
*If the top number is under 60 seconds and the bottom number is less than 100%, proceed to step 5.*
5. Push the "select" button.
6. Arrow down to "LED head information" then push the "select" button.
7. Arrow down to "mode" then push the "select" button.
8. Push arrow up to change mode to "CNT Dn" then push the "select" button.
9. Arrow up to main menu (≡) then push the "select" button.
10. Arrow up to "main control panel" then push the "select" button.
11. Push arrow down until time turns red then push the "select" button (*time will flash*).
12. Arrow up to 60 seconds then push the "select" button.
13. Arrow down until power setting is red then push the "select" button.
14. Arrow up until 100% is shown then push the "select" button.  
*Repeat steps 11-14 for additional heads.*
15. Arrow up to main menu (≡).
16. Controller is ready to use.



### 3. Bond your part

1. First clean your workpiece and grippers of any dust and debris by swiping with 90% pure or greater isopropyl alcohol or another cleaning agent. Do not use an abrasive cleaner or cloth on the grippers. See Step 3a below.
2. Apply the required amount of BlueGrip™ workholding adhesive to the face of each of the grippers. The ideal gap is .020" for small grippers and .040" for medium and large grippers. See Step 3b below.
3. Place the part onto the fixture using care not to smear or scrape off the adhesive that has been applied to the face of the grippers. See Step 3c below.
4. Insert the LED heads into fixture. See Step 3d below.
5. Start the UV light source by pushing "start". Consult with your design and engineering team for specific process parameters and configuration. BlueGrip workholding adhesive cures in 60 to 150 seconds. See Step 3e below.
6. Remove heads and repeat if more grippers need curing.
7. Your part is ready for machining. See Step 3f below.

Step 3a



Clean dirt and oil from the grippers and workpiece.

Step 3b



Apply enough adhesive to the grippers to fully fill the gap between the part and gripper.

Step 3c



Position the part onto locators.

Step 3d



Insert LED heads into fixture.

Step 3e



Polymerize the adhesive by applying UV light for 60 to 150 seconds.

Step 3f



Machine the workpiece.

#### 4. Release the part

The part is released from the grippers with a 1/4 turn twist of the grippers or by a hot water soak.

- Twist debond - twist the gripper 1/4 turn counter-clockwise to shear the adhesive bond. See Step 4 below. *Retighten the grippers after debonding.*
- Soak debond - soak the part and fixture in hot water (at least 150° F) for 3-5 minutes then pull the part off the grippers. Increasing the temperature of the water decreases the required soak time.

Step 4a



*Debond with a 1/4 turn twist.*

#### 5. Cleaning cured adhesive

- Cleaning tool - To remove residual, cured adhesive from the grippers use our spindle mounted cleaning tool (P/N 82400) in your CNC machine along with the included program (formatted for Haas controls). See Step 5a below.
- Hot water - To remove residual, cured adhesive from the part and/or gripper use hot water with a pressurized spray to weaken and strip away the cured adhesive. See Step 5b below.
- Steam - An application of pressurized steam will soften the adhesive enough to peel it away. See Step 5c below.
- Dry ice blasting - A cold jet application will remove residual cured adhesive from the part as well.

Step 5a



*Loaded in CNC machine spindle (P/N 82400) to remove cured adhesive.*

Step 5b



*Soak the part and fixture with hot water.*

Step 5c



*Remove residual adhesive with steam or hot water spray.*



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