



3R, 3G **5R, 5G** Point Laser Levels

Users Manual

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Introduction

The 3R, 3G, 5R, and 5G Point Laser Levels (the Product) are battery-powered, self-leveling, professional grade instruments. The 3R and 5R emit red point lasers. The 3G and 5G emit green point lasers. The 3R and 3G emit point lasers 90 ° up, down, and forward from the Product. The 5R and 5G emit point lasers 90 ° up, down, left, right, and forward from the Product. Use the Product to layout reference points and to make sure conditions are level and plumb.

How to Contact Fluke

To contact Fluke, call one of the following telephone numbers:

- Technical Support USA: 1-800-44-FLUKE (1-800-443-5853)
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Safety Information

A **Warning** identifies conditions and actions that pose hazards to the user; a **Caution** identifies conditions and procedures that damage to the Product or the equipment under test.

Warning

To prevent eye damage and personal injury:

- **Read all safety information before you use the Product.**
- **Carefully read all instructions.**

- Do not alter the Product and use only as specified, or the protection supplied by the Product can be compromised.
- Do not use the Product if it operates incorrectly.
- Do not use the Product if it is altered or damaged.
- Use the Product only as specified or hazardous laser radiation exposure can occur.
- Do not look into the laser. Do not point laser directly at persons or animals or indirectly off reflective surfaces.
- Do not look directly into the laser with optical tools (for example, binoculars, telescopes, microscopes). Optical tools can focus the laser and be dangerous to the eye.
- Do not open the Product. The laser beam is dangerous to eyes.
- Batteries contain hazardous chemicals that can cause burns or explode. If exposure to chemicals occurs, clean with water and get medical aid.
- Do not disassemble the battery.
- Repair the Product before use if the battery leaks.
- The battery door must be closed and locked before you operate the Product.
- Remove the batteries if the Product is not used for an extended period of time, or if stored in temperatures above 50 °C. If the batteries are not removed, battery leakage can damage the Product.
- Replace the batteries when the low battery indicator shows to prevent incorrect measurements.
- Be sure that the battery polarity is correct to prevent battery leakage.
- Use only Fluke approved power adapters to charge the battery.
- Do not short the battery terminals together.
- Do not disassemble or crush battery cells and battery packs.
- Do not keep cells or batteries in a container where the terminals can be shorted.
- Do not put battery cells and battery packs near heat or fire. Do not put in sunlight.

Table 1 is a list of the symbols that can be used on the Product or in this manual.

Table 1. Symbols










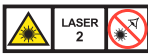
Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Consult user documentation.		Conforms to European Union directives.
	WARNING. RISK OF DANGER.		Conforms to relevant Australian Safety and EMC standards.
	WARNING. LASER RADIATION. Risk of eye damage.		Conforms to relevant South Korean EMC Standards.

Table 1. Symbols

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Battery		Low battery indicator.
	This product complies with the WEEE Directive marking requirements. The affixed label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste. Product Category: With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE Directive Annex I, this product is classed as category 9 “Monitoring and Control Instrumentation” product. Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste.		
	Indicates a Class 2 laser. DO NOT STARE INTO BEAM The following text may appear with the symbol on the product label: “IEC/EN 60825-1:2014. Complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice 50, dated June 24, 2007.” In addition, the following pattern on the label will indicate wavelength and optical power: $\lambda = \text{xxxnm}$, $x.\text{xxmW}$.		

Note

In colder climates, the Product needs sufficient time to warm up to achieve the stated accuracy measurements. Turn on both the horizontal and vertical lasers and wait 3 minutes before you take a measurement. When you move the Product between environments with large differences in ambient temperature, allow for an additional adjustment time.

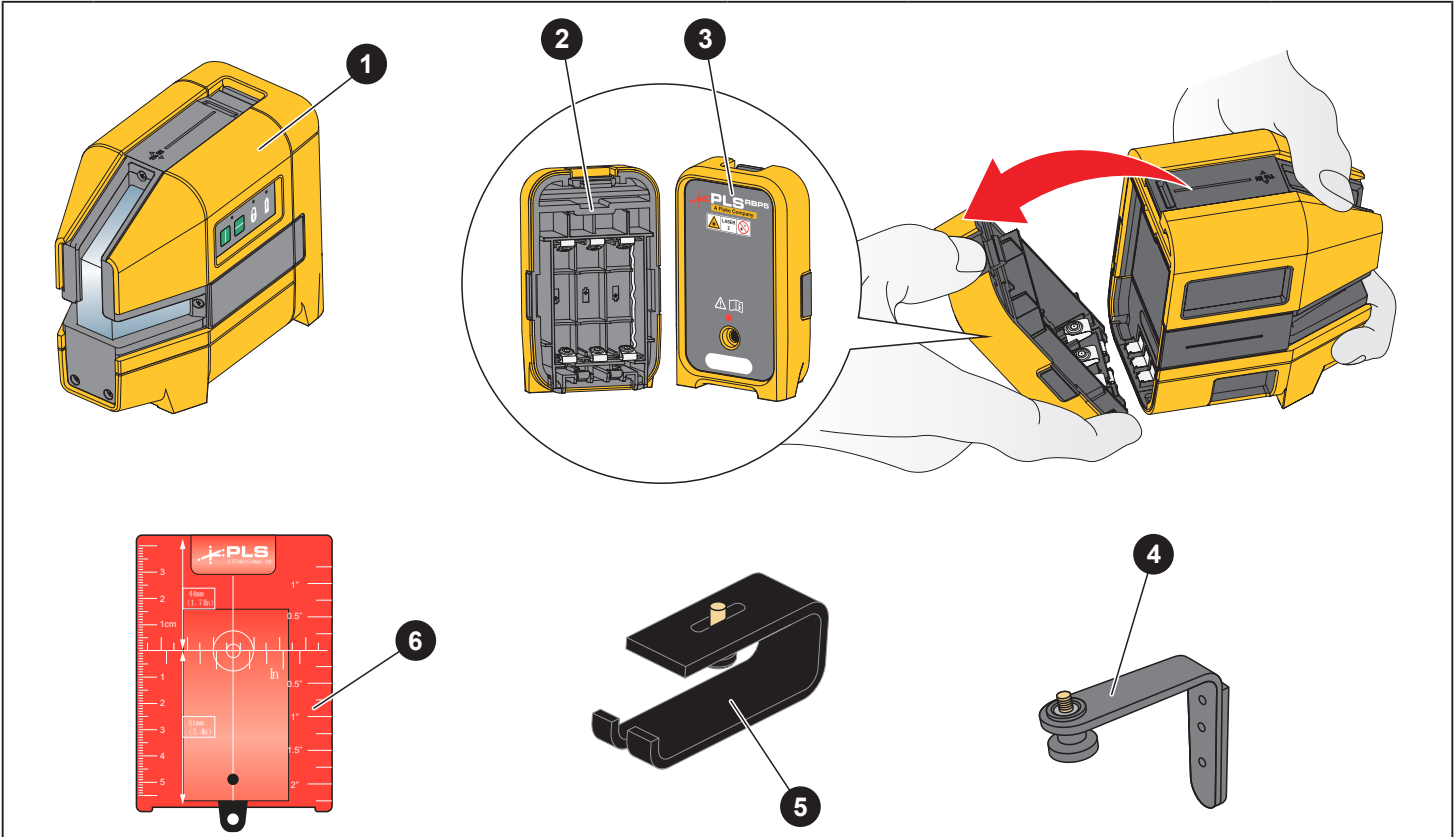
Product Familiarization

The manual explains features for multiple models. Because models have different features and accessories, not all of the information in the manual may apply to your Product.

Features

Use Table 2 to identify the features and standard accessories of your Product.

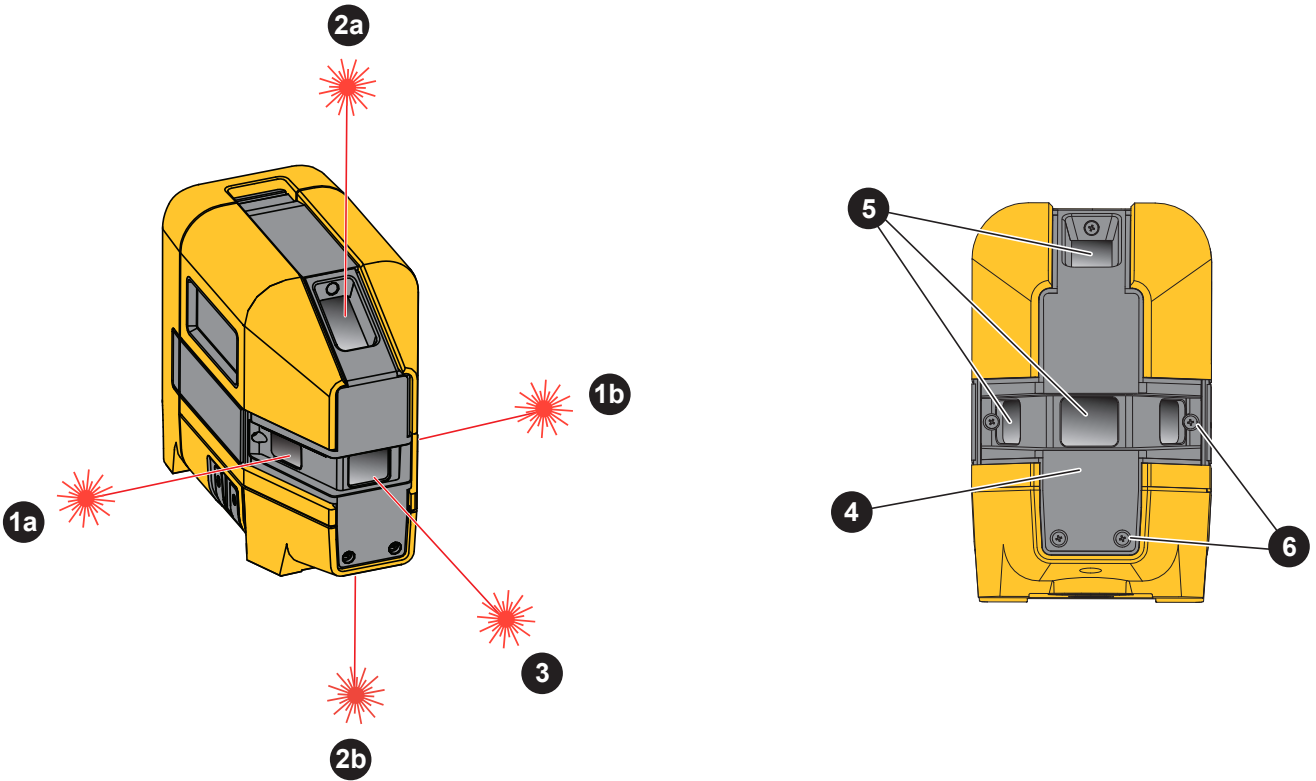
Table 2. Features

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Item	Description	3R, 3G Z	3R, 3G KIT	5R, 5G Z	5R, 5G KIT
1	The Product	●	●	●	●
2	BP5 alkaline battery pack	●	●	●	●
3	Rechargeable battery pack and power supply	○	○	○	○
4	Magnetic L-bracket	○	●	○	●
5	Floor stand	●	●	●	●
6	Pendulum layout target	○	○	○	●
7	Magnetic reflective target ^[1]	○	●	○	●
Not shown	Nylon pouch	●	●	●	●
	Tool box	○	●	○	●
<div><p>^[1] The 3R and 5R kits include a red magnetic reflexive target. The 3G and 5G kits include a green magnetic reflexive target.</p><p>● Standard accessory ○ Optional accessory</p></div>					

Lasers and Optical Glass

Table 3 shows the lasers and optical glass.

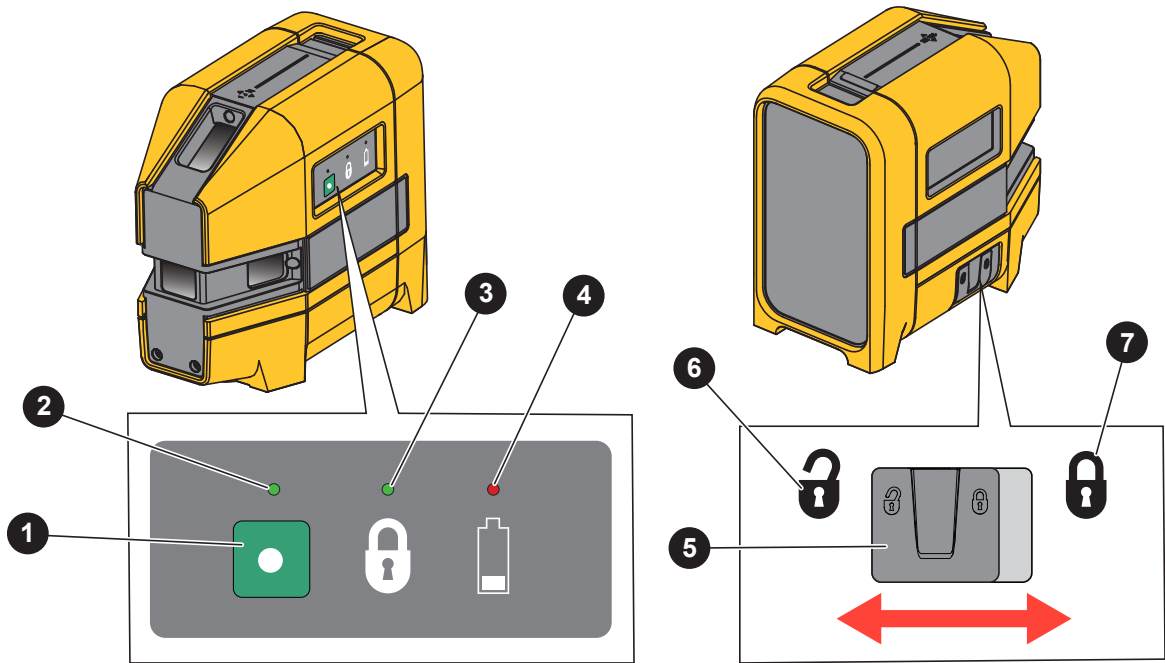
Table 3. Lasers and Optical Glass

			
Item	Description	Item	Description
1	90 ° horizontal point lasers (5R, 5G only)	4	Housing glass insert
2	90 ° vertical point lasers	5	Optical glass
3	90 ° forward point laser	6	Housing glass insert screws

Controls

Table 4 lists the Controls of the Product.

Table 4. Controls



Item	Description	Function
1	Power button	Turns on or off the lasers.
2	Laser LED	Shows green when at least one laser is on.
3	Lock LED	Shows green when the laser lock is enabled.
4	Battery LED	Shows red when the batteries need to be replaced.
5	Laser lock switch	Slides to lock or unlock the lasers.
6	Laser unlock position	The self-leveling feature, keeps the lasers visible when the Product tilts $\leq 4^\circ$ in any direction. When the Product tilts $> 4^\circ$ in any direction, the lasers do not show. The Laser indicator LED stays green to indicate that when you return the Product to an upright position, the lasers show again.
7	Laser lock position	Keeps the lasers visible even when you tilt the Product $> 4^\circ$. The lasers blink twice every 5 seconds to indicate the self-leveling feature is disabled. Use to align items diagonally such as a stair rail.

Center Point and Accessory Mount

Figure 1 shows features that help to layout reference marks. The vertical laser is centered 1.25 in (31.75 mm) from both sides of the Product. To stabilize the Product and view the laser that points down, use the accessory mount to secure the Product to the magnetic L-bracket, the floor stand, or a tripod.

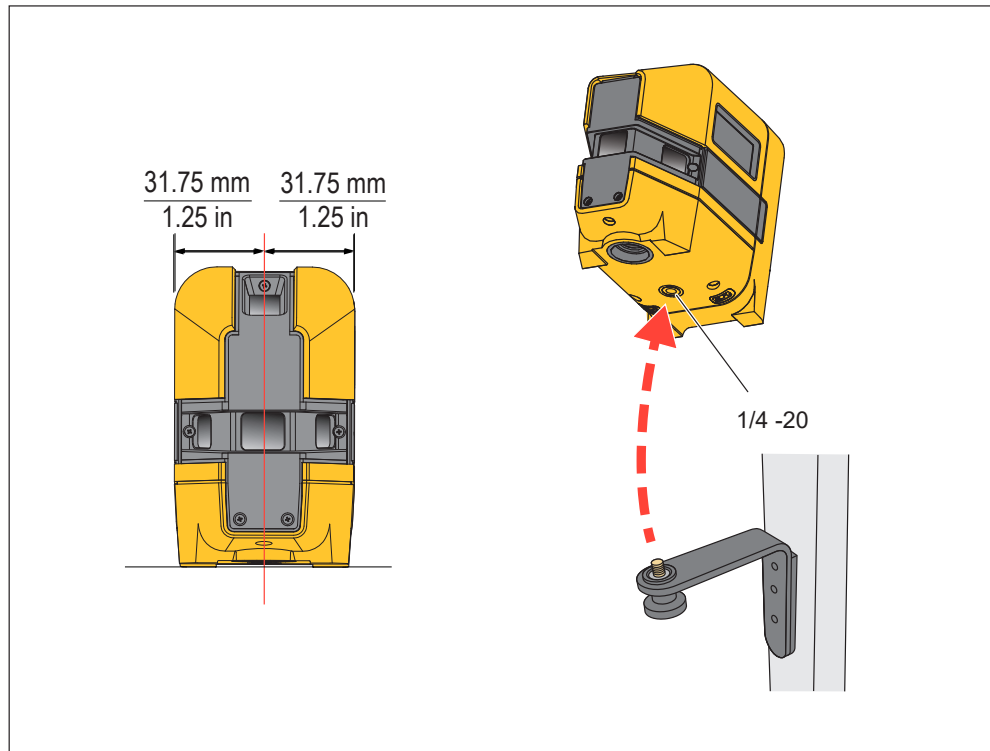


Figure 1. Center Point and Accessory Mount

Use the Product

Use the Product to layout reference points and to make sure conditions are level and plumb.

Warning

To prevent eye damage and personal injury, do not look into the optical windows when the Laser indicator LED shows green.

New Horizontal or Diagonal Alignment

Note

To find diagonal alignment, use the lock feature.

To identify new level or grade marks:

1. Put the bottom of the Product on a stable surface.
2. Turn on the Product and aim the forward laser at the target area. See [Figure 2](#).
3. Place a mark at the level or grade point on the target area.
4. Repeat for each point as needed.

Note

When the Product is mounted on a tripod, make sure the tripod head is perfectly level. Errors in marks can result if a tripod is out of level.

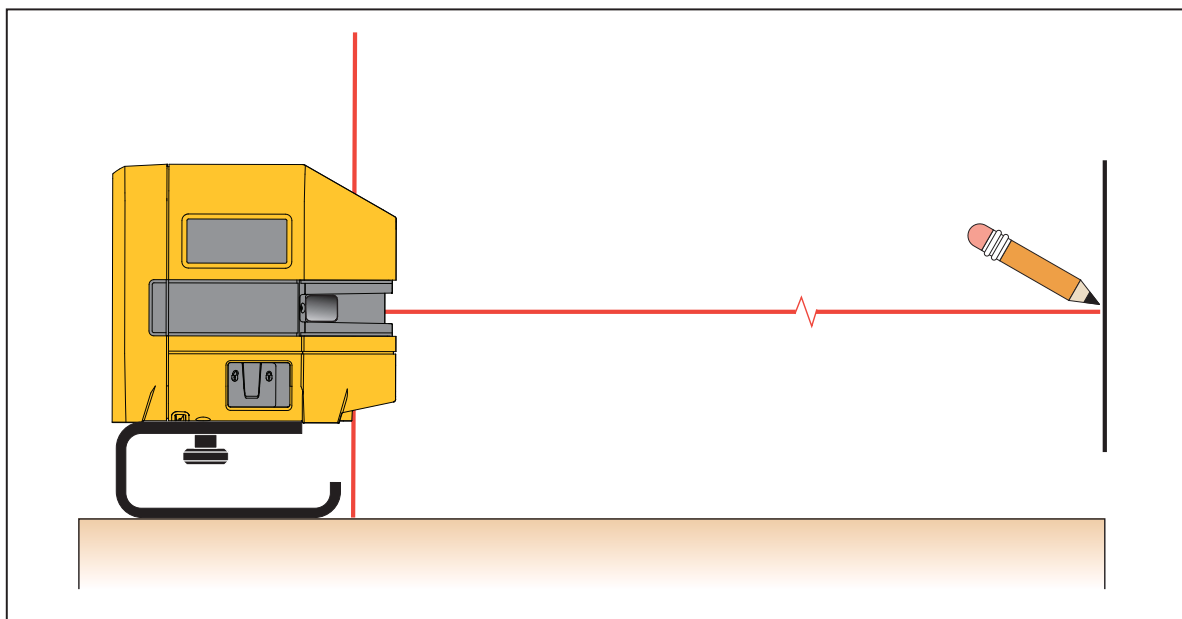


Figure 2. New Horizontal or Diagonal Alignment

Existing Horizontal or Diagonal Alignment

To determine if an existing item is level or aligned:

1. Put the bottom of the Product on a stable surface.
2. Point the forward laser at the target area.
3. Measure the distance from the item to the laser at various distances from the Product. See [Figure 3](#).
If the measurements are the same, the item is level or aligned.

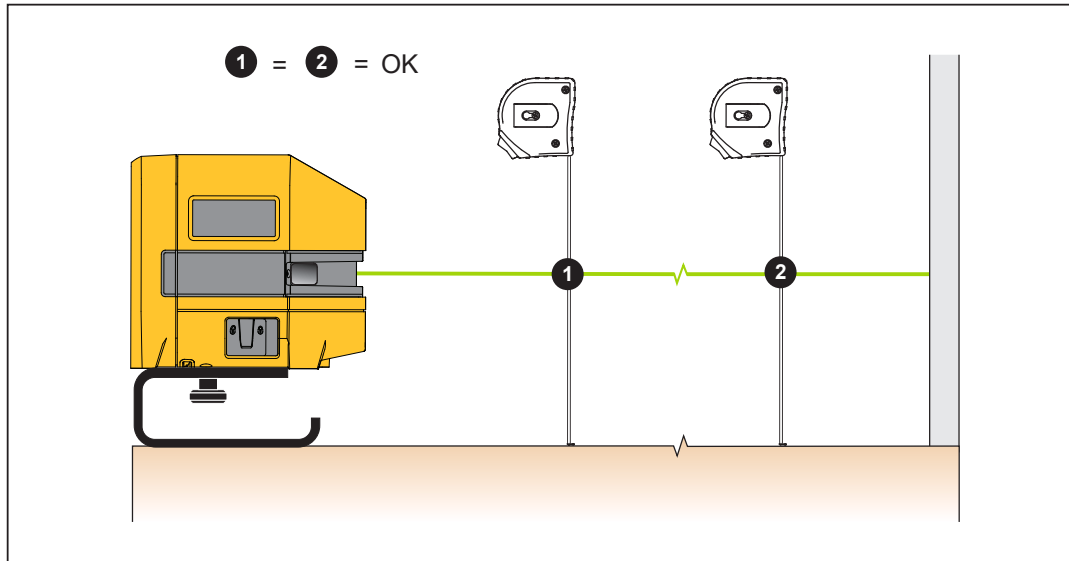


Figure 3. Existing Item Alignment

Plumb Marks

The Product sends plumb marks up and down.

New Plumb Marks

To identify new plumb marks on a ceiling or roof:

1. Place a cross mark on the point to be transposed.
2. Center the down laser over the cross mark. See Figure 4.
3. Place a mark at the point where the up laser intersects the target area.

To identify new plumb marks on a floor, repeat the steps above but interchange the down and up lasers.

Note

Use the floor stand with the Product to increase the sight angle of the vertical down laser.

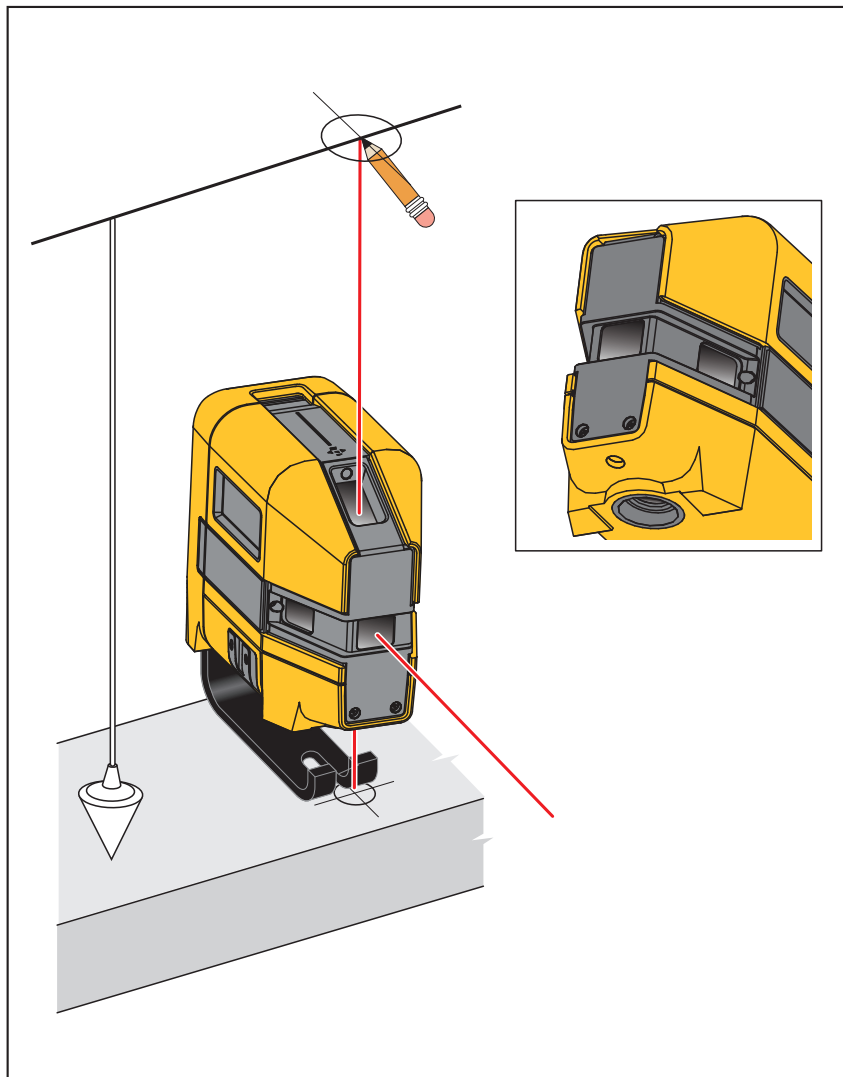


Figure 4. New Plumb Mark

Existing Item Plumb Check

To determine if an existing item is plumb:

1. Point either the up or down laser at the target area.
2. Measure the distance from the item to the laser at various distances from the Product. See [Figure 5](#).
If the measurements are the same, the item is plumb.

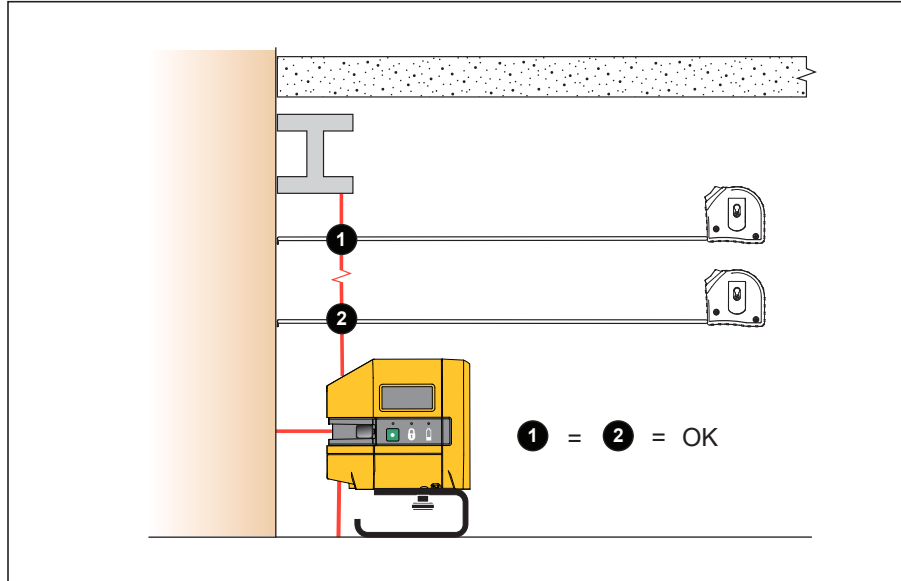


Figure 5. Existing Item Plumb Check

Square Marks (5R, 5G Only)

Use the forward and horizontal lasers to create new square marks or to determine if an existing item is square.

To layout a new square for a wall or staircase (See [Figure 6](#)):

1. Mark a vertical line on a wall.
2. Center the forward laser on the line on the wall.
3. Place the pendulum target on the floor and align the horizontal laser with the center vertical line on the pendulum target.
4. Place a mark on the floor below the point of the pendulum target.
5. Move the Product either closer to or farther away from the wall and redo the procedure to make another mark on the floor.
6. Draw a line to connect the two marks. The new line is perpendicular to the wall.

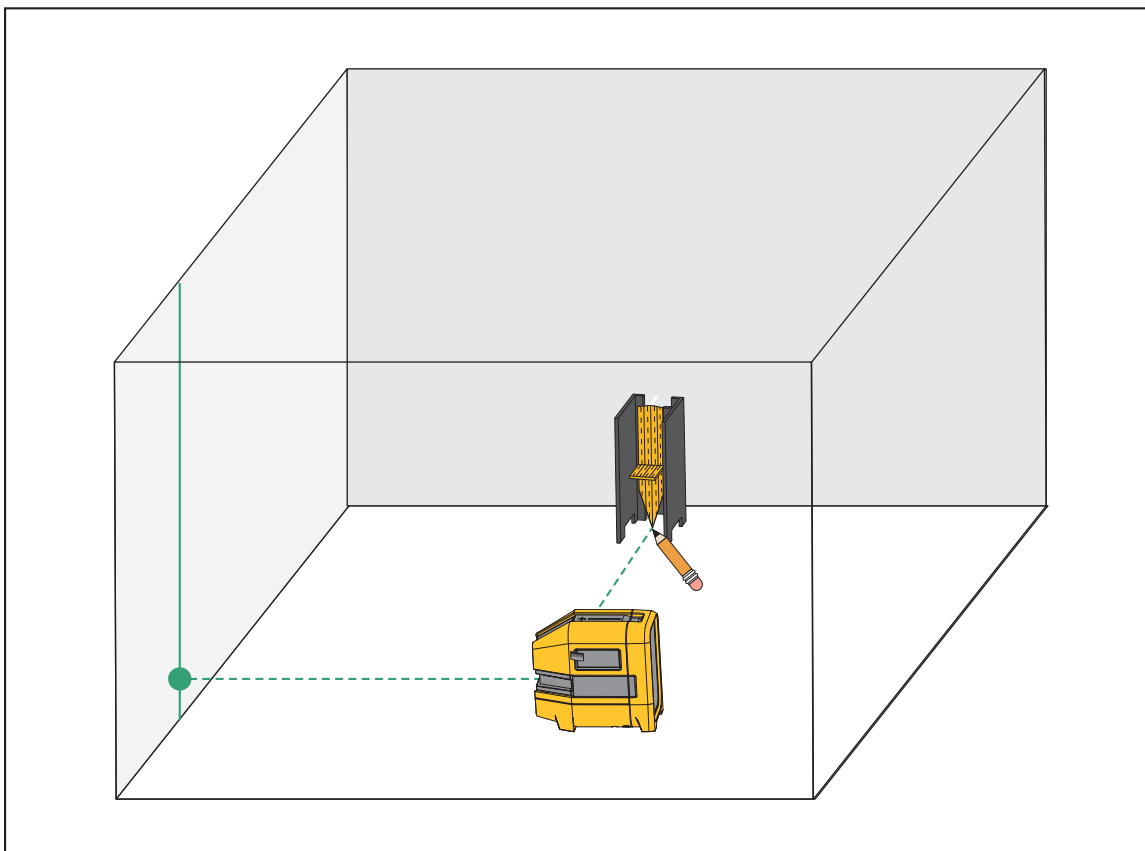
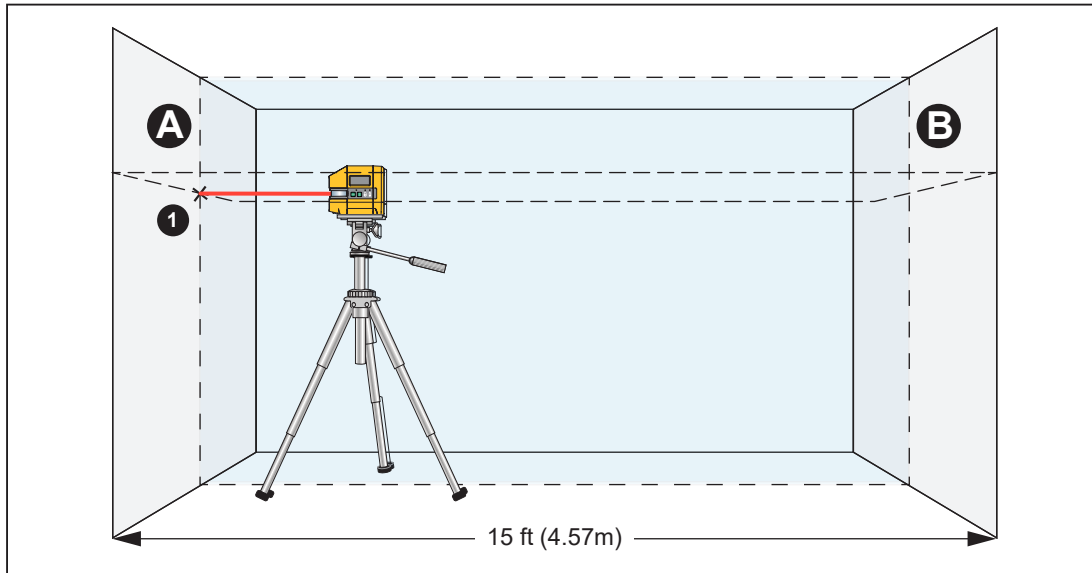


Figure 6. New Square

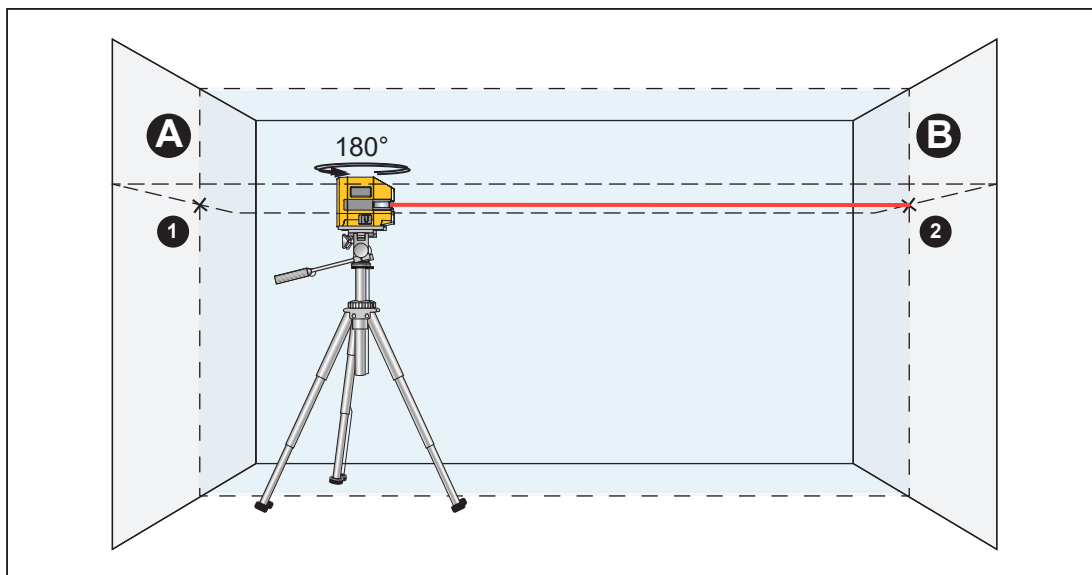
Checking the Horizontal Leveling Accuracy

A free measuring distance of 15 ft on a firm surface in front of two walls A and B is required for the check.

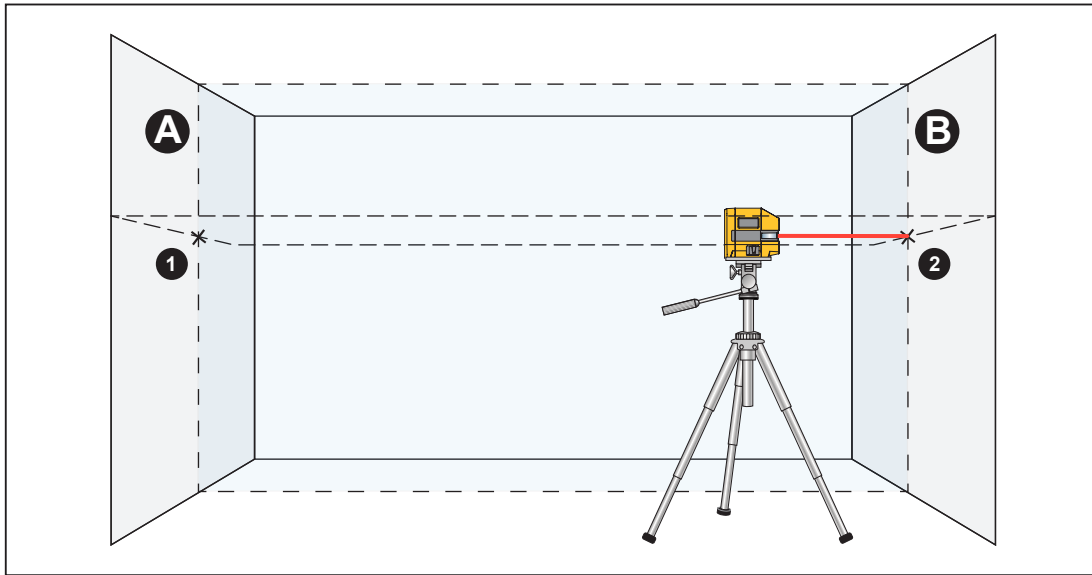
1. Mount the tool onto a tripod, or place it on a firm and level surface 6" from wall A. Switch the tool on and set the lock to "unlock".



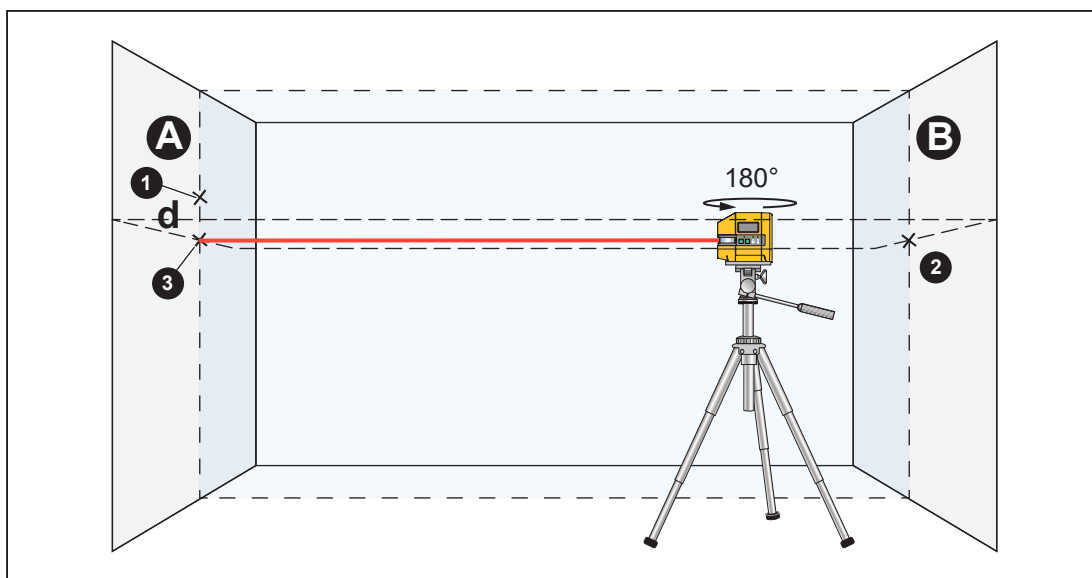
2. Sketch a vertical line on wall A and point the front laser so it lines up with the sketched line. Allow the tool to level in. Mark this point on the wall (point 1).



3. Turn the tool by 180°, allow it to level in and mark the front point of the laser on the opposite wall B (point 2).
4. Without turning the tool, position it 6" from wall B. Switch the tool on and allow it to level in.



5. Align the height of the tool (using a tripod or by underlaying, if required) in such a manner that the front point of the laser is projected against the previously marked point **2** on the wall B.



6. Without changing the height, turn around the tool by 180°. Direct it against the wall A in such a manner that the vertical laser line runs through sketched vertical line with point **1**.
Allow the tool to level in and mark the cross point of the laser on wall A (point **3**).
7. The difference of both marked points **1** and **3** on wall A results in the actual height deviation of the tool alongside the lateral axis.
On the measuring distance of 2 x 15ft = 30ft, the maximum allowable deviation is: $30\text{ft} \times \pm 0.00394\text{in/ft} = \pm 1/8"$ (3 mm)
Thus the difference "d" between points **1** and **3** must not exceed 1/8 in (max.).

Plumb Accuracy

To check the accuracy of the plumb:

1. Find a site that has a known vertical height X. Put unit on floor stand and place on the floor.
2. Place a cross mark at the bottom of the site. **1**
3. Center the down laser on both axes of the cross mark. See [Figure 7](#).

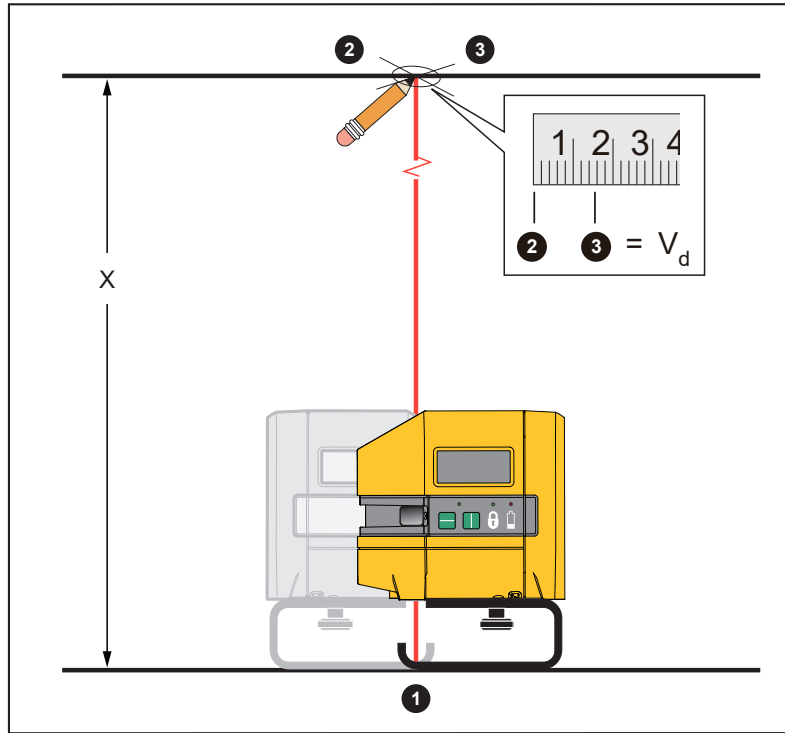


Figure 7. Plumb Accuracy

4. Place a cross mark at the point where the up point laser intersects the target area at the top of the site. **2**
5. Turn the Product 180 ° on its center. **1**
6. Recenter the down point laser on Mark 1 and mark where the up point laser intersects the target area at the top site. **3**
7. The distance measured between **2** and **3** is equal to V_d . Divide V_d by two to calculate the difference of error. Compare your measurement to column Y in the table below @ the corresponding X ceiling height. See [Table 5](#).

Table 5.

Y		@	X	
in.	mm		ft.	m
1/32	0.75		7.5	2.29
1/24	1.0		10.0	3.05
1/16	1.5		15.0	4.57

$$\frac{V_d}{2} \leq Y @ X$$

Accessories

Table 6 is a list of the accessories available for the Product.

Table 6. Accessories

Model	Description	PN
PLS FS	Floor stand	5031929
PLS MLB	Magnetic L-bracket	5031934
PLS BP5	BP5 alkaline battery pack	5031952
PLS RRT4	Red magnetic reflective target	5022629
PLS GRT4	Green magnetic reflective target	5022634
PLS-10090	Pendulum layout target, PLS 5	4844979
PLS-60573	Canvas pouch	4792193
PLS C18	Tool box	4985124
PLS-HGI3R	Housing glass insert for 3R	5042439
PLS-HGI3G	Housing glass insert for 3G	5067760
PLS-HGI5R	Housing glass insert for 5R	5042442
PLS-HGI5G	Housing glass insert for 5G	5067772

Maintenance

To maintain the Product, clean the case and optical glass and replace the batteries.

Warning

To prevent eye damage and personal injury, do not open the Product. The laser beam is dangerous to the eyes.

Caution

To prevent damage to the Product, do not drop the Product. Treat the Product as a calibrated instrument.

Clean the Product

Clean the case with a damp cloth and a weak soap solution.

Caution

To prevent damage to the Product, do not use abrasives, isopropyl alcohol, or solvents to clean the case or optic windows.

To clean the optical glass, use a pressurized can of air or a dry nitrogen-ion gun, if available, to blow off particulates from the optical surfaces.

Batteries

Replace the batteries when the battery indicator LED is red.

To install or replace AA batteries (see [Figure 8](#)):

1. Open the battery compartment.
2. Install three AA batteries. Observe the correct polarity.
3. Close the battery compartment.

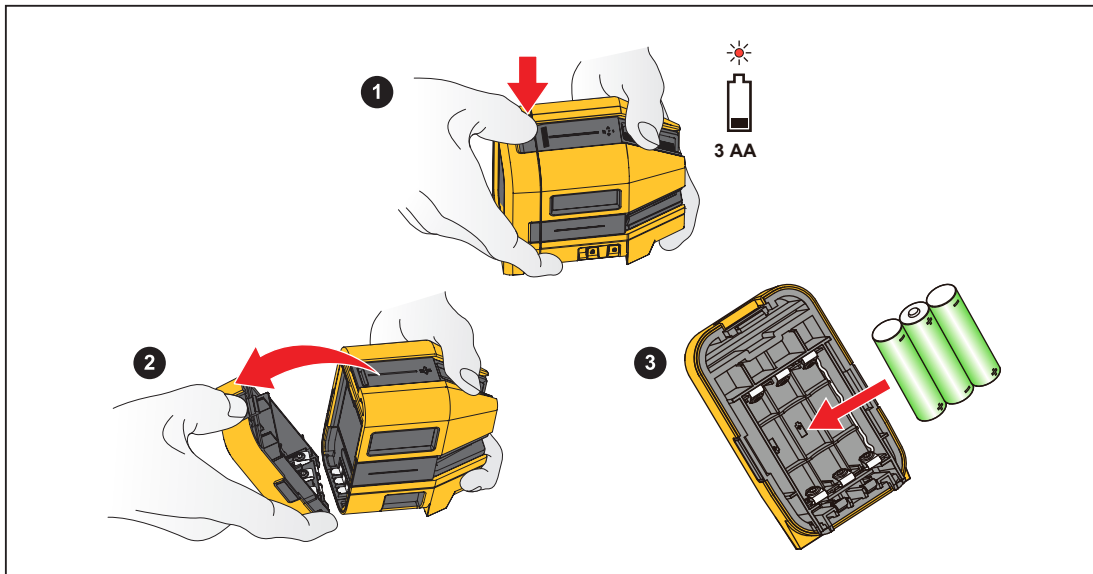
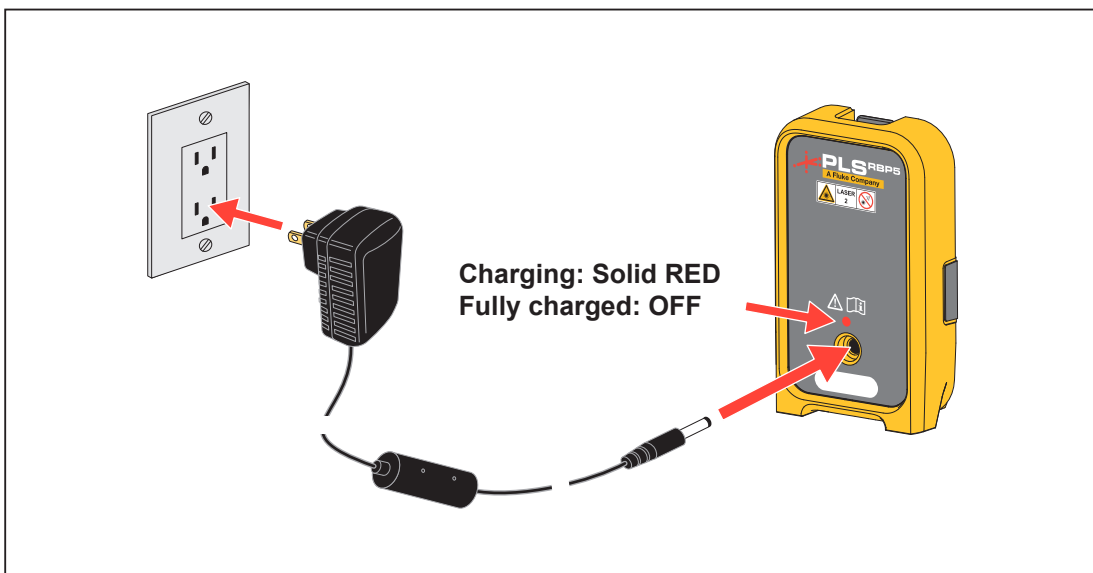


Figure 8. Battery Replacement

RBP5 Rechargeable Battery



Housing Glass Insert

If the optical glass is damaged, replace the housing glass insert. See Table 6 for the part number to order for your Product. To replace the housing glass insert (see [Figure 9](#)):

1. Remove the five housing glass insert screws. Note the proper placement of each screw because the screws are different sizes.
2. Pull out the housing glass insert.
3. Replace the insert and screws.

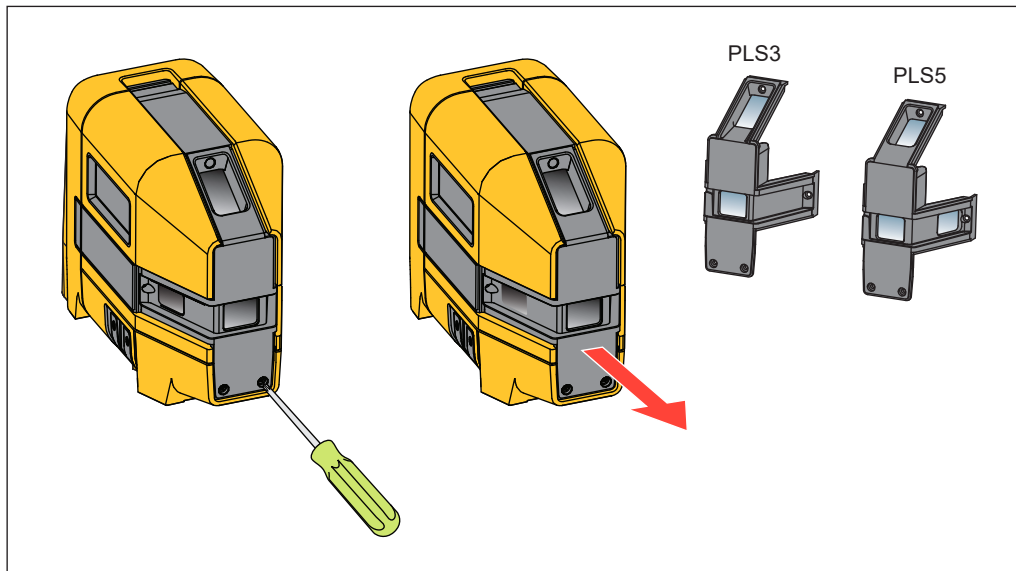


Figure 9. Housing Glass Insert Replacement

Specifications

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Batteries	3 x AA Alkaline IEC LR6	RBP5	3 x AA Alkaline IEC LR6	RBP5
Battery life, continuous use, both lasers, as tested				
Red	≥30 hours	≥100 hours	≥20 hours	≥70 hours
Green	≥16 hours	≥45 hours	≥9 hours	≥25 hours
*For RBP5 Rechargeable Battery please refer to the RBP5 Rechargeable Battery Pack Instructions manual.				
Point laser direction	90 ° up, down, left, right		90 ° up, down, left, right, forward	
Working range	≤30 m (100 ft)			
Accuracy	≤3 mm at 10 m (≤1/8 in at 30 ft)			
Laser leveling	4 °			
Point laser diameter	≤4 mm at 5 m			
Temperature				
Operating	-10 °C to 50 °C (14 °F to 122 °F)			
Storage				
With batteries	-18 °C to 50 °C (-0.4 °F to 122 °F)			
Without batteries	-20 °C to 70 °C (-13 °F to 158 °F)			
Relative humidity	0 % to 90 % (0 °C to 35 °C) 0 % to 75 % (35 °C to 40 °C) 0 % to 45 % (40 °C to 50 °C)			
Altitude				
Operating	2000 m			
Storage	12 000 m			
Size (H x W x L)	116 mm x 64 mm x 104 mm (4.6 in x 2.5 in x 4.1 in)			
Weight	~0.6 kg (1.3 lb)			
Drop test	1 m			
Safety	IEC 61010-1: Pollution Degree 2			
Laser	IEC 60825-1:2014 Class 2			
Light source	Semiconductor laser diode			
Max output power	<1 mW			
Wavelength				
Red	635 nm ±5 nm			
Green	525 nm ±5 nm			
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)				
International	IEC 61326-1: Basic Electromagnetic Environment CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A <i>Group 1: Equipment has intentionally generated and/or uses conductively-coupled radio frequency energy that is necessary for the internal function of the equipment itself.</i> <i>Class A: Equipment is suitable for use in all establishments other than domestic and those directly connected to a low-voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes.</i> <i>There may be potential difficulties in ensuring electromagnetic compatibility in other environments due to conducted and radiated disturbances.</i>			
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