# **Boss Laser Orientation**

Boss LS 3655

Power - 150-watt CO2 laser

Work area - 55.1"x 35.4" (pass thru accommodates larger workpieces)

Software - Lightburn

Settings- Ruida, Serial/USB 1400mm x 899mm, origin at rear right

A discount code is avaiable and will save 75% on your own license. Just \$20 instead of 80

Please note that this code is exclusively for Pikes Peak Makerspace Members and is not to be shared outside of the organization.

### Laser Safety

- NEVER use the laser if you have not completed the approved training.
- ALWAYS keep the exhaust fan and chiller running while the laser is in use
- NEVER leave the laser unattended while it is running.
- NEVER use unapproved materials such as PVC
- NEVER lift the lid of the machine while it is running.
- NEVER engrave or try to cut reflective material
- NEVER push or pull the laser head and its gantry while the laser is running.
- ALWAYS ensure the work area interior and exterior is clean before and after your work.

#### Powering up the laser

The machine's main power switch is controlled via a keyed access. This key is secured in a lock box. You will be provided with the code after you complete your training.

#### Pre-flight

- 1. Ensure the work area is clean and free of hazards
- 2. Turn on water chiller and compressor
- 3. Turn on the Boss 3655 LS (the machine will home the laser head)
- 4. Open LIGHTBURN on the PC / insert USB drive on the side of the machine
- 5. Go to File- open and select your file (should be in .lbm format)
- 6. Place material on the work bed
- 7. Use red laser dot to align the head to determined work origin (Absolute Coordinates, Current Position, User Origin)
- 8. Auto focus using the Lightburn software
- 9. Press "Frame" to confirm that the work area is within the material parameters
- 10. Close the lid
- 11. Turn Exhaust fan on
- 12. Hit Start
- 13. When job is completed, turn off the exhaust fan
- 14. Return the laser head to the home position and hit origin on the machine

## What is ok to laser?

	Engrave	Cut	
Acrylic	X	X	
Wood	X	X	
Leather	Х	X	
Plastics*	Х	X	NO PVC
fabric	Х	X	
MDF	X	X	
Cardboard	Х	X	
Paper	Х	X	
Corian	Х	X	
Foam	Х	Х	
Fiberglass	Х	X	
Rubber	Х	X	
Aluminum	Х		
Copper	Х		
Gold	X		
Steel	Х		
Cord	X		
Glass	X		
Tile	×		

## Common Power and Speed Settings

	engrave	cut
Acrylic	15% @ 350 mm/s	65% @ 20 mm/s
Anodized Aluminum	15% @ 325 mm/s	NA
Basla Wood	15% @ 350 mm/s	40% @ 25 mm/s
Bass Wood	20% @ 350 mm/s	40% @ 25 mm/s
Birch Wood	20% @ 350 mm/s	65% @ 20 mm/s
Birch Plywood	20% @ 350 mm/s	70% @ 20 mm/s
Cardboard	15% @ 350 mm/s	50% @ 15 mm/s
Ceramic	27% @ 350 mm/s	NA
Glass	20% @ 325 mm/s	NA
Granite	18% @ 275 mm/s	NA
Leather	15% @ 350 mm/s	70% @ 15 mm/s
Powder Coated Metal	15% @ 325 mm/s	NA
Mirror Backside	15% @ 325 mm/s	NA
Paper	15% @ 30 mm/s	NA
Romark	15% @ 350 mm/s	NA
Rubber	15% @ 350 mm/s	70% @ 15 mm/s
Foam	40% @ 25 mm/s	NA