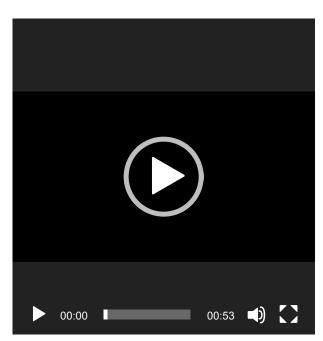






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# **Mercury-2**



The Mercury-2 is Laser Wire Solutions' workhorse laser wire stripper for stripping a wide range of polymer insulated wires, ranging in size from 0.001" – 0.2" (0.025 mm – 5 mm). The laser light reflects from the wire conductor meaning it can never be nicked or scraped.

Features include:

- A large 5" x 7" (127 mm x 178 mm) working area, allowing multiple wires to be stripped in one go.
- A standard fixture plate to position wires for improved accuracy. However, if required a custom fixture can be designed to meet your particular wire configuration.
- Dual laser focus nozzles to give a 360 degree strip around the wire (wires are stripped from above and below sequentially).
- Dual axis (X & Y) motion allows crosscuts, window strips, cross-cuts with slits (for easy jacket removal).
- Sealed laser technology and therefore safe to use on an open shop floor.
- Simple to operate by means of a touchscreen with pre-programmed strip parameters.
- Virtually no maintenance and runs from standard electrical supply.

### + APPLICATION

### **Strip Types**

The Mercury-2 dual axis optics allows flexible wire stripping:



From top to bottom:

- Cross-cut: laser separates the slug of insulation - operator pulls off as a second operation
- Slit: laser makes a cross cut but also slits along the insulation to aid peeling off a long length. Especially used for cable jackets.
- Window: like a slit, but two crosscuts are made to allow a window section of insulation to be removed used especially for accessing the shield of a cable for attaching to the shield.

### **Cable Types**

The Mercury-2 is ideal for processing insulations and wires where a mechanical blade could cause damage. Examples are:

- removal of jackets from shielded multi-conductor cables
- removal of jackets and dialetrics from high performance microwave cables
- cutting aluminized mylar foils of twin-ax cables.

### **Materials**

All polymer insulations can be stripped with the Mercury-2 system. The amount of melt, vaporization or chemical decomposition depends on the exact

polymers used. Below is a non-exhaustive list of materials that can be stripped:

- Fluoropolymers, such as PTFE, ETFE, PFA
- Polyethylene
- Nylon
- Silicone
- PVC
- Rubber
- Mylar
- Fiberglass
- Polyurethane
- Polyester

### + SPECS

Outer Cable Diameter	0.025 r
Outer Cable Diameter	5 m
ng Length Increments	0.1 m
Strip types Cro	ss cuts
x. Stripping Length	125
Speed Ur	o to 250
Cable Loading Via fixture p	plate - ι
ensions (L x W x H) 720 x 620	0 x 100

### + MORE INFO

The Laser Wire Solutions Mercury 2 strips wires and shielded cable ranging in size from 0.025 – 5 mm OD (0.001" – 0.2"). The laser is strongly absorbed by the wire/cable insulation causing it to melt or vaporize. By stripping from above and below a slug of insulation can be separated from the main wire/cable

insulation. The slug can be left on to keep the wire strands together, only being pulled off by the Operator immediately before termination. The laser light fully reflects from the wire conductor ensuring there can never be nicked or scraped. In the case of shielded cables, the laser can be used to cut off the jacket, the laser light reflecting from the shield or aluminized foil. The shield needs to be reasonably complete (>80% coverage) in order to protect the inner wire insulation.

The main applications are difficult to process insulations and wires where a mechanical blade could cause damage. Examples include removing the jackets from shielded multiconductor cables. removing the jackets and dielectrics from high performance microwave cables, cutting the aluminized mylar foils of twinax cables etc. Using the color touchscreen, the operator selects the desired stripping settings (laser power, strip type and strip positions) from the preprogrammed library and all parameters are automatically set. This unique software system avoids the need to program each laser move individually, with even complex jobs (ten cables with window strips) being programmed via a handful of parameters.

Mercury-2 begins the stripping process when the Operator starts the process via

the touchscreen or via the optional footswitch.

The wires/cables are held in position via a configurable fixture plate. Up to ten wires/ cables can be stripped as part of one operation. A standard fixture plate is supplied, but if required a custom plate can be designed for your requirement.

## **Enquiries and Sales**

To find out more about the Mercury-2 Wire Stripping Machine or your exact requirements, please get in touch with one of our experts today.

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