

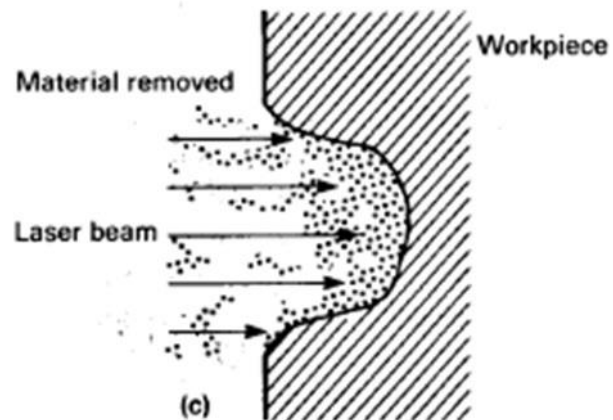
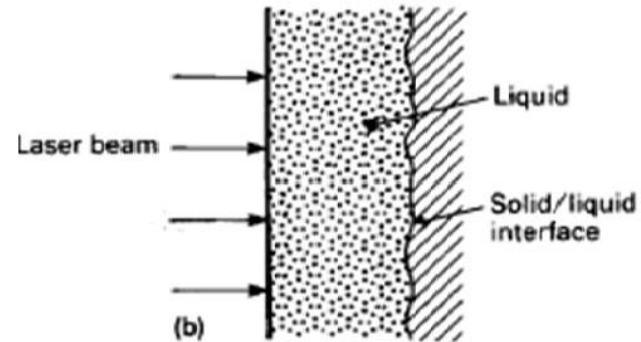
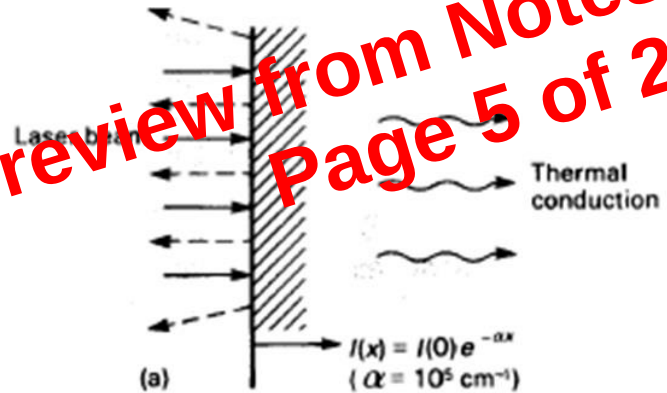
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Material Removal

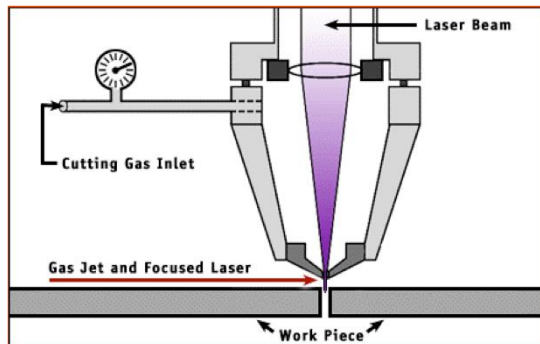
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Types of lasers used

APPLICATION	LASER TYPE
Cutting	
Metals	PCO ₂ ; CWCO ₂ ; Nd:YAG; ruby
Plastics	CWCO ₂
Ceramics	PCO ₂
Drilling	
Metals	PCO ₂ ; Nd:YAG; Nd:glass; ruby
Plastics	Excimer
Marking	
Metals	PCO ₂ ; Nd:YAG
Plastics	Excimer
Ceramics	Excimer
Surface treatment (metals)	CWCO ₂
Welding (metals)	PCO ₂ ; CWCO ₂ ; Nd:YAG; Nd:glass; ruby

Note: P = pulsed, CW = continuous wave.



- Gas is blown into the cut to clear away molten metals, or other materials in the cutting zone.
- In some cases, the gas jet can be chosen to react chemically with the work piece to produce heat and accelerate the cutting speed.