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Warning

**FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY
BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!**

Unpacking Instructions

Immediately upon receiving this product, carefully unpack the carton and check the contents to ensure that all parts are present, and have been received in good condition. Notify the dealer immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear damaged from shipping or the carton itself shows signs of mishandling. Save the carton and all packing materials. In the event that a fixture must be returned to the factory, it is important that the fixture be returned in the original factory box and packing.

Your shipment includes:

- DB-1-4 with IEC powercable 1,5m
- User manual



LED Expected Lifespan

LEDs gradually decline in brightness over time. HEAT is the dominant factor that leads to the acceleration of this decline. Packaged in clusters, LEDs exhibit higher operating temperatures than in ideal or singular optimum conditions. For this reason when all color LEDs are used at their fullest intensity, life of the LEDs is significantly reduced. It is estimated that a viable lifespan of 40,000 to 50,000 hours will be achieved under normal operational conditions. If improving on this lifespan expectancy is of a higher priority, place care in providing for lower operational temperatures. This may include climatic-environmental and the reduction of overall projection intensity.



CAUTION!
Keep this device away from rain and moisture!
indoor use only!



Safety Instructions

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this device has to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual



CAUTION! Be careful with your operations.
With a dangerous voltage you can suffer
a dangerous electric shock when touching the wires!



Before your initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused by transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the device.

To maintain perfect condition and to ensure a safe operation, it is absolutely necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the device are not subject to warranty.

This device contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

IMPORTANT:

The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to the device.

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Never look directly into the light source.
- Never leave any cables lying around.
- Never use the device during thunderstorms, unplug the device immediately.
- Never leave various parts of the packaging (plastic bags, polystyrene foam, nails, etc.) within children's reach, as they are potential sources of danger.
- Do not insert objects into air vents.
- Do not open the device and do not modify the device.
- Do not connect this device to a dimmerpack.
- Do not shake the device. Avoid brute force when installing or operating the device.
- Do not switch the device on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the system's life.
- Do not touch the device's housing bare-handed during its operation (housing becomes hot).
- Only use device indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Only operate the device after having familiarized with its functions.
- Only install the device with the hanging-bracket.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always keep case closed while operating.
- Always allow free air space of at least 50 cm around the unit for ventilation.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when device is not used or before cleaning! Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Make sure that the device is not exposed to extreme heat, moisture or dust.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.
- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the device and the power-cord from time to time.
- Make sure that no side forces can impact on the truss system.
- The cable insert or the female part in the device must never be strained. There must always be sufficient cable to the device. Otherwise, the cable may be damaged which may lead to deadly electrical shocks.
- If the external cable is damaged, it has to be replaced by a qualified technician.
- If the lens is obviously damaged, it has to be replaced. So that its functions are not impaired, due to cracks or deep scratches.
- If device is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect for safety before operating.
- If the device has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your device. Leave the device switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- If your Showtec device fails to work properly, discontinue use immediately. Pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Showtec dealer for service.
- For adult use only. The device must be installed out of the reach of children. Never leave the unit running unattended.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- The user is responsible for correct positioning and operating of the DB-1-4. The manufacturer will not accept liability for damages caused by the misuse or incorrect installation of this device.
- This device falls under protection class I. Therefore it is essential to connect the yellow/green conductor to earth.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.
- WARRANTY: Till one year after date of purchase.



CAUTION ! EYEDAMAGES !
Avoid looking directly into the light source.
(meant especially for epileptics) !



Operating Determinations

- This device is not designed for permanent operation. Consistent operation breaks will ensure that the device will serve you for a long time without defects.
- The minimum distance between light-output and the illuminated surface must be more than 0.5 meter.
- The maximum ambient temperature $t_a = 45^\circ\text{C}$ must never be exceeded.
- The relative humidity must not exceed 50 % with an ambient temperature of 45°C .
- If this device is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.
- Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, crash etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others!

Rigging

Please follow the European and national guidelines concerning rigging, trussing and all other safety issues.

Do not attempt the installation yourself !

Always let the installation be carried out by an authorized dealer !

Procedure:


- If the DB-1-4 is lowered from the ceiling or high joists, professional trussing systems have to be used.
- Use a clamp to mount the DB-1-4, with the mounting-bracket, to the trussing system.
- The DB-1-4 must never be fixed swinging freely in the room.
- The installation must always be secured with a safety attachment, e.g. an appropriate safety net or safety-cable.
- When rigging, derigging or servicing the device, always make sure, that the area below the installation place is blocked and staying in the area is forbidden.

Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !

Connection with the mains

Connect the device to the mains with the power-plug.

Always pay attention, that the right color cable is connected to the right place.

International	EU Cable	UK Cable	US Cable	Pin
L	BROWN	RED	YELLOW/COPPER	FASE
N	BLUE	BLACK	SILVER	NUL
	YELLOW/GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	EARTH

Make sure that the device is always connected properly to the earth!



Return Procedure

Returned merchandise must be sent prepaid and in the original packing, call tags will not be issued. Package must be clearly labeled with a Return Authorization Number (RMA number). Products returned without an RMA number will be refused. Highlite will not accept the returned goods or any responsibility. Call Highlite 0031-455667723 or mail aftersales@highlite.nl and request an RMA prior to shipping the fixture. Be prepared to provide the model number, serial number and a brief description of the cause for the return. Be sure to properly pack fixture, any shipping damage resulting from inadequate packaging is the customer's responsibility. Highlite reserves the right to use its own discretion to repair or replace product(s). As a suggestion, proper UPS packing or double-boxing is always a safe method to use.

Note: If you are given an RMA number, please include the following information on a piece of paper inside the box:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your address
- 3) Your phone number
- 4) A brief description of the symptoms

Claims

The client has the obligation to check the delivered goods immediately upon delivery for any shortcomings and/or visible defects, or perform this check after our announcement that the goods are at their disposal. Damage incurred in shipping is the responsibility of the shipper; therefore the damage must be reported to the carrier upon receipt of merchandise.

It is the customer's responsibility to notify and submit claims with the shipper in the event that a fixture is damaged due to shipping. Transportation damage has to be reported to us within one day after receipt of the delivery.

Any return shipment has to be made post-paid at all times. Return shipments must be accompanied with a letter defining the reason for return shipment. Non-prepaid return shipments will be refused, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Complaints against us must be made known in writing or by fax within 10 working days after receipt of the invoice. After this period complaints will not be handled anymore.

Complaints will only then be considered if the client has so far complied with all parts of the agreement, regardless of the agreement of which the obligation is resulting.

Description of the device

Features

The Showtec DB-1-4 is a universal DMX-512 optical splitter.

- It is designed to distribute the incoming DMX signal, in daisy chain configurations, into four separate outputs with an additional –thru" port.
- It has both 3 pole and 5 pole XLR connectors for easy connection.
- The DB-1-4 can be mounted in any 19" rack or into the truss by the M10 nut on the rear end of the unit. It has clear LEDs to show the DMX signal status of each output and input.
- Universal DMX-512 optical splitter
- One input to four outputs (3-pin and 5-pin)
- Additional thru output (3-pin and 5-pin) (for linking to other Data Streams)
- Electrical isolation between input and output
- 19 inch device
- 1U/1HE rack mount
- AC power: Auto switching 100V - 240V 50/60Hz
- Dimensions: 483 x 134 x 46 mm (LxWxH)
- Weight: 2,6 kg

Overview



Fig. 1

- 1) DMX Signal LED
- 2) Power LED
- 3) DMX Input 5-pin
- 4) DMX Input 3-pin
- 5) DMX Link 3-pin
- 6) DMX Link 5-pin
- 7) DMX Isolated Output 1 3-pin
- 8) DMX Isolated Output 1 5-pin
- 9) DMX Isolated Output 2 3-pin
- 10) DMX Isolated Output 2 5-pin
- 11) DMX Isolated Output 3 3-pin
- 12) DMX Isolated Output 3 5-pin
- 13) DMX Isolated Output 4 3-pin
- 14) DMX Isolated Output 4 5-pin



Fig. 2

- 15) 13mm mounting location
- 16) Fuse
- 17) Powercable

Installation

Remove all packing materials from the DB-1-4. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed. Connect all cables.

Do not supply power before the whole system is set up and connected properly.

Always disconnect from electric mains power supply before cleaning or servicing.

Damages caused by non-observance are not subject to warranty.

Set Up and Operation

Before plugging the unit in, always make sure that the power supply matches the product specification voltage. Do not attempt to operate a 120V specification product on 230V power, or vice versa.

Remove all packing materials from the DB-1-4. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed.

You will need a serial data link to run light shows of one or more fixtures using a DMX-512 controller or to run synchronized shows on two or more fixtures set to a master/slave operating mode. The combined number of channels required by all the fixtures on a serial data link determines the number of fixtures the data link can support.

DMX Setup Example

1. Fasten the movingheads onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
2. Always use a safety cable (ordercode 70140 / 70141).
3. Use a 3-p XLR cable to connect the movingheads and other devices.

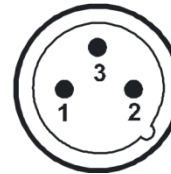
Occupation of the XLR-connection:

DMX-OUTPUT XLR mounting-socket:



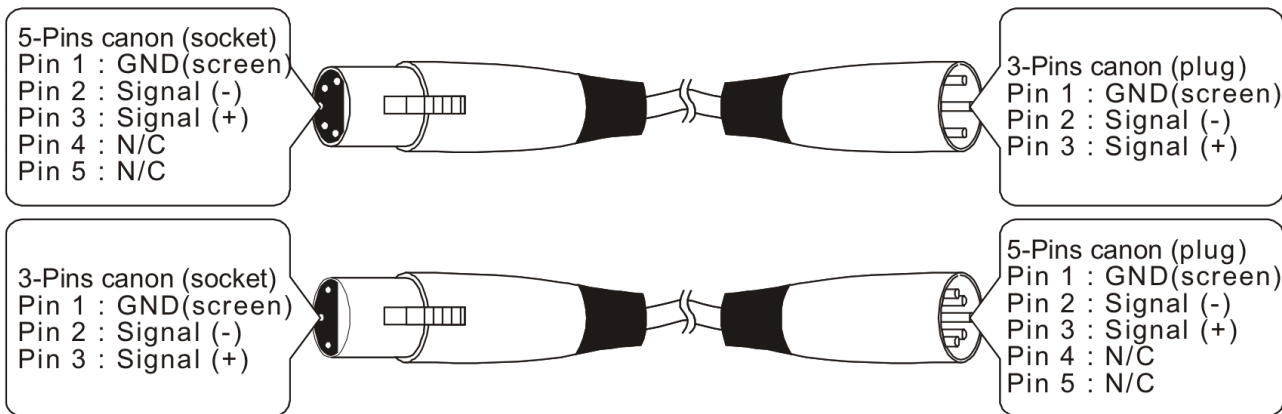
- 1 - Ground
- 2 - Signal (-)
- 3 - Signal (+)

DMX-input XLR mounting-plug



- 1 - Ground
- 2 - Signal (-)
- 3 - Signal (+)

The transformation of the controller line of 3 pins and 5 pins (plug and socket)



4. Link the units as shown in (figure 3), Connect a DMX signal cable from the DMX controller's DMX "out" socket to the first DB1-4 "in" socket. Connect another DMX signal cable from the first DB1-4 DMX "out" socket to the first unit's "in" socket. Repeat this process to link the second, third, and fourth units.
5. Supply electric power: Plug electric mains power cords into each unit's IEC socket, then plug the other end of the mains power cord into proper electric power supply sockets, starting with the first unit. Do not supply power before the whole system is set up and connected properly.

Multiple Movingheads DMX Set Up



Note : Link all cables before connecting electric power

Controlling:

After having addressed all the fixtures, you may now start operating these via your lighting controller. If there is no data received at the DMX-input, the problem may be:

- The XLR cable from the controller is not connected with the input of the first fixture.
- The controller is switched off or defective, the cable or connector is defective, or the signal wires are swapped in the input connector.

Note: It's necessary to insert a XLR termination plug (with 120 Ohm) in the last fixture in order to ensure proper transmission on the DMX data link.

Fixture Linking

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Important: Fixtures on a serial data link must be daisy chained in one single line. To comply with the EIA-485 standard no more than 30 devices should be connected on one data link. Connecting more than 30 fixtures on one serial data link without the use of a DMX optically isolated splitter may result in deterioration of the digital DMX signal.



Maximum recommended DMX data link distance: 100 meters
Maximum recommended number of movingheads on a single DMX data link: 32 fixtures

Data Cabling

To link fixtures together you must obtain data cables. You can purchase DAP Audio certified DMX cables directly from a dealer/distributor or construct your own cable. If you choose to create your own cable please use data-grade cables that can carry a high quality signal and are less prone to electromagnetic interference.

DAP Audio Certified DMX Data Cables

- DAP Audio cable for allround use. bal. XLR/M 3 p. > XLR/F 3 p.
Ordercode FL01150 (1,5m.), FL013 (3m.), FL016 (6m.), FL0110 (10m.), FL0115 (15m.), FL0120 (20m.).
- DAP Audio cable for the demanding user with exceptional audio-qualities and connector made by Neutrik®. **Ordercode** FL71150 (1,5m.), FL713 (3m.), FL716 (6m.), FL7110 (10m.).



Maintenance

The Showtec DB-1-4 requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Otherwise, the fixture's light-output will be significantly reduced. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. Wipe lens clean with glass cleaner and a soft cloth. Do not use alcohol or solvents. Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

The operator has to make sure that safety-relating and machine-technical installations are to be inspected by an expert after every four years in the course of an acceptance test.

The operator has to make sure that safety-relating and machine-technical installations are to be inspected by a skilled person once a year.

The following points have to be considered during the inspection:

1. All screws used for installing the device or parts of the device have to be tightly connected and must not be corroded.
2. There may not be any deformations on housings, fixations and installation spots.
3. Mechanically moving parts like axles, eyes and others may not show any traces of wearing.
4. The electric power supply cables must not show any damages or material fatigue.

Replacing a Fuse

Power surges, short-circuit or inappropriate electrical power supply may cause a fuse to burn out. If the fuse burns out, the product will not function whatsoever. If this happens, follow the directions below to do so.

1. Unplug the unit from electric power source.
2. Insert a flat-head screwdriver into a slot in the fuse cover. Turn the screwdriver to the left, at the same time gently push a bit (Turn and Push). The fuse will come out.
3. Remove the used fuse. If brown or unclear, it is burned out.
4. Insert the replacement fuse into the holder where the old fuse was. Reinsert the fuse cover. Be sure to use a fuse of the same type and specification. See the product specification label for details.

Troubleshooting

This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems.

If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

If the light effect does not operate properly, refer servicing to a technician.

Response: Suspect two potential problem areas: the power supply, the fuse.

1. Power supply. Check that the unit is plugged into an appropriate power supply.
2. The fuse. Replace the fuse. See page 9 for replacing the fuse.
3. If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
4. If you are unable to determine the cause of the problem, do not open the DB-1-4, as this may damage the unit and the warranty will become void.
5. Return the device to your Showtec dealer.

No Response to DMX

Response: Suspect the DMX cable or connectors, a controller malfunction, a light effect DMX card malfunction.

1. Check the DMX setting. Make sure that DMX addresses are correct.
2. Check the DMX cable: Unplug the unit; change the DMX cable; then reconnect to electrical power. Try your DMX control again.
3. Determine whether the controller or light effect is at fault. Does the controller operate properly with other DMX products ? If not, take the controller in for repair. If so, take the DMX cable and the light effect to a qualified technician.

See next page for more problem solving.

Symptom	Solution(s)	Applies to			
		Lights	Foggers & Snow	Controllers	Dimmers & Chaser
Auto shut off	Check fan thermal switch reset .	•			
Beam is very dim or not bright at all	Clean the optical system or replace a lamp. Check the 220/110V switch for proper setting.	•			
Breaker/Fuse keeps blowing	Check the total load placed on the device				•
Chase is too slow	Check the user manual for speed adjustment.	•		•	•
Device has no power	Check the mains power supply. Check the fuse. (internal and/or external)	•		•	•
Fixture is not responding	Check the DMX settings for correct addressing. Check all connected DMX cables. Check the polarity switch settings.	•			
Fixture is on, but there is no sound-controlled movement.	Make sure you have the correct audio mode on the control switches. If audio provided via 1/4" jack, make sure a live audio signal exists. Adjust the sound sensitivity control.	•		•	•
Fixtures reset correctly, but all respond erratically or not at all to the controller.	-The controller is not connected; please reconnect. -3-pin XLR Out of the controller does not match XLR Out of the first fixture on the link (i.e. signal is reversed). Install a phase reversing cable between the controller and the first fixture on the link - One of the fixtures is defective and disturbs data transmission on the link. Bypass one fixture at a time until normal operation is regained: unplug both connectors and connect them directly together Have the defective fixture serviced by a qualified technician			•	
Lamps cuts off sporadically	Possible bad lamp or the fixture is overheating. Lamp may be at the end of its life.	•			
Light will not come on after power failure	Some discharge lamps require a cooling off period ,before the electronics in the fixture can kick start it again. Wait 5 to 10 minutes before the lamp is cooled off and then power it up again.	•			
Loss of signal	Use only proper DMX cables. Install a 120Ω terminator on the last device. Note: Keep DMX cables separated from power cables or black lights.	•	•	•	•
Moves slow	Check the 220/110v switch for proper setting.	•			
No flash	Re-install the bulb, it may have shifted during shipping.	•			
No laser output	The bounce mirror motor may have shifted during shipping, readjust it accordingly.	•			
No light output	Install a new bulb. Fixture is too hot: -Allow fixture to cool. -Clean fan. -Make sure air vents at control panel and front lens are not blocked. -Turn up the air conditioning The power supply settings do not match local AC voltage and frequency. Disconnect fixture. Check settings and correct if necessary. Contact a technician for servicing, if the problem persists.	•			
Relay doesn't work	Check the reset switch. Check all cable connections.				•
Remote control does not work	Make sure the connector is firmly connected to the device.	•	•		
Stand alone mode	All Showtec lighting fixtures featuring stand-alone functions do not require additional settings, simply power up the fixture and it will automatically enter the stand-alone mode.	•			

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