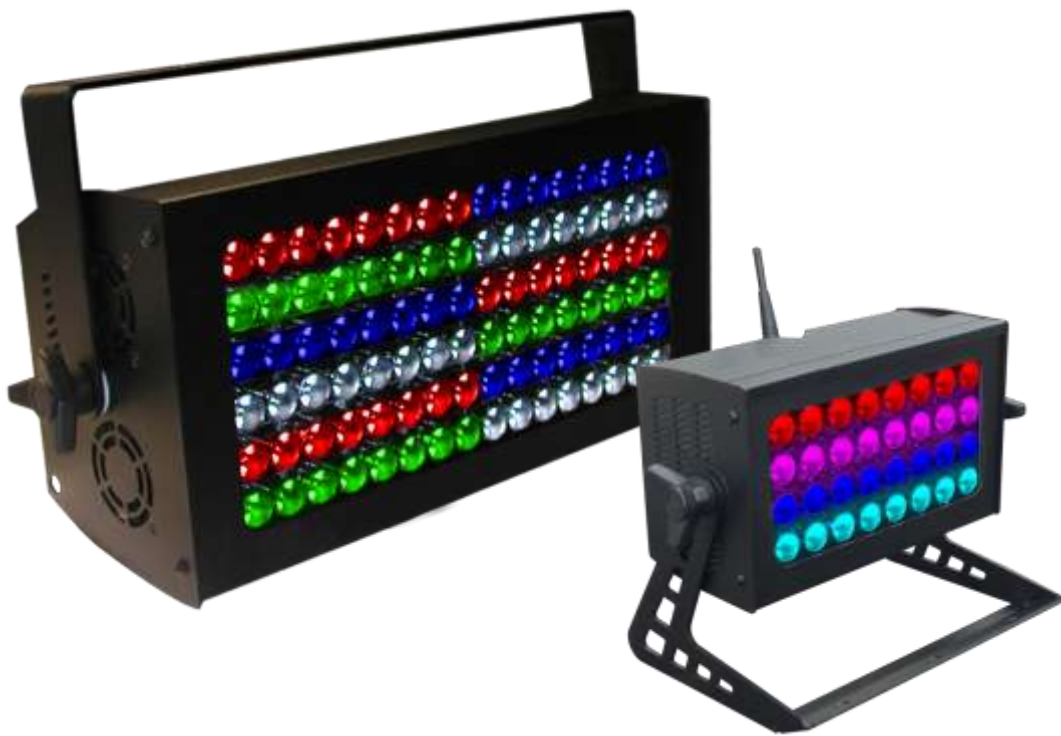


# SOLARIS LED

# FLARE



## Operation Manual

Flare software version 8.8  
Flare Jr software version 9.3C

**PRELIMINARY**

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***Important: Read this manual before powering or installing the unit. Follow the safety precautions listed herein. Observe all warnings in this manual and those printed on the unit.***

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Solaris LED Flare and Flare Jr are combination wash/strobe/blinders with up to 1000 Watts of LED RGBW brightness, instantaneous color mixing, and 1200Hz refresh rate for smooth on-camera dimming. One Solaris Flare or Flare Jr. does the job of many conventional LED fixtures, saving setup time and labor.

- Simultaneous color wash, strobe, and blinder in one fixture!
- Up to 1000 Watt brightness in a single LED fixture.
- Produces powerful “organic” light, like one giant LED
- Instantaneous RGBW color mixing
- 1200Hz refresh rate.
- Pixel-map feature – up to 12 (Flare) or 4 (Flare Jr.) discrete, individually-controlled LED sections.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 1x Solaris LED Flare or Flare Jr.
- 1x Power cable
- 1x User Manual

## UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

Upon receipt of the fixture, carefully unpack the carton and check the contents to ensure that all parts are present and in good condition. Notify the shipper immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear to be damaged from shipping or if 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.

## POWER REQUIREMENTS

Before powering the unit, make sure the line voltage is within the range of accepted voltages. This fixture accommodates 100-240VAC, 50/60Hz. All fixtures must be powered directly from a switched circuit and cannot be operated with a rheostat (variable resistor) or dimmer circuit, even if the rheostat or dimmer channel is used solely as a 0-100% switch.

When powered up, Solaris LED performs a preprogrammed internal test. On initial power-up the factory default DMX address appears on the display screen and Solaris LED is ready for operation. After initial power-up, the last-saved DMX address will appear.

## FREQUENCY SETTING

Depending on location, change the Default Frequency setting to match the mains power (e.g., US and Canada should be set at 60Hz). Proper frequency setting will ensure minimum amount of visible artifacts when using Solaris LED on camera.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



Please read these instructions carefully. This user guide contains important information about the installation, usage and maintenance of this fixture.

- Please keep this Operation Manual for future reference. If unit is sold to another user, make sure they also receive this instruction booklet.
- Ensure fixture is connected to proper voltage, and that line voltage is not higher than that stated on the fixture.
- Make sure there are no flammable materials close to the unit while operating.
- Always disconnect from the power source before servicing or fuse replacement. Always use the fuse specified in this manual.
- Always use a safety cable when hanging fixture overhead.
- Maximum ambient temperature (Ta) is 40°C (104°F). Do not operate fixture at temperatures above this rating.
- In the event of a serious operating problem, stop using the unit immediately. Repairs must be carried out by trained, authorized personnel. Contact the nearest authorized technical assistance center. Only OEM spare parts should be used.
- Do not connect the device to a dimmer pack.
- Make sure power cord is never crimped or damaged.
- Never disconnect power cord by pulling or tugging on the cord.
- Avoid direct eye exposure to the light source during operation.

**Caution!** *There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit. Do not open the housing or attempt any repairs yourself. In the unlikely event your unit may require service, please contact your distributor.*

## Technical Features / Description

- Flare: 96 10W RGBW Cree® LEDs, divided into 2, 3, 4, 6 or 12 pixels
- Flare Jr: 32 10W RGBW Cree LEDs, divided into 1, 2, or 4 pixels
- Variable intensity control 0-100% in 8bit or 16bit control modes
- Beam spread: 36°
- Refresh rate: 1200HZ
- Flash Duration control 0-650ms flashes per second
- Flash Rate control 0-16.7Hz (50Hz) / 0-20Hz (60Hz)
- Continuous blinder/wash effect
- Flash intensity curve selection
- User definable fades
- LCD control panel display with 4 control buttons

## 2. SETUP



Disconnect the power cord before replacing the fuse. Always replace with the correct fuse type.



### FUSE REPLACEMENT

Flare and Flare Jr. use a 12A 250V slow-blow fuse (5x20mm). To replace fuse:

1. With a screwdriver turn the fuse cap counter-clockwise to remove fuse cap with fuse.
2. Replace fuse attached to fuse cap.
3. Reinsert fuse cap with new fuse and tighten clockwise.

### FIXTURE LINKING

A DMX data link is needed to operate one or more fixtures via a DMX-512 lighting console. The combined number of channels required by all the fixtures on a DMX data link determines the number of fixtures the DMX data link can support.

***Important: Fixtures on a DMX data link must be daisy-chained in one single line. To comply with the EIA-485 standard, no more than 32 devices should be connected on one data link. Connecting more than 32 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 between fixtures: 984 ft. (300 meters).

### DMX DATA CABLE

Use a ProPlex<sup>®</sup> DMX cable or equivalent which meets the specifications for EIA RS-485 applications. Standard microphone cables cannot transmit DMX data reliably over long distances. The data cable must have the following characteristics:

- 2-conductor twisted pair plus a shield
- Max. capacitance between conductors – 30 pF/ft.
- Max. capacitance between conductor and shield – 55 pF/ft.
- Max. resistance of 20 ohms / 1000 ft.
- Nominal impedance 100-140 ohms

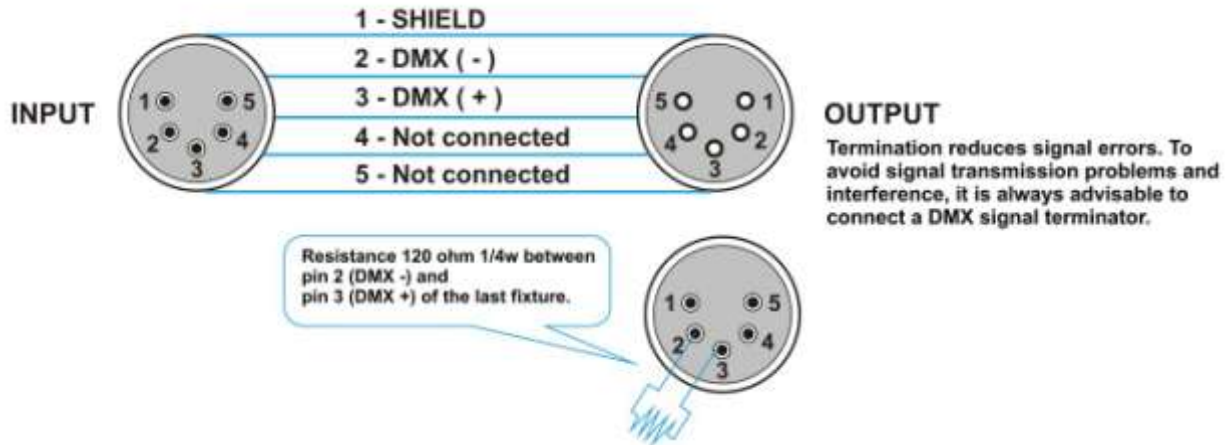
### POWER LINKING – FLARE JR.

The Flare JR has a Neutrik<sup>®</sup> PowerCon IN and THRU connection allowing power linking (daisy-chaining). Depending on the power provided, you should not exceed the power threshold. Max. 5 units 10-120V; max. 10 units 208-240V.

## CABLE CONNECTORS

Cabling must have a male XLR connector on one end and a female XLR connector on the other end.

### DMX connector configuration



**CAUTION:** Do not allow contact between the common and the fixture's chassis ground. Grounding the common can cause a ground loop, and your fixture may perform erratically. Test cables with an ohm meter to verify correct polarity and to make sure the pins are not grounded or shorted to the shield or each other

## 3-PIN TO 5-PIN CONVERSION CHART

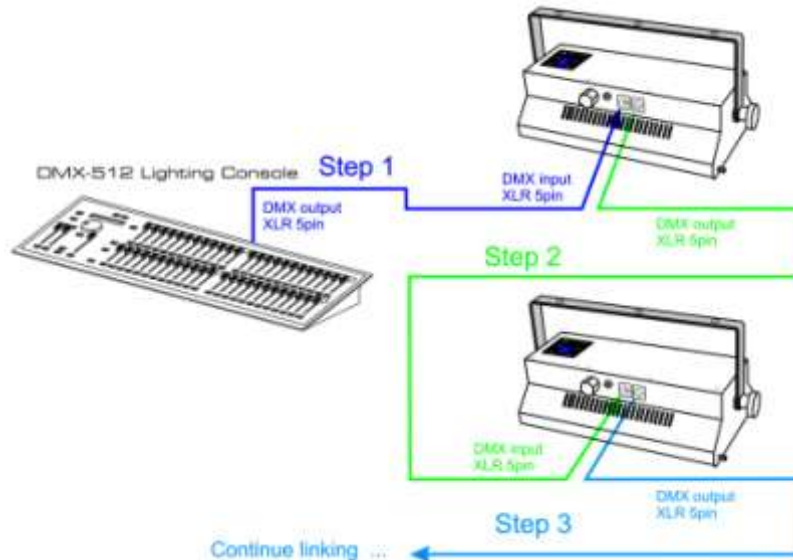
If using a console with a 3-pin DMX output connector, a 3-pin to 5-pin adapter is needed. The chart below details a proper cable conversion:

**3-PIN TO 5-PIN CONVERSION CHART**

| Conductor       | 3 Pin Female (output) | 5 Pin Male (Input) |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ground / Shield | Pin 1                 | Pin 1              |
| Data (-) signal | Pin 2                 | Pin 2              |
| Data (+) signal | Pin 3                 | Pin 3              |
| Do not use      |                       | Do not use         |
| Do not use      |                       | Do not use         |

## SETTING UP A DMX SERIAL DATA LINK

- 1) Connect the male 5-pin XLR connector of the data cable to the female 5-pin XLR output of the DMX console. Connect the other end of the data cable (female 5-pin XLR) to the male 5-pin XLR connector located on the Solaris LED Flare.
- 2) Connect from the fixture output as stated above to the input of the following fixture, and so forth.
- 3) Continue linking until the last fixture is connected in your DMX signal data chain.



## FIXTURE MOUNTING

### Orientation

Flare and Flare Jr. fixtures may be mounted in any position. Always make sure there is adequate room for ventilation. Do not obstruct unit's fan or vents.

### Support Stand

Always use a professional stand rated to support weight greater than the fixture (see technical specifications). Attach a TVMP spigot to the yoke of the Flare or Flare Jr. and mount on the stand.

**Rigging** – *Always consult a certified rigging specialist before suspending any fixture overhead!*

Use ProBurger® couplers or equivalent C- or O-type clamps for attaching to truss. It is important never to obstruct the fan or vents pathway. Adjust the angle of the fixture by loosening both knobs and tilting the fixture. After finding the desired position, retighten both knobs.

- *Always use safety cables!*
- When selecting installation location, consider routine maintenance.
- Never mount fixture where it will be exposed to moisture, high humidity, extreme temperatures, or restricted ventilation.



# 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## CONTROL PANEL NAVIGATION

Access control panel functions using the four control panel buttons located directly underneath the LCD Display.



The Control Panel LCD Display shows the menu items selected from the menu map (see page 9). When a menu function is selected, the display will show the first available option for the selected menu function. To select a menu item, press **<MENU>**.

Press and hold the **<MENU>** button to scroll through the top level menu items. This is the top of the menu map. Use the **<Up>** and **<Down>** buttons, located to the right of the LCD screen, to navigate the menu map and menu options. Press the **<MENU>** button to access the menu function currently displayed or to enable a menu option. To return to the top of the menu map or menu without changing the value, press the **< X >** button.

### Main Menu Functions: Flare

- DMX Address** – DMX address selection
- Control** – Control mode selection menu
- Manual** – Manual Control
- Demo** – Demonstration scenes
- Config** – Configuration Menu

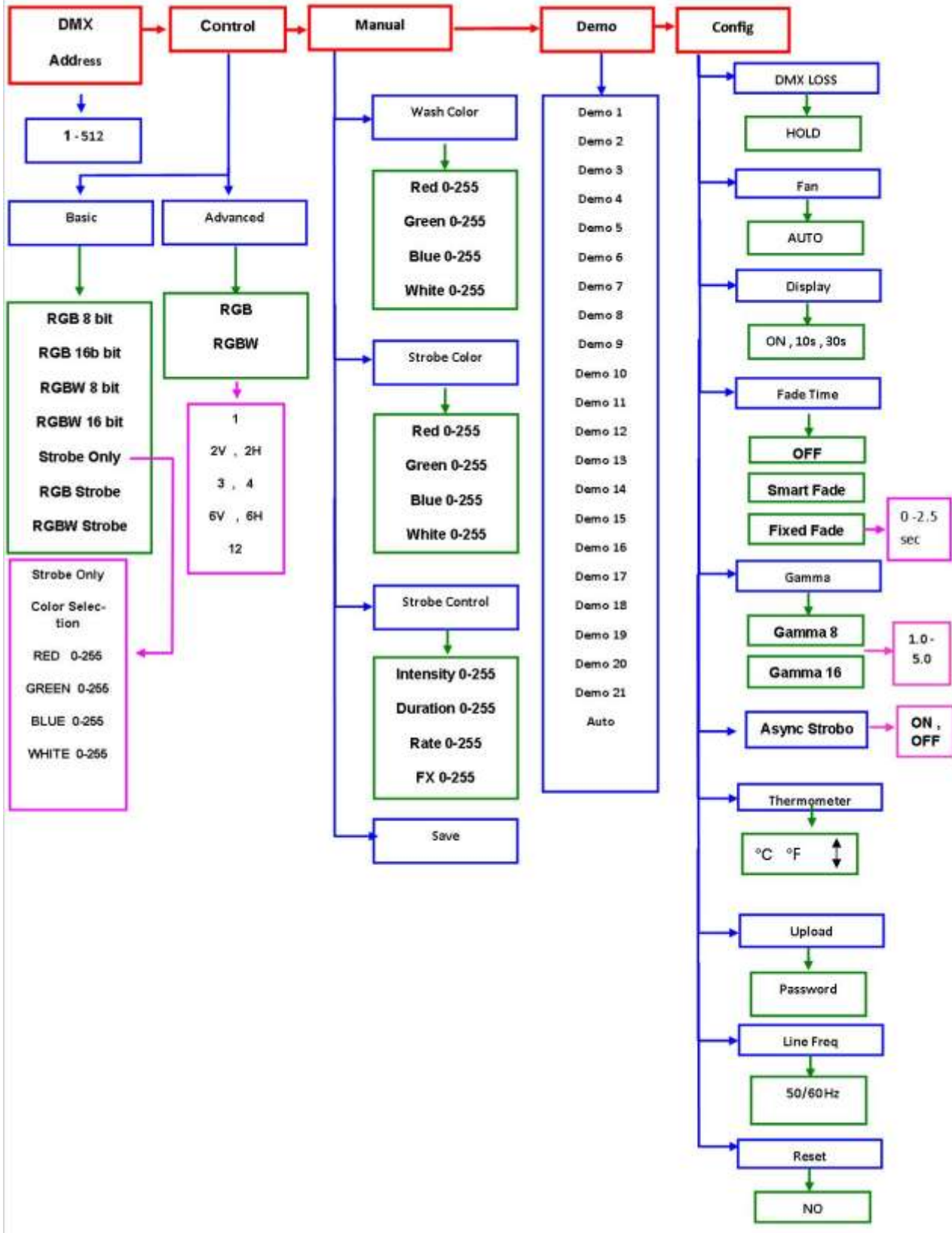
### Main Menu Functions: Flare Jr.

- DMX Address** – DMX address selection
- DMX Source** – Wireless or wired
- Control** – Control mode selection menu
- Manual** – Manual Control
- Demo** – Demonstration scenes
- Config** – Configuration Menu

During normal operation, the Control Panel LED Display indicates DMX start address. When the DMX signal is not connected, or if the Flare is not receiving a DMX signal, the address blinks **RED**.



# MENU MAP - FLARE

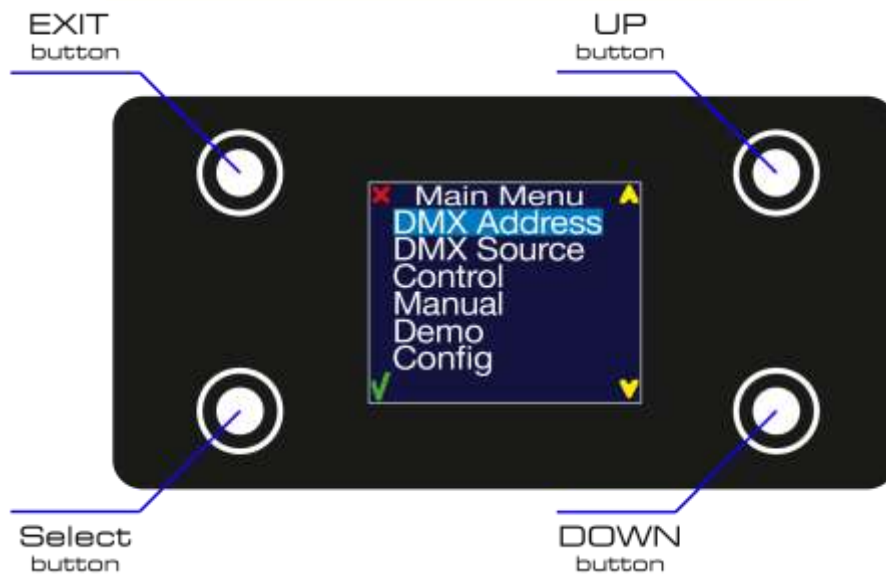
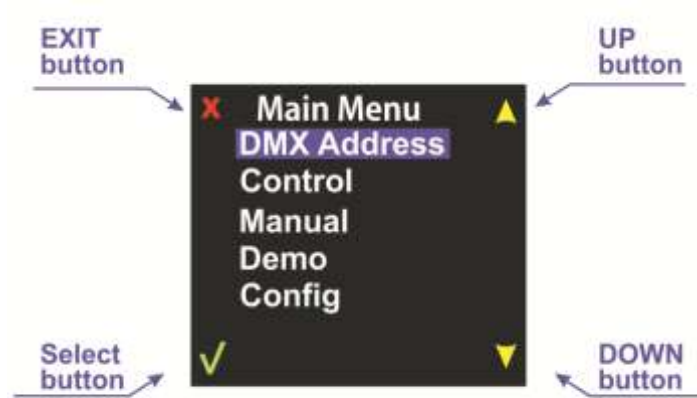




## MENU FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

**DMX Address** – To set the required DMX address, open the Main Menu:

- 1) Press and hold **<MENU>** button to open the **Main Menu**.

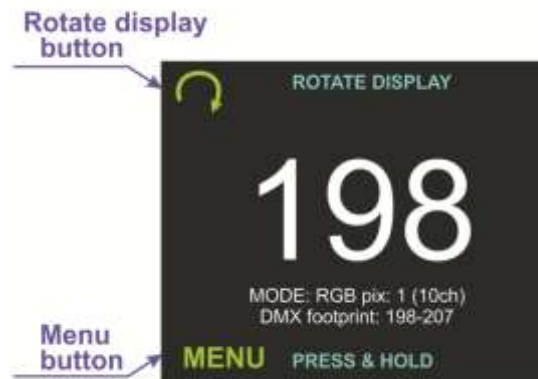


- 2) Use **<UP>** and **<DOWN>** buttons to find the **DMX address** function.
- 3) Press **<SELECT>** button to access the DMX address value change submenu.



- 4) Use <UP> and <DOWN> buttons to set necessary DMX address value (e.g. 198).
- 5) Use <SELECT> button to confirm the new DMX address.
- 6) Main Menu will appear. Press <EXIT> button to return fixture at work-state.
- 7) The work-state control panel display shows current DMX address (in this example **198**). Additional info is displayed under the DMX address: Selected control mode, channels used by this mode, and occupied DMX addresses (DMX footprint.)

In this example MODE: RGB pix:1 (10ch) DMX footprint: 198 - 202 (meaning: RGB control mode with 1 pixel using 10 DMX channels uses DMX 198 to 207).



**DMX Source** – This device supports two DMX controlling modes through wired connection (DMX cable w/XLR 5-pin connector), or wireless DMX signal through wireless (Flare Jr. only).

To set required DMX source, you must:

- 1) Press and hold <MENU> button to open the **Main Menu**.
- 2) Use <UP> and <DOWN> buttons to find the **DMX Source** submenu and press <SELECT> button.



3) Choose from 2 options "**DMX IN**" or "**WIRELESS**" and press **<SELECT>** button to confirm your selection.



3.1) If "**DMX IN**" option is selected, and there is an input signal, the home screen will display non-blinking address number (in this case: "1") and "DMX src: DMX IN"



3.2) If "**WIRELESS**" option is selected, return to home screen. Under **DMX src** "WIRELESS" will appear but the address number (in this case "1") and wireless symbol might be blinking if the wireless connection is not set-up. Also, on the right upper corner "**NO LINK**" will be displayed.

- 4) To set-up wireless connection, activate the built-in wireless receiver. If the "RF LINK" LED is blinking, press the connection button once, located on the front panel of the wireless transmitter device. This will pair the wireless transmitter with all unpaired Flare Jrs. found in the wireless range.

After completing the above the Flare Jr main screen will look like one of these:



If the wireless symbol is **yellow**, a wireless connection has been made but no DMX signal is present. Check the input DMX connections on the wireless transmitter to solve this problem.

If the wireless symbol is **green**, the built-in wireless receiver has an input signal and the system is ready for use.

To **break** the wireless link with **all** the Flare Jrs:

Press the connection button located at the wireless transmitter front panel. This will break the connection with all wireless devices connected in the wireless link.

To **break** the wireless link with an **individual** Flare Jr.:

Press and hold the button at upper right of the Flare Jr. LCD (indicated with red square below). This will break the connection with the particular Flare Jr.



**Control** – Flare and Flare Jr. control mode selections. Flare and Flare Jr. are two fixtures in one (a strobe fixture, and a wash/blinder fixture). In each of the control modes, the fixture occupies varying numbers of DMX channels and has different control channels. To enter the Control submenu, follow these steps:

- 1) Press and hold **<MENU>** button to open the **Main Menu**.
- 2) Use **<UP>** and **<DOWN>** buttons to find the **Control** submenu.



- 3) Press **<SELECT>** button to access the Control submenu.
- 4) Choose the correct Control Mode type, Basic or Advanced.



When the Control submenu is opened, there are two settings to choose from:

**Basic** – This mode allows for simple control of the fixture as a Blinder/Wash fixture, or as a Strobe.

**Advanced** – This mode allows for independent control of Blinder/Wash functions, and the Strobe functions. This mode also allows for independent color and intensity control of every segment of LEDs independently.

## BASIC MODE

In Basic Mode, the fixture can be used as a wash/blinder, generic strobe, or color strobe.

The first modes are the RGB and RGBW modes in 8bit resolution or 16bit resolution.

The RGB modes are designed to automatically adjust the white LEDs according to the RGB mix coming from the lighting controller.

The RGBW modes are designed to give independent control of all 4 colors.

8 bit control uses one DMX channel for each color, and 16 bit control allows for two DMX channels of control to give the lighting controller more steps of dimming.

| Mode                 | Channel | DMX values | Preset  | Function                        |
|----------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| <b>RGB<br/>8bit</b>  | 1       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Red Intensity</b>            |
|                      | 2       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Green Intensity</b>          |
|                      | 3       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Blue Intensity</b>           |
| <b>RGB<br/>16bit</b> | 1       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Red Intensity HI Byte</b>    |
|                      | 2       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Red Intensity LOW Byte</b>   |
|                      | 3       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Green Intensity HI Byte</b>  |
|                      | 4       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Green Intensity LOW Byte</b> |
|                      | 5       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Blue Intensity HI Byte</b>   |
|                      | 6       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Blue Intensity LOW Byte</b>  |

| Mode                  | Channel | DMX values | Preset  | Function                        |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| <b>RGBW<br/>8bit</b>  | 1       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Red Intensity</b>            |
|                       | 2       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Green Intensity</b>          |
|                       | 3       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Blue Intensity</b>           |
|                       | 4       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>White Intensity</b>          |
| <b>RGBW<br/>16bit</b> | 1       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Red Intensity HI Byte</b>    |
|                       | 2       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Red Intensity LOW Byte</b>   |
|                       | 3       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Green Intensity HI Byte</b>  |
|                       | 4       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Green Intensity LOW Byte</b> |
|                       | 5       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Blue Intensity HI Byte</b>   |
|                       | 6       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>Blue Intensity LOW Byte</b>  |
|                       | 7       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>White Intensity HI Byte</b>  |
|                       | 8       | 0 - 255    | 0 - 100 | <b>White Intensity LOW Byte</b> |



## STROBE MODES

Four channels control the functions of the strobe parameter: Strobe Intensity, Strobe Duration, Strobe Rate and Strobe FX.

There are a number of effects that also use the strobe rate and duration controls to affect the effect's look. Please experiment to find the right duration and rate for your application.

|           |          | <b>Flash intensity</b>  |
|-----------|----------|---|
| 0 - 5     | 0 - 2    | Blackout  |
| 6 - 255   | 3 - 100  | Intensity level   |
|           |          | <b>Flash duration</b>   |
| 0 - 254   | 0 - 99   | 0 - 650ms (50Hz AC)   |
| 255       | 100      | HYPERS  |
|           |          | <b>Flash rate</b>   |
| 0 - 5     | 0 - 2    | No flash  |
| 6 - 255   | 3 - 100  | 0.5 - 25Hz (50Hz AC); 0.6 - 30Hz (60Hz AC)                                      |
|           |          | <b>Flash effects</b>  |
| 0 - 4     | 0 - 2    | No effect   |
| 5         | 3        | Wash Override (only available in RGB Strobe and RGBW Strobe modes) <sup>1</sup> |
| 6 - 42    | 4 -16    | Ramp up   |
| 43 - 85   | 17 - 33  | Ramp down   |
| 86 - 128  | 34 - 50  | Ramp up - down  |
| 129 - 171 | 51 - 67  | Random  |
| 172 - 214 | 68 - 84  | Lighting  |
| 215 - 240 | 85 - 92  | Spikes  |
| 241 - 245 | 93 - 95  | Burst (use Rate at full) <sup>2</sup>   |
| 246 - 250 | 96 - 98  | "Meltdown" Random Pixels w/ Solid Background <sup>3</sup>                       |
| 251 - 255 | 99 - 100 | "Meltdown" Random Pixels w/ Burst Background <sup>4</sup>                       |

Notes:

- 1) In RGB Strobe and RGBW Strobe modes, a feature in the Strobe FX channel allows the Flare to become a temporary wash/blinder fixture. If the Strobe FX channel is set to DMX value 5, the Strobe color channels become strobe wash/blinder color channels.

For example, the Flare can be strobing in White, and then quickly changed to a Blue Wash fixture.

- a) White strobing: Strobe Color Channels @ DMX 255, Strobing channels as desired.
- b) Blue Wash: Strobe Color channels to Blue-only @ DMX 255; Strobe FX @ DMX 5; the other strobe channels are ignored.

- 2) When burst is activated, use the rate channel at FULL to access a hyper-speed strobe

- 3) When Meltdown with Solid background is active, the Strobe Color determines the random pixel color, and the background color is determined by the pixel colors after the strobe fx channels. There is no background color when in RGB Strobe and RGBW Strobe mode. The background pixels are solid-on in this mode. The foreground strobe is randomized, not achievable in any other mode, and is difficult to reproduce with most DMX controllers at this rate.
- 4) When Meltdown with Burst background is active, the Strobe Color determines the random pixel color, and the background color is determined by the pixel colors after the strobe fx channels. There is no background color when in RGB Strobe and RGBW Strobe mode. The background pixels run at burst speed in this mode. The foreground strobe is randomized which is not achievable in any other mode, and is difficult to reproduce with most DMX controllers at this rate.

### ASYNCR STROBO (Found in the CONFIG Menu)

The purpose of this mode is to make quick one-shot effects within the Strobe FX channel much easier.

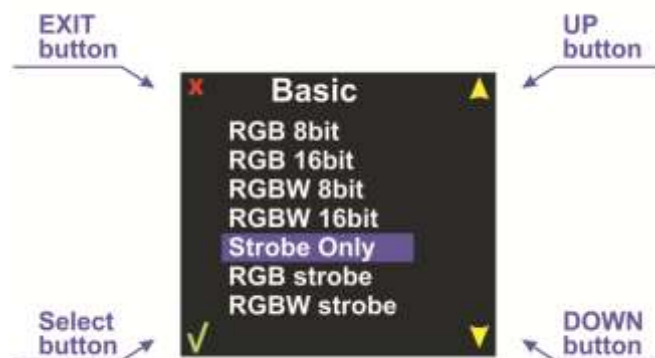
If the Strobe Rate and Duration channels are set at zero, and the FX channel is at a value for one of the strobe effects, any change in the strobe intensity channel will cause the Strobe FX effect to one-shot at this intensity value. This feature makes firing an effect once very easy, reducing your number of cues by half.

Note: When in this mode, any change to the strobe intensity channel within DMX values 1-255 will cause the Flare to fire a single shot of either an effect or a single strobe at the intensity value selected.

### STROBE-ONLY MODE

In this mode, the fixture can act as a generic 4-channel Strobe.

In this mode, strobe color can be selected.





|                         |   |         |         |                         |
|-------------------------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| <b>Strobe Only Mode</b> | 1 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | <b>Strobe Intensity</b> |
|                         | 2 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | <b>Strobe Duration</b>  |
|                         | 3 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | <b>Strobe Rate</b>      |
|                         | 4 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | <b>Strobe FX</b>        |

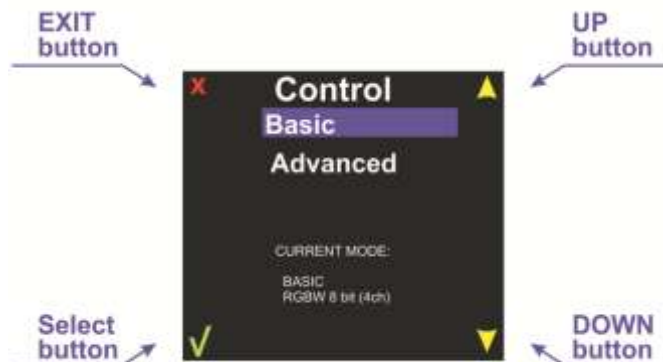
## ADVANCED MODES

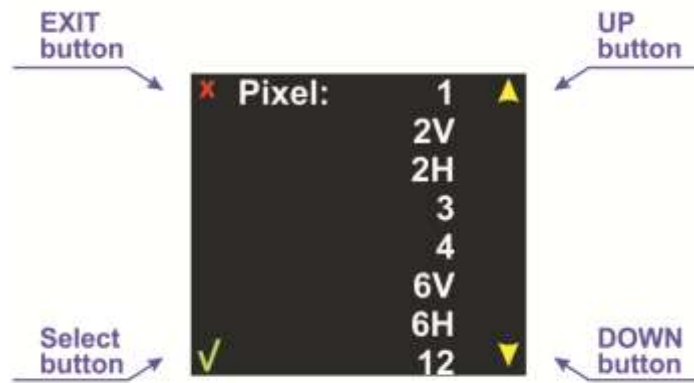
This control submenu setup is for advanced users allowing control of both Strobe Color and Strobe Intensity/Duration/Rate/FX independently of Wash/Blinder background color. This also allows independent control individual segments of 8 LEDs in the array.

RGB or RGBW control can be selected, plus the desired pixel segments.

The LED segments are comprised of 8 LEDs. There are two segments of 8 LEDs per row. There are 6 rows of LEDs, for a total of 12 controllable segments. The more segments chosen, the more sets of RGB or RGBW will follow the Strobe Color and Strobe Control channels.

Choose how many sections (PIXELS) of control after choosing color mode (RGB or RGBW).

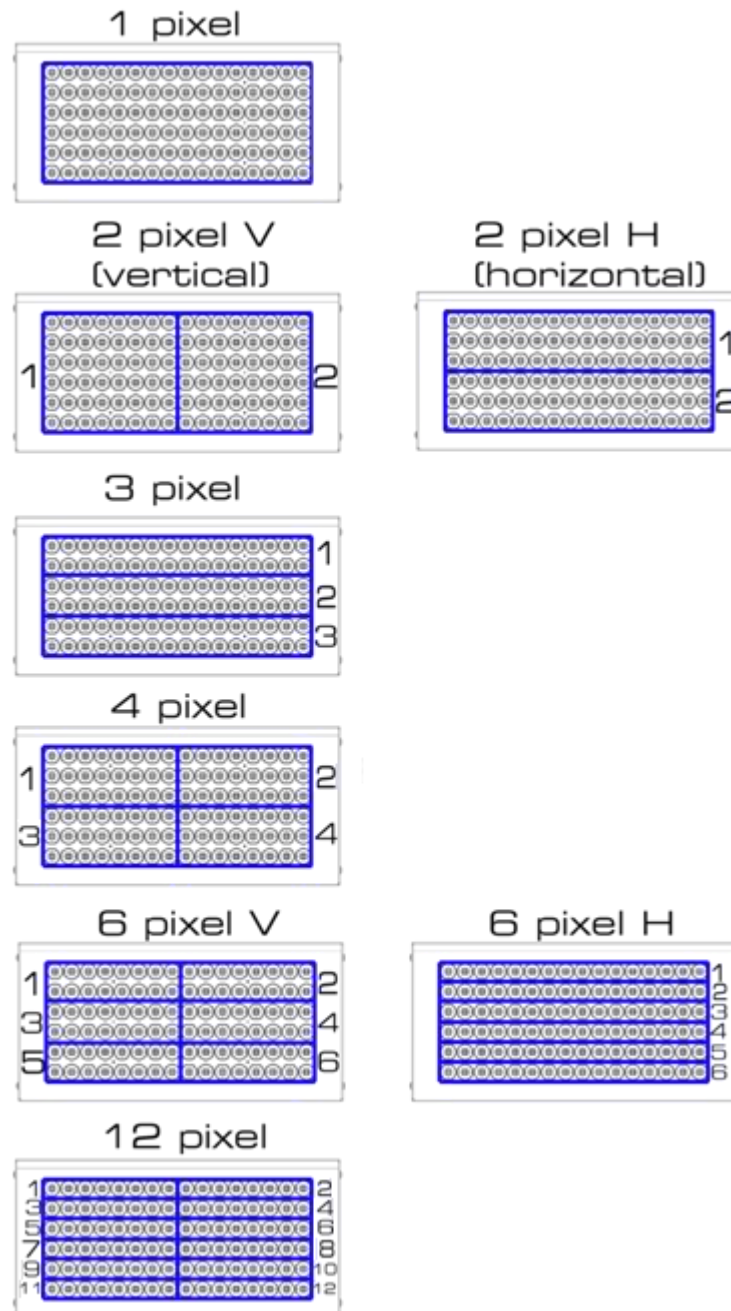




## PIXEL LOCATIONS – FLARE

Flare consists out of **96 10W Cree LEDs** which are located in **8 rows** and **16 columns**. In advanced controlling modes the Flare may be controlled as a wash with **1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 pixel** modes.

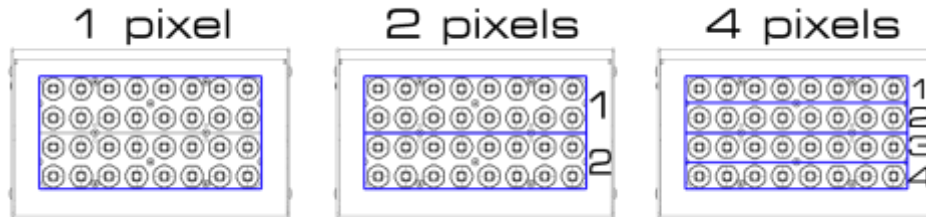
**Note:** *Only the entire fixture can be Strobed. Operators can chase individual sections with intensity or color very quickly to simulate strobing of individual segments. However, Strobe functions and Strobe color can only be set for the whole fixture.*



## PIXEL LOCATIONS – FLARE JR.

Flare Jr. consists out of **32 10W Cree LEDs** which are located in **4 rows** and **8 columns**. In advanced controlling modes, the Flare Jr. can be controlled as a wash in **1, 2, or 4 pixel** modes.

**Note:** Only the entire fixture can be Strobed. Operators can chase individual sections with intensity or color very quickly to simulate strobing of individual segments. However, Strobe functions and Strobe color can only be set for the whole fixture.



## ADVANCED RGB STROBE DMX CHANNELS

| FLARE                   |         |           |         |                        | FLARE Jr.             |                        |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| PIXEL MODE              | CHANNEL | DMX VALUE | PERCENT | FUNCTION               | PIXEL MODE            | FUNCTION               |
| RGB PIXEL MODE 1        | 1       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Red Strobe Intensity   | RGB PIXEL MODE 1      | Red Strobe Intensity   |
|                         | 2       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Green Strobe Intensity |                       | Green Strobe Intensity |
|                         | 3       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Blue Strobe Intensity  |                       | Blue Strobe Intensity  |
|                         | 4       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe Intensity       |                       | Strobe Intensity       |
|                         | 5       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe Duration        |                       | Strobe Duration        |
|                         | 6       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe Rate            |                       | Strobe Rate            |
|                         | 7       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe FX              |                       | Strobe FX              |
|                         | 8       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix Red intensity    |                       | 1 pix Red intensity    |
|                         | 9       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix Green intensity  |                       | 1 pix Green intensity  |
|                         | 10      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix Blue intensity   |                       | 1 pix Blue intensity   |
| RGB PIXEL MODE 2        | 11      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix Red intensity    | RGB PIXEL MODE 2      | 2 pix Red intensity    |
|                         | 12      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix Green intensity  |                       | 2 pix Green intensity  |
|                         | 13      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix Blue intensity   |                       | 2 pix Blue intensity   |
| RGB PIXEL MODE 3        | 14      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix Red intensity    | RGB PIXEL MODE 4      | 3 pix Red intensity    |
|                         | 15      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix Green intensity  |                       | 3 pix Green intensity  |
|                         | 16      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix Blue intensity   |                       | 3 pix Blue intensity   |
| RGB PIXEL MODE 4        | 17      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix Red intensity    |                       | 4 pix Red intensity    |
|                         | 18      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix Green intensity  | 4 pix Green intensity |                        |
|                         | 19      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix Blue intensity   | 4 pix Blue intensity  |                        |
| RGB PIXEL MODE 6H or 6V | 20      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 5 pix Red intensity    |                       |                        |
|                         | 21      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 5 pix Green intensity  |                       |                        |
|                         | 22      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 5 pix Blue intensity   |                       |                        |
|                         | 23      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 6 pix Red intensity    |                       |                        |
|                         | 24      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 6 pix Green intensity  |                       |                        |
|                         | 25      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 6 pix Blue intensity   |                       |                        |

|                      |         |         |                        |                        |  |  |
|----------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| RGB PIXEL<br>MODE 12 | 26      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 7 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                      | 27      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 7 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                      | 28      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 7 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                      | 29      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 8 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                      | 30      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 8 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                      | 31      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 8 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                      | 32      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 9 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                      | 33      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 9 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                      | 34      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 9 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                      | 35      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 10 pix Red intensity   |  |  |
|                      | 36      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 10 pix Green intensity |  |  |
|                      | 37      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 10 pix Blue intensity  |  |  |
|                      | 38      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 11 pix Red intensity   |  |  |
|                      | 39      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 11 pix Green intensity |  |  |
|                      | 40      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 11 pix Blue intensity  |  |  |
|                      | 41      | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100                | 12 pix Red intensity   |  |  |
| 42                   | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 12 pix Green intensity |                        |  |  |
| 43                   | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 12 pix Blue intensity  |                        |  |  |

## ADVANCED RGBW STROBE DMX CHANNELS

| FLARE                       |         |           |         |                        | FLARE Jr.                      |                        |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| PIXEL MODE                  | CHANNEL | DMX VALUE | PERCENT | FUNCTION               | PIXEL MODE                     | FUNCTION               |
| RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 1        | 1       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Red Strobe Intensity   | RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 1           | Red Strobe Intensity   |
|                             | 2       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Green Strobe Intensity |                                | Green Strobe Intensity |
|                             | 3       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Blue Strobe Intensity  |                                | Blue Strobe Intensity  |
|                             | 4       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | White Strobe Intensity |                                | White Strobe Intensity |
|                             | 5       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe Intensity       |                                | Strobe Intensity       |
|                             | 6       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe Duration        |                                | Strobe Duration        |
|                             | 7       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe Rate            |                                | Strobe Rate            |
|                             | 8       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | Strobe FX              |                                | Strobe FX              |
|                             | 9       | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix Red intensity    |                                | 1 pix Red intensity    |
|                             | 10      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix Green intensity  |                                | 1 pix Green intensity  |
|                             | 11      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix Blue intensity   |                                | 1 pix Blue intensity   |
|                             | 12      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 1 pix White intensity  |                                | 1 pix White intensity  |
| RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 2V or 2H | 13      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix Red intensity    | RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 2V or<br>2H | 2 pix Red intensity    |
|                             | 14      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix Green intensity  |                                | 2 pix Green intensity  |
|                             | 15      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix Blue intensity   |                                | 2 pix Blue intensity   |
|                             | 16      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 2 pix White intensity  |                                | 2 pix White intensity  |
| RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 3        | 17      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix Red intensity    | RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 4           | 3 pix Red intensity    |
|                             | 18      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix Green intensity  |                                | 3 pix Green intensity  |
|                             | 19      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix Blue intensity   |                                | 3 pix Blue intensity   |
|                             | 20      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 3 pix White intensity  |                                | 3 pix White intensity  |
| RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 4        | 21      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix Red intensity    |                                | 4 pix Red intensity    |
|                             | 22      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix Green intensity  |                                | 4 pix Green intensity  |
|                             | 23      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix Blue intensity   |                                | 4 pix Blue intensity   |
|                             | 24      | 0 - 255   | 0 - 100 | 4 pix White intensity  |                                | 4 pix White intensity  |

|                             |    |         |         |                        |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----|---------|---------|------------------------|--|--|
| RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 6H or 6V | 25 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 5 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                             | 26 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 5 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 27 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 5 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 28 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 5 pix White intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 29 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 6 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                             | 30 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 6 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 31 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 6 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 32 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 6 pix White intensity  |  |  |
| RGBW PIXEL<br>MODE 12       | 33 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 7 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                             | 34 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 7 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 35 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 7 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 36 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 7 pix White intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 37 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 8 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                             | 38 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 8 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 39 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 8 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 40 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 8 pix White intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 41 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 9 pix Red intensity    |  |  |
|                             | 42 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 9 pix Green intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 43 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 9 pix Blue intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 44 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 9 pix White intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 45 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 10 pix Red intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 46 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 10 pix Green intensity |  |  |
|                             | 47 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 10 pix Blue intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 48 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 10 pix White intensity |  |  |
|                             | 49 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 11 pix Red intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 50 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 11 pix Green intensity |  |  |
|                             | 51 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 11 pix Blue intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 52 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 11 pix White intensity |  |  |
|                             | 53 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 12 pix Red intensity   |  |  |
|                             | 54 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 12 pix Green intensity |  |  |
|                             | 55 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 12 pix Blue intensity  |  |  |
|                             | 56 | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100 | 12 pix White intensity |  |  |



## MANUAL FUNCTION

This menu function allows selection of the intensity of wash/blinder background color, strobe color, and strobe functions. This functions as a stand-alone mode. Manual values are saved if power is shut down. A reset will clear these values (see Menu Maps, pages 9-10).

**Demo** – In this menu the following demonstration scenes may be selected:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Demo 1</b> - Red color test   | <b>Demo 12</b> - Color Intensity Amplitude Modulation test with hard edges            |
| <b>Demo 2</b> - Green color test                                       | <b>Demo 13</b> - White Intensity Amplitude Modulation test                            |
| <b>Demo 3</b> - Blue color test  | <b>Demo 14</b> - Red color strobe test  |
| <b>Demo 4</b> - White color test                                       | <b>Demo 15</b> - Green color strobe test  |
| <b>Demo 5</b> - Yellow color test                                      | <b>Demo 16</b> - Blue color strobe test   |
| <b>Demo 6</b> - Cyan color test  | <b>Demo 17</b> - White flash delay test   |
| <b>Demo 7</b> - Magenta color test                                     | <b>Demo 18</b> - Red flash delay test   |
| <b>Demo 8</b> - White (RGB) color test                                 | <b>Demo 19</b> - Green flash delay test   |
| <b>Demo 9</b> - Color Amplitude Modulation, blur edge transition test  | <b>Demo 20</b> - Blue flash delay test  |
| <b>Demo 10</b> - Color Amplitude Modulation, hard edge transition test | <b>Demo 21</b> – White Fast Flash   |
| <b>Demo 11</b> - Color + Intensity Amplitude Modulation test           | <b>Auto 1</b> - Automatic selection of all demonstrations ( <b>Demo 1 – Demo 21</b> ) |

During the demo functions, using the **<UP>** and **<DOWN>** buttons will change the demo scenes. To exit **Demo** mode, press the **<EXIT >** button. This mode works as a stand-alone mode. Even if the Flare is turned off, and then back on, the selected demo scene will be saved. While in the Demo menu, the demonstration scene will play. When exited from Demo mode, the Flare will return to a normal state of operation.

**Config** – Configuration setup. In this menu the following functions may be selected:

**DMX LOSS** – Select desired function should the Flare lose DMX signal:

**HOLD** – Hold the last received DMX values when DMX signal is lost

**OFF** – Do not hold the last received DMX values when DMX signal is lost. Also stops light output.

**Fan** – Cooling Fan:

**AUTO** – Fan speed is automatically controlled by the Flare and will adjust according to temperatures at normal operating levels.

**ON** – Fan cooling always is turned on.

**Display** – Automatic power on/off:

**ON** – Control display is turned on.

**10s** – Control display is turned off after 10 seconds of inactivity.

**30s** – Control display is turned off after 30 seconds of inactivity.

**Thermometer** – Internal temperature gauge:

The built-in thermometer tracks internal operating temperature. Pressing the **<UP>** and **<DOWN>** buttons selects degrees Celsius or Fahrenheit.

**Fade Time** – Fade time setup. The operator can set the way the Flare reacts to changing DMX values. This is designed to allow the light output of the Flare to react as smoothly as possible when crossfading DMX values.

**OFF** – The Flare will not change the smoothness of crossfading of values coming from the lighting controller.

**Smart Fade** – The Flare will attempt to add smoothness to crossfading DMX values coming from the lighting controller, but will also allow for very quick change of values where smoothness is not applicable.

**Fixed Fade** – The fade time for any change in DMX values can be set manually. The timing values can be set from 0.01 to 2.50 seconds. Use the **<Up>** and **<Down>** buttons to change these values.

**Gamma** – Gamma correction curve selection. This sets direct relation between AC current to the LEDs and the DMX value. The lower the value, the dimming curve and steps of intensity will be more noticeable at the bottom of the DMX range. The higher the value, the smoother the bottom end of the curve will be where the human eye detects more subtle changes.

**Gamma 8** – 8-bit rate Gamma correction setup. Color dimming curve values can be set from **1.0** to **5.0**. The **default** value is **3.0**

**Gamma 16** – 16-bit rate Gamma correction setup. Each color dimming curve values from **1.0** to **5.0**. The **default** value is **1.0**

**Async Strobo** – This special mode allows for fast programming and “one-hit” effects (see Strobo Modes section of Manual). Default is OFF, turn ON to activate.

**Upload** – Upload software. Designed to cross-load software from one Flare to others in the DMX data chain. This should not be used when other fixture types are in the data chain. Use of this function will be prompted by **Password**. The password is **111**.

**Line Freq** – Line Frequency. Allows adjustment of Flare input power frequency to match local source power for minimum visual artifacts on camera. The setting depends on region of use and power source. There are two options: 50Hz and 60Hz. Use the **<UP>** and **<DOWN>** buttons to change these values.

**Reset** – Set factory defaults. Two options: **NO** and **YES**. Use the **<UP>** and **<DOWN>** buttons to change these values.

**Source (Flare Jr. Only)** –

**DMX IN** – Wired XLR connection

**Wireless** – Optional wireless configuration

# 4. APPENDIX

## BASICS OF DMX CONTROL

There are 512 channels in a DMX-512 connection. Channels may be assigned in any manner. A fixture capable of receiving DMX-512 will require one or a number of sequential channels. The user must assign a starting address on the fixture that indicates the first channel reserved in the lighting console. There are many different types of DMX controllable fixtures and they all may vary in the total number of channels required. Choosing a start address should be planned in advance. Channels should never overlap. If they do, this will result in erratic operation of the overlapping fixtures. You can however, control multiple fixtures of the same type using the same starting address as long as the intended result is that of unison movement or operation. In other words, the fixtures will be slaved together and all will respond identically.

DMX fixtures are often designed to receive and transmit data through a DMX daisy-chain. A DMX daisy-chain is where the DMX OUT of one fixture connects to the DMX IN of the next fixture. The order in which the fixtures are connected is not important and has no effect on how a lighting console communicates to each fixture. Use an order that provides for the easiest and most direct cabling. Connect fixtures using shielded two conductor twisted pair cable such as ProPlex<sup>®</sup> DMX with 5-pin XLR male to female connectors. The shield/ground is pin 1, while pin 2 is Data Negative (D-) and pin 3 is Data positive (D+). Pins 4 and 5 are not used according to the DMX-512 standard.

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE

To maintain optimum performance and minimize wear fixtures should be cleaned frequently. Usage and environment are contributing factors in determining frequency. As a general rule, fixtures should be cleaned at least twice a month. Dust build up reduces light output performance and can cause overheating. This can lead to reduced lamp life and increased mechanical wear. Be sure to disconnect power to the fixture before conducting maintenance.

Unplug fixture from power. Use a vacuum or air compressor and a soft brush to remove collected dust from external vents and internal components. Clean all glass when the fixture is cold with a mild solution of glass cleaner or Isopropyl Alcohol and a soft lint free cotton cloth or lens tissue. Apply solution to the cloth or tissue and drag dirt and grime to the outside of the lens. Gently polish optical surfaces until they are free of haze and lint.

The cleaning of internal and external optical lenses and/or mirrors must be carried out periodically to optimize light output. Cleaning frequency depends on the environment in which the fixture operates: damp, smoky or particularly dirty surroundings can cause greater accumulation of dirt on the unit's optics. Clean with soft cloth using normal glass cleaning fluid. Always dry the parts carefully. Clean the external optics at least every 20 days. Clean the internal optics at least every 30 to 60 days.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Solaris LED fixtures (the Product) are warranted by TMB against defective materials or workmanship for a period of two (2) years from the date of original sale by TMB. TMB's warranty shall be restricted to the repair or replacement of any part that proves to be defective and for which a claim is submitted to TMB before the expiration of the applicable warranty periods.

This Limited Warranty is void if the defects of the Product are the result of:

- Opening the casing, repair, or adjustment by anyone other than TMB or persons specifically authorized by TMB
- Accident, physical abuse, mishandling, or misapplication of the product.

- Damage due to lightning, earthquake, flood, terrorism, war, or act of God.

TMB will not assume responsibility for any labor expended, or materials used, to replace and/or repair the Product without TMB's prior written authorization. Any repair of the Product in the field, and any associated labor charges, must be authorized in advance by TMB. Freight costs on warranty repairs are split 50/50: Customer pays to ship defective product to TMB; TMB pays to ship repaired product, ground freight, back to Customer. This warranty DOES NOT cover consequential damages or costs of any kind.

A Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) Number must be obtained from TMB prior to return of any defective merchandise for warranty or non-warranty repair. For all repairs please contact TMB Tech Support Repair using the contact information below or email TechSupportRepairna@tmb.com.

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## 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 Merchandise Authorization Number (RMA#). Products returned without an RMA# will be refused. Please contact TMB and request 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. TMB 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#, please include the following information on a piece of paper inside the box:**

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your address
- 3) Your phone number
- 4) The RMA#.
- 5) A brief description of the symptoms

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – FLARE

### WEIGHT / DIMENSIONS

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Length .....          | 19.6" (497mm)    |
| Width .....           | 8.3" (210mm)     |
| Height (w/yoke) ..... | 9.1" (232mm)     |
| Weight .....          | 14.3 lb (6.5 kg) |

### POWER

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Operating Voltage ..... | 100-240VAC 50/60Hz          |
| Fuse.....               | 12A 250V slow-blow (5x20mm) |
| Power Consumption ..... | 1000W                       |

### LIGHT SOURCE

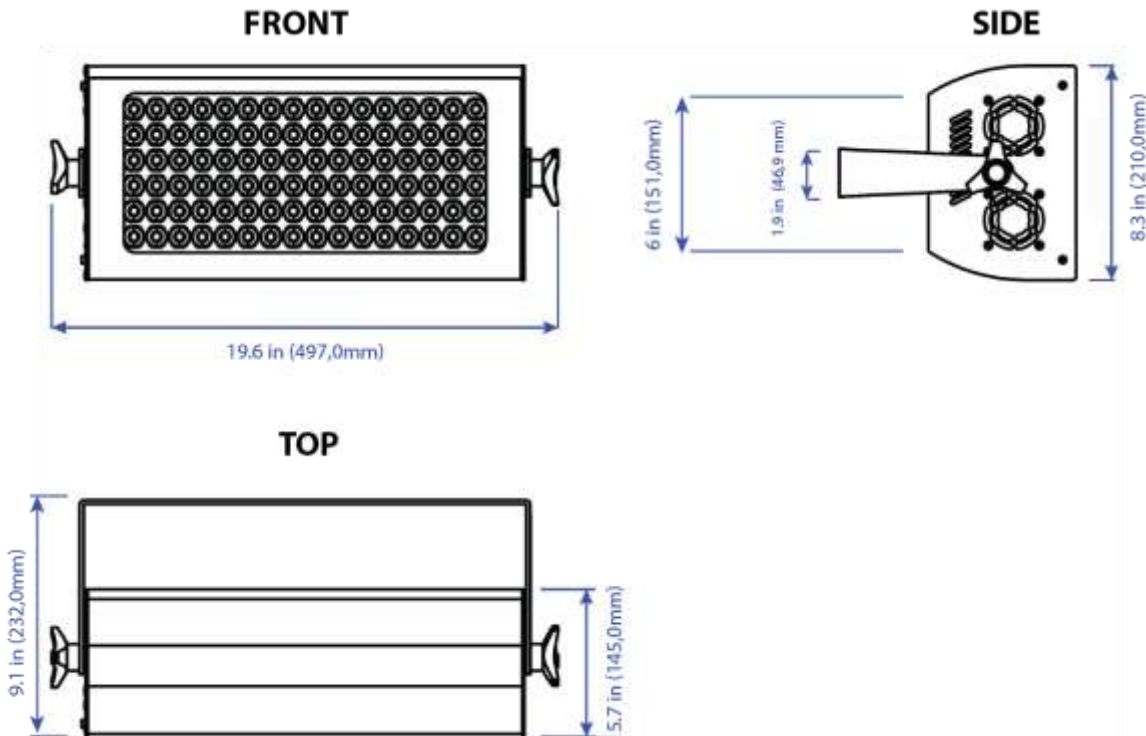
|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| LEDs.....         | 96 10W RGBW Cree LEDs, divided into 12 segments |
| Color .....       | RGBW  |
| Beam spread ..... | 36°   |

### THERMAL

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Max. ambient temperature..... | +104°F (+40°C)   |
| Min. ambient temperature..... | -77°F (-25°C)    |
| Cooling .....                 | air cooled – fan |

### CONTROL / PROGRAMMING

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| DMX input .....                   | locking 5-pin XLR male socket                            |
| DMX output .....                  | locking 5-pin XLR female socket                          |
| DMX pin config. ....              | pin 1 shield, pin 2 (-), pin 3 (+), pin 4 n/a, pin 5 n/a |
| Control .....                     | DMX-512 , Demo, Manual mode                              |
| DMX Channels – Basic Mode.....    | 3,4,6,7,8  |
| DMX Channels - Advanced Mode..... | 10,12,13,16,19,20,24,25,32,43,56                         |
| Power Connector .....             | Input: PowerCon 20A                                      |



# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – FLARE JR.

## WEIGHT / DIMENSIONS

Length ..... 13.0" (329mm)  
 Width ..... 5.25" (133mm)  
 Height (w/yoke) ..... 9.2" (233mm)  
 Weight ..... 10.6 lb (4.8 kg)

## POWER

Operating Voltage ..... 100-240VAC 50/60Hz  
 Fuse.....12A 250V slow-blow (5x20mm)  
 Power Consumption ..... 400W

## LIGHT SOURCE

LEDs.....32 10W RGBW Cree LEDs divided into 4 segments  
 Color ..... RGBW  
 Beam spread ..... 36°

## THERMAL

Max. ambient temperature.....+104°F (+40°C)  
 Min. ambient temperature.....-68°F (-20°C)  
 Cooling ..... air cooled – fan

## CONTROL / PROGRAMMING

DMX input ..... locking 5-pin XLR male socket  
 DMX output ..... locking 5-pin XLR female socket  
 DMX pin config. .... pin 1 shield, pin 2 (-), pin 3 (+), pin 4 n/a, pin 5 n/a  
 Control .....DMX-512, Demo, Manual mode  
 DMX Channels – Basic Mode.....3,4,6,7,8  
 DMX Channels - Advanced Mode.....10,12,13,16,19,20,24,25,32,43,56  
 Power Connector ..... Input: PowerCon 20A

