



AX5

# TriplePAR™

Technical Reference Manual



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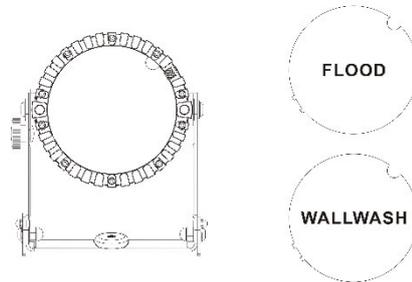
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## 3 CE AND FCC CONFORMITY

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**This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:**

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and**
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.**

### FCC statement

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### EU Declaration of Conformity

These products comply with the RED (Radio Equipment Directive) of the European Union (2014/53/EC). This equipment meets the following conformance standards: ETSI EN 301 489-1 V1.8.1; ETSI EN 301 489-3 V1.4.1; ETSI EN 300 328 V1.8.1; EN 609 50.

## 4 SAFETY AND HANDLING

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Before you operate this unit read the manual carefully. Always make sure to include the manual if you pass/rent/sell the unit to another user. Keep in mind that this manual cannot address all possible dangers and environments. Please use your own caution when operating. This product is for professional use only. It is not for household use.



- Do not operate the unit in areas of high temperature conditions or under direct sunlight. It will cause abnormal function or damage the product.
- Always use a suitable safety wire when mounting the light overhead.
- Connect the safety wire only to the intended safety mount.
- Always follow local safety requirements.



- Only qualified personnel may repair this product.
- Do not open the product housing.
- Do not apply power if the light is damaged.
- Do not submerge the light into any liquid.
- Do not replace LED light source by yourself.
- Caution, risk of electrical shock



- Do not directly look into the light.
- It can cause harm to your eyes.
- Do not look at the LEDs with a magnifying glass or any other optical instrument that may concentrate the light output.
- Use only Astera approved accessories to diffuse or modify the light beam.



- The exterior surfaces of the light can become hot, up to 70°C (158°F) during normal operation.
- Ensure that accidental physical contact with the device is impossible.
- Install only in ventilated locations.
- Do not cover the light.
- Allow all lights to cool before touching.
- Keep 0.3m (12in) from objects to be illuminated.

**LI-ION Battery:** A rechargeable lithium ion battery is built into this unit.



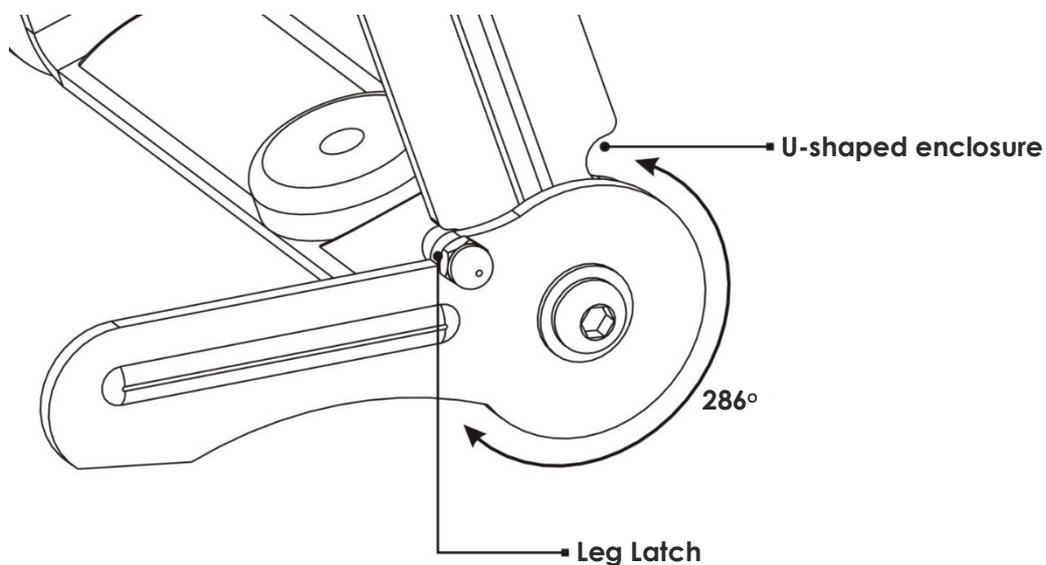
- Only authorized personal may service the battery.
- Do not place in fire or heat.
- Do not use or charge the light if it is damaged.
- Avoid bumping or plunging, it may cause fire or explosion.
- Never store the battery when fully drained.
- Always recharge immediately when empty.
- Make sure to fully charge all units before storing them.
- Partially charged batteries will lose capacity.
- Fully recharge every 6 months if not used.
- The battery may only be replaced with an original spare part from Astera.
- Follow applicable laws and regulations for transport, shipping, and disposal of batteries. For details on recycling lithium, lithium-phosphate, and lithium-ion batteries, please contact a government recycling agency or your waste-disposal service.



- Always charge with the flight case open.
- It is recommended to charge at a temperature between 15°C and 35°C
- The light contains a lithium ion battery.
- Don't throw the unit into the garbage at the end of its lifetime.
- Make sure to dispose is according to your local ordinances and/or regulations, to avoid polluting the environment!
- The packaging is recyclable and can be disposed.

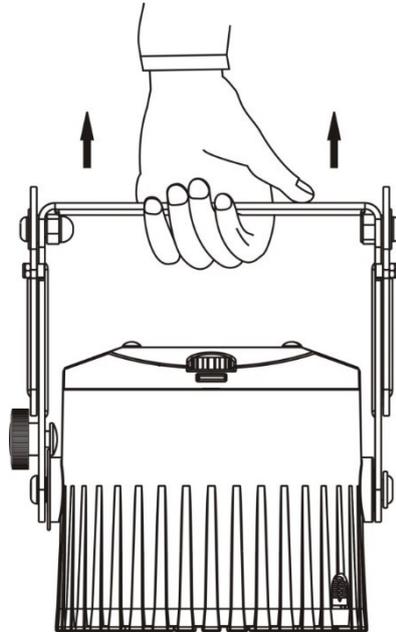
## 4.1 BRACKET

### FOLDABLE BRACKET:



## CARRYING THE AX5:

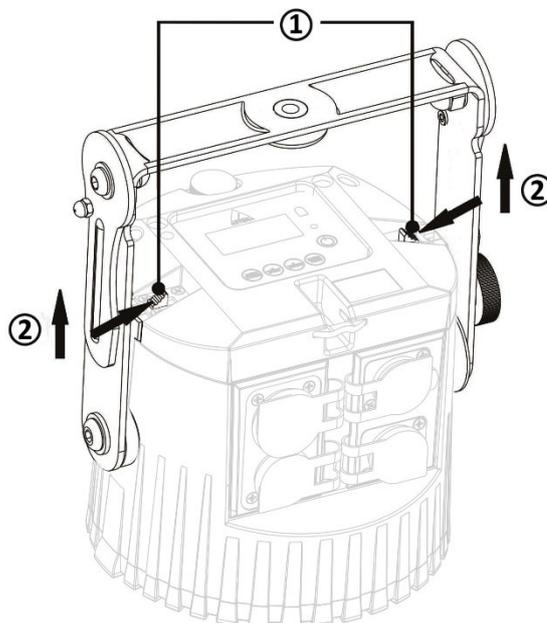
The AX5 is fitted with a foldable bracket. This is beneficial for storage, transportation and charging because the legs fold parallel to each other. The handle allows carrying of 1 or 2 AX5 per hand.



## REMOVING THE BRACKET:

**STEP 1:** Push the bracket-lock sliders inwards.

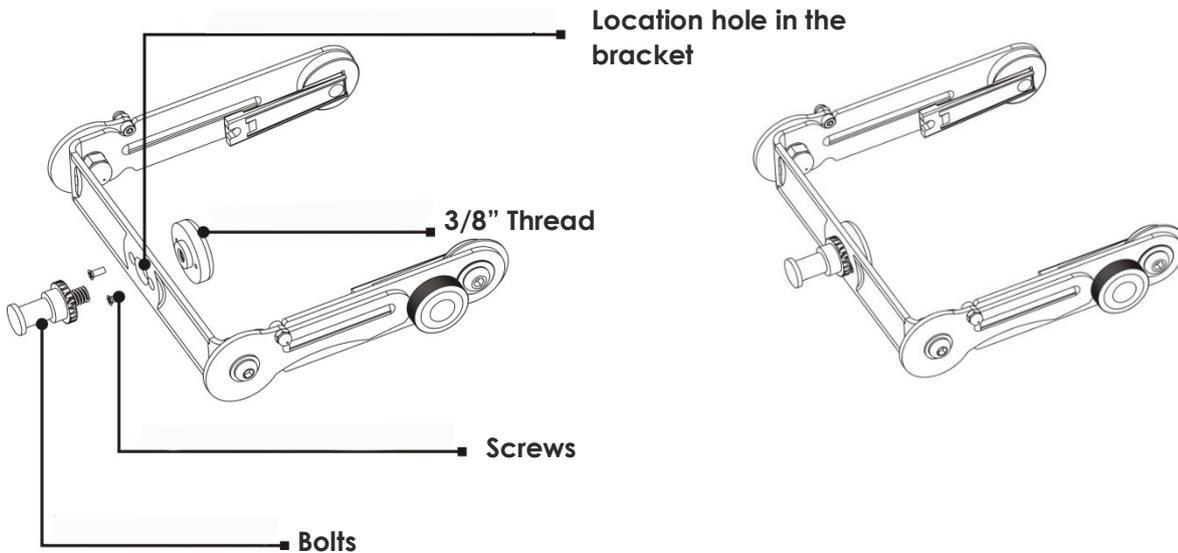
**STEP 2:** Slide the bracket upwards.



## 4.2 HANGING THE AX5

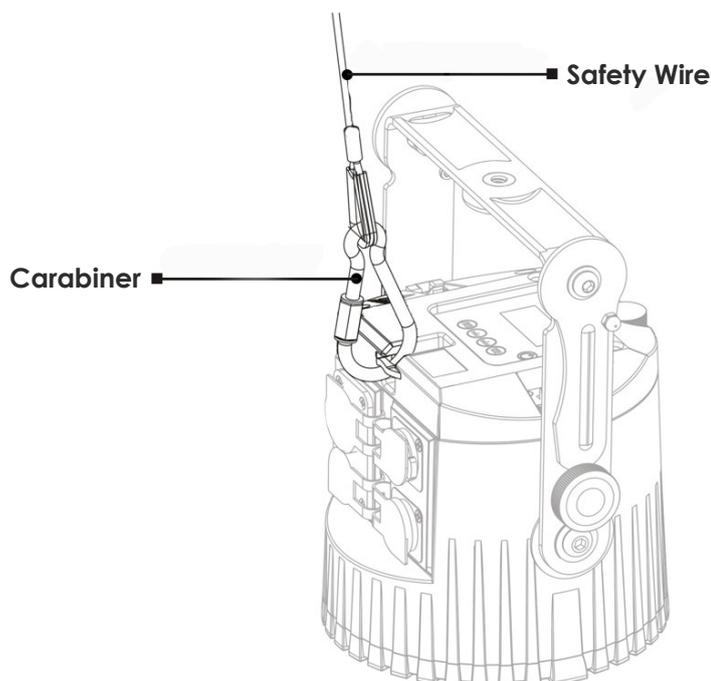
### THREAD AND BOLT:

The thread fixing and bolt are for hanging the AX5. The thread fixing is 3/8" and it can be taken out by removing the 2 screws so it can fit other clamps. The location hole in the bracket is 14.2mm. This 3/8" thread fitting works with the same bolt that is used to hang AX1 and AX3 Lamps.



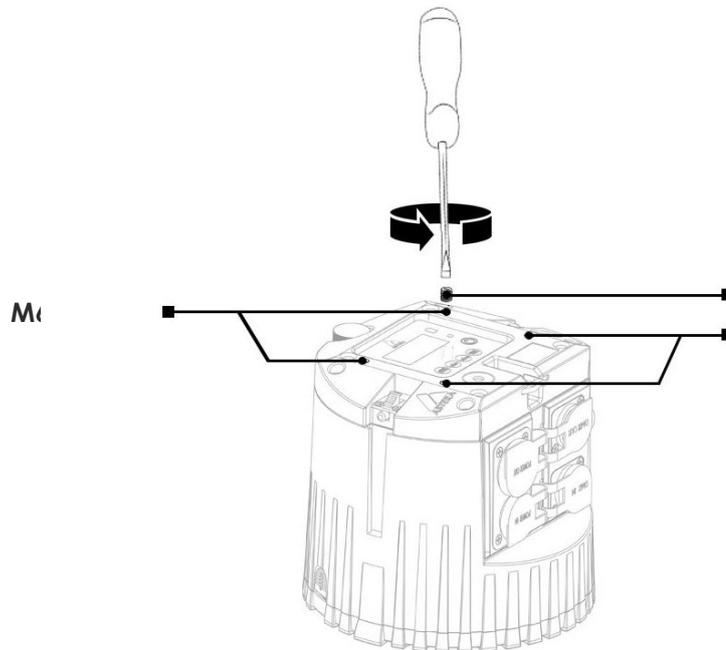
### SAFETY WIRE AND CARABINER:

When hanging the AX5 it is to be secured with a safety wire and carabiner, each able to hold at least 40kg. Make sure the light cannot drop more than 20cm in case the primary mounting fails.



### 4.3 BACKSIDE THREADS

The AX5 TriplePAR™ has 4 M6 threads on its backside for special installations. The M6 threads are covered with a bolt that needs to be unscrewed before the threads can be used.



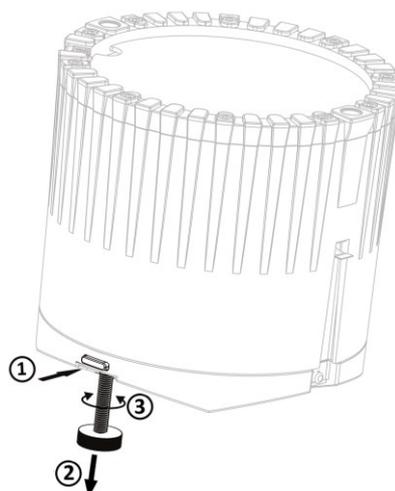
### 4.4 KICKSTAND

The AX5 TriplePAR™ is fitted with a kickstand that can be used to tilt the AX5:

**STEP 1:** Press the button, the kickstand will jump out

**STEP 2:** Adjust the kickstand while holding the button pressed

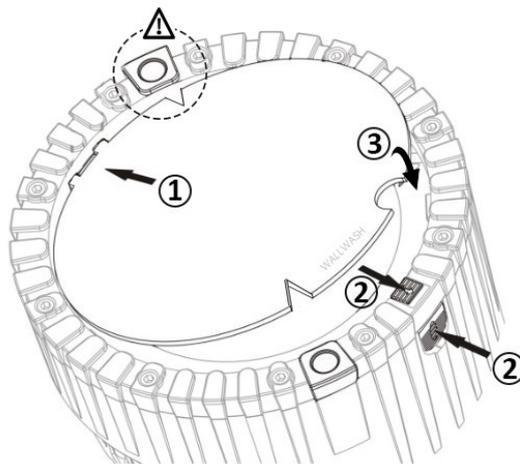
**STEP 3:** Rotate the kickstand for fine-tuning



## 4.5 FILTER

### INSERT A FILTER:

- STEP 1:** Slide the filter noses into the matching slots. When using the Wallwash Filter, make sure to align its triangles with the charging pins to ensure its elliptical beam gets displayed correctly.
- STEP 2:** Open the filter release by either pressing the button from the side or pulling it from the top outwards.
- STEP 3:** Press the filter down firmly, then stop holding the filter release to lock in the filter



### REMOVE A FILTER:

Open the filter release, put your finger into the cutout half-circle and lift the filter out.

### FILTER EFFECT:



## 4.6 BATTERY

While running on battery, the light adjusts its output to meet the required minimum runtime. It can be set by the control panel (see chapter 7.1.6) or the AsteraApp™ between one and twenty hours.

The battery is specified to last for 300 full discharge cycles. Its runtime will have decreased to 70% by then. To increase the battery life, it is recommended to recharge as early as possible and not let the light run until the battery is depleted.

If operated below 20°C, the battery runtime may be slightly shorter than predicted. This is also true if the lights are stored for a long time at cold temperature right before they are used.

The light is constantly monitoring the LED temperature and dims down the brightness if it exceeds 65°C. That ensures a save and long-live operation but in a hot environment the brightness might be slightly lower.

### NOTE:

*Always store the lights with full battery.  
Depleted batteries must be recharged immediately, otherwise their performance will suffer.*

### ATTENTION:

*The battery may be only replaced with an original Astera replacement battery.*

#### 4.6.1 STANDBY

By using the AsteraApp™, the light can be set to a special standby mode.

In that mode, its output is switched off, the CRMX receiver is powered down and it enters a state of low power consumption.

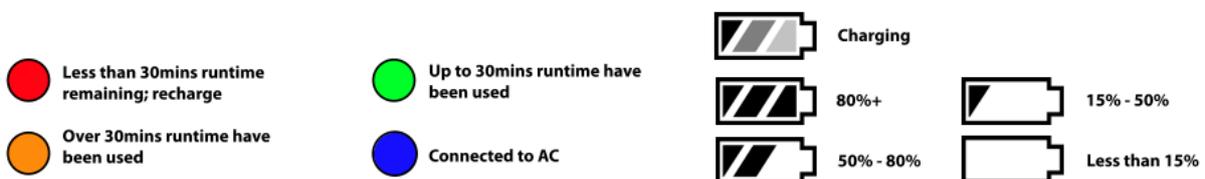
A full battery will supply the TriplePART™ roughly 20 days in standby mode.

To leave the standby mode press ENTER key is pressed or select Leave Standby mode NOW in the AsteraApp™.

## 4.7 BATTERY ICON AND STATUS LED

The Battery Status LED is designed for being used before an event. All fixtures should have a green Status LED to ensure that the battery lasts for your upcoming event. If it is another color, recharging is recommended.

While the light is connected to AC, the Status LED will be blue. While it is charging, the Battery Icon will start the charging sequence. Once the battery is fully charged the battery icon on the display will show all 3 bars (as below). If the battery is already fully charged and the power cord is plugged in, the display will show a battery with moving bars for approx. 30-60 seconds after which it will stop and the icon will show a full battery.



## 4.8 CHARGING

Charge the light immediately after use.

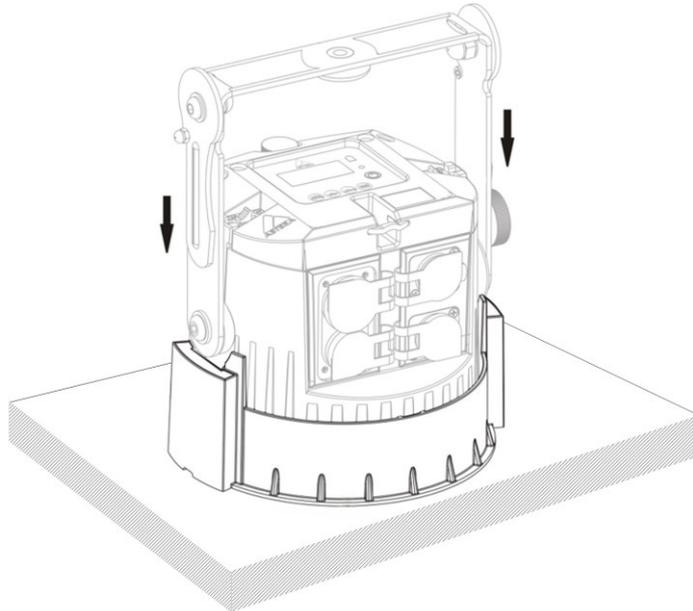
If charged in a flight case, make sure it is open. It is recommended to charge the lights at an ambient temperature between 0°C and 35°C. A normal charge cycle will take five to seven hours, but may take much longer if the light is hot.

The light is designed to be charged while powered off. If it is connected to AC and powered on, it may charge at reduced current if enough power is available and the battery temperature is below 45°C.

The light has an automatic battery bypass switch, so it can safely be used wired, this will not cause wear to the battery.

## 4.9 CHARGING CASE

Insert light into a tray of the charging case. The orientation/polarity does not matter. Make sure the charging case is connected to the AC power.



### AX5 display messages during charging (only shown when light is powered off):

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Charging...<br>[===== ] 50%   | The battery is being charged.  |
| Fully Charged<br>[=====]100%  | The battery is fully charged. The LCD backlight will turn off.   |
| TOO HOT: 60°C<br>[===== ] 50% | The battery cannot be charged, it is too hot. The charger will start once it has cooled down below 45°C.     |
| TOO COLD:-5°C<br>[===== ] 50% | The battery cannot be charged, it is too cold. The charger will start once it has heated up to at least 5°C. |

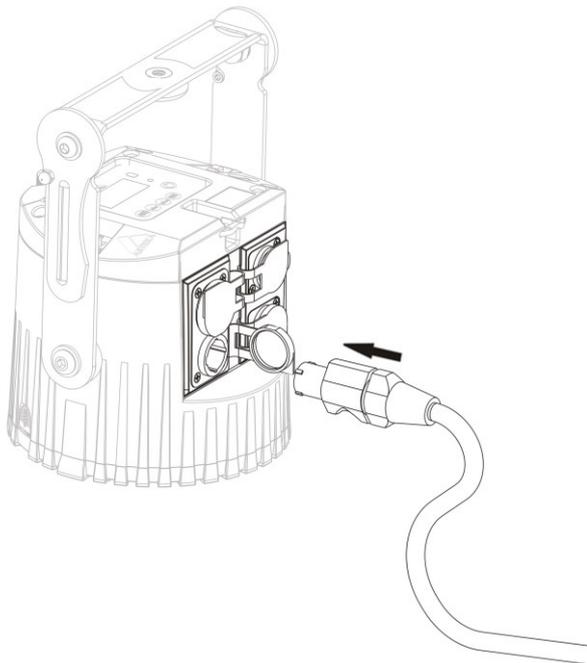
ERROR:#5  
[===== ] 50%

The battery cannot be charged, the error number should be mentioned to the service.

#### 4.10AC WIRING

The light is equipped with Neutrik True1 Powercon input and output connectors. With this cable the light can be charged or wired for permanent installations.

They are rated IP65 even while a connector is plugged in.



## 5 SPECIFICATION

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>LED power:</b>             | 45W  |
| <b>Illuminants:</b>           | 3 x 15W RGBAW Philips LEDs                             |
| <b>Luminous Flux*:</b>        | 1080Lm (bei Weiß 3200K)                                |
| <b>Emittance*:</b>            | 4800lx (2m; Weiß 3200K)                                |
| <b>Beam Angle:</b>            | 13°  |
| <b>CRI:</b>                   | Up to 92   |
| <b>Input Voltage:</b>         | 90-264V 47-63Hz 1.8A/115VAC 1.0A/230VAC                |
| <b>Inrush Current:</b>        | COLD START 70A/230VAC                                  |
| <b>Battery Runtime:</b>       | up to 20hrs (seamless runtime)                         |
| <b>Wireless Module:</b>       | EU: 868.0-869.7 MHz<br>US: 902-928 MHz<br>2.4 GHz      |
| <b>Operating Temperature:</b> | 0°C – 40°C<br>32°F – 104°F                             |
| <b>Relative Humidity:</b>     | 0%-100%  |
| <b>Size with bracket:</b>     | L148.1mm x W193.6mm x H213.5mm / 5.83" x 7.62" x 8.40" |
| <b>Size without bracket:</b>  | Ø153.2mm x H140.5mm / Ø6.03" x H5.53"                  |
| <b>Weight:</b>                | 3.40 kg<br>7.5lbs                                      |
| <b>IP Rating:</b>             | IP65   |

\* Typical Values

## 6 TROUBLESHOOTING

### **The fixture does not turn on.**

The battery may be empty. Connect it to the AC and try again.

A new AX5 needs to be connected to AC power for a few seconds to disable its shipping mode.

### **The fixture turns on and the display is on, but the LEDs do not emit light.**

The fixture could be set to BLACKOUT mode, set to display black color or is operating in DMX mode and doesn't receive a valid signal. It is good practice to do a RESET SETTINGS (Chapter 7.22) between setups.

### **The fixture is not working correctly - it does not display the color or effect chosen.**

The fixture may still be operating under a previous setting. It is good practice to do a RESET SETTINGS (Chapter 7.22) between setups.

### **After completing a RESET SETTINGS, the fixture still cannot be controlled by AsteraApp™.**

Make sure the Radio PIN (Chapter 7.21) of the fixture and AsteraApp™ is the same.

### **The fixture does not run long enough on battery.**

The required RUNTIME can be set. It defaults to 5h. To achieve a greater battery runtime, set the RUNTIME to the required value. Alternatively, program the fixture to only display colors that use less power, such as Red, Green and Blue.

If the runtime is still too short, consider that it is reduced slightly if the battery is very cold.

### **The power cable is connected but the fixture is not charging.**

The battery may be fully charged. Refer to chapter 4.6.1 for more details. The fixture will only commence charging when its battery has a temperature of 45° or less. Turn the fixture off and let it cool down; once cold enough, it will start charging. If it still not charging, consult our website.

## 7 OPERATION

### 7.1 SHIP MODE

The AX5 is leaving the Astera factory in a special ship mode that allows it to be stored for a long time without damaging the battery. When using an AX5 for the first time, connect it to AC power for a few seconds to exit the ship mode. Otherwise it cannot be turned on.

### 7.2 ASTERARGB COLOR SPACE

The lights work with a specially optimized RGB color space, the AsteraRGB color space. It is designed to eliminate the need to control each color individually to display a certain color. Instead, the light calculates the optimum combination of all colors based on an RGB value. It considers each LED chip's temperature as well as an optimal color rendering.

Due to this, it is possible to reproduce colors with high accuracy. It is possible to calculate an AsteraRGB representation for any CIE color. The easiest way to do this is with the AsteraApp™:

- Go to the color picker and add a new favorite color
- Go to favorite colors and edit it

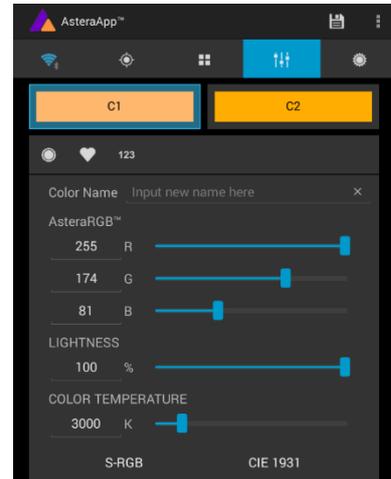
The dialog on the right will open.

It allows you to find AsteraRGB values for a certain color temperature. S-RGB or CIE1931 values can be calculated to AsteraRGB by pressing the corresponding buttons.

The primaries of the AsteraRGB are defined as:

| Red    |        | Green  |        | Blue   |        |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $x_R$  | $y_R$  | $x_G$  | $y_G$  | $x_B$  | $y_B$  |
| 0.7079 | 0.2920 | 0.1750 | 0.7200 | 0.1566 | 0.0177 |

| White Point |        |
|-------------|--------|
| $x$         | $y$    |
| 0.4917      | 0.4878 |



The light also includes the Dynamic Powerboost feature. It ensures that colors that consume less electrical power are boosted slightly, while power-consuming colors are slightly compressed.

This maximizes the brightness while maintaining the desired battery runtime.

While controlling with the AsteraApp™ or by the Control Panel, only RGB values can be set.

By DMX control, it is possible to control all colors separately. But it should be noted, that then temperature compensation is only available for Red, Green and Blue; all other colors will experience temperature drift, their brightness will not be constant.

### 7.3 WAYS TO CONTROL

The light can be controlled in several ways:



Use Astera's ARC1 infrared remote control, point it at individual lights and press the desired effect. Note that the IR sensor is on the AX5's rear side.



The AsteraApp™ is an efficient way to quickly create a customized light show. It can group several lights together, address individual lights or groups of lights, and send complex effects with a user defined color palette to all lights in range. For additional information refer to chapter 8. Alternatively, the Astera ARC2 remote control can be used.



The light can be controlled via DMX cable, it has a 5-pin XLR socket.



The light can also be controlled by wireless DMX, the built-in receiver is compatible with all LumenRadio CRMX transmitters as well as W-DMX™ G2, G3, G4 and G4S transmitters (G4 and G4S in 2.4 GHz mode only). You can also use an Astera ART3 Wireless DMX Transmitter to send DMX in the UHF frequency band, although CRMX is the recommended method.



Power the light on/off, set a static color or change its settings.

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### 7.4 CONTROL BY INFRARED WITH ARC1

The light can be controlled by the infrared remote control if:

- INPUT SELECT is set to AUTO or REMOTE CONTROL (refer to chapter 7.12).
- The light is currently NOT operated by DMX. If it is, only ON and OFF will work while INPUT SELECT is set to AUTO.



The ARC1 is very handy to switch several lights on or off at a time. The ARC1 can also accept configuration commands that are sent from the AsteraApp™ to a light by pressing the POWER ON button.

## 7.5 CONTROL BY THE ASTERAAPP™

Your light has a built in standalone engine. It can display static colors or replay a number of predefined effect patterns with a customizable color palette.

With the AsteraApp™ these effects can be created and be sent to the light by the built-in UHF receiver. The effects are just triggered and then each light replays it autonomously until it receives a new effect.

Lights can be grouped into sets. This way they can be controlled separately and also effects can stretch over up to 32 lights.

Also, you can remotely adjust your lights settings, this eases DMX setup for example.

For more details refer to chapter 448.

## 7.6 CONTROL BY WIRELESS DMX

To pair your light to a CRMX or W-DMX™ transmitter, make sure that:

- Your light is not currently paired to a transmitter. To unpair it refer to chapter 7.17.
- INPUT SELECT is either set to AUTO and the light is still in detect mode -or- INPUT SELECT is set to CRMX wireless DMX; for details refer to chapter 7.12.

Then press the button on your transmitter. After 10 seconds the light should be paired and show the appropriate status screen (chapter 7.9).

If you prefer to use an Astera ART3 wireless transmitter, set INPUT SELECT to Astera wireless DMX and refer to the ART3's user manual for details.

### NOTE:

*If you experience difficulties pairing your light, it is recommended to set INPUT SELECT to CRMX wireless DMX first. This will make sure that the CRMX status screen is displayed.*

## 7.7 CONTROL BY WIRED DMX

The light can be connected to a DMX console. For this, a DMX cable has to be connected to the AX5's 5-pin XLR Input socket. Its 5-pin XLR output socket can be used to connect it to additional DMX lights.

Astera is using special XLR sockets that are rated IP65 while a matching XLR connector is plugged in. Contact your dealer regarding the matching XLR connector or cable. Availability differs from country to country.

## 7.8 CONTROL PANEL

| LEGEND  |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |
| BACK TO PREVIOUS MENU   | SCROLL DOWN   | SCROLL UP   | CHOOSE/ CONFIRM   |
| FROM THE STATUS SCREEN, PRESS THE ABOVE BUTTONS TO:                               |   |   |   |
| ENTER THE MAIN MENU   | FACTORY RESET   | ENTER THE MAIN MENU   | ENTER THE DMX MENU  |
| HOLD THE ABOVE BUTTON FOR 2SECS TO:   |   |   |   |
| STANDALONE MENU   | ADJUST SPEED  | ADJUST BRIGHTNESS   | CHANGE PROGRAM  |

### 7.8.1 Blue Mode

Blue mode is an easy way to pair your light with the AsteraApp. To enter Blue Mode, hold down the POWER button for 3 seconds while the light is switched on. It will start to flicker blue.

## 7.9 STATUS SCREEN

The status screen is shown after power up. The light also returns to the status screen if no keys are pressed for three minutes.

It shows:

- In the FIRST line what input is currently active
- In the SECOND line the current DMX and SET address

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| INPUT: DETECTING<br>SET:001 DMX:001 | INPUT SELECT is set to AUTO and the light did not yet latch to one input source.                                     |
| REMOTE CONTROL<br>SET:001 DMX:001   | The light is latched to REMOTE CONTROL mode.   |
| STANDALONE<br>SET:001 DMX:001       | INPUT SELECT is set to STANDALONE. The light can no longer be controlled by any wireless signal.                     |
| CRMX: SIGNAL 99%<br>SET:001 DMX:001 | The light is latched to CRMX mode.   |
| WLDMX: NO LINK<br>SET:001 DMX:001   | The light is latched to Astera wireless DMX mode.  |
| EMERGENCY LIGHT<br>SET:001 DMX:001  | Emergency light mode can be active because either AC FAIL or DMX FAIL being set to EMERGENCY LIGHT.                  |
| STANDBY<br>SET:001 DMX:001          | The standby mode saves power; the light is off and waiting for a "leave standby" command received by the AsteraApp™. |
| ALARM<br>DO NOT STEAL THI           | Theft alarm is active.   |

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| ACCEPT CONFIG ?<br>SET:001 DMX:001 | If the AsteraApp is asking to "tap a light" and this is shown, press the ENTER key shortly to accept. Alternatively you can use an ARC1 infrared remote, aim it at the light and press POWER ON to accept the setting. |
|------------------------------------|--|

## 7.10 MAIN MENU OPTIONS

The main menu can be entered from the status screen by pressing MENU or +. To cycle between the main menu entries, press the + or – keys. Pressing MENU again will go back to the status screen.

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Main menu:<br>INPUT SELECT   | Used to change the input source or set it to AUTO.   |
| Main menu:<br>STATIC COLOR   | Entering this menu resets all STANDALONE settings to default and makes the light display a static color.                       |
| Main menu:<br>DMX ADDRESS    | Set the DMX address.   |
| Main menu:<br>DMX SETTINGS   | Set the DMX parameters.  |
| Main menu:<br>UNPAIR CRMX    | Unpair from a CRMX or W-DMX™ transmitter.  |
| Main menu:<br>RUNTIME        | Set the lights runtime on battery in hours.  |
| Main menu:<br>STANDALONE     | Set parameters of the standalone engine.   |
| Main menu:<br>AC FAILURE     | The light can react to the loss of AC power input.   |
| Main menu:<br>INFO           | Information about the light: Radio PIN, firmware version, battery status, ect.   |
| Main menu:<br>RESET SETTINGS | Reset all user settings to default. Should be done after each usage to ensure consistent behavior. The Radio PIN is NOT reset. |

## 7.11 MENU SHORTCUTS

To get to the DMX address setting, press the ENTER key twice from the status screen.

To open the DMX settings menu, press ENTER, then the + key and ENTER again.

To reset the light to default settings, press the – key, then ENTER and again ENTER.

## 7.12 INPUT SELECT

The light accepts several input sources. By default, it is set to AUTO. In this mode, it listens to all sources, and the first source that becomes active is latched. Once a source is latched, the light will not listen to any other source anymore.

This latched source is cleared by powering down the light or changing the INPUT SELECT manually.

|                            |                                 |   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Main menu:<br>INPUT SELECT | INPUT SELECT<br>AUTO            | Auto mode; the lights waits for any input signal and latches the first detected source.       |
|                            | INPUT SELECT<br>STANDALONE      | In standalone mode, neither wireless DMX nor remote control is accepted.                      |
|                            | INPUT SELECT<br>APP CONTROL     | The light can be controlled by the AsteraApp™, but any DMX signal is ignored.                 |
|                            | INPUT SELECT<br>Wired DMX       | The light can be controlled via its XLR socket, any wireless signals are ignored              |
|                            | INPUT SELECT<br>ART3 DMX        | Only wireless DMX from Astera ART3 (sold 2009-15) is accepted, all other sources are ignored. |
|                            | INPUT SELECT<br>CRMX wirel. DMX | Only CRMX/W-DMX wireless DMX is accepted, all other sources are ignored.                      |

The following table shows what sources are accepted for each setting:

| Source<br>SELECT                    | INPUT | AUTO, none latched | AUTO, STANDALONE latched | AUTO, REMOTE CONTROL latched | AUTO, Astera wirel. DMX latched | AUTO, CRMX wirel. DMX latched | STANDALONE | APP CONTROL | ART3 DMX | CRMX wirel. DMX | Wired DMX |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| AsteraApp™: change colors           |       | •                  |                          | •                            |                                 |                               |            | •           |          |                 |           |
| AsteraApp™: STANDBY, RUNTIME, ALARM |       | •                  | •                        | •                            | •                               | •                             |            | •           |          |                 |           |
| AsteraApp™: DMX Settings            |       | •                  | •                        | •                            | •                               | •                             |            | •           | •        | •               | •         |
| ART3 DMX                            |       | •                  |                          |                              | •                               |                               |            |             | •        |                 |           |
| CRMX Wireless DMX                   |       | •                  |                          |                              |                                 | •                             |            |             |          | •               | •         |
| Wired DMX                           |       | •                  |                          |                              |                                 | •                             |            |             |          | •               | •         |
| Infrared Remote                     |       | •                  | •                        | •                            | •                               | •                             |            | •           |          |                 |           |
| The Light's Control Panel           |       | •                  | •                        | •                            | •                               | •                             | •          | •           | •        | •               | •         |

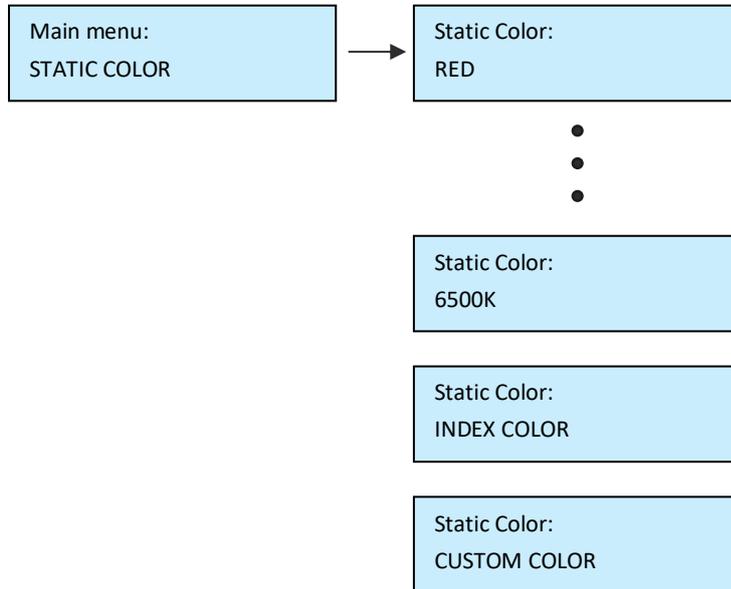


**HINT:**

*To avoid the light automatically latching onto CRMX while you want to control it by remote control, please do UNPAIR CRMX (chapter 7.17). As soon as the remote control is latched, the CRMX receiver will no longer accept pairing requests.*

### 7.13 SELECT A STATIC COLOR

To make the light show a static color, enter this menu. Immediately when it's entered, all previous STANDALONE settings are cleared to default and the INPUT SELECT is latched to STANDALONE. This is valid until the next power-up only. To make sure the light also shows a static color after the next power up, set INPUT SELECT to STANDALONE and not AUTO.



A number of predefined colors are available while scrolling through the menu. See below for a full table.

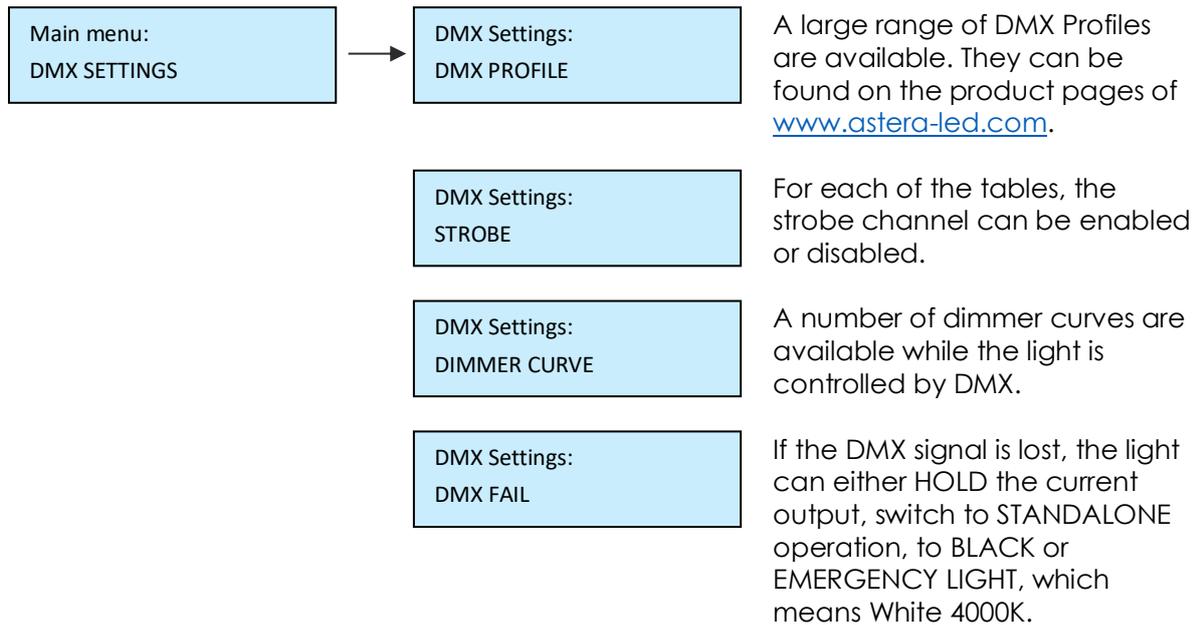
In the INDEX COLOR menu, LEE color gels can be selected. The list of LEE color gels on page 55.

To set a color by its red, green and blue value, enter here.

#### 7.13.1 Predefined Colors

| Color  | Red | Green | Blue |
|--------|-----|-------|------|
| RED    | 255 | 0     | 0    |
| ORANGE | 255 | 107   | 0    |
| YELLOW | 255 | 160   | 18   |
| GREEN  | 0   | 255   | 0    |
| CYAN   | 0   | 255   | 224  |
| BLUE   | 0   | 0     | 255  |
| VIOLET | 127 | 84    | 255  |
| PINK   | 255 | 53    | 119  |
| BLACK  | 0   | 0     | 0    |
| 2700K  | 255 | 166   | 70   |
| 3200K  | 255 | 178   | 89   |
| 4000K  | 255 | 193   | 115  |
| 5500K  | 255 | 211   | 150  |
| 6500K  | 255 | 219   | 167  |

## 7.14 DMX SETTINGS



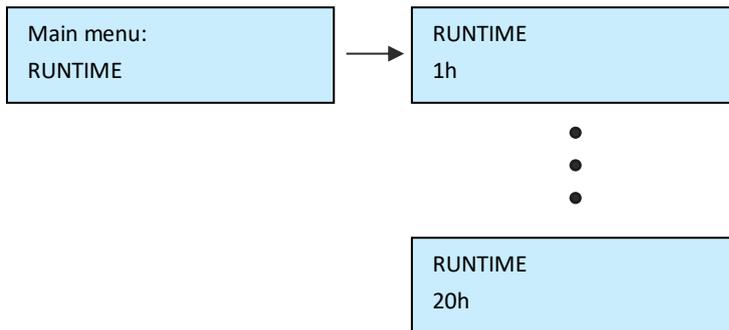
## 7.15 DIMMER CURVE

The dimmer curve sets how the light responds to intensity levels and changes. Most important, setting the right dimmer curve avoids stepy dimming response.

Several curves are available. By default, the "STANDARD" curve is active.

| Name               | Intended use                                    | Features   |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Curve:<br>STANDARD | Good compromise between response and smoothness | Fits most applications   |
| Curve:<br>HALOGEN  | When slow and smooth dimming is required        | Very smooth response, emulating a halogen light  |
| Curve:<br>THEATER  | For theater stages                              | Very smooth response and increased dynamics. Some colors are darker.   |
| Curve:<br>TV       | For TV sets and shows                           | Faster but still smooth dimming. Less blue light due to white point of 6500K. Less blue light. Increased dynamics. Some colors are darker. |
| Curve:<br>FAST     | For Pixel mapping and similar applications      | Totally unfiltered response  |

## 7.16 RUNTIME



The light is able to adjust its power to meet a certain runtime on battery. The runtime is always calculated for a full battery.

### EXAMPLE:

*If the light is required to light during an eight-hour event, and one hour of setup time is scheduled, then the runtime should be set to nine hours immediately after the first power up.*

Please note, that the light should not be stored below 20°C before an event, otherwise the runtime might be shorter than calculated.

More details on the built-in battery can be found at chapter 4.60.

For additional power-savings refer to the AsteraApp™ manual.



## 7.17 UNPAIR CRMX

Main menu:  
UNPAIR CRMX

Once your light is paired to a CRMX or W-DMX™ transmitter, it cannot be paired to another one until it is unpaired. This can be either done by using the button on the transmitter that is currently paired or on the light directly.

If you wish to unpair your CRMX wireless DMX receiver from a Lumen Radio or W-DMX™ transmitter, go to UNPAIR CRMX and press enter.

### NOTE:

*The CRMX receiver is only powered while INPUT SELECT is:*

- *set to CRMX wireless DMX*
- *or AUTO and either CRMX is latched or no source is latched yet.*

*For details in INPUT SELECT refer to chapter 7.12.*

## 7.18 STANDALONE

|                          |                              |   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Main menu:<br>STANDALONE | Standalone:<br>PROGRAM       | Select one of the predefined patterns, see table below.   |
|                          | Standalone:<br>INTENSITY     | Sets the dimmer level.  |
|                          | Standalone:<br>SPEED         | The time that one cycle of the program takes to complete.   |
|                          | Standalone:<br>FADE          | The fade behavior between each step of the program.<br>0% means, no fading<br>100% means full fading, fade-is directly followed by fade-out.  |
|                          | Standalone:<br>COLOR C1      | The color palette of the programs consists of up to four colors. They can be set individually. See chapter 7.13 for details on how to set a color.  |
|                          | •<br>•<br>•                  |   |
|                          | Standalone:<br>COLOR C4      |   |
|                          | Standalone:<br>SET ADDRESS   | The AsteraApp™ can control sets of lights individually. The set address can be 1 to 254. This setting is normally done by the set-wizard in the AsteraApp™.   |
|                          | Standalone:<br>SET SIZE      | Several lights can form a virtual "big" light. Programs like running light will then run over all those lights one by one. This parameter tells how many lights should form that virtual light; up to 32. |
|                          | Standalone:<br>POS IN SET    | Tells the lights position in the big virtual light, 1..32.  |
|                          | Standalone:<br>GROUP ADDRESS | Group addressing is supported by the ARC2, please refer to the ARC2 manual.   |

### 7.18.1 Predefined Programs

The predefined programs may use more than one pixel. To display these effects properly with your light, it is first necessary to group them into Flow-Sets and control them by the AsteraApp™ (see chapter 8.4).

If several lights are grouped into a Flow-Set, they form a virtual big light with several pixels.

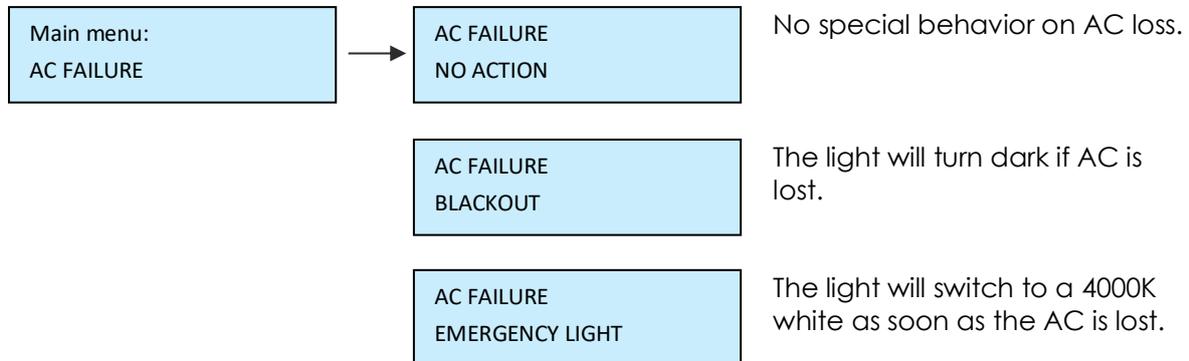
| Name                       | Pattern   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>ONE COLOR STATIC</b>    | A static color is displayed on the whole virtual light.   |
| <b>TWO COLOR STATIC</b>    | The virtual light is split into two halves and two colors are displayed.  |
| <b>THREE COLOR STATIC</b>  | The virtual light is split into three parts and three colors are displayed.   |
| <b>FOUR COLOR STATIC</b>   | The virtual light is split into four parts and four colors are displayed.   |
| <b>ONE COLOR FADE</b>      | For all FADE programs, the whole color palette of four colors is used. Those colors are faded in and out one by one.<br>Here, the whole virtual light shows the same color. |
| <b>TWO COLOR FADE</b>      | The virtual light is split and shows two colors at a time.  |
| <b>THREE COLOR FADE</b>    | The virtual light is split and shows three colors at a time.  |
| <b>FOUR COLOR FADE</b>     | The virtual light is split and shows four colors at a time.   |
| <b>SIMPLE RUNNING</b>      | A running light; the background and the running pixels color can be set.  |
| <b>DOUBLE RUNNING</b>      | Two pixels are running in opposite direction.   |
| <b>TWO COL RUNNING</b>     | The two pixels are of different color even.   |
| <b>FLAG RUNNING</b>        | A three color flag is running over the background color.  |
| <b>DOUBLE FLAG RUNNING</b> | Two flags are running over background in opposite direction.  |
| <b>SPIRAL 4 COLORS</b>     | The color is changed pixel by pixel. All four colors are used one after the other.  |
| <b>SPIRAL 2 COLORS</b>     | The color changes between color 1 and 2 from the outside to the inside, pixel by pixel.   |
| <b>RAINBOW</b>             | A rainbow effect is displayed.  |
| <b>FIRE</b>                | The fire effect is a random flicker between two colors, background and flickering color.  |

#### NOTE:

*It is highly recommended to check out the effects editor of the AsteraApp™ to get a better understanding of how those programs work. Also, many programs look similar if the lamp is NOT grouped into a Flow-Set.*

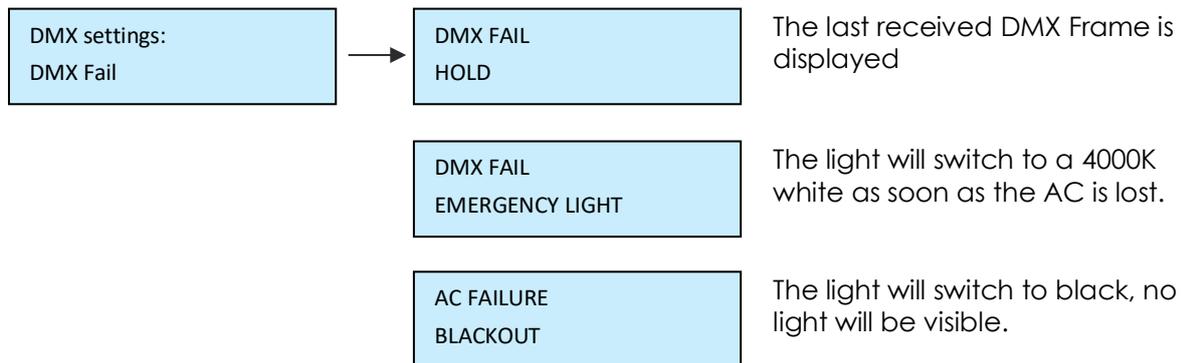
### 7.19 AC FAILURE (EMERGENCY LIGHT)

The light can react to the loss of AC power in several ways. As soon as AC is present again, the light resumes normal operation.



### 7.20 DMX FAILURE

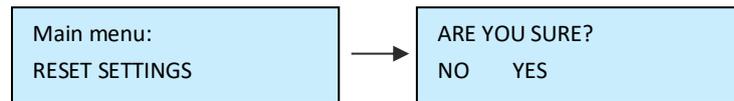
When in CRMX Wireless DMX mode, XLR DMX mode or ART3 DMX mode the light can react to the loss of a DMX signal in several ways. As soon as a DMX signal is present again, the light resumes normal operation.



## 7.21 INFO

|                                    |   |                    |  |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Main menu:<br>INFO                 | → | Radio PIN:<br>0000 | Read/set the Radio PIN. To change the PIN, press ENTER. Adjust each digit with the + and – keys, cycle through the digits with the MENU key. When finished, press ENTER again. |
| Serial number:<br>000-00000 43xx   |   |                    | Tells the serial number of the light and the CPU type (43xx).  |
| Firmware version<br>5.2.20.U HW001 |   |                    | The firmware version and hardware version of the light.  |
| Power-on hours:<br>00001h          |   |                    | The hour-counter is counting up as long as the light is powered up. It does not count if the light is powered off and charging.  |
| RF link:<br>-36.0dBm -0.0ppm       |   |                    | While the light is receiving an UHF signal, this tells the signal strength and deviation.  |
| Battery state:<br>100%             |   |                    | The current charging state of the battery in percent.  |
| Calibration:<br>2015-04-20-0001    |   |                    | Gives information about the LED calibration stored in the light, for service reference only.   |

## 7.22 RESET SETTINGS



Return the light to the default settings. This may be done before each use to start from a known point. The Radio PIN and the CRMX pairing stay.

### **HINT**

*It is highly recommended to reset the light's settings after each event to ensure a clear start for the next usage.*

## 8 USING THE LIGHT WITH THE ASTERAAPP™

The buttons of the AX5 only allow a basic operation of the light. To gain full control over all features, the AsteraApp™ should be used.

The AsteraApp™ is an efficient way to quickly create a customized light show. It can group several lights together, address individual lights or groups of lights, and send complex effects with a user defined color palette to all lights in range.

Additionally, it can be used to adjust the lights settings remotely.

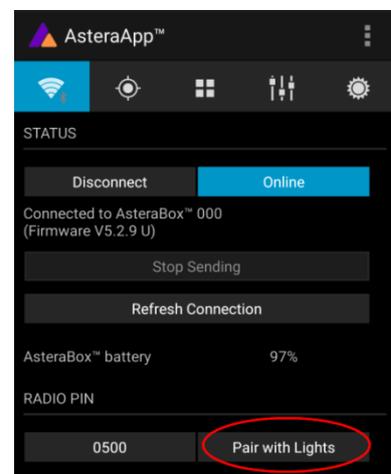
The AsteraBox™ is needed to interface your Android device with the lights. It communicates to the Android or iOS device by Bluetooth and controls the lights by UHF.

### 8.1 PAIR YOUR LIGHT WITH THE ASTERAAPP™

The connection is secured by a 4 digit Radio PIN. Only if the lights PIN matches the AsteraApp™ PIN, lights are controllable.

The pairing process transmits the radio pin from the app to the light and stores it there.

1. Choose a unique Radio PIN in the app.
2. Switch the light into blue mode, see chapter 7.8.1.
3. Press the “Pair with Lights” button in the AsteraApp™.



**NOTE:**

*Alternatively, you can set the Radio PIN manually at the Control Panel of the light. Refer to chapter 7.21 for details.*

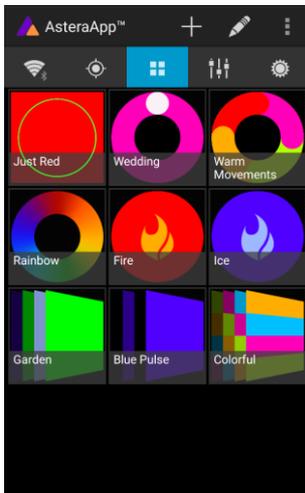
## 8.2 POWERFUL LIGHT CONTROL

Your light has a built in standalone engine. It can display static colors or replay a number of predefined effect patterns with a customizable color palette.

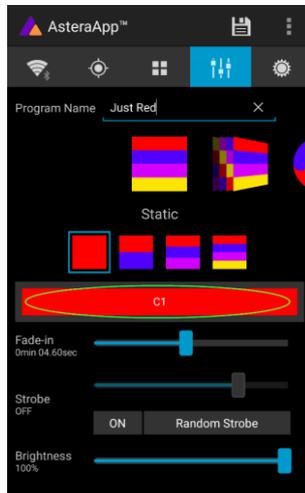
With the AsteraApp™ these effects can be created and be sent to the light by the built-in UHF receiver. The effects are just triggered and then each light replays them autonomously until a new effect is sent.

Lights can be grouped into sets. This way they can be controlled separately and also effects can stretch over up to 32 lights.

## 8.3 CHANGE THE COLOR



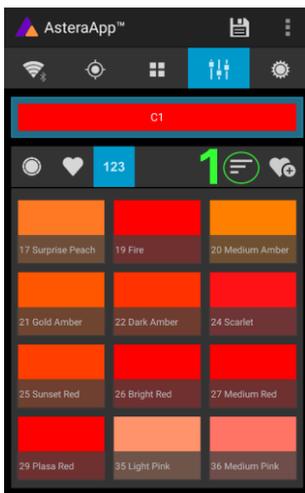
On the AsteraApp™ main screen, press “Just Red”.



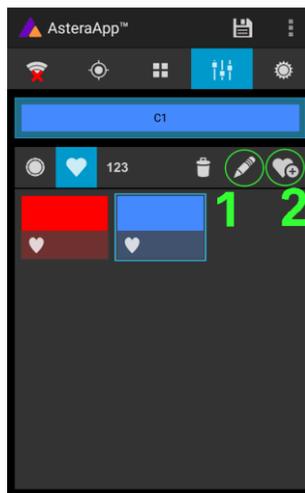
Once in the editor, press “C1”.



Now the lights color can be changed.



The “123” button offers common color gels. Hit the sort button to sort by color or number (1).



To add a color to the favorites, press (2). To edit an existing favorite color, select it and press the pen (1).



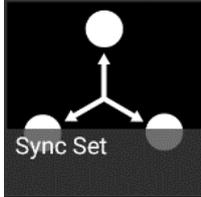
The editor will open. RGB values can be adjusted directly. Also a color temperature can be converted to RGB.

## 8.4 CREATE A SET

Before the more powerful effects can be reviewed, it is recommended to create a Flow-Set first.

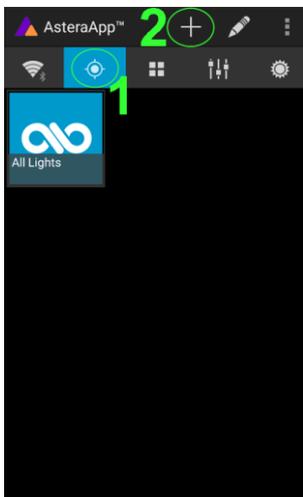
Each light can be assigned to one set. Two types of sets are available:

### 8.4.1 SYNC SET

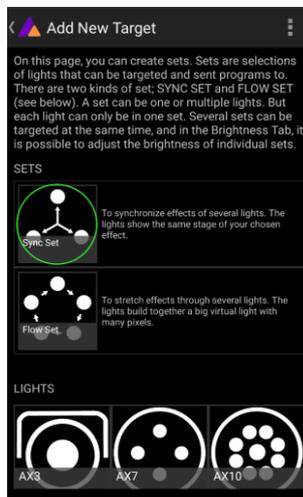


All lights that are assigned to a Sync-Set can be controlled together. They will do exactly the same.

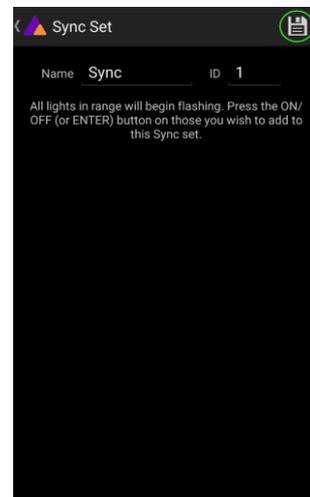
#### CREATE A SYNC-SET:



On the AsteraApp™ main screen, first press the Targets button (1) and then the "+" sign (2) to add a new target.

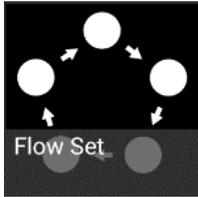


Choose "Sync-Set".



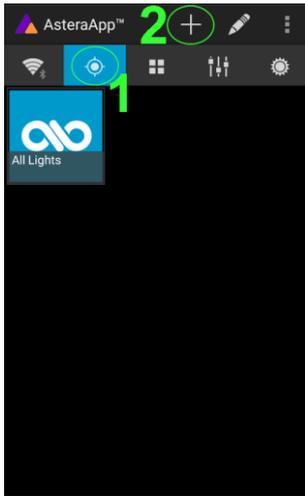
Now all lights will flicker every two seconds. Tap the Enter button of your light to add it to the set. Additionally, the name of the set can be customized. When finished, press the save button.

### 8.4.2 FLOW SET



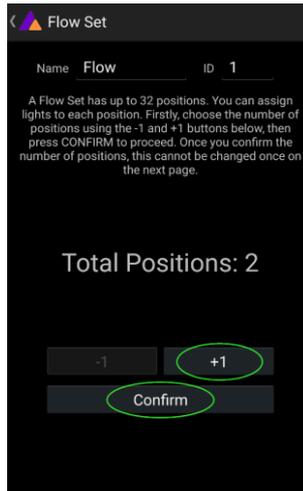
By using a Flow-Set, lights can also be controlled together. But additionally, they are assigned to positions inside the Flow-Set and so form a virtual light with several pixels. All effects, like a running light, are stretched over this virtual light.

#### CREAT A FLOW-SET:

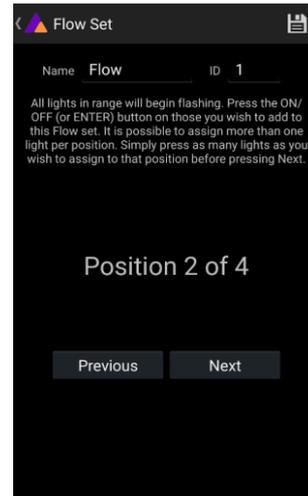


On the AsteraApp™ main screen, first press the Targets button (1) and then the “+” sign (2) to add a new target.

Then choose “Flow-Set”.



Each flow set can have up to 32 positions. Once the correct number is entered, press “Confirm”.



Now your lights will flicker every two seconds. To add a light to the currently shown position of this set, press its button. Walk through the positions by “Previous” and “Next” and assign your lights. When finished, press the save button on top.

## 8.5 TARGETING LIGHTS

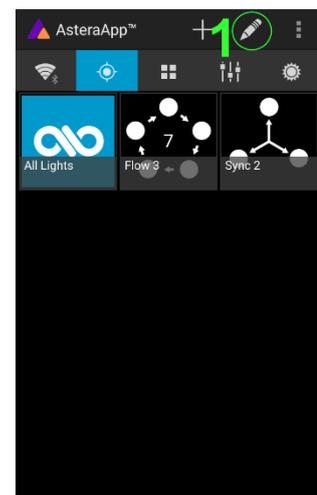
Once you have created a set, you may now choose to control it. By default “All lights” are targeted. That includes all sets.

It is possible to target more than one set at a time.

#### NOTE:

*Even while targeting „All Lights” the Flow-Sets position arrangements persist. The lights still form a virtual big light of several positions.*

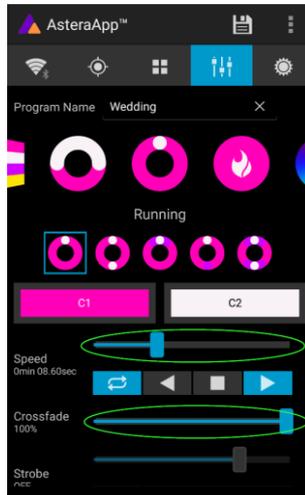
To modify, delete or arrange targets, use the pen button (1).



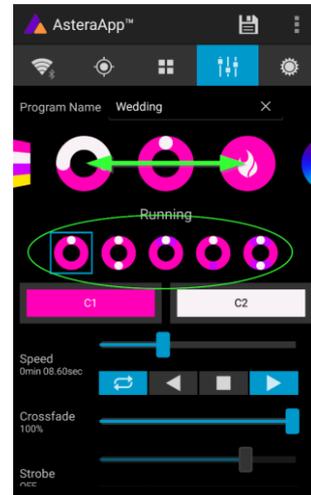
## 8.6 CHANGING THE EFFECT



On the AsteraApp™ main screen, press “Wedding” (1), then enter the editor (2).



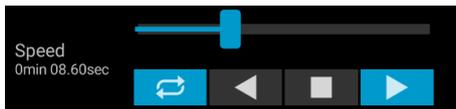
Set “Crossfade” to 0% and “Speed” to around 2 seconds. You should see a clean running light now. The White light will run over a pink background.



The effect can be changed by sliding the effect picker and choosing a sub-effect below it. Again the colors can be adjusted, too.

After the effect is adjusted, it may be saved back to the main screen by pressing the save button.

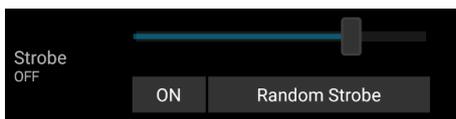
### AN EFFECT CAN BE HIGHLY CUSTOMIZED:



The speed tells how long it will take for the effect to complete one cycle.



The crossfade tells if the light will fade from step to step. If it is set to 0% an immediate change is visible. If set to 100% the changes will be soft.



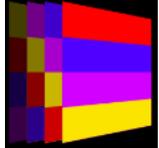
Stroboscope effect can be enabled and seamlessly adjusted in speed. Additionally, three random stroboscope options are available: slow, medium and fast.



Each effect can be adjusted in brightness as well.

## 8.7 LIST OF EFFECTS

The effects' patterns are pre-defined and cannot be modified by the user. They are pre-programmed inside of each light. Still they can be parameterized. These effects are:

|   |   |
|---|---|
|    | <p>A static color is displayed. There are also options that show two, three or four static colors at a time. The Flow-Set is then divided into several parts of equal length:</p>   |
|    | <p>Fading colors. The four defined colors are displayed one after the other. The setup fade is applied between them. Again, the Flow-Set can be split in up to four segments.</p>   |
|    | <p>From both sides of a Flow-Set, the color changes position by position from C1 to C2. Once the whole Set is C2, it changes back to C1 in the same way.</p>  |
|   | <p>The color of the Flow-Set changes position by position. After all positions show the same color, a new cycle is started.</p>   |
|  | <p>Several variations of running lights are available.</p>  |
|  | <p>The Fire effect shows a random flickering effect. The background color and the color of the flickering effect can be adjusted.</p>   |
|  | <p>The rainbow effect shows a color change through all colors. Only its speed can be adjusted.</p>  |
|  | <p>Chaser effects provide an efficient means to create dancefloor lighting. The static chaser exchanges the color of the lights according to the tapped-in beat. The colors are randomly chosen. The effect can be adjusted to show up to 4 different colors at a time.</p>   |
|  | <p>The Moving Chasers overlay the static chaser by a second movement of the four displayed colors over the available positions of a Flow-Set. This gets mostly interesting if the Moving Strobe is chosen. Then, only some of the positions strobe and they are moving. So the strobe effect moves over the Flow-Set.</p> |
|  | <p>When using the Chaser With Background, additionally a color can be selected that is mostly used, the background color.</p>   |

## 8.8 CHASER EFFECTS IN DEPTH

To display chaser effects, it is recommended to setup a Flow-Set with a multiple of four positions. This is the way they will be shown best. Those four positions could then be arranged in the corners of a dance floor for example.

Use the tap-sync button to tap the beat of the music; the Chaser Effects will base their color changing on that beat then.

The Chaser Effects offer additional controls



The Emphasis adjusts the way the colors are exchanged by the chaser:

| Emphasis | Effect  |
|----------|---|
| -2       | The four colors of the palette are exchanged one by one. Every beat changes only one color.   |
| -1       | Same as "-2", but the color change is animated with the color-wheel effect; it mimics the color change of a traditional color wheel, showing intermediate colors during the change. |
| 0        | All four colors are exchanged on every beat.  |
| 1        | Same as "0", but the color wheel effect is added.   |
| 2        | Same as "0", but on the fourth beat, all colors go black. They come on again on the next beat.  |
| 3        | Same as "0", but all colors go black on every second beat. This setting produces a strong on-off effect in sync with the beat.  |



The softness influences the fading between colors that happens on every beat. 0% will generate a hard change of the colors, while 100% makes them fade very slowly.



A random button is added to the color bar. If it is latched, random colors are chosen on every beat. If not (like in the above picture), then the colors are always chosen randomly from the color pallet of four. This is useful to intentionally narrow down the color choice. Nice effect can be generated by setting some of them to black.

## 8.9 THE MAIN SCREEN

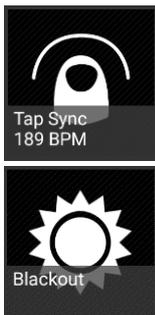
Here each program is represented by a file. Those files can be edited and freely positioned. Several pages of files are available.



To move or delete a file, press the pen icon (2). A popup will show the available actions. To add a new program tile, press the "+" icon (1).

While adding a file, either a default "Static Red" or the currently running program can be selected. Additionally, special function tiles are available.

### 8.9.1 Function Tiles



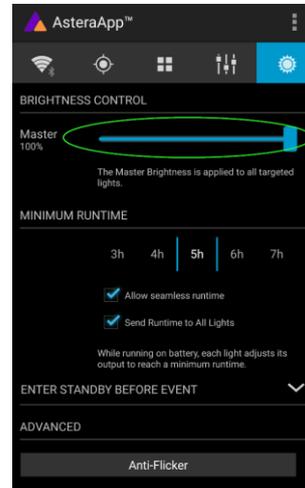
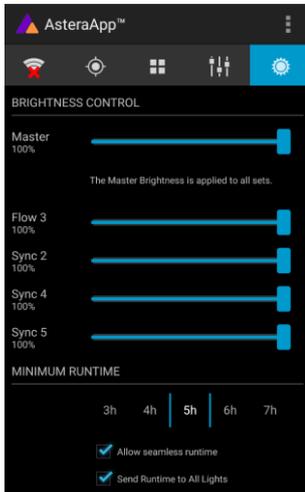
Tapping this tile several times to the beat will let the Chaser Effects change their colors to the beat. A chaser effect has a dancer symbol on the tile.



This button can be used to quickly blackout lights. The currently set target must be observed, as the blackout function will only affect the currently targeted lights.

## 8.10 BRIGHTNESS

Additionally to each programs brightness slider mentioned in chapter 8.6, a master brightness control is available.



As soon as more than one Set is created and at least one set is currently targeted, a sub-master for each Set is shown.

Otherwise, only one slider is available. It controls the brightness of all currently targeted lights.

### 8.10.1 Set Sub-Masters

Each Set has its own brightness slider. Additionally, there is a master slider that controls the brightness of all Sets simultaneously. This is very similar to the group brightness control of common lighting desks.

**NOTE:**

The Set-Masters are only shown if:

- a) More than one Set has been created before
- b) Only Set-Targets are currently selected. Selecting any other type of target, like "All Lights" will hide the Set-Masters. This is necessary to avoid that one lights gets redundant brightness information; it would flicker constantly between different brightness levels.

### 8.11 RUNTIME

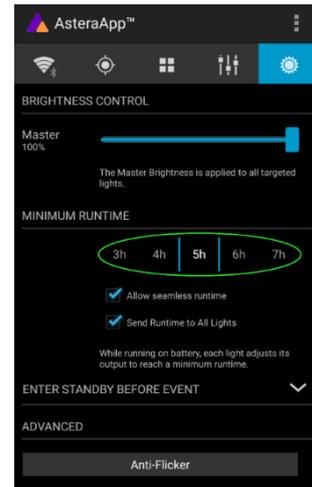
The light is able to adjust its power to meet a certain runtime on battery. The runtime is always calculated for a full battery.

**Example:**

*If the light is required to light during an eight hour event, and one hour of setup time is scheduled, then the runtime should be set to nine hours immediately after the first power up.*

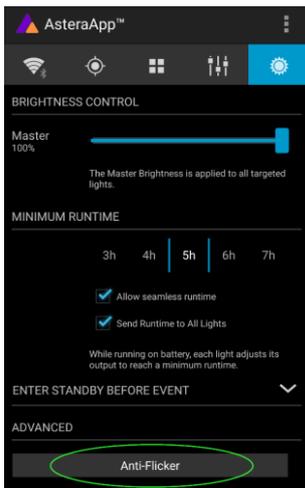
Please note, that the light should not be stored below 20°C before an event, otherwise the runtime might be shorter than calculated.

More details on the built in battery can be found at chapter 4.6.

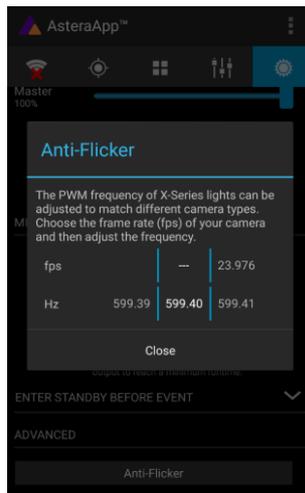


### 8.12 ANTI-FLICKER

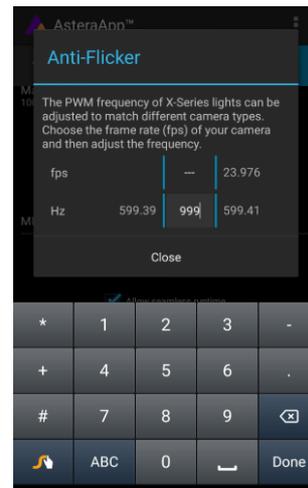
The PWM refresh rate of this light is 599.4 Hz by default. This frequency can be freely adjusted between 200 Hz and 1205 Hz to fit different camera's frame rates.



Make sure you have targeted the lights you wish to adjust (chapter 8.5). Then press the "Anti-Flicker".



Slide the "fps" to adjust to default values for a framerate. Slide the "Hz" to fine-adjust.



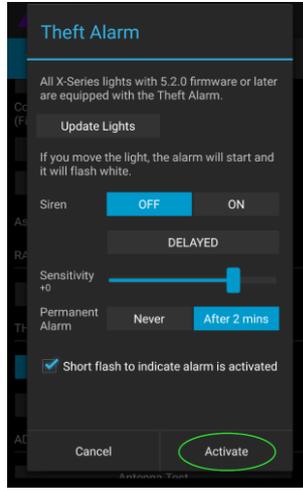
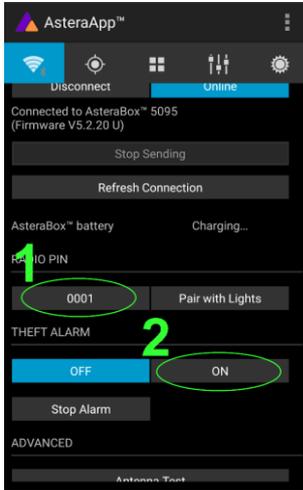
Press the highlighted frequency to enter a custom value between 200 and 1205 Hz.

**NOTE:**

*The Anti-Flicker adjustment is preserved in case the lamp is powered off. It is set back to the default 599.4Hz once a Reset Settings (chapter 7.22) is done. The adjusted frequency is used no matter what input source is currently active. Also during DMX operation.*

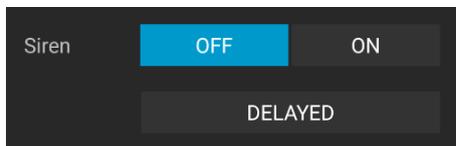
## 8.13 THEFT ALARM

Your light is equipped with a theft alarm. A motion sensor in the light detects when it is moved/taken away and a small siren will sound to deter potential thieves.



First make sure your Radio PIN is different from 0000. See chapter 8.1 how to change it. Then press the "ON" button.

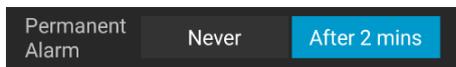
Press "Activate". All targeted lights will flash shortly to indicate that they are now armed.



If the siren is set to DELAYED, it sounds only if the alarm persists for more than 6 seconds. The ON setting makes it sound immediately, while the OFF setting mutes it always.



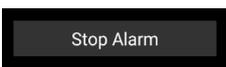
The sensitivity can be adjusted to meet your environment. A lower value makes a false alarm more unlikely.



In case a potential thief is taking the light away while ignoring the alarm, he will most likely cause alarm events for more than 2 minutes in a row. In that case, the alarm can be set to become permanent. Then it won't stop, even if the light is placed down again. It will run until the battery is empty, rendering the light useless for the thief.



In some applications it is not desirable to have the lights flashing while the alarm is enabled or disabled. It can be disabled by this option easily.



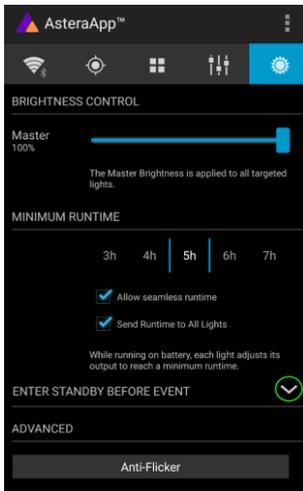
The alarm can be silenced without turning it off by pressing this button.

### NOTE:

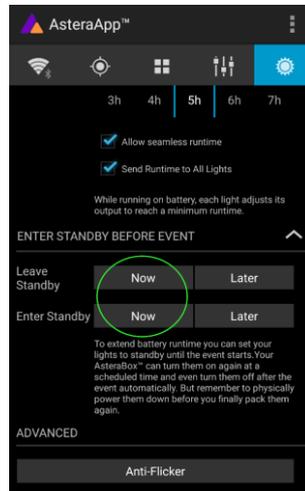
To turn the alarm off again, an AsteraApp™ with the same Radio PIN must be used. Do not forget your Radio PIN! Otherwise, your light cannot be used normally anymore.

## 8.14 ENTER AND LEAVE STANDBY

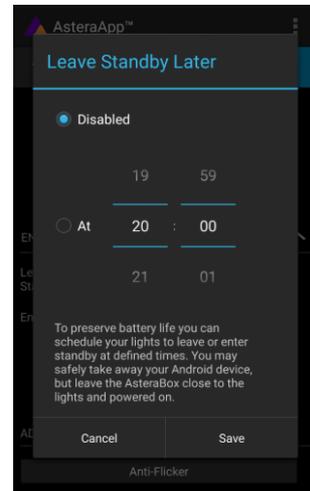
The standby is intended to be used between setup and event (see chapter 4.6.1). After setup is completed, all lights may be switched to standby mode and woken up later when the event starts. This ensures that no battery runtime is wasted. This can be either done manually or automated.



Press the small arrow to open the standby menu.



By pressing the “Now” buttons, standby can be switched on or off for all currently targeted lights.



Any of the “Later” buttons will require a time to be set. The standby will be scheduled to the specified time.

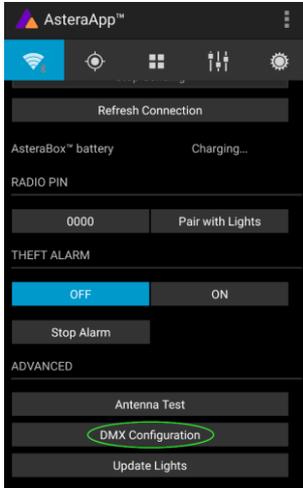
### NOTE:

While you are using the “Now” function, only those lights that are currently targeted are addressed (see chapter 8.5 how to target lights).

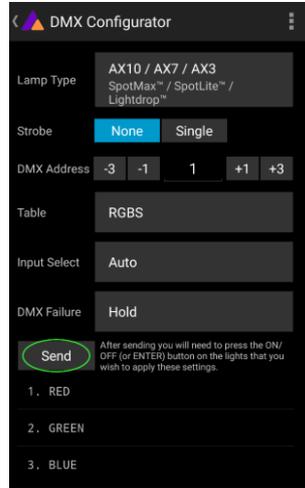
The “Later” function always sends to the “All Lights” target!

## 8.15 DMX SETTINGS

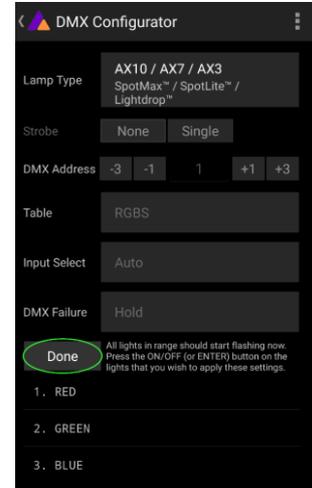
In order to efficiently use the light with DMX, some setting can be adjusted by the AsteraApp™.



Press the “DMX Configuration” button.



Adjust all settings to your requirements, then press “Send”.



Your lights will start to flicker. Tap the lights you wish to setup (chapter 7.9). Then press “Done”.

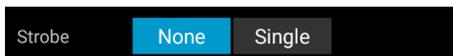
Please refer to chapter 7.12, *Input Select*, and chapter 7.14, *DMX Settings*, for details on the available settings.

### 8.15.1 DMX Profiles

A number of DMX Profiles can be selected.



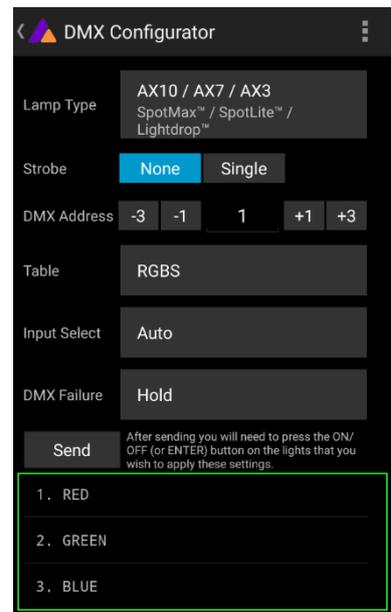
Each of the profiles can optionally contain a strobe channel. It can be disabled, defined as single strobe for the complete fixture or as multiple strobe where each pixel segment has its individual strobe.



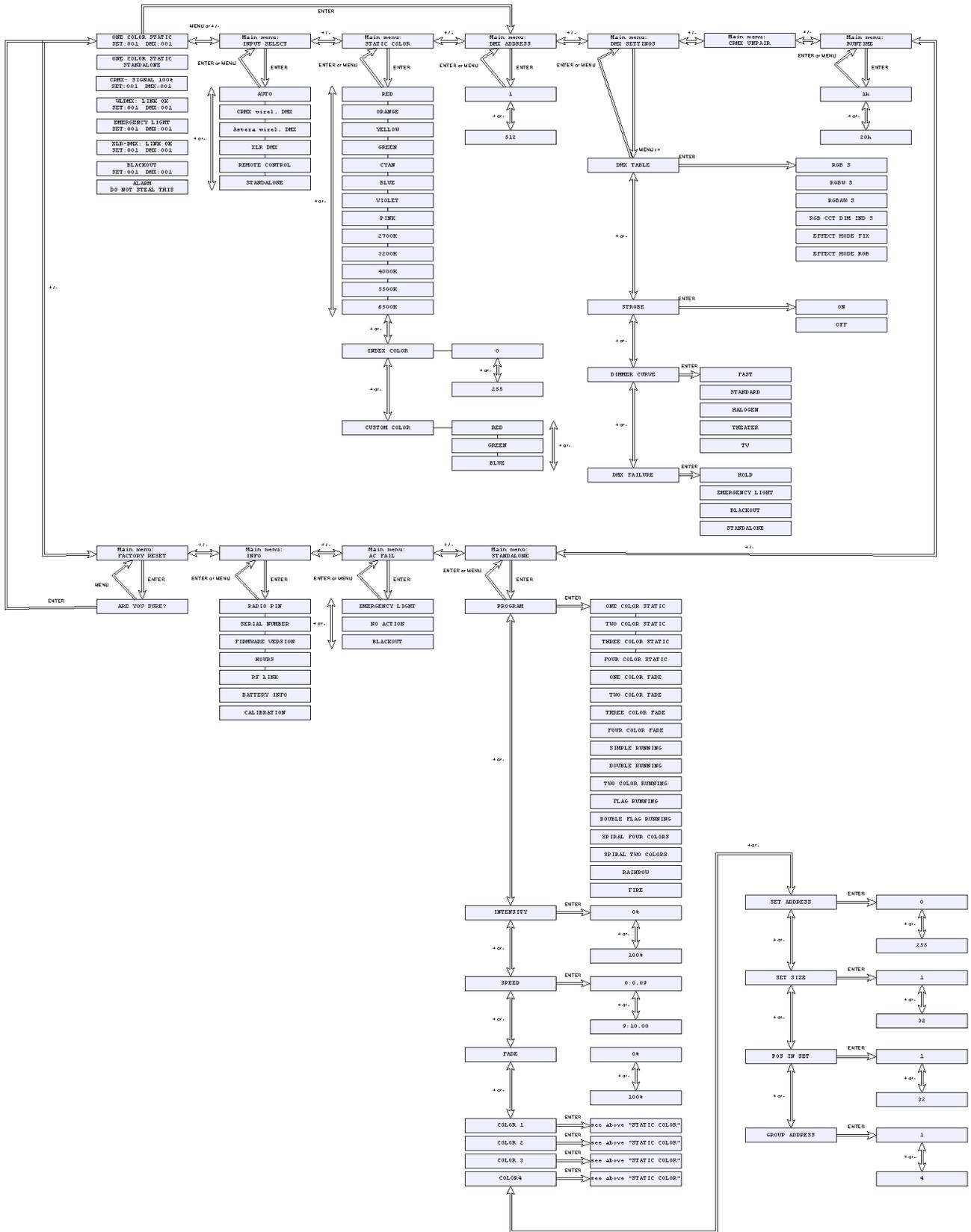
For programming purposes, we have an extensive list of the DMX Profiles in the product pages of [www.astera-led.com](http://www.astera-led.com).

### 8.15.2 DMX Channel Assignment

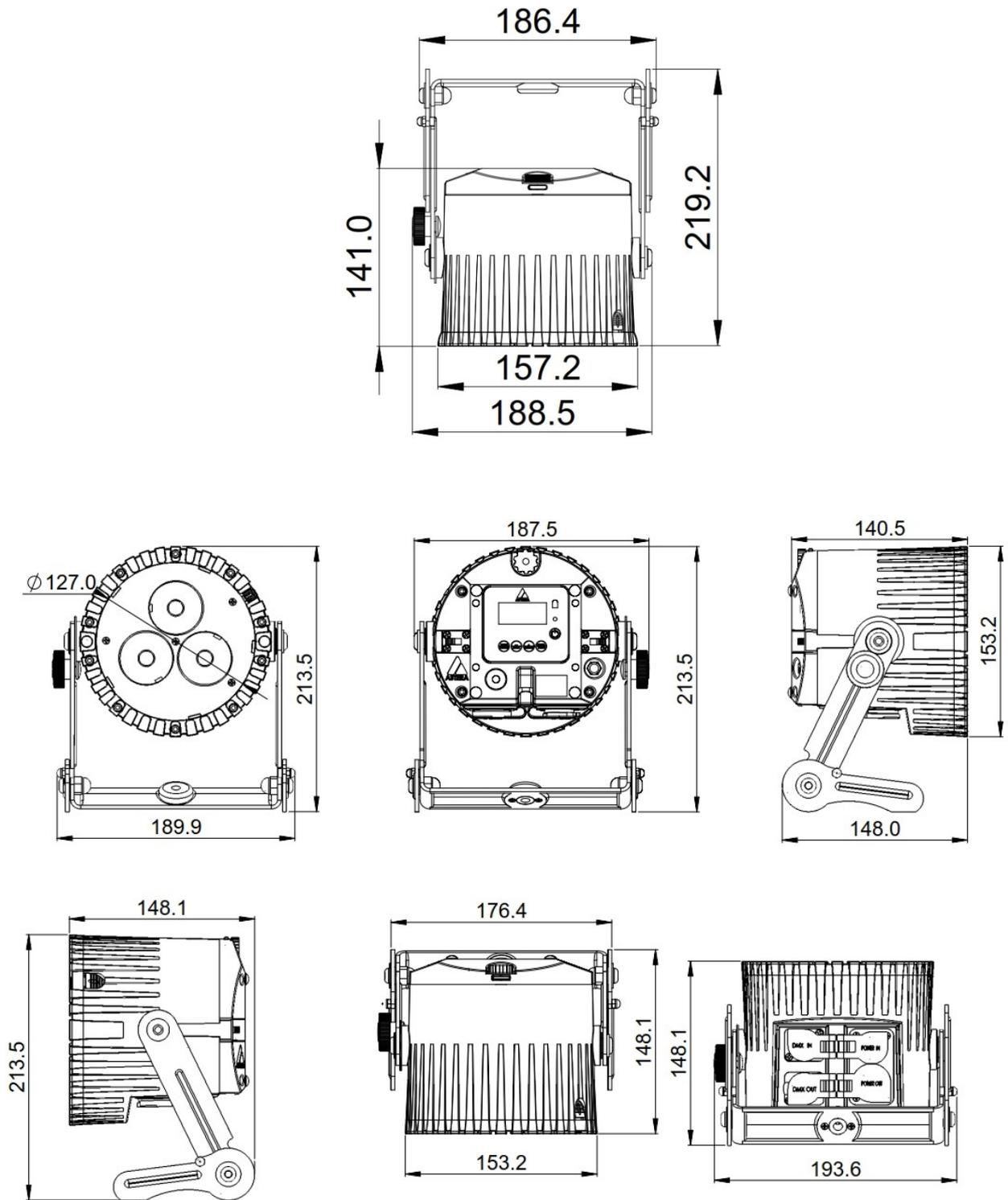
The current channel assignment can be always reviewed in the lower part of the screen. It is automatically calculated based on the setting of Table and Strobe.



## 9 MENU OVERVIEW



## 10 VIEWS AND DIMENSIONS





## 11 VERSION HISTORY

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|------------|---|
| 26.06.2017 | Initial version   |
| 27.06.2017 | Rework safety instructions, attachments added   |
| 30.06.2017 | First release version   |
| 09.11.2017 | Second release version. Corrected RGBAW DMX profiles, added backside thread drawing, added CE/FCC conformity, corrected page breaks   |
| 13.07.2018 | Translation paragraph removed, the word "PIN" capitalized, DMX Table changed to Profile, Input Select updated with new options, Numeric DMX tables added, Lee Color Gel Index added |
| 29.08.2018 | Dimmer Curve chapter added  |
| 26.08.2020 | Added 8.15.1 DMX Profiles, referenced to DMX profiles on website  |
|            | Removed old DMX Tables  |
|            | Renamed to Technical Reference Manual   |
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