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How To Obtain Warranty Service

A copy of the Vari-Lite Limited Warranty was included in the shipping package for this VARI*LITE® product.

To obtain warranty service, please contact customer service at 1-877-VARI-LITE (1-877-827-4548), +1-214-647-7880, or entertainment.service@philips.com and request a Return Material Authorization (RMA) for warranty service. You will need to provide the model and serial number of the item being returned, a description of the problem or failure and the name of the registered user or organization. If available, you should have your sales invoice to establish the date of sale as the beginning of the warranty period.

Once you obtain the RMA, pack the unit in a secure shipping container or in its original packing box. Be sure to clearly indicate the RMA number on all packing lists, correspondence, and shipping labels. If available, please include a copy of your invoice (as proof of purchase) in the shipping container. With the RMA number written legibly on or near the shipping address label, return the unit, freight prepaid, to:

Vari-Lite
Attention: Warranty Service (RMA# _____)
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As stated in the warranty, it is required that the shipment be insured and FOB our service center.

Compliance Notice

FCC This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when this equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with Vari-Lite system, service, and safety guidelines, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his/her own expense.



Declaration of Conformity

We declare, under our sole responsibility, that this product complies with the relevant clauses of the following standards and harmonized documents:

Safety

EN 60598-1:2000 Luminaire Safety Standard, General Requirements

EN 60598-2-17:1989/A2: 1991 Specification for Luminaires for Stage and Studio Lighting

EMC

EN61000-6-2: 2001, Immunity Standard for industrial environments

EN61000-6-4: 2001, Emission Standard for industrial environments

We certify that the product conforms to the protection requirements of council directives: Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC and 89/336/EEC (EMC). Equipment referred to in this declaration of conformity was first manufactured in 2009 in compliance with these standards.

Safety Notice

It is extremely important to read ALL safety information and instructions provided in this manual and any accompanying documentation before installing and operating the products described herein. Heed all cautions and warnings during installation and use of this product.

Safety symbols used throughout this manual are as follows:



CAUTION advising of potential damage to product.



WARNING advising of potential injury or death to persons.

GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK, FIRE, EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE UV RADIATION, AND INJURY TO PERSONS CAN BE FOUND BELOW.

WARNING:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE

1. VARI*LITE® luminaires have been designed for use with specific lamp types. The VLX™ Wash Luminaire uses special LED devices. Installing another type of light sources may be hazardous and will void your warranty.
2. Luminaires may be mounted on any type of surface as long as mounting instructions are followed. See instructions detailed in this manual.
3. Note distance requirement from combustible materials or illuminated objects for VARI*LITE® luminaires.

WARNING:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK

1. VARI*LITE® luminaires are designed for dry locations only. Exposure to rain or moisture may damage luminaire.
2. Disconnect power before servicing any VARI*LITE® equipment.
3. Servicing to be performed by qualified personnel only.

WARNING:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE TO UV RADIATION

1. Many VARI*LITE® luminaires use a lamp that produces UV radiation. DO NOT look directly at lamp.
2. It is hazardous to operate luminaires without lens or shield. Shields, lenses, or ultraviolet screens shall be changed if they have become visibly damaged to such an extent that their effectiveness is impaired. For example, by cracks or deep scratches.

WARNING:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST INJURY TO PERSONS

1. Exterior surfaces of the luminaire will be hot during operation. Use appropriate safety equipment (gloves, eye protection, etc.) when handling and adjusting hot equipment and components.
2. Luminaires will have a hot lamp when operating. Disconnect power and allow lamp to cool before replacing.
3. Arc lamps emit ultraviolet radiation which can cause serious skin burn and eye inflammation. Additionally, arc lamps operate under high pressure at very high temperatures. Should the lamp break, there can exist a danger of personal injury and/or fire from broken lamp particles being discharged.
4. Wear eye protection when relamping.
5. Appropriate safety equipment (gloves, eye protection) should be used when handling damaged lamps.
6. If lamp is touched with bare hands, clean lamp with denatured alcohol and wipe with lint-free cloth before installing or powering up the luminaire.
7. The lamp shall be changed if it has become damaged or thermally deformed.

WARNING:

RF INTERFERENCE

1. This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference, in which case, the user may be required to take adequate measures.

ARC LAMP CHARACTERISTIC CONSIDERATIONS

1. Arc lamps require a period of time to relight after a power interruption or a severe voltage dip. In some cases, lamp will automatically relight after it has cooled depending on Lamp Power-Up State configuration setting.
2. Burning position is Universal.

Sicherheitshinweise

Es ist äußerst wichtig, ALLE Sicherheitsinformationen und -hinweise in diesem Handbuch und dem beiliegenden Informationsmaterial zu lesen, bevor Sie die hierin beschriebenen Produkte installieren bzw. bedienen. Halten Sie bei der Installation und dem Einsatz dieses Produkts alle Warnhinweise und Vorsichtsmaßnahmen ein.

Folgende Sicherheitssymbole werden in diesem Handbuch verwendet:



VORSICHT - weist auf möglichen Produktschaden hin.



WARNUNG - weist auf mögliche Körperverletzung und Lebensbedrohung hin.

NACHSTEHEND FINDEN SIE ALLGEMEINE HINWEISE ÜBER SICHERHEITSVORKEHRUNGEN GEGEN ELEKTROSCHOCK, FEUER, ÜBERHÖHTE UV-STRAHLUNG UND KÖRPERVERLETZUNGEN.

WARNUNG:

HINWEISE ZUM FEUERSCHUTZ

1. VARI*LITE®-Scheinwerfer sind ausschließlich für den Einsatz mit bestimmten Lampentyps. Achten Sie auf den Lampentyp (LED), bevor Sie die jeweiligen Lampen ersetzen. Die Installation eines anderen Lampentyps kann gefährlich sein.
2. Scheinwerfer können auf jeder beliebigen Oberfläche montiert werden, solange Sie die Montageanweisungen befolgen. Detaillierte Hinweise finden Sie in diesem Handbuch.
3. Beachten Sie die Einhaltung des erforderlichen Sicherheitsabstandes der VARI*LITE®-Scheinwerfer von brennbarem Material oder beleuchteten Objekten.

WARNUNG:

HINWEISE ZUM SCHUTZ GEGEN ELEKTROSCHOCK

1. VARI*LITE®-Scheinwerfer eignen sich ausschließlich für trockene Standorte. Regen oder Feuchtigkeit können die Scheinwerfer beschädigen.
2. Unterbrechen Sie die Stromzufuhr, bevor Sie mit der Arbeit an VARI*LITE®-Geräten beginnen.
3. Die Geräte sollten nur von qualifiziertem Personal gewartet werden.

WARNUNG:

HINWEISE ZUM SCHUTZ GEGEN ÜBERHÖHTE UV-STRAHLUNG

1. Viele VARI*LITE®-Scheinwerfer verwenden die Lampentyp, der UV-Strahlen abgibt. SCHAUEN SIE NICHT direkt in die Lampe.
2. Es ist gefährlich, Leuchten ohne Linsen oder Blenden zu bedienen. Blenden, Linsen oder Ultraviolettshielder müssen ausgetauscht werden, sofern deren Schutzwirkung durch sichtbare Beschädigung (z. B. Sprünge oder Schrammen) eingeschränkt ist.

WARNUNG:

HINWEISE ZUM SCHUTZ GEGEN KÖRPERVERLETZUNGEN

1. Bei Betrieb sind die Außenflächen der Scheinwerfer heiß. Verwenden Sie bei der Bedienung von aufgeheizter Apparatur die jeweils geeignete Sicherheitsausrüstung (Handschuhe, Augenschutz etc.).
2. Bei Betrieb der Scheinwerfer ist die Lampe heiß. Unterbrechen Sie die Stromzufuhr und lassen Sie die Lampe abkühlen, wenn Sie diese austauschen.
3. Bogenlampen senden ultraviolette Strahlen aus, die Hautverbrennungen und Augenentzündungen verursachen können. Der Betrieb von Bogenlampen erfolgt unter Hochdruck und bei hohen Temperaturen. Sollte die Lampe zerbrechen, besteht die Gefahr von Körperverletzung bzw. von Feuer, das von Lampenteilen ausgelöst werden kann.
4. Tragen Sie beim Austausch der Lampen einen Augenschutz.
5. Die geeignete Sicherheitsausrüstung (Handschuhe, Augenschutz) sollte beim Umgang mit beschädigten Lampen verwendet werden.
6. Wenn die Lampe mit bloßen Händen berührt wird, reinigen Sie sie mit denaturiertem Alkohol und einem fusenfreien Tuch, bevor Sie die Scheinwerfer installieren oder in Betrieb nehmen.
7. Wenn die Lampe beschädigt oder durch Hitzeeinwirkung deformiert ist, muß diese ausgetauscht werden.

WARNUNG:

HF-INTERFERENZ

1. Es handelt sich um ein Produkt der Klasse A. In einer Wohnumgebung kann das Produkt Hochfrequenzstörungen verursachen. In diesem Fall müssen eventuell geeignete Maßnahmen getroffen werden.

BESONDERHEITEN VON BOGENLAMPEN

1. Bogenlampen benötigen eine gewisse Zeitdauer, um nach einem Stromausfall oder einem Spannungsgefälle wieder aufzuleuchten. In einigen Fällen wird die Lampe nach Abkühlung automatisch wieder aufleuchten, je nach der Systemkonfigurationseinstellung des Lampeneinschaltungsstatus.
2. Die Brennposition ist Universal.

Notes de sécurité

Avant de procéder à l'installation des produits décrits dans ce guide et de les mettre en marche, il est extrêmement important de lire TOUS les renseignements et TOUTES les directives de sécurité contenues dans ce guide ainsi que toute documentation jointe. Tenir compte de tous les avertissements et suivre toutes les précautions pendant l'installation et l'utilisation de cet appareil.

Les symboles de sécurité utilisés dans ce guide sont les suivants :



ATTENTION Ce symbole annonce que l'appareil risque d'être endommagé.



AVERTISSEMENT Ce symbole annonce qu'il y a risque d'accident grave ou même fatal.

CETTE SECTION CONTIENT DES INFORMATIONS GÉNÉRALES POUR SE PROTÉGER CONTRE LES DÉCHARGES ÉLECTRIQUES, LES INCENDIES, L'EXPOSITION EXCESSIVE AUX RAYONS UV ET TOUT AUTRE ACCIDENT POUVANT ENTRAÎNER DES BLESSURES.

AVERTISSEMENT:

DIRECTIVES POUR SE PROTÉGER CONTRE LES INCENDIES

1. Les luminaires VARI*LITE® ont été conçus pour être utilisés uniquement avec certaines type de lampes. Vérifier le type de lampe (LED) avant de remplacer les lampes. L'installation d'un autre type de lampe peut poser un danger.
2. Les luminaires peuvent être fixés sur tout type de surface tant que les directives de montage sont respectées. Voir les explications détaillées dans ce guide.
3. Vérifier la distance à respecter entre les matériaux combustibles ou les objets illuminés et les luminaires VARI*LITE®.

AVERTISSEMENT:

DIRECTIVES POUR SE PROTÉGER CONTRE LES DÉCHARGES ÉLECTRIQUES

1. Les luminaires VARI*LITE® sont conçus pour une utilisation au sec uniquement. Une exposition à la pluie et à l'humidité risque d'endommager le luminaire.
2. Débrancher l'appareil avant de procéder à la révision de tout matériel VARI*LITE®.
3. Les révisions doivent être effectuées uniquement par des personnes qualifiées.

AVERTISSEMENT:

DIRECTIVES POUR SE PROTÉGER CONTRE UNE EXPOSITION EXCESSIVE AUX RAYONS UV

1. Plusieurs luminaires VARI*LITE® utilisent une lampe qui produit des rayons UV. NE PAS fixer son regard sur la lampe.
2. L'utilisation des luminaires sans lentille ou blindage pose des risques. Tous blindages, lentilles ou écrans ultraviolet visiblement endommagés au point que leur efficacité en est affectée doivent être remplacés, par exemple s'il y a des fissures ou de profondes rayures.

AVERTISSEMENT:

DIRECTIVES POUR SE PROTÉGER CONTRE LES ACCIDENTS POUVANT ENTRAÎNER DES BLESSURES

1. Les surfaces externes du luminaire deviennent brûlantes quand l'appareil est en marche. Pour manœuvrer ou ajuster des appareils brûlants et leurs composants, se protéger suffisamment (gants, protection pour les yeux, etc.).
2. La lampe du luminaire est brûlante lorsqu'il est en marche. Débrancher le courant et attendre que la lampe ait refroidi avant de la remplacer.
3. Les lampes à arc émettent des rayons ultraviolets pouvant causer de graves brûlures sur la peau et une inflammation des yeux. De plus, les lampes à arc fonctionnent sous haute tension à de très hautes températures. Si la lampe se casse, les particules de la lampe cassée peuvent causer blessures et/ou incendie en s'éparpillant.
4. Se protéger les yeux pour remplacer la lampe.
5. Utiliser des appareils de protection appropriés (gants, protection des yeux) pour manier des lampes endommagées.
6. Si la lampe a été touchée avec des mains nues, la nettoyer avec de l'alcool dénaturé et l'essuyer avec un chiffon non-pelucheux avant d'installer ou de brancher le luminaire.
7. Si la lampe a été endommagée ou a reçu une déformation thermique, elle doit être remplacée.

AVERTISSEMENT:

INTERFÉRENCE RF

1. Cet appareil est de Classe A. Dans un environnement domestique, cet appareil peut causer des interférences radio, et si c'est le cas, l'utilisateur peut avoir à prendre des mesures adéquates.

CONSIDÉRATIONS DES CARACTÉRISTIQUES DE LAMPES À ARC

1. Après une interruption de courant ou une baisse importante de voltage, les lampes à arc mettent du temps avant de se rallumer. Dans certains cas, la lampe se rallumera automatiquement après s'être refroidie. Cela dépend de la manière dont le système est réglé pour le statut de mise en marche de la lampe.
2. La position Brûler est Universelle.

Aviso sobre Seguridad

Es muy importante leer TODA la información e instrucciones sobre seguridad que se indica en este manual así como en los documentos adjuntos antes de instalar y operar los productos descritos. Se debe prestar atención a todos los avisos y advertencias durante la instalación y uso de este producto.

Los símbolos de seguridad usados en este manual son los siguientes:



CUIDADO, indica posibles daños al producto.



ADVERTENCIA, indica posibles lesiones o muerte a las personas.

LA INFORMACIÓN GENERAL RELACIONADA A LA PROTECCIÓN CONTRAGOLPES DE CORRIENTE ELÉCTRICA, INCENDIO, EXPOSICIÓN EXCESIVA A RADIACIÓN ULTRA VIOLETA Y LESIONES A LAS PERSONAS SE PUEDE ENCONTRAR SEGUIDAMENTE:

ADVERTENCIA:

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PROTECCIÓN CONTINUA CONTRA INCENDIO

1. Las luminarias VARI*LITE® han sido diseñadas para ser usadas solamente con algunas lámparas. Tome nota del tipo de lámpara (LED) antes de reemplazarla. Instalación de otro tipo de lámpara puede ser peligroso.
2. Las luminarias se pueden instalar en cualquier tipo de superficie siempre que se sigan las instrucciones de instalación. Vea las instrucciones detalladas en este manual.
3. Tome nota de los requerimientos de distancia de materiales combustibles u objetos iluminados para las luminarias VARI*LITE®.

ADVERTENCIA:

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PROTECCIÓN CONTINUA CONTRA CHOQUE ELÉCTRICO

1. Las luminarias VARI*LITE® están diseñadas solamente para lugares secos. La exposición a la lluvia o humedad pueden dañar la luminaria.
2. Desconecte la energía antes de dar servicio a cualquier equipo de VARI*LITE®.
3. El servicio debe ser realizado solamente por personal calificado.

ADVERTENCIA:

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PROTECCIÓN CONTINUA CONTRA LA EXPOSICIÓN EXCESIVA DE RADIACIÓN ULTRA VIOLETA

1. Muchas luminarias VARI*LITE® usan un tipo de lámpara que produce radiación UV. NO mire directamente a la lámpara.
2. Es peligroso operar luminarias sin lentes o protectores. Debe cambiar los protectores, lentes o pantallas ultravioletas si se aprecia que han sido dañadas, y que su efectividad pudiera estar deteriorada. Por ejemplo, si tuvieran rajaduras o raspaduras profundas.

ADVERTENCIA:

INSTRUCCIONES PARA PROTECCIÓN CONTRA LESIONES DE PERSONAS

1. Las superficies exteriores de las luminarias están calientes durante su operación. Use un equipo de seguridad apropiado (guantes, protección para los ojos, etc.) cuando haga ajustes en el equipo y componentes que están calientes.
2. Cuando las luminarias están en operación la lámpara estará muy caliente. Desconecte la energía y deje que la lámpara se enfríe antes de reemplazarla.
3. Las lámparas de arco emiten radiaciones ultravioletas que pueden ocasionar serias quemaduras a la piel e inflamación a los ojos. Además, las lámparas de arco operan a alta presión y muy alta temperatura. Si la lámpara se rompe, puede existir el peligro de lesiones al personal o un incendio ocasionado por las partículas de la lámpara rota que se caen.
4. Use protección para los ojos cuando vuelve a colocar una lámpara nueva.
5. Use un equipo de seguridad apropiado (guantes, protección para los ojos, etc.) cuando trabaje con lámparas dañadas.
6. Si toca la lámpara con las manos, limpie la lámpara con alcohol desnaturalizado y con tela sin pelusas antes de instalar o volver a conectar la luminaria.
7. Cambie la lámpara si está dañada o deformada termicamente.

ADVERTENCIA:

INTERFERENCIA RF

1. Este es un producto de Clase A. En el ambiente de la casa este producto puede ocasionar radiointerferencia, en cuyo caso, el usuario debe tomar las medidas adecuadas.

CONSIDERACIONES SOBRE LAS CARACTERÍSTICAS DE LA LÁMPARA DE ARCO

1. Las lámparas de arco requieren un período de tiempo para volver a iluminarse después de una interrupción de energía o de una severa caída de voltaje. En algunos casos, la lámpara se volverá a iluminar en forma automática después que se ha enfriado dependiendo de la configuración del sistema de energía de la lámpara.
2. La posición de encendido es universal.

安全性に関する注意事項

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本マニュアルでは、以下の安全マークを使用しています。



注意：製品に損傷を与える危険性があります。



警告：人身事故につながる危険性があります。

感電、火災、UV放射に対する過度の露出、および人身事故を防ぐための一般的な情報については、以下の説明をお読みください。

警告：

火災の発生を防ぐためのヒント

1. VARI*LITE® 照明器具は、ランプを使用するように設計されています。ランプを交換する際は、ランプの種類（など）を確認するようにしてください。他の種類のランプを取り付けると危険です。
2. 照明器具は、本マニュアルの指示に従って操作するかぎり、どのようなタイプの表面にでも取り付けることができます。詳細については、本マニュアルを参照してください。
3. ヒューズを交換する場合は、同じヒューズ（同じ種類、同じクラス）を使用してください。
4. VARI*LITE® 照明器具は、可燃性物質または他の光源から必要な距離だけ離して配置してください。

警告：

感電を防ぐためのヒント

1. VARI*LITE® 照明器具は、乾燥した環境で使用するよう設計されています。雨で濡れる場所や湿気の多い場所に取り付けると、照明器具が傷むことがあります。
2. VARI*LITE® 照明器具を修理点検する場合は、必ず先に電源を切ってください。
3. 照明器具の修理点検は、資格を持つ技師のみが行うようにしてください。

警告：

過度の UV 放射にさらされないためのヒント

1. VARI*LITE® 照明器具の多くは、UV 放射を生ずる HID タイプのランプを使用しています。ランプを直視することは避けてください。
2. レンズまたはシールドを使わずに照明器具を点灯すると危険です。レンズ、シールド、紫外線画面は、ひび割れや深い引っかき傷などにより、その効力が損なわれるようになったら取り替えるようにします。

警告：

人身事故を防ぐためのヒント

1. 照明器具が点灯しているときは、その外側が熱くなります。熱くなった器具やコンポーネントを取り扱う際には、適切な防具（手袋や保護用眼鏡）を使用してください。
2. 照明器具が点灯しているときは、そのランプが熱くなります。ランプを交換する場合は、照明器具の電源を切り、ランプの温度が下がるまで待ってください。ランプの裏ぶたをあけると、遮断スイッチが働いて、ランプの電源が切れる場合があります。
3. アーク灯は紫外線を放射します。この紫外線によって、ひどい火傷を負ったり、目の炎症を起こすことがあります。さらに、アーク灯は、高圧高温の状態ですべての光を放射します。そのため、万一アーク灯が破損すると、飛び散った破片で人身事故や火災が発生する危険性があります。
4. 再点灯するときには、保護用眼鏡を着用してください。
5. 損傷したランプを取り扱う場合は、適切な防具（手袋や保護用眼鏡）を着用してください。
6. 手袋を着用せずに直接手でランプを触った場合は、変性アルコールを使ってランプをきれいにし、糸くずの出ない布で拭いてから照明器具を取り付け、電源を入れるようにします。
7. 傷がついたランプや熱によって変形したランプは取り替えてください。

警告：

RF 干渉

1. 本製品は Class A に分類されます。本製品は、家庭環境において無線干渉を起こす可能性があります。その場合、使用者は適切な処置を取らなければならないことがあります。

アーク灯の特性

1. 停電後または大きな電圧ディップ後にアーク灯を再点灯する場合は、しばらく時間をおくようにしてください。Lamp Power-Up State) システム設定によっては、温度が下がったときに自動的に再点灯される場合もあります。
2. アーク灯は点光源です。

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Introduction

About This Manual

This manual provides necessary information regarding safety, installation, operation and routine maintenance for the VARI***LITE**® VLX™ Wash Luminaire. Familiarizing yourself with this information will help you to get the most out of your luminaire.



WARNING: It is important to read ALL accompanying safety and installation instructions to avoid damage to the product and potential injury to yourself or others.

This manual covers the following models:

| Model | Part Number | Source |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| VLX™ Wash Luminaire | 20.9690.0001 | Seven x 120W RGBW LEDs |
| VLX™ Wash Luminaire, White | 20.9690.0001.02 | Seven x 120W RGBW LEDs |

Additional Documentation

A service manual, for Authorized VARI***LITE**® Service Centers and technicians, of the VLX™ Wash Luminaire is available in electronic (PDF) format:

- VLX™ Wash Luminaire Service Manual (02.9690.0010)
- Testing, Troubleshooting, Component Replacement and Illustrated Parts Breakdown.



Note: Performing maintenance procedures may void the product warranty. Refer to the Vari-Lite Limited Warranty card included in the product shipping package for more information.



Note: The VLX™ Wash Luminaire requires very little routine maintenance, but has special cleaning instructions unlike other fixtures. Please refer to [“Special Cleaning and Care Instructions”](#) on page 60 for complete cleaning and handling requirements.

For more information regarding DMX512 systems, refer to the following document available from United States Institute for Theatre Technology, Inc. (USITT):

- Digital Data Transmission Standard for Dimmers & Controllers plus AMX 192 Analog Multiplex Data Transmission Standard for Dimmers & Controllers. (A copy of Recommended Practice for DMX512 is included.)

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Text Conventions

The following styles and meanings are used throughout this manual:

| Style | Meaning |
|---|---|
| [Button] | Front panel button. Example: Press [Enter] or [ESC] (Escape). |
| [Up] / [Down] / [Left] / [Right] Arrows | Press either [Up] or [Down] or [Left] or [Right] arrow button at Menu Display. |
| MENU | LCD Menu Display read-out. Example: Press [Up] / [Down] / [Left] / [Right] arrows until LAMP appears. |

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CHAPTER 1.

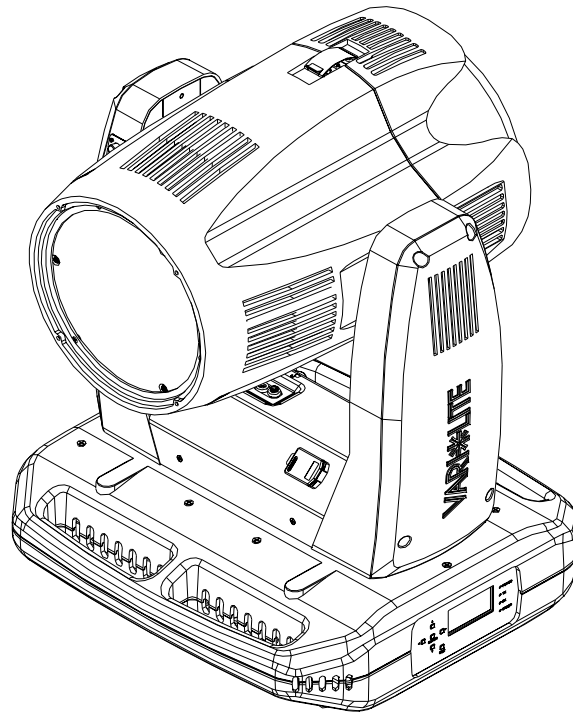
Description

This chapter contains descriptions of luminaire features and components, along with a list of accessories that are available.

- **Features**
- **Components**

Features

Standard Features



All VLX™ Wash Luminaires have the following standard features:

- Seven, 120-watt replaceable custom RGBW chipsets. Each chip set contains high density red, green, blue, and white LED emitters.
- Manufacturer rated life (LED chip sets), in excess of 10,000 hours (at full RGBW).
- Light output of approximately 14,000 lumens (white light).
- Patented optical zoom system with continuous variable field angle from approximately 23° to 58°.
- Zoom module is easily removable for a fixed field angle of 22°.
- High-speed strobe with multi user-selectable effects.
- Smooth pan and tilt operation through time-controlled continuous motion by way of a pair of three-phase stepper motor systems.
- 540° Pan and 270° Tilt with 0.3° resolution.

Note: Detailed specification are available on the Vari-Lite web site at www.vari-lite.com and in “**Technical Specifications**” on page 73 in this manual.

Components

Included Items

The following illustration shows all items included with the luminaire:

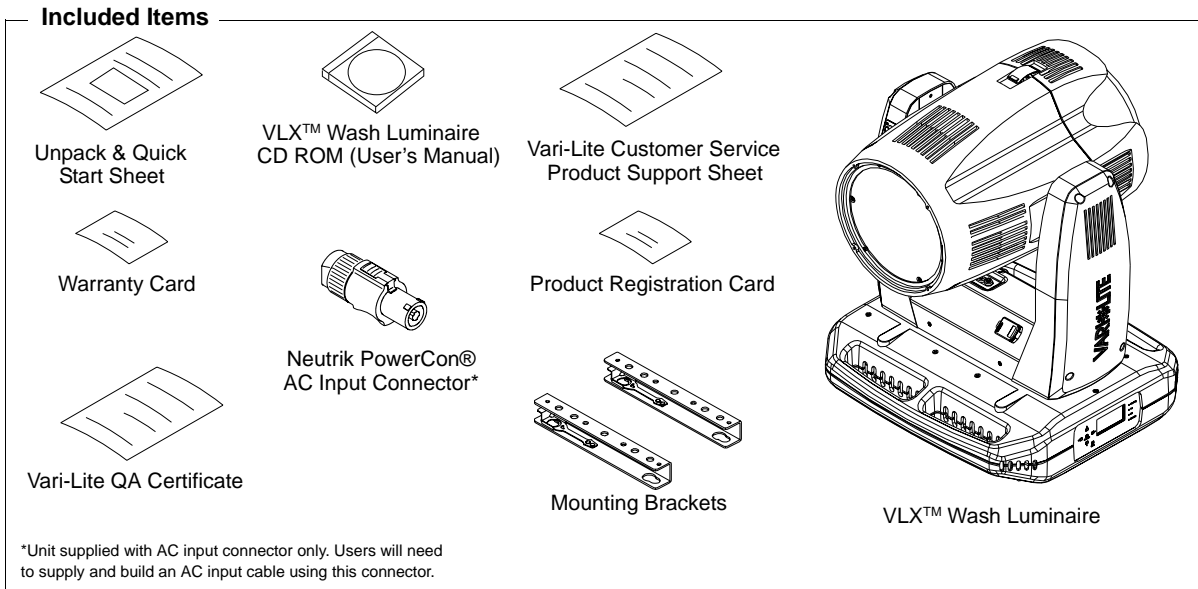


Figure 1-1: VLX™ Wash Luminaire Packing List

Replacement Items/Accessories

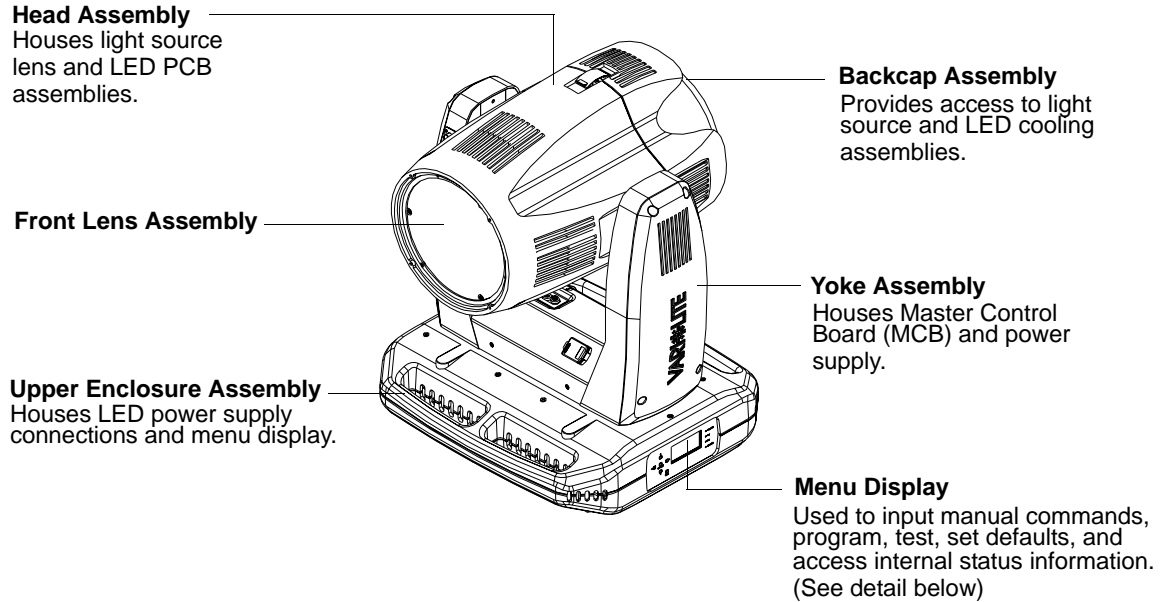
The following optional and/or replacement items can be ordered directly from your Authorized VARI***LITE**® Dealer. (Please order by Vari-Lite part number.)

| Vari-Lite P/N | Accessory |
|---------------|---|
| 22.9620.0194 | Safety Cable Assembly |
| 23.9623.0177 | XLR DMX Terminator |
| 28.8500.0054 | USB Luminaire Programming Kit (Includes USB Upload Cable, Programming Kit CD ROM, Carry Bag, and Instructions)* |
| 55.6840.0001 | Truss Hook, Mega-Clamp, Round and Square |
| 55.6841.0001 | Truss Hook, Mega-Claw for 2" Round Tube |

Note: * For more information on the USB Luminaire Programming Kit, please see [“USB Download and Programming”](#) on page 40.

Luminaire Overview

The following illustration shows the external luminaire components and controls.



Pan & Tilt Lock Operation

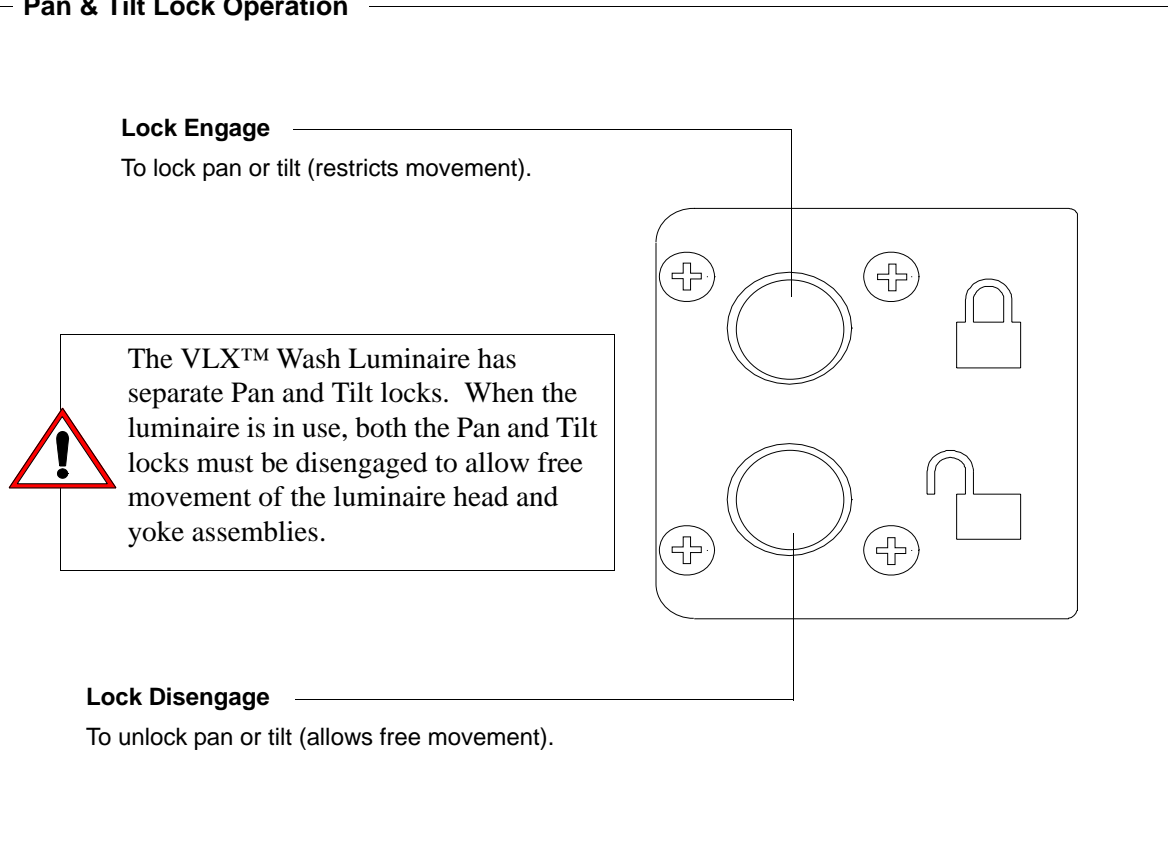
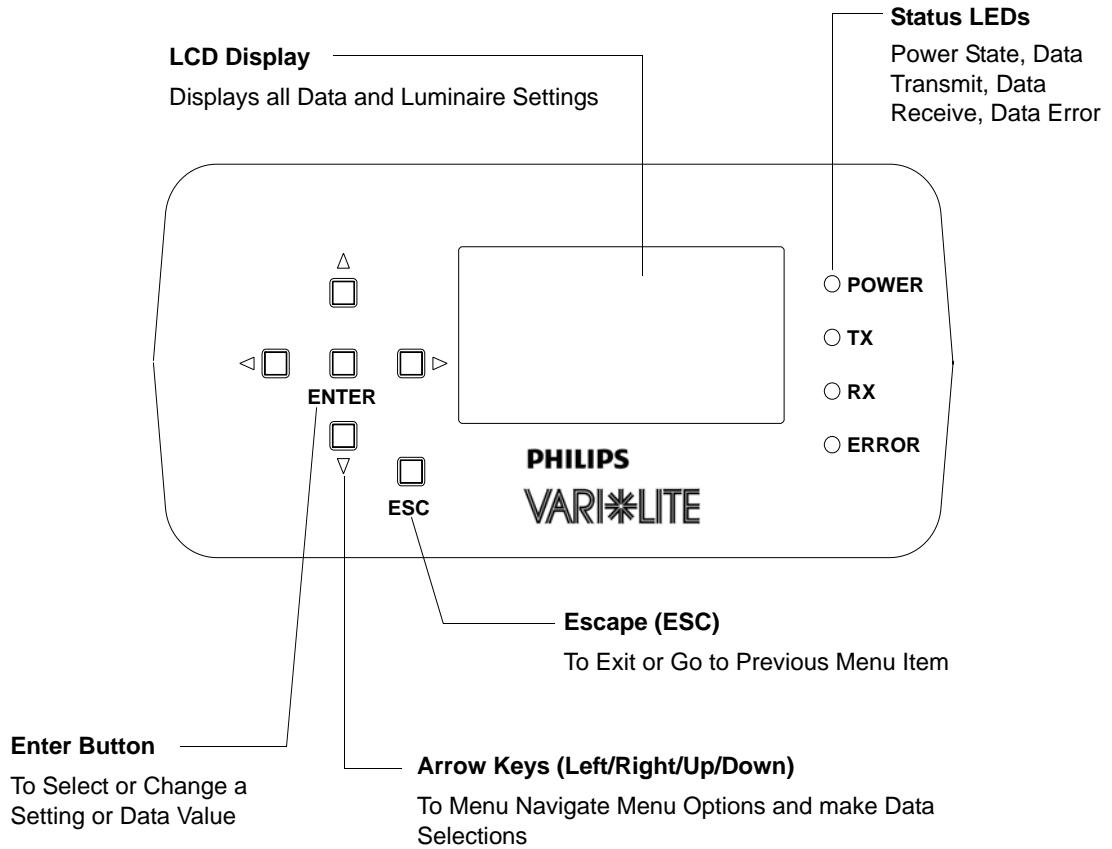


Figure 1-2: VLX™ Wash Luminaire External Components and Controls

Luminaire Overview (continued)

Upper Enclosure Menu



Upper Enclosure Connections

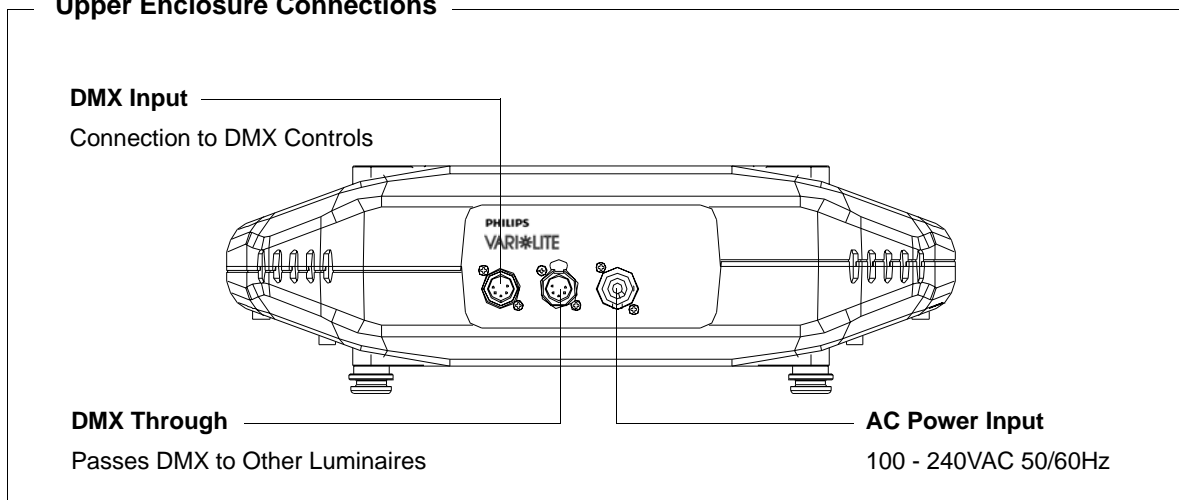


Figure 1-3: VLX™ Wash Luminaire External Components and Controls

Notes



CHAPTER 2.

Installation

This chapter contains instructions for installation of the luminaire. It includes connecting power and data, along with instructions for powering up the luminaire for the first time and addressing it within your system.

- **Power and Data Cabling Requirements**
- **Installation Procedures**
- **Powering Up**
- **Addressing**



WARNING: DO NOT connect or disconnect energized power cable at fixture (under load). Turn off circuit breaker (or completely de-energize circuit) before connecting or disconnecting power cable at fixture. Power is only removed from the fixture by disconnecting power cable from source or turning off source circuit breaker.

Power and Data Cabling Requirements

AC Power



WARNING: DO NOT connect to three-phase Delta service in countries with 240 volt power.



WARNING: DO NOT connect or disconnect energized power cable at fixture (under load). Turn off circuit breaker (or completely de-energize circuit) before connecting or disconnecting power cable at fixture. Power is only removed from the fixture by disconnecting power cable from source or turning off source circuit breaker.

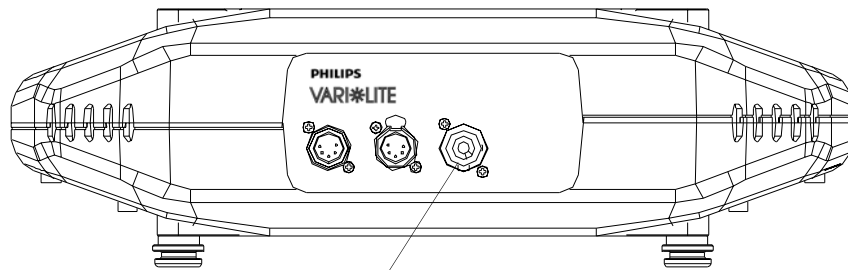
The luminaire requires standard AC power distribution from 100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz in order to power all internal electronics and motors. It is equipped with a 3-pole Neutrik® PowerCon® locking connector (with contacts for line, neutral, and pre-mating safety grounds) for the purpose of AC input.

| Wire* | Connection |
|--------------|------------|
| Green/Yellow | AC Ground |
| Blue | AC Neutral |
| Brown | AC Line |

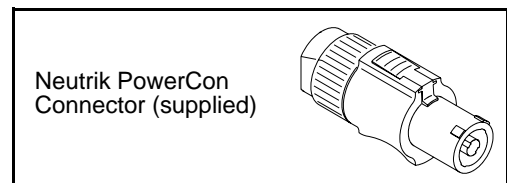
*International (Harmonized) Standard



Note: The mating Neutrik PowerCon® connector is supplied, however, you will need to purchase or construct a cable appropriate for your application.



3-Pole Neutrik PowerCon Locking Connector for AC Input Power



Neutrik PowerCon Connector (supplied)

Figure 2-1: Power Connector

Current vs. Voltage

The following tables provide the luminaire's current draw at specific voltages.

Table 2-1: VLX Wash Luminaire - Current vs. Voltage*

| Voltage (VAC) @ 60Hz | Current (A) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 100 | 9.0 |
| 110 | 8.2 |
| 120 | 7.5 |
| 130 | 6.9 |
| 140 | 6.4 |
| 150 | 6.0 |
| 160 | 5.6 |
| 170 | 5.3 |
| 180 | 5.0 |
| 190 | 4.7 |
| 200 | 4.5 |
| 210 | 4.3 |
| 220 | 4.1 |
| 230 | 3.9 |
| 240 | 3.8 |

*Currents given are worst case with all motors sequencing.

Data Cables

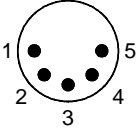
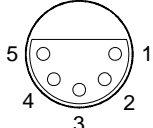
The VLX™ Wash Luminaire is equipped with two, 5-pin XLR connectors for DATA IN and DATA THRU (out) applications. DATA IN requires a 5-pin, female XLR connector and DATA THRU requires a 5-pin, male XLR connector. When purchasing or constructing data cables, it is important that not only the correct cable type be used, but also quality cable to ensure a reliable DMX512 system. Your cabling should meet the following USITT DMX specification requirements:

- Suitable for use with EIA485 (RS485) operation at 250k baud.
- Characteristic impedance 85-150 ohms, nominally 120 ohms.
- Low capacitance.
- Two twisted pairs.
- Foil and braid shielded.
- 24 AWG minimum gauge for runs up to 1000 feet (300m).
- 22 AWG minimum gauge for runs up to 1640 feet (500m).



Note: Microphone type cables and other general purpose, two-core audio or signal cables are not suitable for use with DMX512.

The XLR 5-pin connectors should be wired as follows:

| Pin/Wire Code to XLR Connectors | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Data Thru Cable Pinout  Male Conn | Pin 1 Foil & Braided Shield | Pin 2 1st conductor of 1st twisted pair Data (-) | Pin 3 2nd conductor of 1st twisted pair Data (+) | Pin 4 1st conductor of 2nd twisted pair Data (-) | Pin 5 2nd conductor of 2nd twisted pair Data (+) | Data In Cable Pinout  Female Conn |



Note: Refer to the USITT Recommended Practice for DMX512 guide for additional information regarding DMX512 systems. How to obtain a copy is detailed in [“Additional Documentation” on page 1.](#)

Recommended Cable Types/Manufacturers

These are only a few of the suitable cable types. Any quality EIA485, twisted pair, 120 ohm, shielded cable will also work.

Table 2-2: Recommended Cable Types

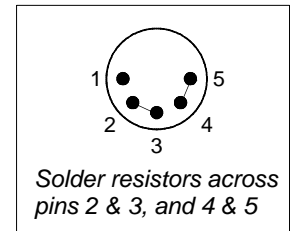
| Type | Pairs | ZΩ* | Jacket | AWG | Use | Temp (F) |
|----------------|-------|-----|--------------|------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Belden Cables | | | | | | |
| 1215A | 2 | 150 | PVC | 26 | IBM Type 6 Office cable | 75 |
| 1269A | 2 | 100 | PTFE | 22 (Solid) | High Temp, Plenum cable | 200 |
| 8102 | 2 | 100 | PVC | 24 | UL2919 | 80 |
| 8132 | 2 | 120 | PVC | 28 | UL2919 | 80 |
| 8162 | 2 | 100 | PVC | 24 | UL2493 | 60 |
| 82729 | 2 | 100 | PTFE | 24 | High Temp, Plenum cable | 200 |
| 88102 | 2 | 100 | PTFE | 24 | High Temp, Plenum cable | 200 |
| 89696 | 2 | 100 | PTFE | 22 | High Temp, Plenum cable | 200 |
| 89729 | 2 | 100 | PTFE | 24 | High Temp, Plenum cable | 200 |
| 89855 | 2 | 100 | PTFE | 22 | High Temp, Plenum cable | 200 |
| 9729 | 2 | 100 | PVC | 24 | UL2493 | 60 |
| 9804 | 2 | 100 | PVC | 28 | UL2960 | 60 |
| 9829 | 2 | 100 | PVC | 24 | UL2919 | 80 |
| 9842 | 2 | 120 | PVC | 24 | UL2919 | 80 |
| Proplex Cables | | | | | | |
| PC224P | 2 | 110 | Polyurethane | 22 | Heavy Duty and Portable | 105 |
| PC224T | 2 | 110 | PVC | 22 | UL2464 | 105 |
| PC226T | 3 | 110 | PVC | 22 | UL2464 | |

* Characteristic Impedance

Male Termination Connector

A male XLR termination connector is required at the last luminaire (or “far end of the line”) to prevent signal reflections. Signal reflections may cancel out the signal at certain line lengths, resulting in errors. The terminator is also necessary for software downloads and running tests on multiple luminaires. To construct your own connector, you will need the following components:

- 5-pin, male XLR connector.
- Two 1/4W 5% 120 ohm resistors.



Note: A male termination connector is also available as an accessory from Vari-Lite. See “Replacement Items/Accessories” on page 5.

Installation Procedures

Hanging the Luminaire

The VLX™ Wash Luminaire can be hung horizontally or vertically from any structure designed to work with the type of load created by this moving luminaire. Two mounting bracket assemblies (provided) are used to attach truss hooks or other mounting hardware as required. Many compatible truss hooks are available from different manufacturers for your particular needs.

A minimum of one hook per truss hook bracket is required. If mounting method does not use truss hooks, two attachment points per truss hook bracket are required. When attaching more than one point on a single bracket, the attach points must be spaced as far apart as possible using the supplied mounting holes.

Install mounting hardware and brackets:

Step 1. Install truss hooks on two provided truss hook brackets as required.

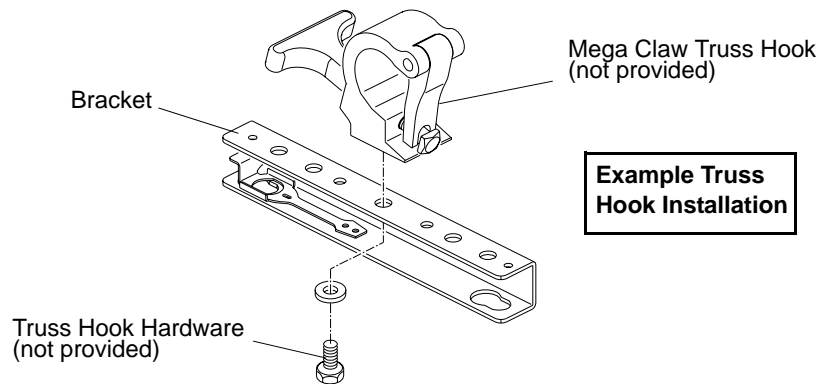


Figure 2-2: Installing Truss Hooks

Note: Various types of truss hooks can be used. The Mega Claw truss hook (as shown in the example above) as well as many other standard hooks, can be ordered separately. See [“Replacement Items/Accessories”](#) on page 5.

Step 2. Determine required configuration of bracket installation. Brackets may be installed in either orientation as shown in Figure 2-3, but both must face the same direction. Figure 2-4 shows bracket installation details.

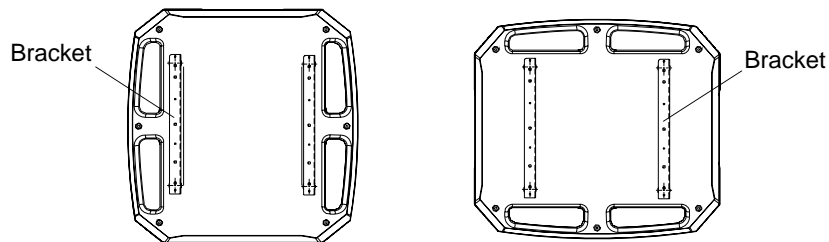


Figure 2-3: Bracket Orientation Options

Step 3. While pulling up on locking mechanism release, fit keyed holes onto raised mounting buttons at bottom of enclosure. Slide forward and release locking mechanism to lock in place. Ensure brackets are locked securely. (Always face brackets in same direction as shown.)



WARNING: Ensure that the bracket locking mechanism is fully seated after the bracket is installed on the luminaire.

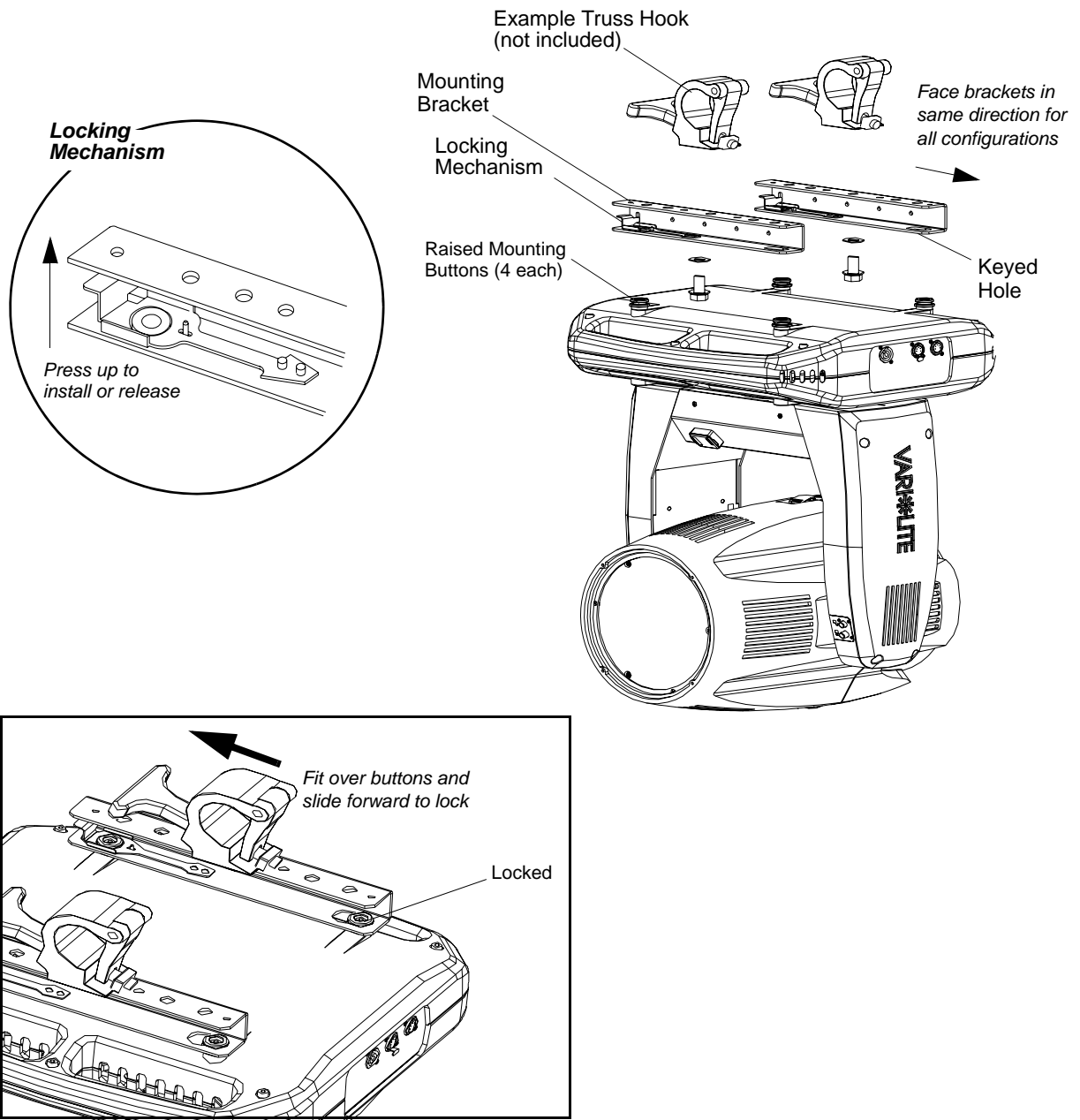


Figure 2-4: Installing Brackets on Luminaire Enclosure

Installing in Truss:

- Step 1. Using two people, lift luminaire into mounting position.
- Step 2. Secure in place with truss hook. Ensure truss hook hardware that locks hook in place (e.g. wing bolt) is properly tightened and that luminaire is fully supported.
- Step 3. Attach safety cable (as required) as follows:
 - a. Connect one end of cable to luminaire handle.
 - b. Loop at least once around truss/pipe and attach other end of cable to other handle.
- Step 4. Connect power and data cables according to procedure given in [“Connecting Data and Power”](#) on page 17.



WARNING: DO NOT connect or disconnect energized power cable at fixture (under load). Turn off circuit breaker (or completely de-energize circuit) before connecting or disconnecting power cable at fixture. Power is only removed from the fixture by disconnecting power cable from source or turning off source circuit breaker.

- Step 5. Be sure pan and tilt locks are disengaged (refer to [“Luminaire Overview”](#) on page 6 for details) to allow full head and yoke movement.

Use enclosure handles for safety cable anchor points (refer to Top View illustration below).

Safety Cable:
Recommended for all hanging installations and may be required by local codes.

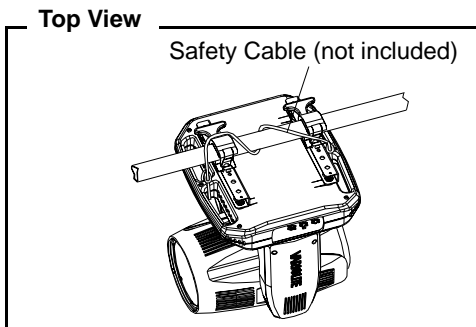
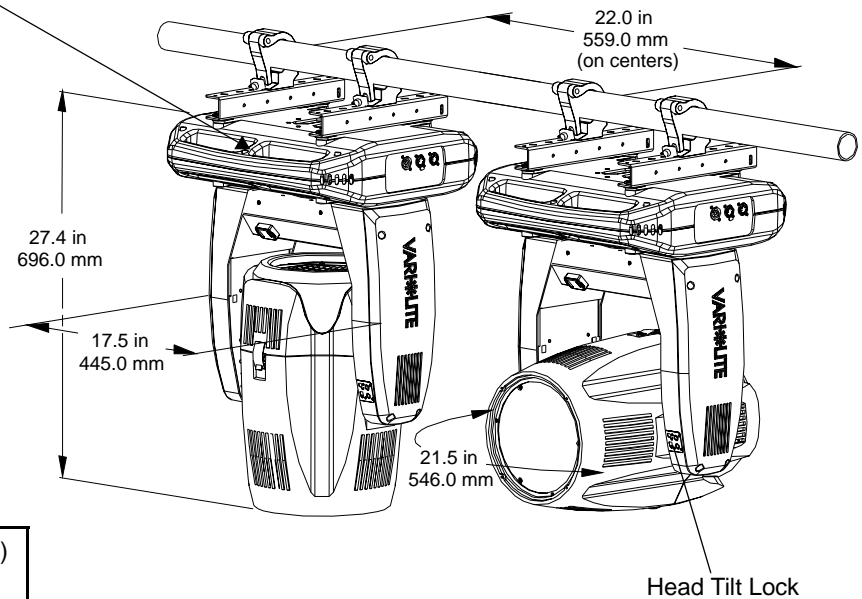
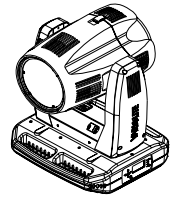


Figure 2-5: Hanging Configuration and Dimensions

Floor Mounting the Luminaire

The luminaire enclosure is sufficient to stabilize the luminaire in a floor installation, provided that the mounting surface is flat and sturdy. Also, the area around the luminaire must be free of debris and moisture.



Connecting Data and Power

A maximum of 32 luminaires may be connected in any one DMX data link.



Note: This maximum limit applies to the luminaire "daisy chain" only. Your system or console may require fewer luminaires on a single data link path. Consult your console documentation for more information.

To connect power and data:

- Step 1. Connect data cable from console to first luminaire in chain at DATA IN connector.
- Step 2. If required, connect additional data cables from DATA THRU connectors to DATA IN connectors of remaining luminaires in link.
- Step 3. At last luminaire in link, install male termination connector at DATA THRU connector. (Luminaires and other devices on the same DMX chain may not function properly without termination.)
- Step 4. Connect AC input cable connector to fixture before connecting to power input source or energizing power cable.



WARNING: DO NOT connect or disconnect energized power cable at fixture (under load). Turn off circuit breaker (or completely de-energize circuit) before connecting or disconnecting power cable at fixture. Power is only removed from the fixture by disconnecting power cable from source or turning off source circuit breaker.

- Step 5. Dress AC input and data cables and secure them so they do not interfere with luminaire head and yoke movement.
- Step 6. Be sure pan and tilt locks are disengaged (refer to [“Luminaire Overview” on page 6](#) for details) to allow full head and yoke movement.

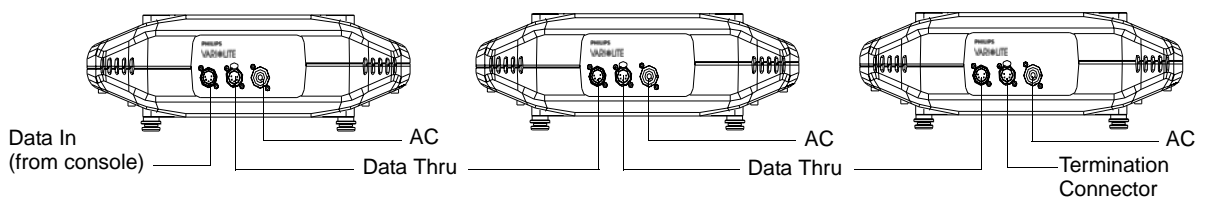


Figure 2-6: Connecting Power and Data

Powering Up

Power Up and Configuration Procedure

When AC power is initially applied, the luminaire immediately begins a calibration sequence that steps it through pan and tilt movements. The beam mechanism also moves through a full range of motion. After calibration, the luminaire head either stops at its “home” position (which positions the pan axis at mid-rotation and the head parallel to the yoke with the lens pointing away from the luminaire upper enclosure) or it moves to its current DMX-defined position when DMX data is present. All internal mechanisms also move to their “home” or DMX-defined positions.



CAUTION: Before applying power, be sure the luminaire is hung or positioned so that the head and yoke can move freely without restriction.

To power up:



WARNING: DO NOT connect or disconnect energized power cable at fixture (under load). Turn off circuit breaker (or completely de-energize circuit) before connecting or disconnecting power cable at fixture. Power is only removed from the fixture by disconnecting power cable from source or turning off source circuit breaker.

- Step 1. At each luminaire, connect power cable to fixture.
- Step 2. Be sure pan and tilt locks are disengaged (refer to “[Luminaire Overview](#)” on page 6 for details) to allow full head and yoke movement.
- Step 3. Energize each connected circuit.
- Step 4. Luminaire will automatically cycle through calibration and stop at "home" position.

LCD Display - Luminaire Calibration Status

During luminaire calibration or re-calibration, the progress of the operation is displayed on the luminaire’s LCD Display. Information includes description of process and a progress bar.

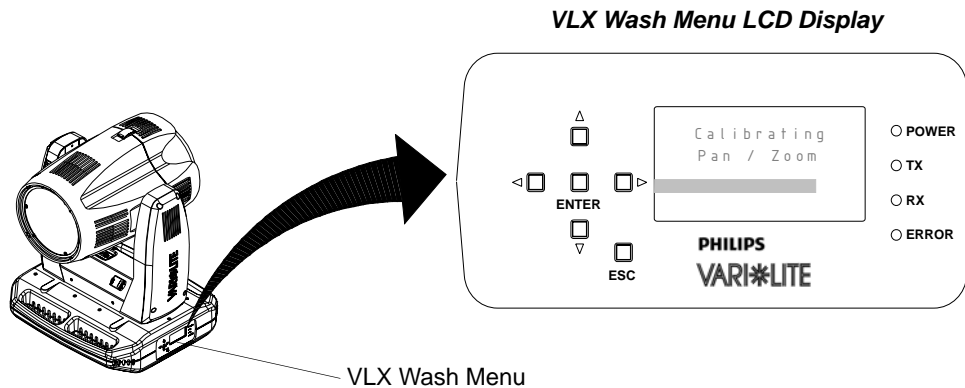


Figure 2-7: VLX Wash LCD Display - Luminaire Calibration Status

Addressing

Program Starting Address

The address setting for DMX console controlled systems is entered using the Menu Display (refer to [“Menu Operation” on page 44](#)). The luminaire retains the DMX address even when power is removed.

Note: Refer to your console operating instructions for specific information regarding its addressing requirements.

Program a DMX starting address:

- Step 1. Press [ESC] to access the main menu of the luminaire.
- Step 2. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until Address appears. Press [Enter].
- Step 3. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows to enter starting address.
- Step 4. Press [Enter] to set.

Notes



CHAPTER 3.

Operation

This chapter contains instructions for operating the luminaire using DMX control and for updating the internal software. For Menu options and detailed information, see [“Menu Operation”](#) on page 44.

- **DMX Operation**
- **DMX Mapping**
- **Luminaire Timing**
- **Updating Software**

DMX Operation

Channel Mapping

These tables assume a DMX start address of 1. When a different starting address is used, this address becomes channel 1 function and other functions follow in sequence.

Table 3-1: VLX™ Wash Luminaire Mapping Mode 1

| DMX Channel | Parameter | Range DMX | Range% | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Description |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---|--|
| 1 | Intensity - High | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 0 | 16-bit control for Intensity of LED settings. |
| 2 | Intensity - Low | | | | |
| 3 | Pan - High Byte | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 32768 | 16-bit control of Pan - 540° of movement. |
| 4 | Pan - Low Byte | | | | |
| 5 | Tilt - High Byte | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 32768 | 16-bit control of Tilt - 270° of movement. |
| 6 | Tilt - Low Byte | | | | |
| 7 | Red - High Byte | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 0 | 16-bit control of Red LEDs from 0 to full. |
| 8 | Red - Low Byte | | | | |
| 9 | Green - High Byte | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 0 | 16-bit control of Green LEDs from 0 to full. |
| 10 | Green - Low Byte | | | | |
| 11 | Blue - High Byte | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 0 | 16-bit control of Blue LEDs from 0 to full. |
| 12 | Blue - Low Byte | | | | |
| 13 | White - High Byte | 0 - 65535 | 0 - 100% | 0 | 16-bit control of White LEDs from 0 to full. |
| 14 | White - Low Byte | | | | |
| 15 | Unused | N/A | N/A | N/A | For Future Use |
| 16 | Unused | N/A | N/A | N/A | For Future Use |
| 17 | Beam Spreader | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | 0 | Controls beam angle from 23° to 58° (DMX 255) |
| 18 | Strobe | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | 0 | Controls strobe operations as follows: Open = DMX 0 - 2 Closed = DMX 3 - 5 Slow Rand = DMX 6 - 7 Med Rand = DMX 8 - 10 Fast Rand = DMX 11 - 12 Strobe Range = DMX 13 - 127 (fastest) Pulse + Slow Rand = DMX 128 - 129 Pulse + Med Rand = DMX 130 - 131 Pulse + Fast Rand = DMX 132 - 133 Pulse + Range = DMX 134 - 191 Pulse - Slow Rand = DMX 192 - 193 Pulse - Med Rand = DMX 194 - 195 Pulse - Fast Rand = DMX 196 - 197 Pulse - Range = DMX 198 - 255 |
| 19 | Intensity Time | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of intensity. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |
| 20 | Focus Time | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of pan and tilt. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |
| 21 | Color Time | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of color mixing. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |

VLX™ Wash Luminaire mapping continued on the next page.

Table 3-1: VLX™ Wash Luminaire Mapping Mode 1

| | | | | | |
|----|-----------|---------|----------|-----|---|
| 22 | Beam Time | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of zoom. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |
| 23 | Control | 0 - 255 | 0 - 100% | | <p>Used to set different modes, parameters, and functions of the VLX Wash. Set control channel value for desired action. Hold value for at least 3 seconds. Set control channel value to 0 without any scaling.</p> <p>Default Setting on Console = DMX 0</p> <p>Reset All to Defaults** = DMX 5 - 7</p> <p>Quiet Mode† = DMX 11 - 13</p> <p>Level Light Mode† = DMX 14 - 16</p> <p>Constant Fans Mode† = DMX 17 - 19</p> <p>Normal Mode† = DMX 20 - 22</p> <p>Dimmer Curve LINEAR† = DMX 31 - 32</p> <p>Dimmer Curve SQUARE LAW† = DMX 34 - 35</p> <p>Full Luminaire Reset = DMX 81 - 87</p> <p>Color Calibration OFF† = DMX 116 - 117</p> <p>Color Calibration ON† = DMX 118 - 120</p> <p>Fixture Sleep = DMX 245 - 249</p> <p>Fixture Wake Up* = DMX 250 - 255</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>*Please note that Fixture Wake Up will completely re-calibrate the fixture.</p> <p>** When resetting to defaults, the following will be enabled on the luminaire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Mode • Dimmer Curve SQUARE LAW • Color Calibration ON <p>† These settings require the Command Lock in Menu to be set to OFF in order to change on Control Channel. Resetting to defaults will turn Command Lock OFF.</p> |

Control Channel Functions

Used to set different modes, parameters, and functions of the VLX™ Wash Luminaire via the control console. Set control channel value for desired action. Hold value for at least 3 seconds.

Set control channel value to 0 without any scaling. Discrete values must be used; not manual controls such as faders or encoders (see chart below for values).

To use control channel functions:

- Step 1. Select an action to be sent.
- Step 2. Set control channel value for desired action (for example, 84 for reset). Hold value for at least 3 seconds.
- Step 3. Set control channel value to zero. (This must occur without any scaling values. Action will be voided if other values are detected between action value and zero.)



Note: A numerical keypad is required for sending values. An encoder or fader does not allow for a quick value change, which is required to effect the control functions. However, the encoders on some consoles include discreet value capability.

Table 3-2: Control Channel Functions

| DMX Channel | Control Channel Function | Control Channel DMX Value |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 23 | Default Setting on Console | 0 |
| | Reset All to Defaults** | 5 - 7 |
| | Quiet Mode† | 11 - 13 |
| | Level Light Mode† | 14 - 16 |
| | Constant Fans Mode† | 17 - 19 |
| | Normal Mode† | 20 - 22 |
| | Dimmer Curve LINEAR† | 31 - 32 |
| | Dimmer Curve SQUARE LAW† | 34 - 35 |
| | Full Luminaire Reset | 81 - 87 |
| | Color Calibration OFF† | 116 - 117 |
| | Color Calibration ON† | 118 - 120 |
| | Fixture Sleep | 245 - 249 |
| | Fixture Wake Up* | 250 - 255 |
| <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>*Please note that Fixture Wake Up will completely re-calibrate the fixture. ** When resetting to defaults, the following will be enabled on the luminaire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Mode • Dimmer Curve SQUARE LAW • Color Calibration ON <p>† These settings require the Command Lock in Menu to be set to OFF in order to change on Control Channel. Resetting to defaults will turn Command Lock OFF.</p> | | |

VLX Operational Modes (from Control Channel Settings):

Quiet Mode

Quiet Mode lowers LED output levels for low noise operation. In Quiet Mode, LED junction temperatures are lowered and fan noise set to minimum. Fans will still vary in speed, but will not exceed the set (lower noise) limit.

Level Light Mode

Level Light Mode maintains a reduced LED output to keep various fixtures from operating at different levels depending upon thermal situations. The fans will run full speed, regardless of junction temperatures.

Constant Fans Mode

Constant Fans Mode sets fans to maximum speed and will keep them operating at full, regardless of LED junction temperatures.

Normal Mode (default setting)

Normal Mode operates the luminaire's fans according to the LED's junction temperature. Fans will vary in speed according to thermal readings by MCB.

DMX Mapping

Color & Intensity Control

The luminaire's color system is composed of a color mixing seven 120-watt RGBW LEDs. The following sections describe these components.

Color Mixing

All color mixing is accomplished via the luminaire's seven 120-watt RGBW LEDs using 16-bit control.

Table 3-3: DMX Map for Color Mixing - Red LEDs

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|---------------|---------|-----------|---|---|
| 7 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 0 | 16-Bit Control of Red LEDs from 0 to Full |
| 8 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Table 3-4: DMX Map for Color Mixing - Green LEDs

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|---------------|---------|-----------|---|---|
| 9 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 0 | 16-Bit Control of Green LEDs from 0 to Full |
| 10 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Table 3-5: DMX Map for Color Mixing - Blue LEDs

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---|--|
| 11 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 0 | 16-Bit Control of Blue LEDs from 0 to Full |
| 12 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Table 3-6: DMX Map for Color Mixing - White LEDs

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - <i>These values are recommended console default values</i> | Action |
|----------------|---------|-----------|--|---|
| 13 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 0 | 16-Bit Control of White LEDs from 0 to Full |
| 14 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Color Time Control

Table 3-7: DMX Map for Color Time Control

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - <i>These values are recommended console default values</i> | Action |
|-------------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| 21 | 0 - 100 | 0 - 255 | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of color mixing. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |

LED Intensity Control

Provides 16-bit control of LED intensity settings.

Table 3-8: DMX Map for LED Intensity

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - <i>These values are recommended console default values</i> | Action |
|---------------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| 1 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 0 | 16-bit control for Intensity of LED settings |
| 2 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Intensity Time Control

Table 3-9: DMX Map for Intensity Time Control

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---|---|
| 19 | 0 - 100 | 0 - 255 | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of intensity. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |

Beam Control

Strobe

Table 3-10: DMX Map for Strobe

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| 18 | 0 - 100 | 0-2 | 0 | Open |
| | | 3-5 | | Closed |
| | | 6-7 | | Slow Random |
| | | 8-10 | | Medium Random |
| | | 11-12 | | Fast Random |
| | | 13 - 127* | | Strobe Range |
| | | 128 - 129 | | Pulse + Slow Random |
| | | 130 - 131 | | Pulse + Medium Random |
| | | 132 - 133 | | Pulse + Fast Random |
| | | 134 - 191 | | Pulse + Range |
| | | 192 - 193 | | Pulse - Slow Random |
| | | 194 - 195 | | Pulse - Medium Random |
| | | 196 - 197 | | Pulse - Fast Random |
| | | 198 - 255 | | Pulse - Range |

Note: * = 13 (slowest) to 127 (fastest)

Beam Spreader

Table 3-11: DMX Map for Beam Spreader

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---|---|
| 17 | 0 - 100 | 0 - 255 | 0 | Controls Beam Angle from 23 degrees (DMX 0) to 58 degrees (DMX 255) |

Beam Time

Table 3-12: DMX Map for Beam Timing

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - <i>These values are recommended console default values</i> | Action |
|-------------|---------|-----------|--|---|
| 22 | 0 - 100 | 0 - 255 | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of zoom and intensity. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times |

Luminaire Movement

Luminaire Pan

16-bit control of luminaire pan operation.

Table 3-13: DMX Map for Luminaire Pan Operation

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|---------------|---------|-----------|---|--|
| 3 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 32768 | 16-bit control of Pan - 540 degrees of movement. |
| 4 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Luminaire Tilt

16-bit control of luminaire tilt operation.

Table 3-14: DMX Map for Luminaire Tilt Operation

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|---------------|---------|-----------|---|---|
| 5 (High Byte) | 0 - 100 | 0 - 65535 | 32768 | 16-bit control of Tilt - 270 degrees of movement. |
| 6 (Low Byte) | | | | |

Focus Time

Table 3-15: DMX Map for Focus Timing

| DMX Channel | % Value | DMX Value | Default - These values are recommended console default values | Action |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---|--|
| 20 | 0 - 100 | 0 - 255 | 255 | Allows for luminaire timing of pan and tilt. Profile should default to DMX 255 for smoothest console fade times. |

Luminaire Timing

Timing Channel Information

Timing channel control improves the timed moves of certain groups of parameters. We provide up to four timing channels, one for focus (Pan and Tilt), one for color parameters, one for beam parameters, and one for luminaire intensity.

Types of timing control:

- **Timing Control Channel:** the luminaire uses its timing channel value to calculate a smooth continuous movement for a given time and transition.
- **Console Timing:** the console calculates the time duration between the DMX increments to be sent for a given time and transition.

Guidelines:

- Timing channels support time values of up to six minutes.
- To use a timing channel instead of console timing, it is necessary to set the timing channel to the desired value and set cue and/or parameter time to zero. A combination of time controls can produce unexpected results.
- The default value setting in the profile should be 255 (proportional control) to allow smooth movement when using console timing.
- The timing channel data should change as a snap. A zero value will give the fastest move, however, without any smoothing this can appear "steppy" in console timed moves.

Table 3-16: VLX Channel Function / Timing Channel Relationship

| Channel Function | Timing Channel | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Focus Time | Color Time | Beam Time | Intensity Time |
| Pan (Hi Byte/Lo Byte) | ◆ | | | |
| Tilt (Hi Byte/Lo Byte) | ◆ | | | |
| Red (Hi Byte/Lo Byte) | | ◆ | | |
| Green (Hi Byte/Lo Byte) | | ◆ | | |
| Blue (Hi Byte/Lo Byte) | | ◆ | | |
| White (Hi Byte/Lo Byte) | | ◆ | | |
| Beam Spreader | | | ◆ | |
| *Intensity | | | | ◆ |

**If Intensity has a timing channel value, manual faders will respond at given time value. This may deliver unexpected results.*

A timing value of zero is full speed. A time value of 100% (or 255 in DMX) enables the associated parameter(s) to follow cue fade time (console time) rather than the timing channel.



Note: The particular storing syntax for your console, as well as instructions on how to write part cues, can be found in the operation manual for that console.

To use these channels, you must:

- Step 1. Create the cue, including color, focus, intensity, etc. as required.
 - Step 2. Decide which fixtures and which parameter groups will use timing channels.
 - Step 3. Assign a value to the particular timing channel(s) you wish to use (for timing information, see chart on next page).
 - Step 4. Set console timing (or cue fade time) for parameters and timing channels to zero seconds.
 - Step 5. Store cue.
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Note: Avoid changing timing channel values in a fading cue. This can cause unexpected behavior in the luminaire as the timing channel value is updated over time. Timing channel values and the final destination of the parameters affected by the timing channel should always be sent in a zero count.

Timing channels can be set in either % or 0-255 (DMX) modes, with the following values assigned:

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|----------------|------------|------------------|
| | 0 | Full Speed |
| | 1 | 0.2 |
| | 2 | 0.4 |
| 1 | 3 | 0.6 |
| | 4 | 0.8 |
| 2 | 5 | 1 |
| | 6 | 1.2 |
| | 7 | 1.4 |
| 3 | 8 | 1.6 |
| | 9 | 1.8 |
| 4 | 10 | 2 |
| | 11 | 2.2 |
| | 12 | 2.4 |
| 5 | 13 | 2.6 |
| | 14 | 2.8 |
| 6 | 15 | 3 |
| | 16 | 3.2 |
| | 17 | 3.4 |
| 7 | 18 | 3.6 |
| | 19 | 3.8 |
| 8 | 20 | 4 |
| | 21 | 4.2 |
| | 22 | 4.4 |
| 9 | 23 | 4.6 |
| | 24 | 4.8 |
| 10 | 25 | 5 |
| | 26 | 5.2 |
| | 27 | 5.4 |
| 11 | 28 | 5.6 |
| | 29 | 5.8 |
| | 30 | 6 |
| 12 | 31 | 6.2 |
| | 32 | 6.4 |
| 13 | 33 | 6.6 |
| | 34 | 6.8 |
| | 35 | 7.0 |
| 14 | 36 | 7.2 |
| | 37 | 7.4 |
| 15 | 38 | 7.6 |

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map (Continued)

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|---------|-----|-----------|
| | 39 | 7.8 |
| | 40 | 8 |
| 16 | 41 | 8.2 |
| | 42 | 8.4 |
| 17 | 43 | 8.6 |
| | 44 | 8.8 |
| | 45 | 9 |
| 18 | 46 | 9.2 |
| | 47 | 9.4 |
| 19 | 48 | 9.6 |
| | 49 | 9.8 |
| | 50 | 10 |
| 20 | 51 | 10.2 |
| | 52 | 10.4 |
| | 53 | 10.6 |
| 21 | 54 | 11 |
| | 55 | 11 |
| 22 | 56 | 12 |
| | 57 | 12 |
| | 58 | 13 |
| 23 | 59 | 13 |
| | 60 | 14 |
| 24 | 61 | 14 |
| | 62 | 14 |
| | 63 | 15 |
| 25 | 64 | 15 |
| | 65 | 16 |
| 26 | 66 | 16 |
| | 67 | 16 |
| | 68 | 17 |
| 27 | 69 | 17 |
| | 70 | 18 |
| 28 | 71 | 18 |
| | 72 | 18 |
| | 73 | 19 |
| 29 | 74 | 19 |
| | 75 | 20 |
| 30 | 76 | 20 |
| | 77 | 20 |
| | 78 | 21 |
| 31 | 79 | 21 |
| | 80 | 21 |

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map (Continued)

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|---------|-----|-----------|
| | 81 | 22 |
| 32 | 82 | 22 |
| | 83 | 23 |
| 33 | 84 | 23 |
| | 85 | 23 |
| | 86 | 24 |
| 34 | 87 | 24 |
| | 88 | 25 |
| 35 | 89 | 25 |
| | 90 | 25 |
| | 91 | 26 |
| 36 | 92 | 26 |
| | 93 | 27 |
| 37 | 94 | 27 |
| | 95 | 27 |
| | 96 | 28 |
| 38 | 97 | 28 |
| | 98 | 29 |
| 39 | 99 | 29 |
| | 100 | 29 |
| | 101 | 30 |
| 40 | 102 | 30 |
| | 103 | 30 |
| | 104 | 31 |
| 41 | 105 | 31 |
| | 106 | 32 |
| 42 | 107 | 32 |
| | 108 | 32 |
| | 109 | 33 |
| 43 | 110 | 33 |
| | 111 | 34 |
| 44 | 112 | 34 |
| | 113 | 34 |
| | 114 | 35 |
| 45 | 115 | 35 |
| | 116 | 36 |
| 46 | 117 | 36 |
| | 118 | 36 |
| | 119 | 37 |
| 47 | 120 | 37 |
| | 121 | 38 |
| 48 | 122 | 38 |

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map (Continued)

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|---------|-----|-----------|
| | 123 | 38 |
| | 124 | 39 |
| 49 | 125 | 39 |
| | 126 | 39 |
| | 127 | 40 |
| 50 | 128 | 40 |
| | 129 | 41 |
| 51 | 130 | 41 |
| | 131 | 41 |
| | 132 | 42 |
| 52 | 133 | 42 |
| | 134 | 43 |
| 53 | 135 | 43 |
| | 136 | 43 |
| | 137 | 44 |
| 54 | 138 | 44 |
| | 139 | 45 |
| 55 | 140 | 45 |
| | 141 | 45 |
| | 142 | 46 |
| 56 | 143 | 46 |
| | 144 | 47 |
| 57 | 145 | 47 |
| | 146 | 47 |
| | 147 | 48 |
| 58 | 148 | 48 |
| | 149 | 49 |
| 59 | 150 | 49 |
| | 151 | 49 |
| | 152 | 50 |
| 60 | 153 | 50 |
| | 154 | 50 |
| | 155 | 51 |
| 61 | 156 | 51 |
| | 157 | 52 |
| 62 | 158 | 52 |
| | 159 | 52 |
| | 160 | 53 |
| 63 | 161 | 53 |
| | 162 | 54 |
| 64 | 163 | 54 |
| | 164 | 54 |

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map (Continued)

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|---------|-----|-----------|
| | 165 | 55 |
| 65 | 166 | 55 |
| | 167 | 56 |
| 66 | 168 | 56 |
| | 169 | 56 |
| | 170 | 57 |
| 67 | 171 | 57 |
| | 172 | 58 |
| 68 | 173 | 58 |
| | 174 | 58 |
| | 175 | 59 |
| 69 | 176 | 59 |
| | 177 | 59 |
| | 178 | 60 |
| 70 | 179 | 60 |
| | 180 | 65 |
| 71 | 181 | 65 |
| | 182 | 65 |
| | 183 | 70 |
| 72 | 184 | 70 |
| | 185 | 75 |
| 73 | 186 | 75 |
| | 187 | 75 |
| | 188 | 80 |
| 74 | 189 | 80 |
| | 190 | 85 |
| 75 | 191 | 85 |
| | 192 | 85 |
| | 193 | 90 |
| 76 | 194 | 90 |
| | 195 | 95 |
| 77 | 196 | 95 |
| | 197 | 95 |
| | 198 | 100 |
| 78 | 199 | 100 |
| | 200 | 110 |
| 79 | 201 | 110 |
| | 202 | 110 |
| | 203 | 120 |
| 80 | 204 | 120 |
| | 205 | 120 |
| 81 | 206 | 130 |

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map (Continued)

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|---------|-----|-----------|
| | 207 | 130 |
| | 208 | 140 |
| 82 | 209 | 140 |
| | 210 | 140 |
| | 211 | 150 |
| 83 | 212 | 150 |
| | 213 | 160 |
| 84 | 214 | 160 |
| | 215 | 160 |
| | 216 | 170 |
| 85 | 217 | 170 |
| | 218 | 180 |
| 86 | 219 | 180 |
| | 220 | 180 |
| | 221 | 190 |
| 87 | 222 | 190 |
| | 223 | 200 |
| 88 | 224 | 200 |
| | 225 | 200 |
| | 226 | 210 |
| 89 | 227 | 210 |
| | 228 | 210 |
| | 229 | 220 |
| 90 | 230 | 220 |
| | 231 | 230 |
| 91 | 232 | 230 |
| | 233 | 230 |
| | 234 | 240 |
| 92 | 235 | 240 |
| | 236 | 250 |
| 93 | 237 | 250 |
| | 238 | 250 |
| | 239 | 260 |
| 94 | 240 | 260 |
| | 241 | 270 |
| 95 | 242 | 270 |
| | 243 | 270 |
| | 244 | 280 |
| 96 | 245 | 280 |
| | 246 | 290 |
| 97 | 247 | 290 |
| | 248 | 290 |

Table 3-17: Timing Channels Map (Continued)

| % Value | DMX | = Seconds |
|----------------|------------|------------------|
| | 249 | 300 |
| 98 | 250 | 300 |
| | 251 | 310 |
| 99 | 252 | 310 |
| | 253 | 310 |
| | 254 | 310 |
| 100 | 255 | Follows Cue Data |

Updating Software

USB Download and Programming

To download files with a PC equipped with a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port, you need the VARI*LITE® USB Luminaire Programming Kit (28.8500.0054). The USB Luminaire Programming Kit can be ordered directly from your Authorized VARI*LITE® Dealer.

The VARI*LITE® USB Luminaire Programming Kit (28.8500.0054) includes:

- VARI*LITE® USB Upload Cable (25.9600.0001)
- USB Luminaire Programming Kit CD (87.8500.0002)
- Instruction Sheet (02.8500.0100)
- VARI*LITE® carry bag (07.5044.0005)

Computer Requirements for the USB Luminaire Programming Kit

- PC running Windows® 98, 2000, XP, or Vista. Although the USB Luminaire Programming kit software is not directly compatible with Macintosh® computers, it does run with some Windows emulators.
- In addition to Windows, your computer must be running IE 5.01 or later, and Microsoft.NET Framework Version 3.5 (or later), which you can download from <http://www.microsoft.com> and search for .NET Framework downloads.
- An available USB 2.0 port on the PC.

USB VLDownloader PC Program and .bin Luminaire Files

The USB VLDownloader program and current .bin files are available from the Product Downloads page at www.vari-lite.com. Instructions for installing the USB VLDownloader program on your PC are also available on the Product Downloads page. Use the USB VLDownloader program to transfer updated versions of the luminaire operating software (.bin files) from your PC to the luminaires.



Note: Refer to instruction sheet 02.8500.0100 for detailed programming instructions for VARI*LITE® luminaires.

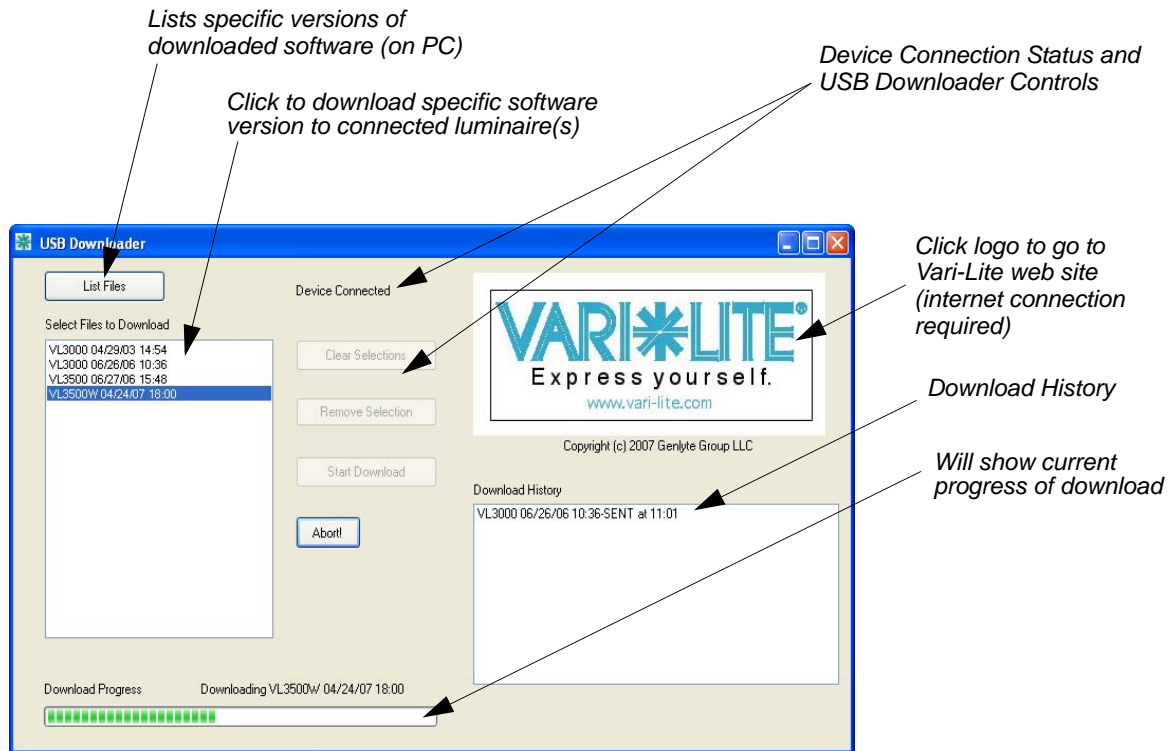


Figure 3-1: VL Download Program Window

Transferring Software From Luminaire to Luminaire

It is possible to transfer specific software versions between luminaires. As in the case of installing new software versions, multiple luminaires can be programmed at the same time when they are data linked together (refer to [“Connecting Data and Power”](#) on page 17), however, only a maximum of 32 luminaires can be updated at once.

Hardware Requirements

Data cables used in this process must have two twisted pairs and a shield. It is also recommended that cables meet all other USITT DMX specification requirements. Refer to [“Data Cables”](#) on page 12.

A termination connector is used in this process. Refer to [page 13](#) for more information regarding the construction of this connector.

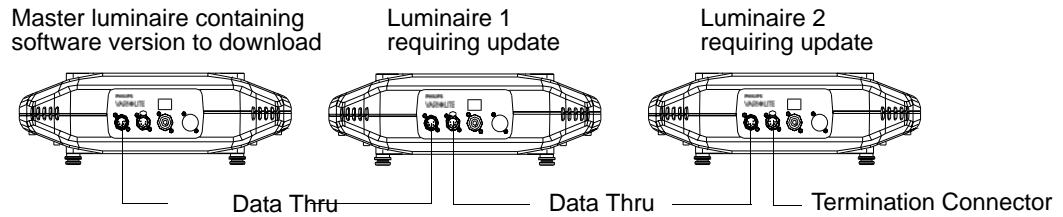


Figure 3-2: Software Transfer Setup

Transfer Procedure

This procedure is used to transfer software versions between luminaires.

- Step 1. At last luminaire, install male termination connector into DATA THRU XLR connector.
- Step 2. At master luminaire (first in chain) Menu Display, press [ESC].
- Step 3. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until **Fixture** appears.
- Step 4. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until **Download** appears. Press [Enter].
- Step 5. OK? will be displayed. Press [Enter] to accept.
- Step 6. Download proceeds. (Download takes 4-5 seconds.) The number of blocks displayed is less in a luminaire-to-luminaire download than in a PC-to-luminaire download for the same software version.
- Step 7. When download is complete, luminaire automatically recalibrates. When recalibration is complete, luminaire is ready for operation with its new software version.

Verify software version at luminaire:

- Step 1. At Menu Display, press [ESC].
- Step 2. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until **Fixture** appears. Press [Enter].
- Step 3. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until **Version** appears. Press [Enter].

The first half of the version will be displayed as a date (MM.DD.YY). For example, 03.18.03 (March 18, 2003).

Press [Up] / [Down] arrows to display second half of version. This will be displayed as a time (HH:MM). For example, 16:00



CHAPTER 4.

Menu System

This chapter contains instructions for operating the luminaire using the Menu Display feature. For DMX operation and detailed information, see [“DMX Operation” on page 22.](#)

- [Menu Operation](#)
- [Menu Functions](#)

Menu Operation

What Is the Menu System?

The menu system is a programmable set of commands used to configure, address, operate, and test the luminaire. The menu system is controlled at the Menu Display available at the enclosure input panel.

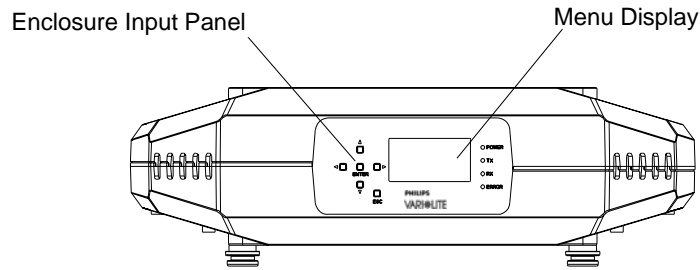


Figure 4-1: Menu Display Location

Controls Operation

The menu system is controlled by an ENTER, ESC (Escape), and four Arrow (<△▽>) buttons. These buttons function as follows:

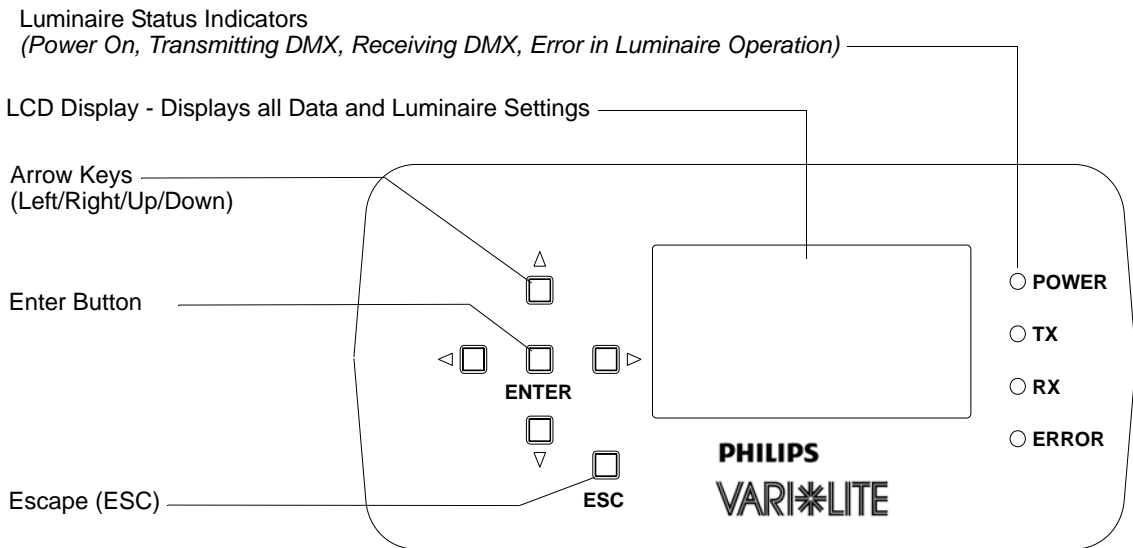




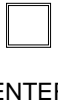
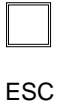


Figure 4-2: VLX Menu Control

Table 1-1: Menu Control Buttons

| Button | Description | Action |
|---|---------------|--|
|  | Up Arrow | Menu Navigation / Data Selection |
|  | Down Arrow | Menu Navigation / Data Selection |
|  | Right Arrow | Menu Navigation / Data Selection |
|  | Left Arrow | Menu Navigation / Data Selection |
|  | Enter Button | To Select or Change a Setting or Data Value |
|  | Escape Button | Used to Access Main Menu Parameters, Exit, or Return to Previous Menu Item |

[ESC] button. Displays the menu, or if at first level, the current address. Also used to return to previous menu item or to exit.

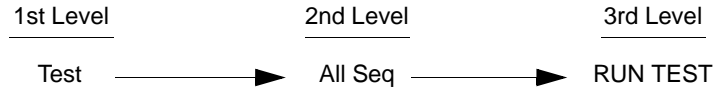
[ENTER] button. Selects the current menu option or stores current data value.

[Up] / [Down] / [Left] / [Right] arrows. Scrolls menu options upward or increases current data value.*

* LCD Display automatically sets to hanging orientation. See **Disp Tilt** in the [“Menu System Function Chart”](#) on page 48.

To enter the menu system, first press [ESC]. The functions displayed will be 1st level functions. Scroll through the 1st level functions by pressing [Up] / [Down] arrows. Once the desired function appears in the display, press [Enter]. You are now at the 2nd level. Once again, press the [Up] / [Down] arrows to scroll through 2nd level functions. Press [Enter] to access 3rd level functions and so forth. When the highest level for the function is reached, [Up] / [Down] arrows can be pressed to enter a value or select a toggle activation such as On/Off. Press [Enter] to store the value or select an action.

For example:



Default State

The menu display's default state during normal operation is to display the DMX address. After 10 seconds of inactivity at the display, it will change to the default state.

After longer periods of inactivity, the menu display will switch to its off state. The default state for this feature is 5 minutes, however, different time lengths can also be programmed.

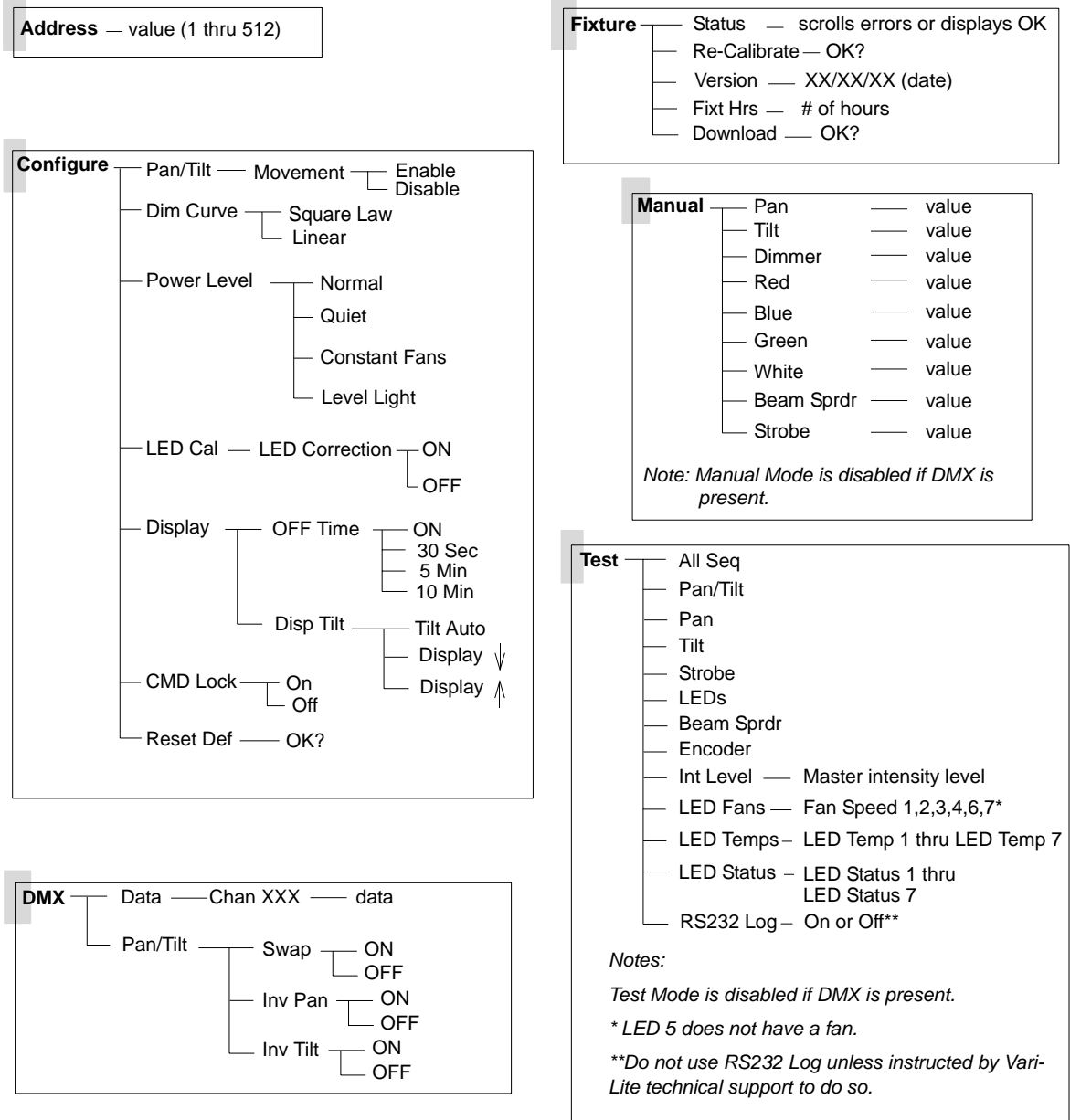
To program a different time length for menu off feature:

- Step 1. Press [ESC].
- Step 2. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until Config (Configuration) appears. Press [Enter].
- Step 3. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows to access Display. Press [Enter].
- Step 4. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows to select either 30 Sec (30 seconds), 5 Min (5 minutes), 10 Min (10 minutes), or ON (on indefinitely). Press [Enter] to set.

Menu Functions

Menu System Overview

The following is a graphic representation of the entire VLX™ Wash Luminaire menu system.



Note: For the latest version of this manual and luminaire software, please visit the Vari-Lite web site at www.vari-lite.com and click on the "Product Downloads" link on the VLX™ Wash Luminaire Products information page.

Menu System Function Chart

The following is a detailed look at the internal menu system.

Table 4-1: VLX Wash Menu System Chart

| 1st Level | 2nd Level | 3rd Level | 4th Level | 5thLevel |
|---|---|---|--|----------|
| Address | XXX value 1 thru 512 | | | |
| Configure <i>Fixture configuration settings</i> | Pan/Tilt <i>Pan and Tilt movement</i> | Movement <i>Position recovery</i> | Enable | |
| | | | Disable | |
| | Dim Curve <i>Fixture dimming operation</i> | Square Law <i>Dimming curve (Default)</i> | | |
| | | Linear <i>Standard linear dimming curve</i> | | |
| | Power Level <i>Settings for LED operation or calibration</i> | Power Setup <i>Four levels of operation for fans and LEDs (Note, Quiet will reduce levels to minimize heat in fixture)</i> | Normal <i>Default</i> | |
| | | | Quiet <i>For reduced noise</i> | |
| | | | Constant Fans <i>Sets fans to a set speed level</i> | |
| | | | Level <i>Sets to a set level</i> | |
| | LED Cal <i>Selects whether to use factory calibration or not</i> | LED Correction <i>Sets LEDs to factory calibration level</i> | ON | |
| | | | OFF | |
| Display <i>Display Illumination</i> | Off Time <i>Selects display off time</i> | ON <i>On indefinitely</i> | | |
| | | 30 Sec <i>Off in 30 seconds</i> | | |
| | | 5 Min <i>Off in 5 minutes</i> | | |
| | | 10 Min <i>Off in 10 minutes</i> | | |
| | Disp Tilt <i>Display orientation - Factory default is Auto and other functions are currently disabled from selection.</i> | Auto <i>(Default)</i> | | |
| | | Up <i>- Currently Disabled</i> | | |
| | | Down <i>- Currently Disabled</i> | | |
| CMD Lock <i>Selects whether to set Command Lock - to lock-out access to various settings from the console using the Control Channel Note: Resetting to Defaults (DMX 5 - 7 on Control Channel) will turn Command Lock OFF.</i> | On <i>Control Channels - Mode, Dimmer Curve, Color Calibration (On/Off) - control, via the console, is disabled.</i> | | | |
| | Off <i>(Default) Control Channels - Mode, Dimmer Curve, Color Calibration (On/Off) - control, via the console, is enabled.</i> | | | |
| Reset Default <i>Restores fixture to factory default</i> | OK? <i>Asks (confirms) to execute restoration of factory defaults of fixture</i> | | | |

Menu system description continued on next page.

Table 4-1: VLX Wash Menu System Chart

| 1st Level | 2nd Level | 3rd Level | 4th Level | 5thLevel |
|--|--|---|---------------------------|----------|
| DMX <i>DMX Data</i> | DATA | <i>Chan XXX DMX Channel</i> | <i>XXXX Value 0 - 255</i> | |
| | Pan/Tilt <i>Pan and Tilt Options</i> | Swap <i>Swap Pan & Tilt</i> | ON | |
| | | | OFF | |
| | | Inv Pan <i>Invert Pan</i> | ON | |
| | | | OFF | |
| | Inv Tilt <i>Invert Tilt</i> | ON | | |
| | | OFF | | |
| Fixture | Status <i>Status/Error Display</i> | <i>Scrolls error messages or displays OK</i> | | |
| | Re-Calibrate <i>Recalibrate fixture</i> | OK? <i>Asks (confirms) to execute recalibration of fixture</i> | | |
| | Version <i>Version</i> | MM/DD/YY (Page 1) | HH:MM (Page 2) | |
| | Fixt Hrs <i>Fixture Hours</i> | XXXX # <i>Number of Fixture Hours</i> | | |
| | Download <i>Download Software</i> | OK? <i>Asks (confirms) to download software in fixture</i> | | |
| Manual <i>Manual Commands (Disabled when DMX Present.)</i> | Pan* | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | Tilt * | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | Dimmer* | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | Red* | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | Blue* | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | Green* | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | White* | XXXXXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| | Beam Sprdr | XXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | |
| Strobe | XXX <i>DMX Value</i> | | | |

Menu system description continued on next page.

Table 4-1: VLX Wash Menu System Chart

| 1st Level | 2nd Level | 3rd Level | 4th Level | 5thLevel |
|---|---|---|-----------|----------|
| Test Fixture operational tests - Press [ESC] to stop tests | All Seq Selects fixture to run and sequence through all available tests | RUN TEST | | |
| | Pan/Tilt Selects fixture to run Pan/Tilt operational test | RUN TEST | | |
| | Pan Selects fixture to run Pan operational test | RUN TEST | | |
| | Tilt Selects fixture to run Tilt operational test | RUN TEST | | |
| | Strobe Selects fixture to run Strobe operational test | RUN TEST | | |
| | LED Operational test of each LED operation | RUN TEST | | |
| | Beam Sprdr Selects fixture to run beam spreader mechanism operational test | RUN TEST | | |
| | Int Level (Intensity Limiter) Sets luminaire's output to the set percentage of the operation mode setting. This is used to match overall output level of multiple VLX™ wash luminaires if desired. | XXX% (Enter value - up to 100%) Set Maximum Output Value | | |
| | LED Fans Selects and displays fan speed for 1,2,3,4,6, or 7 (Note: LED 5 does not have a fan) | Fan X (select fan) | | |
| | LED Temps Selects and displays LED junction temperature | LED Temp 1 thru LED Temp 7 | | |
| | LED Status Selects and displays LED status | LED Status 1 thru LED Status 7 | | |
| RS232 Log** Selects RS232 logging operation | On or Off** (SEE NOTE BELOW) | | | |

* For 16-bit parameters, the data displayed will be scaled to a range of 0-65535.

**Do NOT use or select RS232 unless instructed by Vari-Lite technical support to do so.

Menu Function Definitions

For easy reference, each possible menu item is listed alphabetically in the first column by its display abbreviation. The second column follows with a definition of the abbreviation and then a third column provides an explanation of its purpose and function.

Table 4-2: Menu Function Definitions

| Display | Definition | Purpose |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| 10 Min | 10 Minutes | Sets Menu Display to automatically shut off after 10 minutes of non-use. |
| 30 Sec | 30 Seconds | Sets Menu Display to automatically shut off after 30 seconds of non-use. |
| 5 Min | 5 Minutes | Sets Menu Display to automatically shut off after 5 minutes of non-use. |
| Address | Address | Accesses option for setting luminaire DMX starting address. |
| All Seq | All Test Sequences | Tests all internal mechanisms in sequence for X steps. |
| Auto | Automatic Operation | When set to "Auto", menu display will automatically orient itself in relation to fixture's hanging or sitting position (up or down). |
| Beam Sprdr | Beam Spreader Mechanism | Specifies beam spread function for manual control (Manual or Test). |
| Blue | Blue LED | Specifies Blue color (intensity) for manual control (Manual). |
| CAL LEDs | Calibrates LEDs | To start LED calibration or to set LEDs to specific factory calibration level |
| Channel XXX | DMX Channel | Specifies DMX channel for display of current data value. |
| CMD Lock | Command Lock | Selects whether to set Command Lock - to lock-out access to various settings from the console using the Control Channel. |
| Configure | System Configuration | Accesses options for pan/tilt operation, LED Setup, dimmer operational settings, and Menu Display defaults. |
| Constant Fans | Fixture Mode | Luminaire setup is in Constant Fans mode. This setting sets fans to maximum speed and will keep them operating at full, regardless of LED junction temperatures. |
| Data | DMX Data | Accesses option for setting DMX address channel. |
| Dim Curve | Dimmer Operation | Specifies dimmer to operate in Curve or Linear Mode |
| Dimmer | Dimmer | Specifies dimmer mechanism for manual control (Manual). |
| Disable | Disable | Disables a function. |
| Display | Display | Accesses options for Menu Display illumination time and orientation. |
| Display ↓ | Display | Selects and sets menu display orientation of arrow direction. (<i>Currently Disabled</i>) |
| Display ↑ | Display | Selects and sets menu display orientation of arrow direction. (<i>Currently Disabled</i>) |
| Disp Tilt | Menu orientation control | Sets the orientation of the menu display to match the luminaire orientation, (Auto) automatic display orientation, standing (Up) or hanging (Down). |
| DMX | DMX | Accesses options for DMX system settings. |
| Download | Download | Initiates download of luminaire software. |
| Enable | Enable | Enables a function. |
| Encoder | Encoder | Accesses pan/tilt encoders for diagnostic testing. |
| FAIL | Test Fail | Indicates that a test has failed. |
| Fixt Hrs | Fixture Hours | Displays total number of hours luminaire has been powered on. |

Table 4-2: Menu Function Definitions (Continued)

| Display | Definition | Purpose |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Fixture | Fixture | Accesses luminaire information such as serial number, software version, and total operation hours. Also accesses recalibration and download options. |
| Green | Green LED | Specifies Green (intensity) parameter for manual control (Manual). |
| Int Level | Intensity Level | The Intensity Limiter is used to match overall output level of multiple VLX wash luminaires if desired. The Intensity Limiter default is 100% and is adjustable by the user. For example, if a fixture's Intensity Limiter is set to '80', a value of 100% from a desk will only output 80% of the fixture power (as determined by the VLX Operation Mode - Normal, Quiet, Constant Fans or Level Light) |
| Inv Pan | Invert Pan | Reverses pan action for special focus requirements. |
| Inv Tilt | Invert Tilt | Reverses tilt action for special focus requirements. |
| LED Correction | LED Calibration Level | Sets LEDs to factory calibration level. |
| LED Fans | LED Fan Test | Specifies one of luminaire's six fans for status (or current state) information. |
| LED Setup | LED Operational Settings | LED settings/operation of power level or calibration. |
| LED Status | Current Status of LED | Specifies one of luminaire's seven LEDs for status (or current state) information. |
| LED Temps | LED Operational Temperature | Measures temperature associated with LED operation - displays in degrees Celsius |
| Level Light | Fixture Mode | Luminaire setup is in set to Level Light mode by user. This mode maintains a reduced LED output to keep various fixtures from operating at different levels depending upon thermal situations. The fans will run full speed, regardless of junction temperatures. |
| Linear | Dimming Curve - Linear | Sets dimmer operation to standard linear dimming curve. <i>See also, "Square Law"</i> |
| Manual | Manual | Accesses options for luminaire mechanism control by entry of data values. |
| Movement | Movement | Enables or disables pan and tilt movement. |
| Normal | Fixture Mode | (Default) Luminaire setup is in normal fan and LED operational mode. This mode operates the luminaire's fans according to the LED's junction temperature. Fans will vary in speed according to thermal readings by MCB. |
| OFF | Off | Turns off a function. |
| Off Time | Display off time | Shows the automatic shut-off time for the menu display. |
| OK | Okay | Indicates calibration has completed and no errors have occurred. |
| OK? | Okay? | Prompt for pressing [Enter] before an action is executed. |
| ON | On Indefinitely | Sets Menu Display to stay on until programmed otherwise (Display) or turns on a function. |
| Pan | Pan | Specifies pan function for manual control (Manual) or testing (Test). |
| Pan/Tilt | Pan/Tilt | Accesses pan and tilt options for focus swap function, movement enable/disable, manual control and testing. |
| PASS | Test Pass | Indicates that a test has passed. |
| Programming | Luminaire software programming | The luminaire is in the process of being reprogrammed with a new version of software. |
| Power Level | Fixture operational power level | Sets the output of the luminaire to Normal , Quiet (reduced fan operation and light output), Constant Fans (fans stay at a constant speed, cooling capacity), or Level (set operational level as desired by user) |

Table 4-2: Menu Function Definitions (Continued)

| Display | Definition | Purpose |
|---------------|----------------------------|---|
| Quiet | Fixture Mode | Luminaire setup is in Quiet mode. LED output levels are decreased to keep LED junction temperatures lower and fan noise to a minimum. Fans will still vary in speed, but will not exceed the set (lower noise) limit. |
| Re-Calibrate | Recalibrate | Recalibrates luminaire. |
| Red | Red LED | Specifies Red (intensity) for manual control (Manual). |
| Reset Def | Reset Defaults | Resets default system configuration values. |
| RS232 Log | RS232 Logging | WARNING: For factory use only - DO NOT use OR select, "RS232 Log - > On" unless instructed by Vari-Lite technical support to do so. |
| RUN TEST | Run Test | Indicates that a mechanism test is in progress. |
| SENS TST | Sensor Test | Indicates that a system sensor test is in progress. |
| Square Law | Dimming Curve - Square Law | Sets dimmer operation to Square Law dimming curve. <i>See also, "Linear"</i> |
| Start LED CAL | Factory Use Only | WARNING: For factory use only - DO NOT use OR select, "Start LED Cal". |
| Status | Status/Error | Allows scrolling through error list or displays OK if no errors. |
| Strobe | Manual strobe operation | Allows (Manual) operation of luminaire strobe. |
| Swap | Swap | Swaps pan/tilt action for special focus requirements. |
| Test | Test | Accesses diagnostic tests for internal mechanisms or assemblies. |
| Tilt | Tilt | Specifies tilt function for manual control (Manual) or testing (Test). |
| Version | Version | Displays current software version date and time (in two pages). |
| White | White LED | Specifies White (intensity) parameter for manual control (Manual) or testing (Test). |

Notes

APPENDIX A.



Troubleshooting and Maintenance

This appendix provides instructions for troubleshooting and routine maintenance which may be necessary during the life of the luminaire.

- **Troubleshooting**
- **Routine Maintenance**



WARNING: All routine maintenance procedures are to be performed with power completely removed from the luminaire. Never remove protective covers when luminaire is powered. Wear appropriate protective eye wear and gloves when servicing the fixture. All service and maintenance, other than described herein should be performed by an Authorized VARI*LITE® Dealer or Service Center.



WARNING: DO NOT connect or disconnect energized power cable at fixture (under load). Turn off circuit breaker (or completely de-energize circuit) before connecting or disconnecting power cable at fixture. Power is only removed from the fixture by disconnecting power cable from source or turning off source circuit breaker.

Troubleshooting

Error Messages

If a problem occurs during luminaire calibration, at the end of the calibration sequence the Menu Display cycles through any applicable error message(s) until the end of the list is reached. To review the error messages again, re-access them using the **Status** function.

To access error messages:

- Step 1. As indicated in [Figure A-1](#), press [ESC] to access the main menu screen.
- Step 2. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows until **Fixture** appears. Press [Enter].
- Step 3. Press [Up] / [Down] arrows to access **Status**. Press [Enter]. (Display will now scroll through any error messages or display OK if no errors.)
- Step 4. If an error occurs, recalibrate fixture. If error message persists, then contact an Authorized VARI*LITE® Dealer or Service Center for support.

Note: Refer to “[Error Message Reference Chart](#)” on page 57 for Errors Message and possible causes.

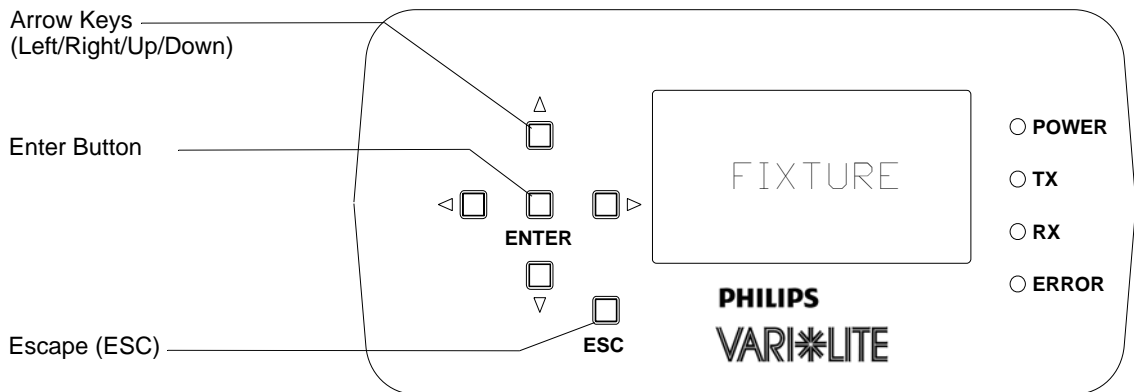


Figure A-1: VLX Wash LCD Display (Menu)

Table A-1: Error Message Reference Chart

| Error Message | Definition | Possible Causes |
|---|---|--|
| Error X of X No LED Upload Board Number X | Firmware version in LED Driver Board did not match firmware version in MCB. MCB will try to upload correct version of firmware three times. If, after the third try the versions do not match, the error will be displayed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty LED Driver Board Faulty connection between LED Driver Board and Motherboard Faulty Motherboard Faulty comm between MCB and Motherboard (Multiple Errors) Faulty MCB (Multiple Errors) |
| Error X of X No LED Comm Board Number X | No response to the MCB from the LED Driver Board. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty LED Driver Board. Faulty connection between LED Driver Board and Motherboard. Faulty Motherboard. Faulty comm between MCB and Motherboard (Multiple Errors). Faulty MCB (Multiple Errors) |
| Error x of x LED Overtemp Board Number x | LED thermistor is measuring a temperature over 120° C at LED x. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty Fan Faulty LED Driver Board (fan driver) High ambient operating temperature |
| Error x of x No LED Config Board Number x | LED Driver Board X has lost its configuration. Configuration is needed to load currents, limits, logic, etc. LED module will not turn on without being configured. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty LED Driver Board |
| Error x of x LED Comm Error Board Number x | LED Driver Board X detected a communication error with MCB. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty LED Driver Board. Faulty connection between LED Driver Board and Motherboard. Faulty Motherboard. Faulty comm between MCB and Motherboard (Multiple Errors). Faulty MCB (Multiple Errors) |
| Error x of x Thermal Fault Board Number x | Open or shorted LED Thermistor. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty LED Conductive debris (i.e., graph foil) shorting across LED Thermistor Solder bridge at Thermistor leads on Driver board |
| Error x of x No Sensor on Tilt | Tilt sensor flag fails to see optical sensor. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty Tilt Driver (No Movement) Faulty Tilt Belt (No Movement) Faulty Tilt Motor (No Movement) Faulty Tilt Sensor (Movement of tilt to stop) Faulty Tilt Sensor wiring (Movement of tilt to stop) Faulty Tilt Encoder PCB (Movement of tilt to stop) Tilt sensor tab not passing through sensor (yoke damage) |
| Error x of x Encoder Error on Pan | Pan encoder value fails to change during calibration. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty Pan Driver (No Movement) Faulty Pan Belt (No Movement) Faulty Pan Motor (No Movement) Faulty Pan Encoder (Movement of pan to stop) Faulty Pan Encoder wiring (Movement of pan to stop) Pan encoder wheel not passing through encoder (pan motor assembly) |
| Error x of x Encoder Error on Tilt | Tilt encoder value fails to change during calibration. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty Tilt Driver (No Movement) Faulty Tilt Belt (No Movement) Faulty Tilt Motor (No Movement) Faulty Tilt Encoder (Movement of tilt to stop) Faulty Tilt Encoder wiring (Movement of tilt to stop) Tilt encoder wheel not passing through encoder (tilt motor assembly) |

Troubleshooting Guide

If a problem is suspected, first try recalibrating the luminaire to prompt an error message. The chart below provides possible causes and remedies for various error messages and/or symptoms.



WARNING: All service and maintenance (including troubleshooting), other than described herein should be performed by an Authorized VARI*LITE® Dealer or Service Center.

Table A-2: Troubleshooting Chart

| Message | Description | Symptom | Possible Cause/Remedy |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| n/a | No light output | Fixture will not produce or output light | Component Failure... - check fans for proper connection and operation. |
| n/a | No power | Luminaire does not power up | Circuit not energized... - verify circuit breaker is turned on. Not plugged in... - ensure A/C cable is connected to power source. Power cable wired incorrectly... - verify power cable and connector are wired correctly. (See “Power and Data Cabling Requirements” on page 10.). |
| n/a | DMX Data Input | Self tests will not run or software download does not work. | Detecting DMX data... - disconnect DMX input cable. |
| n/a | DMX Failure | No response to DMX data | MCB connector disconnected... - check MCB DATA IN connection. DMX data cable not wired correctly or has a broken conductor... - check DMX data cable for proper wiring. (See “Power and Data Cabling Requirements” on page 10.) |
| n/a | DMX Termination | Erratic control of luminaire | No DMX termination or termination not correct... - check for DMX terminator. (See “Male Termination Connector” on page 13.) |
| n/a | LED (light) is getting dimmer. | Fixture appears not to be operating at full brightness. | Luminaire has detected an over temperature condition... - The luminaire will reduce power to all 7 LEDs if it senses that one LED is operating over the specified temperature. LED temperature is read and recorded through a thermistor imbedded in each LED chip. The two yellow wires carry the information (on temperature) to the LED's respective driver PCB. - Check the thermistor temperatures of each LED through the fixture's LCD display. If one LED is much hotter than the others... - Check to see that the LED's fan is running / connected to the Driver PCB (Note, LED Driver PCB number 5 does not have a fan) OR, |

Table A-2: Troubleshooting Chart (Continued)

| Message | Description | Symptom | Possible Cause/Remedy |
|---------|--|---|---|
| n/a | Colors (light output) not matching from luminaire to luminaire | Color output not matching other VLX Wash fixtures operating at same control settings. | Calibration turned On or Off... <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Check fixture calibration setting. Make sure calibration is set to same setting (On or Off) as other fixtures.- Check dimming curve setting. Make sure dimming curve selection (Linear or Curve) is same for all fixtures. |

Routine Maintenance

Introduction

Being a solid-state fixture, and unlike most automated arc or tungsten fixtures, the VLX™ Wash Luminaire requires very little routine maintenance by the user. This section covers all the parts or assemblies that can be removed, cleaned, and checked by the user. Any additional maintenance or service should only be completed by an Authorized VARI*LITE® Service Center.

Special Cleaning and Care Instructions

The VLX™ Wash Luminaire requires special care when it comes to cleaning front lens assembly.



Note: Additional care needs to be taken with the plastic components because they are much easier to scratch or damage than glass.

The following is a list of cleaning materials required to care for your VLX™ Wash Luminaire:

- Lint free lens tissue
- Lint free cotton swabs (for hard-to-reach spot cleaning)
- Lint or powder free gloves
- Reagent grade isopropyl alcohol
- A mild soap solution.

Reagent grade isopropyl alcohol is good to use on the VLX™ Wash Luminaire plastic optics with anti-reflection coatings.

If the lens is still dirty after using isopropyl alcohol, for instance if fingerprints or oil is just redistributed and not cleaned off the optic, then a mild soap and water solution can be used to gently wash the lens. Repeat the cleaning with isopropyl alcohol to eliminate streaks and soap residue.



WARNING: Under no circumstances should ammonia-based cleaners, acetone, or other harsh solvents be used on or near the VLX™ Wash Luminaire. These types of cleaners or solvents can permanently damage the optics or housings of the fixture.

If you have any questions regarding the use or care of your VLX™ Wash Luminaire, please contact Vari-Lite technical support at 1.877-VARI-LITE or +1.214.647.7880.

Front Lens Removal and Cleaning

Tools:

- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- Slotted Screwdriver
- Refer to the list of cleaning materials in “[Special Cleaning and Care Instructions](#)” on page 60



WARNING: Ensure that power is completely removed from luminaire before attempting any work. Always wear eye protection and proper gloves when performing this procedure.

To clean from lens assembly and optics:

- Step 1. Remove power from luminaire and allow unit to completely cool.
- Step 2. Carefully set luminaire on upper enclosure, rotate head as shown in [Figure A-2](#), and engage tilt lock.

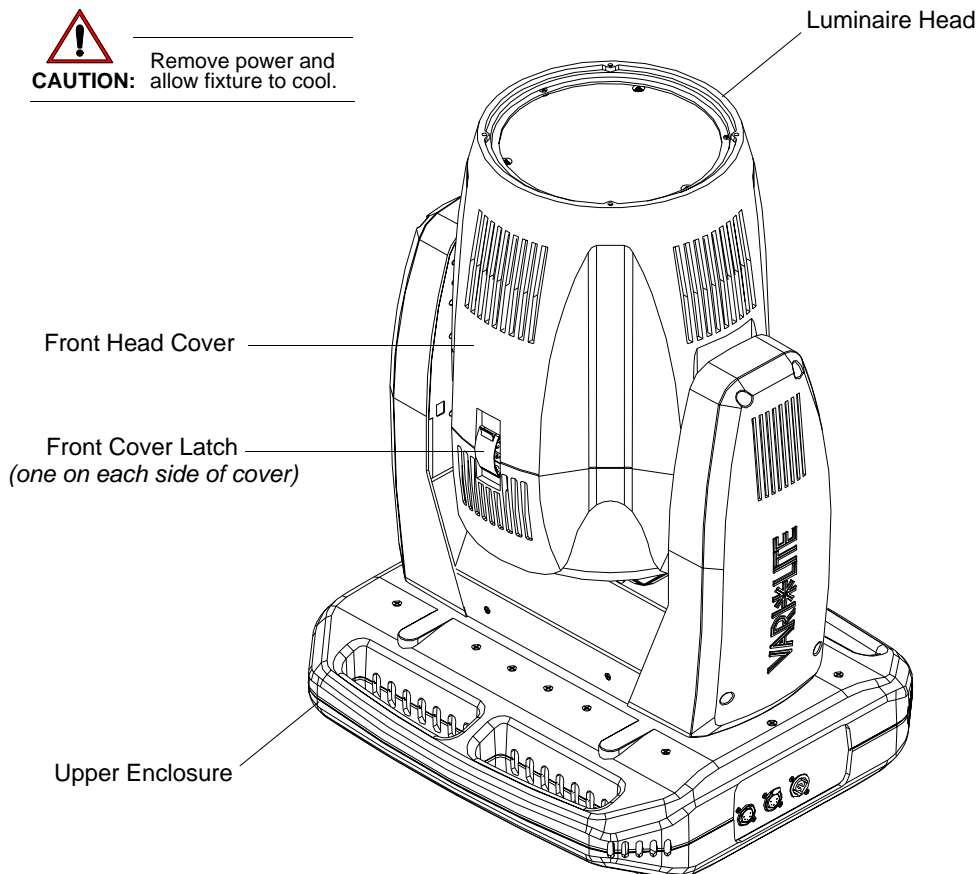


Figure A-2: VLX™ Wash Luminaire

- Step 3. Remove front head cover by unlatching both head cover latches. Please note that one side of front cover is secured by a safety tether. Locate clip attached to luminaire and unclip tether.

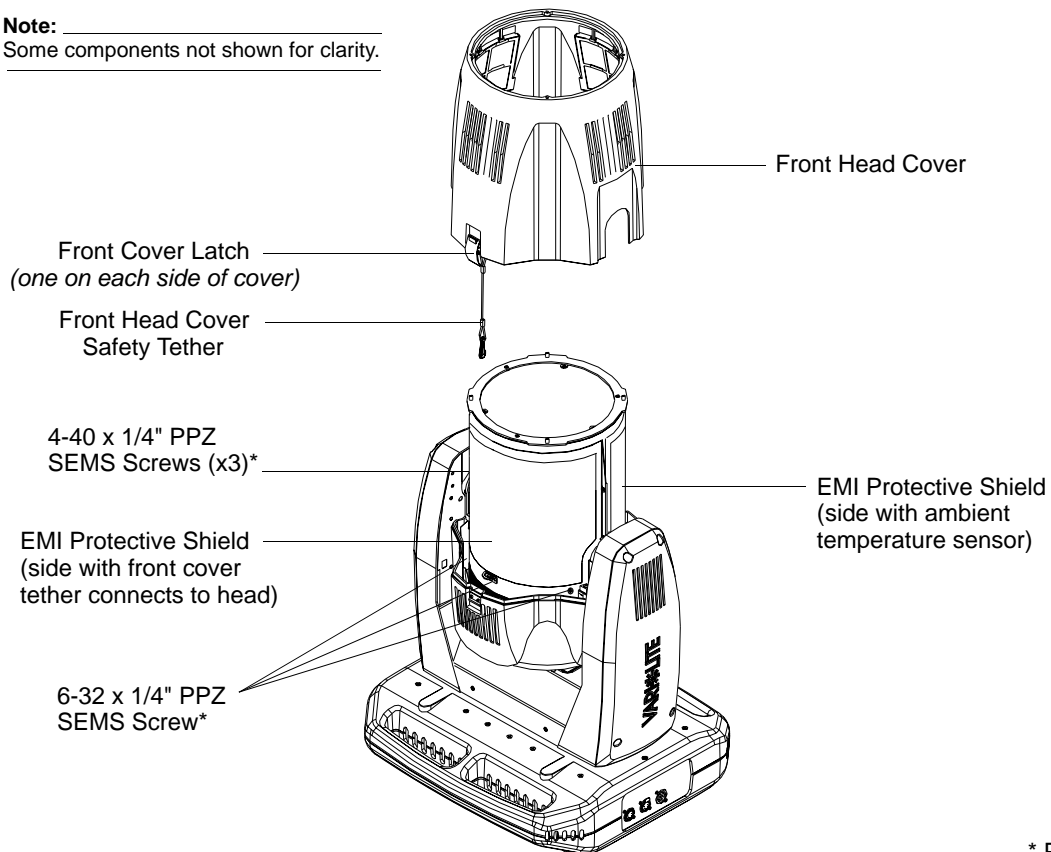
- Step 4. Gently slide front head cover over optic assembly and set aside.
- Step 5. Optional - only if equipped with long (old-style) EM shields, remove protective EMI shields from around optics assembly as shown in [Figure A-3](#) as follows:



WARNING: On one EMI shield, it is imperative to identify the ambient temperature sensor that protrudes through the EMI protective shield (it is on the opposite side where the front cover safety tether connects). When this shield is removed, great care has to be employed not to damage the sensor.

- a. At EMI shield (side where front cover safety tether connects), remove all screws securing cover. Be sure to note locations of removed screws in relation to EMI shield.
- b. Remove shield and set aside.
- c. At other EMI shield (side with ambient temperature sensor), remove all screws securing cover. Be sure to note locations of removed screws in relation to EMI shield.
- d. Carefully work shield over ambient temperature sensor taking care not to snag or pull sensor. Once shield is clear of sensor, set shield aside.

Note:
Some components not shown for clarity.



* Per shield.

Figure A-3: Front Head Cover and EMI Shields Removal

- Step 6. At head assembly, as shown in [Figure A-4](#), remove front lens assembly as follows:

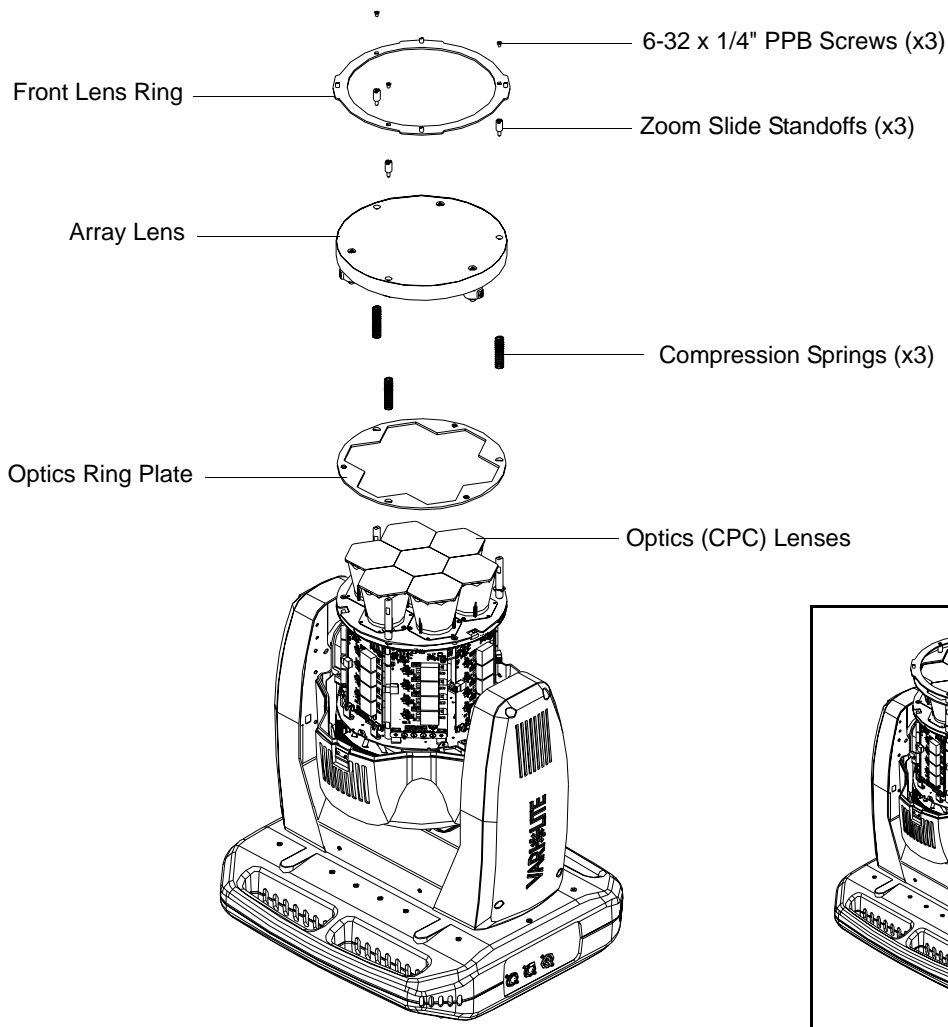


Figure A-4: Front Lens Removal



Note: Before proceeding, please note orientation of both front lens ring and front lens assembly. They must be mounted in their original orientation/position for the front head cover to reinstall properly.

- a. Remove three screws securing array lens and lens ring. Set components aside.
 - b. Note zoom motor wiring and routing. Disconnect wiring from zoom motors.
 - c. At front lens, loosen and remove and remove three stand-offs. Remove lens and place lens on a clean, lint free cloth as not to damage or scratch lens.
 - d. Remove three compression springs and optic ring plate. Set components aside.
- Step 7. Clean front lens and optics according to the guidelines set forth in [“Special Cleaning and Care Instructions”](#) on page 60.

Step 8. Once cleaning is complete, reassemble by performing Steps 6 through 2 in reverse order. Be sure to orient front lens as shown in [Figure A-5](#).



WARNING: Front Lens Assembly must be mounted in orientation show. If installed incorrectly, luminaire performance will be affected.

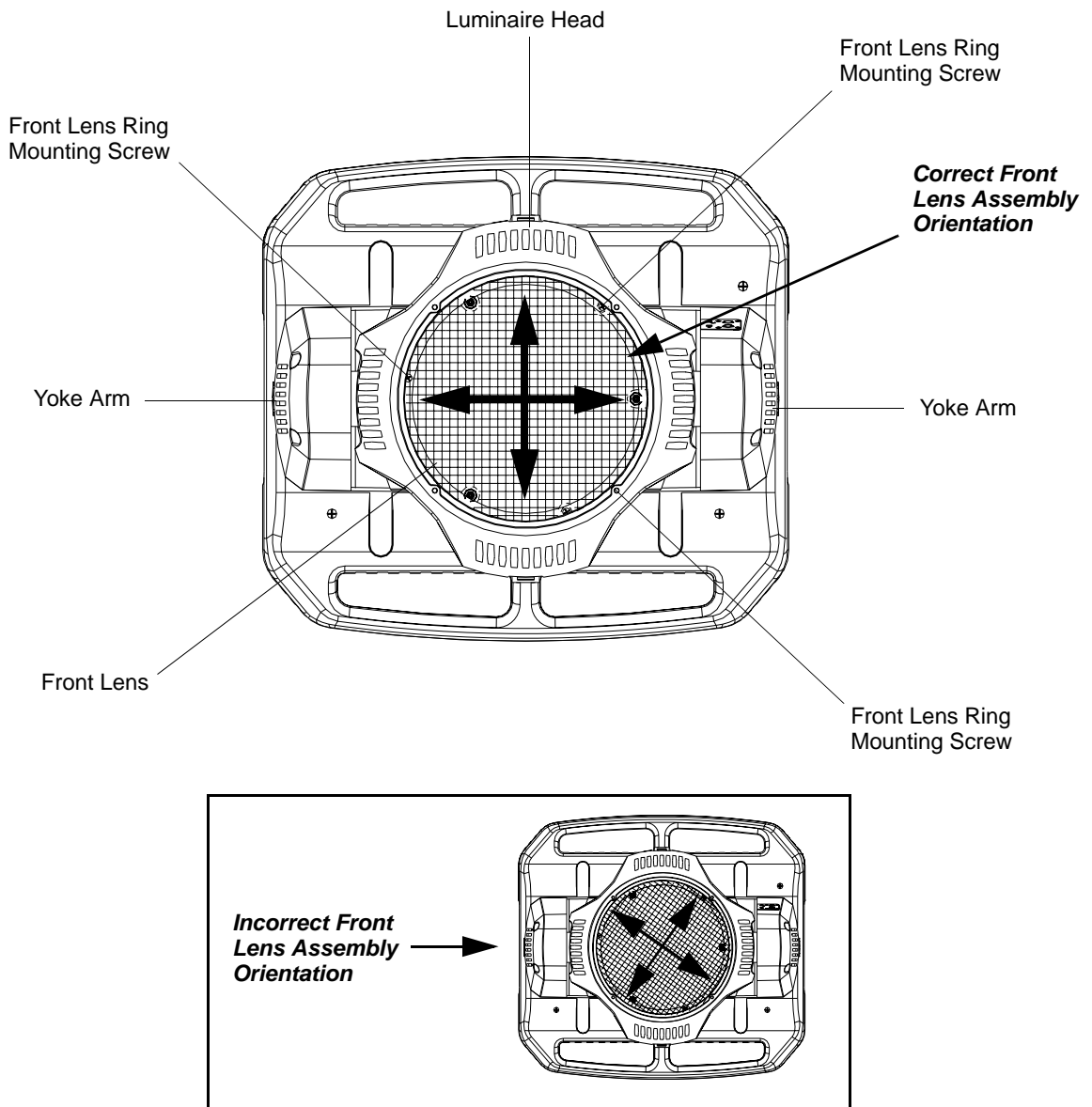


Figure A-5: Front Lens Orientation

Step 9. When reinstalling front head cover, be sure not to let cover edge come in contact with optics (CPC) lenses.

Step 10. Once luminaire is reassembled, power and test.

Beam Spreader Removal for Fixed Beam Applications

Tools:

- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- Slotted screwdriver



WARNING: Ensure that power is completely removed from luminaire before attempting any work. Always wear eye protection and proper gloves when performing this procedure.

To remove beam spreader assembly for fixed beam applications:

- Step 1. Remove power from luminaire and allow unit to completely cool.
- Step 2. Carefully set luminaire on upper enclosure, rotate head as shown in [Figure A-2](#), and engage tilt lock.

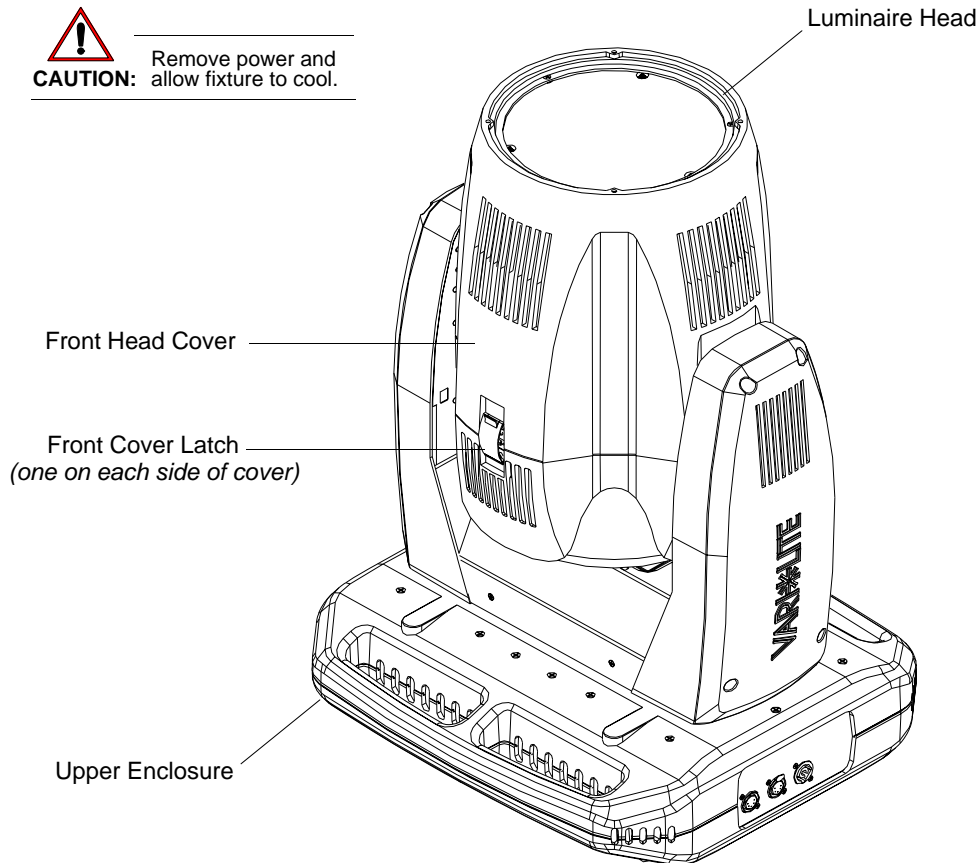


Figure A-6: VLX™ Wash Luminaire

- Step 3. Remove front head cover by unlatching both head cover latches. Please note that one side of front cover is secured by a safety tether. Locate clip attached to luminaire and unclip tether.
- Step 4. Gently slide front head cover over optic assembly and set aside.

Step 5. Optional - only if equipped with long (old-style) EM shields, remove protective EMI shields from around optics assembly as shown in Figure A-3 as follows:



WARNING: On one EMI shield, it is imperative to identify the ambient temperature sensor that protrudes through the EMI protective shield (it is on the opposite side where the front cover safety tether connects). When this shield is removed, great care has to be employed not to damage the sensor.

- a. At EMI shield (side where front cover safety tether connects), remove all screws securing cover. Be sure to note locations of removed screws in relation to EMI shield.
- b. Remove shield and set aside.
- c. At other EMI shield (side with ambient temperature sensor), remove all screws securing cover. Be sure to note locations of removed screws in relation to EMI shield.
- d. Carefully work shield over ambient temperature sensor taking care not to snag or pull sensor. Once shield is clear of sensor, set shield aside.

Note:
Some components not shown for clarity.

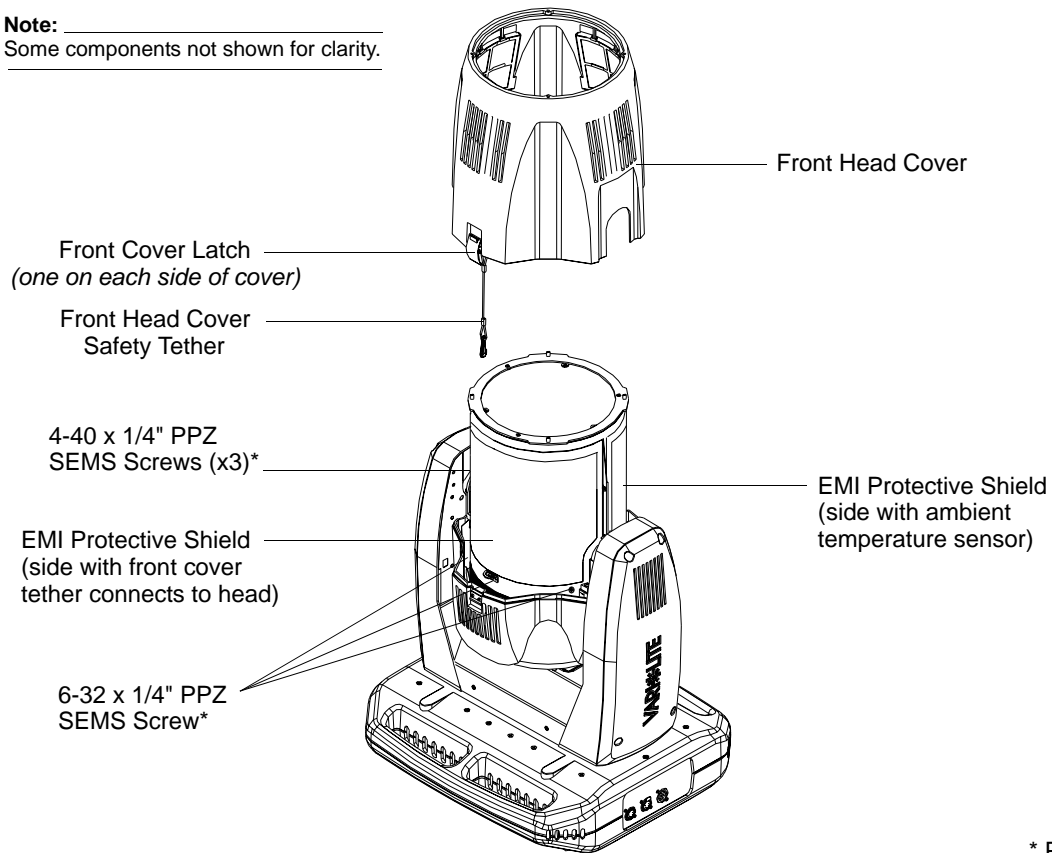


Figure A-7: Front Head Cover and EMI Shields (Long Style Only) Removal

Step 6. At head assembly, as shown in Figure A-4, remove front lens assembly as follows:

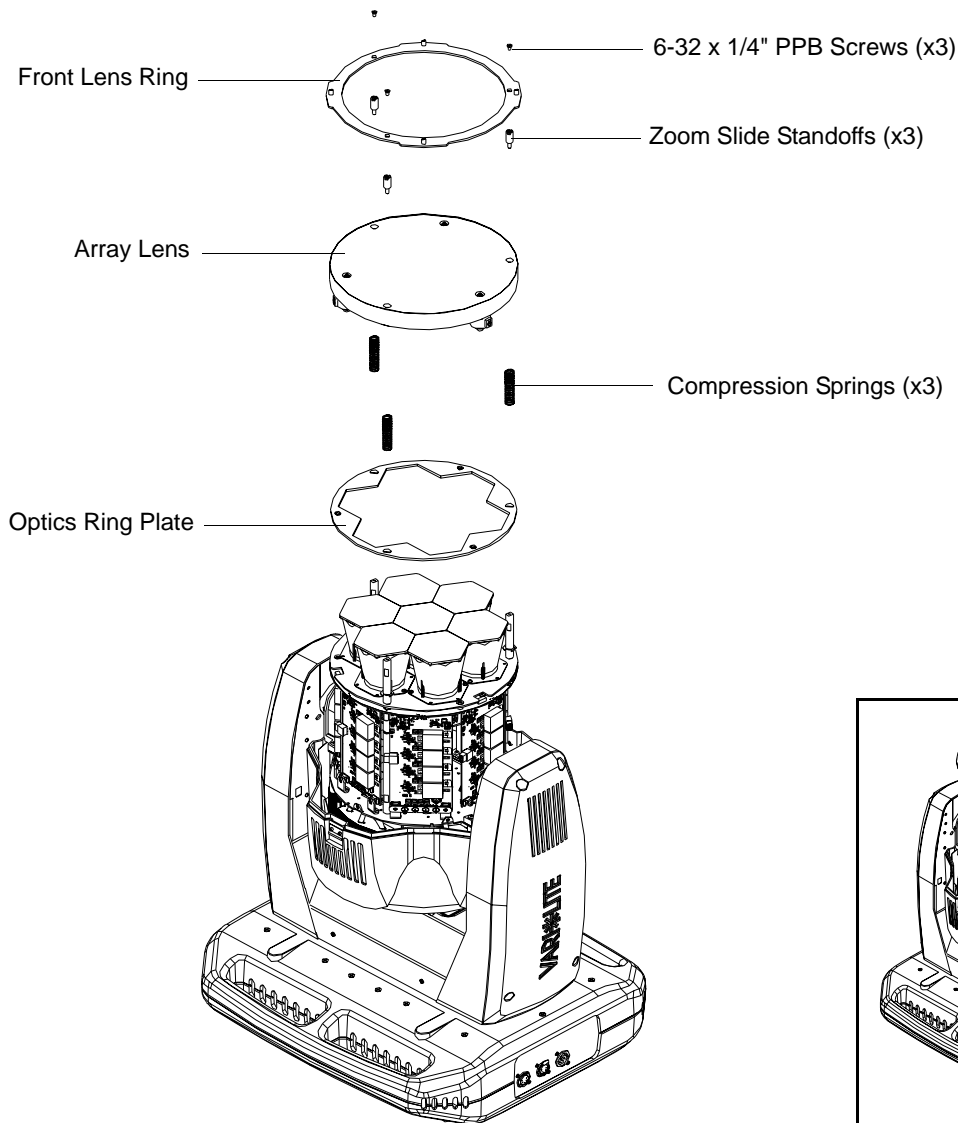


Figure A-8: Front Lens Removal

- a. Remove three screws securing array lens and lens ring. Set components aside.
- b. Note zoom motor wiring and routing. Disconnect wiring from zoom motors.
- c. At front lens, loosen and remove and remove three stand-offs. Remove lens and place lens on a clean, lint free cloth as not to damage or scratch lens.
- d. Remove three compression springs and optic ring plate. Set components aside.

Step 7. Reassemble luminaire for fixed beam applications as follows:

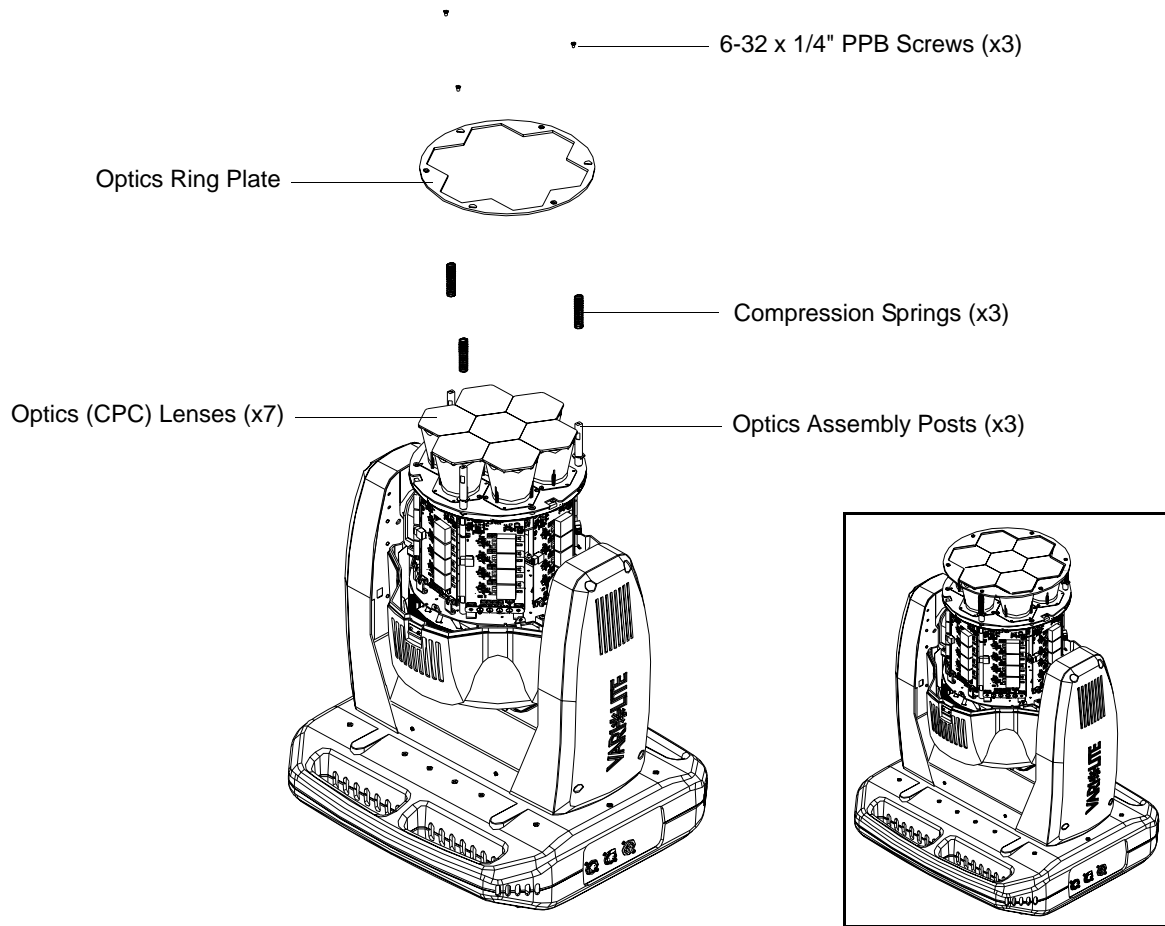


Figure A-9: Fixed Beam Application Assembly

- a. As shown in [Figure A-9](#), slide compression springs over optics assembly posts.
 - b. Turn optics ring (60°) so its mounting holes are in line with optics assembly posts but does not slide over optics (CPC) lenses.
 - c. Using three 6-32 x 1/4" PPB screws, secure Optics Ring Plate to assembly.
- Step 8. Reinstall EMI protective shields. Use care when installing EMI shield on side of ambient temperature sensor as not to damage sensor.
- Step 9. Reinstall front head cover. Be sure not to let cover edge come in contact with optics (CPC) lenses.
- Step 10. Once luminaire is reassembled, power and test.



Note: Carefully store front lens in a soft lint-free, non-abrasive covering for future use. Be sure to keep all parts (removed with front lens) with front lens in a separate container (as not to damage lens).

Cooling System Heatsink Cleaning Procedure

Tools:


- #2 Phillips Screwdriver
- Moisture and oil-free, compressed air duster
- Soft bristle, 1" Mottler brush



WARNING: Ensure that power is completely removed from luminaire before attempting any work. Always wear eye protection and proper gloves when performing this procedure.

To clean the cooling system heatsinks:

- Step 1. Remove power from luminaire and allow unit to completely cool.
- Step 2. Carefully set luminaire on upper enclosure, rotate head as shown in [Figure A-10](#), and engage tilt lock.

 **CAUTION:** Remove power and allow fixture to cool.

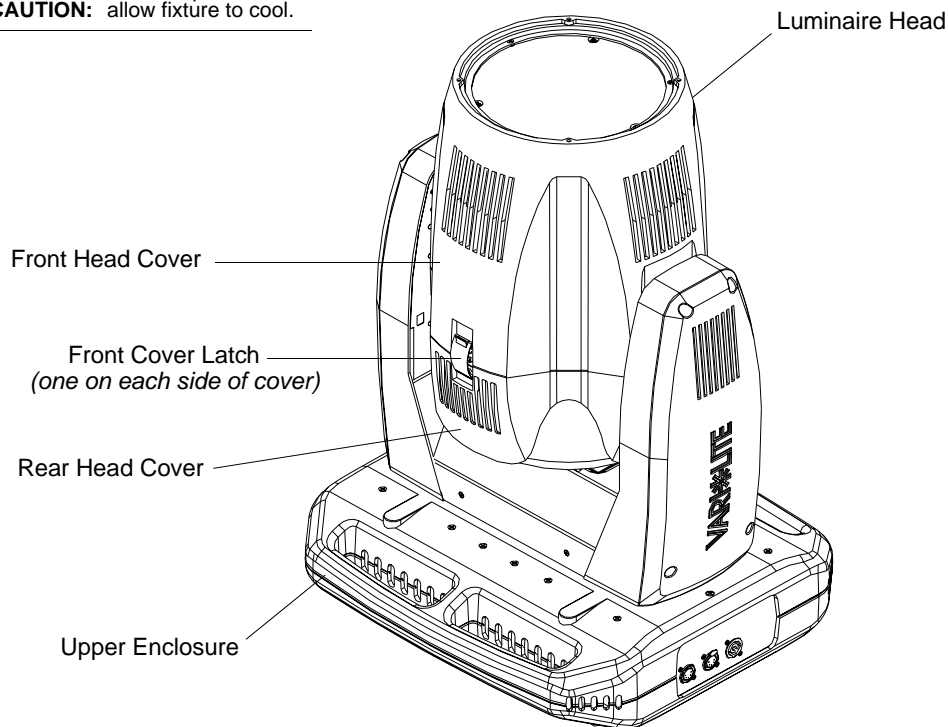


Figure A-10: VLX Wash Luminaire

- Step 3. Remove front head cover by unlatching both head cover latches. Please note that one side of front cover is secured by a safety tether. Locate clip attached to luminaire and unclip tether.

Step 4. Gently slide front head cover over optic assembly and set aside.

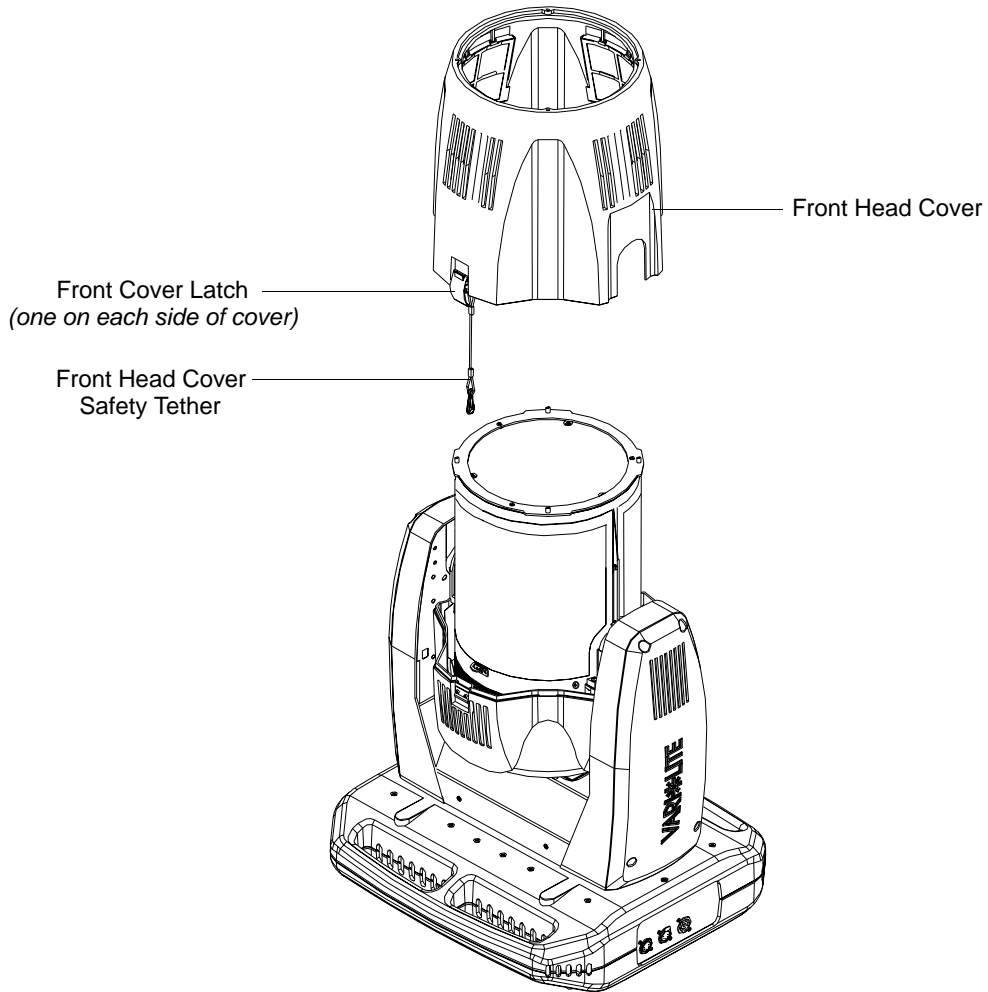


Figure A-11: Front Head Cover Removal

Step 5. Disengage tilt lock and rotate luminaire head 90-degrees and re-engage tilt lock (optional).

Step 6. At inside of rear head cover, remove eight #6 x 1/4" PPZ Plastic Threading Screws and remove rear head cover and set aside.



Note: At reinstalling rear head cover, be careful not to over tighten plastic threading screws (plastic mounting holes may crack).

- Step 7. As indicated in [Figure A-12](#), at LED cooling assembly heatsinks, run Mottler brush gently through and in the direction of the heatsink fins from top to bottom so debris will fall down and away from assembly. Care should be taken as not to damage heatsinks.

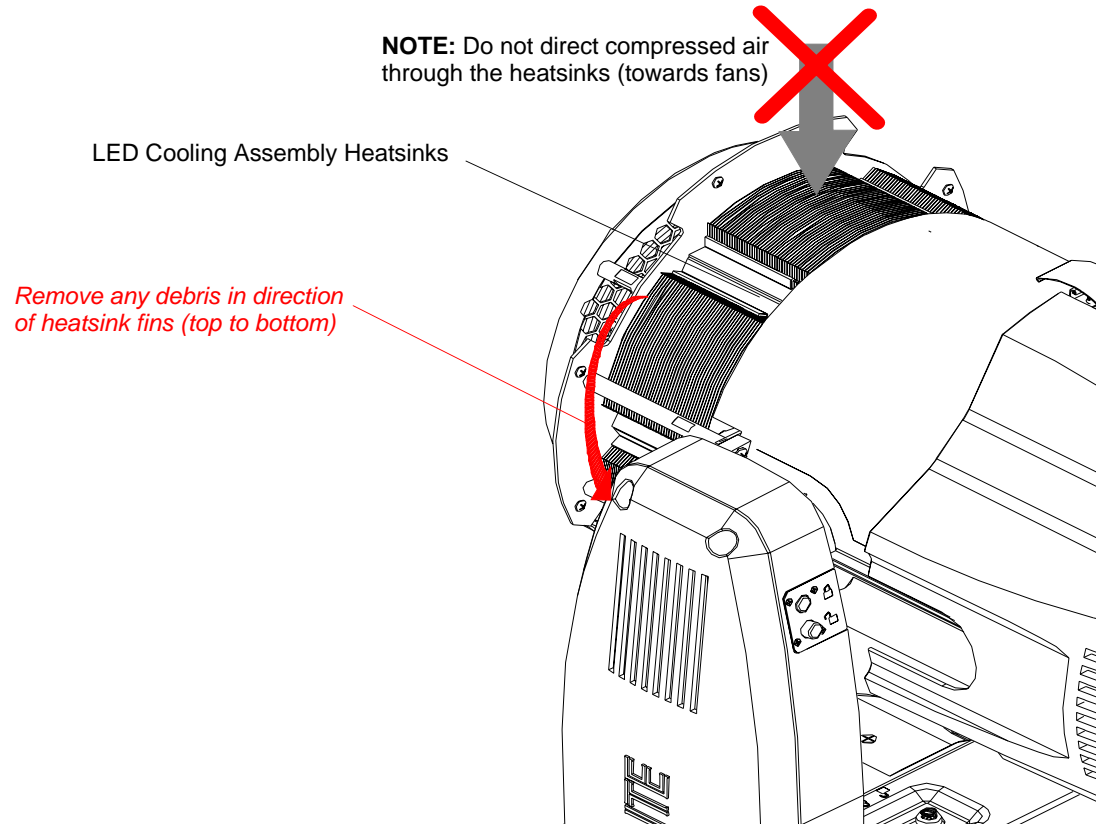


Figure A-12: VLX Wash Cooling System Heatsink Cleaning

- Step 8. Using compressed air duster, blow any remaining debris from heatsink fins in the same direction as indicated in previous step.



WARNING: DO NOT direct compressed air through heatsinks towards fans or vice-versa. Doing so will cause the fans to spin at a high rate and could damage them. Also, never use any type of cleaning solution on heatsinks.

- Step 9. Reassemble luminaire by following Steps 3 through 6 in reverse order.
- Step 10. Power luminaire and test.

Notes

APPENDIX B.



Technical Specifications

VLX™ Wash Luminaire

PROGRAMMABLE FUNCTIONS

Color Mixing System

Seven, custom replaceable 120 watt RGBW LED chipsets. Each chipset contains high density red, green, blue, and white LED emitters.

Zoom Optics

Patented optical zoom system with continuously variable field angle from approximately 23° to 58°. Zoom module is easily removable for fixed field angle of 22°.

Intensity Control

Smooth, high resolution dimming control of Red (R), Green (G), Blue (B), and White (W) LED's.

Strobe

High speed with multiple strobe effects.

Pan and Tilt

Smooth, time-controlled continuous motion by way of a pair of three-phase stepper motor systems. Pan range is 540°/ Tilt range is 270° both with a 0.3° resolution.

OPTICAL

Source

Seven x 120 watt RGBW chipsets.

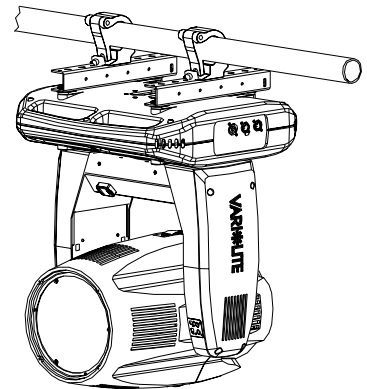
Color Temp. White: Variable between approximately 3000 and 9000 Kelvin.

CRI: Dynamically Adjustable.

Manufacturer Rated Life: In excess of 10,000 hours (at full RGBW).

Output

14,000 lumens (white light).



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PHOTOMETRIC

| Zoom | LED Mode | Field Angle | Lumens |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Narrow | RGBW | 23° | 12,200 |
| Wide | RGBW | 58° | 10,900 |
| Without Lens Array | RGBW | 22° | 13,900 |

OPERATIONAL

Power Requirements

Standard AC power distribution from 100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz. The fixture requires up to 10A depending on the AC supply voltage.

Operational Temperature

-20° to 122°F (-29° to 50°C)

Cooling

Variable forced air cooling.

Control

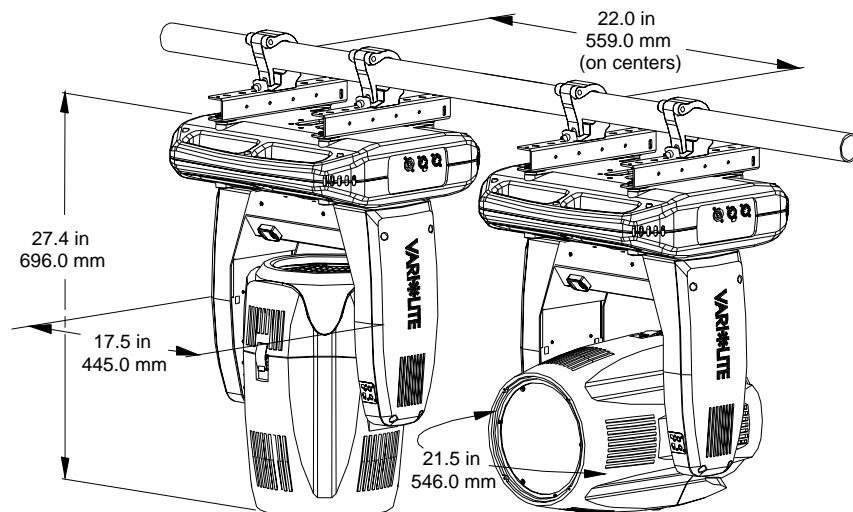
Completely compatible with a wide variety of DMX512 lighting control consoles. 23 channels. 5-pin in and thru DMX.

Weight

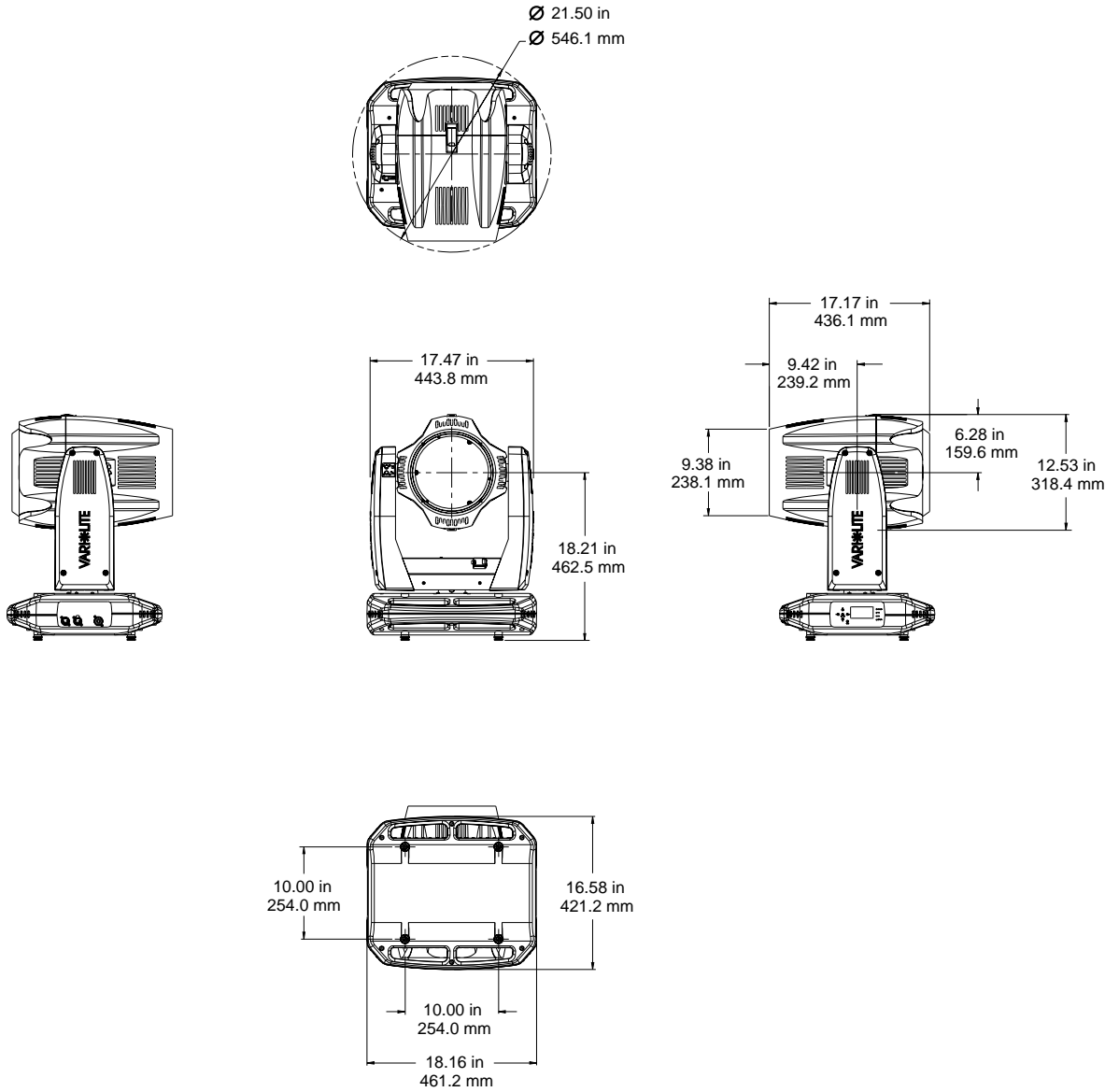
62 lbs. (28.2 kg) with included pair of hanging rails.

Spacing

Hangs on 22.0 inch (559 mm) centers. All models can be mounted and operated in any orientation.



Dimensions



Notes





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