

Dimming

Dimming curve is adapted to the eye sensitiveness.

Dimming range:

4-lamp: 1 % to 100 %, 3-lamp: 5 % to 100 %

Digital control with:

- DALI signal: 16 bit Manchester Code
Maximum speed 1 % to 100 % in 550 ms
(adjustable between 50 ms and 90 s)
Programmable parameter:
Minimum dimming level
Maximum dimming level
Defaults 3-lamp minimum = 5 %
maximum = 100 %
Defaults 4-lamp minimum = 1 %
maximum = 100 %

Control input (DA/D1, DA/D2)

Digital DALI signal or a push-to-make switch (switchDIM) can be wired on the same terminals (DA and DA).

Digital signal DALI

The control input is non-polar and protected against accidental connection with a mains voltage up to 264 V. The control signal is not SELV. Control cable has to be installed in accordance to the requirements of low voltage installations.

Different functions depending on each module.

switchDIM

Integrated switchDIM function allows a direct connection of a push to make switch for dimming and switching.

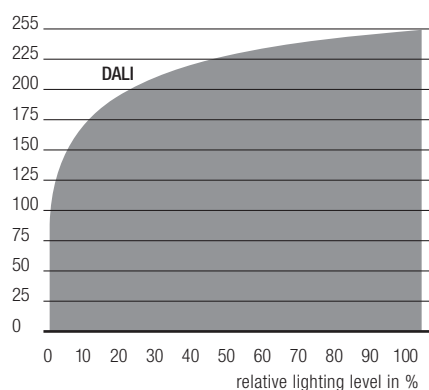
Brief push (< 0.6 s) switches ballast ON and OFF. The ballasts switch-ON at light level set at switch-OFF. When the push to make switch is held, PCA ballasts are dimmed. After repush the PCA is dimmed in the opposite direction.

The switchDIM fade time is set to 3 s from min. to max. in the factory settings. With a 20 s push to the push to make switch this fade time can be changed to 6 s. In this instance the switchDIM application will be synchronized to 50 % light level after 10 s and after 20 s the light level rises to 100 % with the new fade time.

Dimming characteristics

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digital dimming value

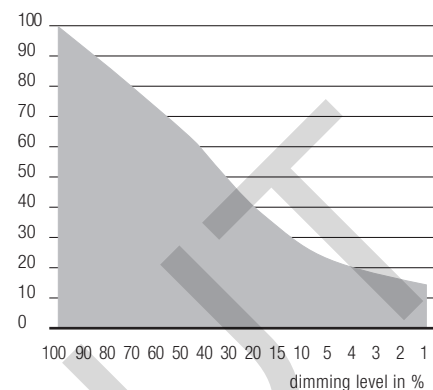


Dimming characteristics as seen by the human eye

Energy saving

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mains power in %



At every synchronisation (10 s keystroke) the device will reset to 3 s (factory setting)
In installations with PCAs with different dimming levels or opposite dimming directions (e.g. after a system extension), all PCAs can be synchronized to 50 % dimming level by a 10 s push.

Use of push to make switch with indicator lamp is not permitted.

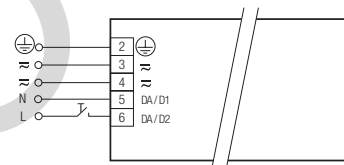
Deactivation: If the corridorFUNCTION is wrongly activated in a switchDIM system (for example a switch is used instead of pushbutton), there is the option of installing a pushbutton and deactivating the corridorFUNCTION mode by five short pushes of the button within three seconds.

switchDIM and corridorFUNCTION are very simple tools for controlling ballasts with conventional momentary-action switches or motion sensors.

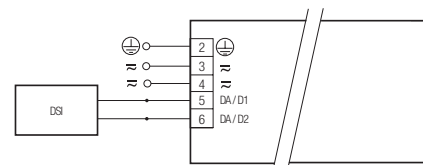
To ensure correct operation a sinusoidal mains voltage with a frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz is required at the control input.

Special attention must be paid to achieving clear zero crossings.

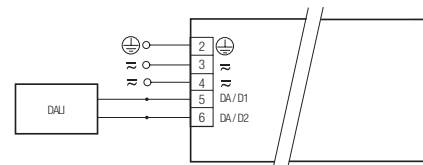
Serious mains faults may impair the operation of switchDIM and corridorFUNCTION.



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DALI PCA T8 EXCITE Ip x|tec

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Loading of automatic circuit breakers

Automatic circuit breaker type	C10	C13	C16	C20	B10	B13	B16	B20
Installation Ø	1.5 mm ²	1.5 mm ²	1.5 mm ²	2.5 mm ²	1.5 mm ²	1.5 mm ²	1.5 mm ²	2.5 mm ²
PCA 3x18 T8 EXCITE Ip x tec	22	30	42	48	11	15	21	24
PCA 4x18 T8 EXCITE Ip x tec	14	20	28	32	7	10	14	16

Continuous operation: to calculate the protective safety switch see main current, page 1

corridorFUNCTION

Activation: To activate the corridorFUNCTION a voltage of 230 V simply has to be applied for five minutes at D1, D2. The unit will then switch automatically to the corridorFUNCTION.

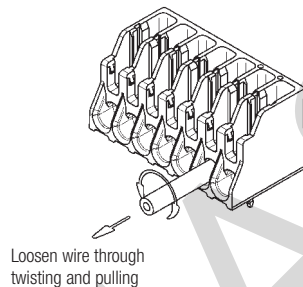
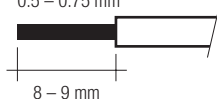
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Installation instructions

Wiring type and cross section

The wiring can be solid cable with a cross section of 0.5 to 0.75 mm² for push terminal and 0.5 mm² for IDC terminal. For the push-wire connection you have to strip the insulation (8–9 mm).

wire preparation:
0.5 – 0.75 mm²



Intelligent Temperature Guard

The intelligent temperature guard protects the PCA T8 EXCITE Ip xitec from thermal overheating by reducing the output power or switching off in case of operation above the thermal limits of the luminaire or ballast. Depending on the luminaire design, the ITG operates at about 5 to 10 °C above T_c temperature.

Intelligent Voltage Guard

Intelligent Voltage Guard is the name of the new electronic monitor from Tridonic. This innovative feature of the PCA family of control gear from Tridonic immediately shows if the mains voltage rises above or falls below certain thresholds. Measures can then be taken quickly to prevent damage to the control gear.

- If the mains voltage rises above approx. 305 V (voltage depends on the ballast type), the lamp starts flashing on and off.
- This signal "demands" disconnection of the power supply to the lighting system.
- The active-current-control of these control gears is protected against failure caused by the high mains currents generated as a result of mains undervoltage. The switch off level depends on lamp wattage and is typically < 140 V.

Operating voltage

Type	Wattage	U _{out}
PCA 3x18 T8 EXCITE Ip xitec	3x14 W	430 V
PCA 4x18 T8 EXCITE Ip xitec	4x14 W	430 V

Wiring advice

The lead length is dependent on the capacitance of the cable.

Ballast	Terminal			Maximum capacitance allowed		
	Cold	Middle	Hot	Cold	Middle	Hot
PCA 3x18 T8 EXCITE Ip xitec	7, 8	9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17	12, 13	100 pF	50 pF	100 pF
PCA 4x18 T8 EXCITE Ip xitec	14, 15, 16, 17	7, 8, 9, 10	12, 13, 18, 19	200 pF	50 pF	100 pF

With standard solid wire 0.5/0.75 mm² the capacitance of the lead is 30–80 pF/m.

This value is influenced by the way the wiring is made.

Lamp connection should be made with symmetrical wiring.

3-lamp devices: Hot and cold leads should be separated as much as possible.

4-lamp devices: Middle and hot leads should be separated as much as possible.

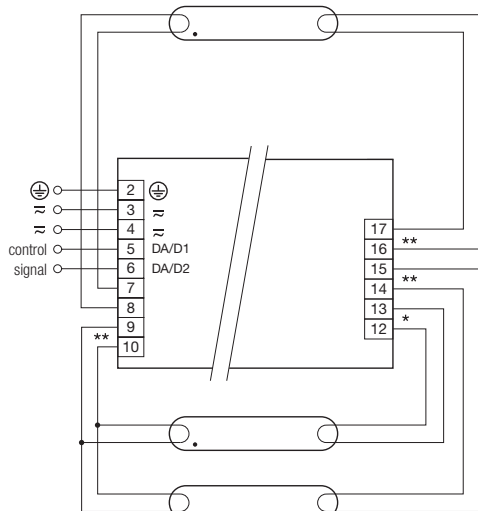
Hot leads (9, 10, 15, 16) and cold leads (11, 12, 13, 14) should be separated as much as possible.

When using two or more dimmable ballasts in one luminaire with separate dimming controls, the lamp leads must be kept separate.

Distance to plate: 5–10 mm

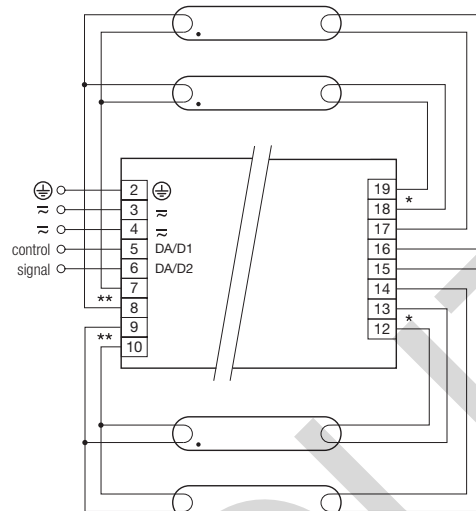
(ideal distance for optimal symmetrical light)

To avoid the damage of the control gear, the wiring must be protected against short circuits to earth (sharp edged metal parts, metal cable clips, louver, etc.).



* leads 12, 13: keep wires short, max. 1.0 m
** leads 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17: keep wires short, max. 0.5 m
leads 7, 8: max. 2.0 m

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* leads 12, 13, 18, 19: keep wires short, max. 1.0 m
** leads 7, 8, 9, 10: keep wires short, max. 0.5 m
leads 14, 15, 16, 17: max. 2.0 m

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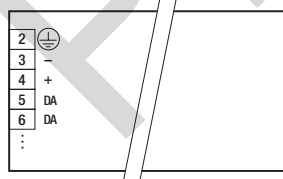
- Connection to the lamps of the hot leads must be kept as short as possible
- Mains leads should be kept apart from lamp leads (ideally 5–10 cm distance)
- Do not run mains leads adjacent to the electronic ballast
- Twist the lamp leads
- Keep the distance of lamp leads from the metal work as large as possible
- Mains wiring to be twisted when through wiring
- Keep the mains leads inside the luminaire as short as possible

General advise

Electronic ballasts are virtually noise free. Magnetic fields generated during the ignition cycle can cause some background noise but only for a few milliseconds.

Operation on DC voltage

Our ballasts are construed to operate DC voltage and pulsed DC voltage. To operate ballasts with pulsed DC voltage the polarity is absolute mandatory.



Programming

With appropriate software and a USB interface different functions can be activated and various parameters can be configured in the new PCA T8 EXCITE Ip xrtec. All that is needed is a DALI-USB and the software.

MASTER CONFIGURATOR

Full version for programming all the functions and parameters.

Isolation and electric strength testing of luminaires

Electronic devices can be damaged by high voltage. This has to be considered during the routine testing of the luminaires in production.

According to IEC 60598-1 Annex Q (informative only!) or ENEC 303-Annex A, each luminaire should be submitted to an isolation test with 500 V DC for 1 second. This test voltage should be connected between the interconnected phase and neutral terminals and the earth terminal.

The isolation resistance must be at least 2 MΩ.

As an alternative, IEC 60598-1 Annex Q describes a test of the electrical strength with 1500 V AC (or 1.414 x 1500 V DC). To avoid damage to the electronic devices this test must not be conducted.

Additional information

Additional technical information at www.tridonic.com → Technical Data

Guarantee conditions at www.tridonic.com → Services

Life-time declarations are informative and represent no warranty claim.

No warranty if device was opened.