

# **B-4** Booster

4 WAY DMX-BOOSTER

## **User's Instruction**

## **Product Descriptions**

This is a 4-way DMX booster with a 3-pin and 5-pin XLR input jack. This unit takes the incoming DMX signal and splits the signal into four separate output channels. Each output channel and the input channel are completely electronically isolated from each other, all four output channels have independent output drivers to boost the DMX signal. In addition, a Link out/Terminate selector is used for secure linking when you intend to terminate DMX signal.

### **Technical specifications**

 Power Input
 AC 230V~50/60Hz, 0.5A

 DMX Connectors
 3-pin and 5-pin XLR sockets

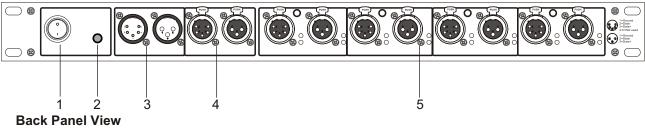
 Fuse
 F0.5A 250V 5x20mm

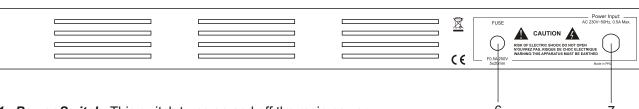
 Dimensions
 .482x140x44mm

 Weight
 2.4Kg

### **General Functions**

#### **Front Panel View**





- 1. Power Switch: This switch turns on and off the main power.
- 2. Link Out / Terminate selector: This switch is primarily used for troubleshooting. When the switch is in the "Terminate" position, DMX output(4) is turned off and you can not link any more units. When the switch in the "Link Out" position, this unit allows you link a second unit.
- 3. DMX Input: These jacks are used to receive an incoming DMX signal.
- 4. DMX Output: These jacks are used for linkup only.
- 5. DMX Output/ W Driver: The four DMX output channels are completely electronically isolated and each features an independent driver that boost the DMX signal.
- 6. Fuse: F0.5A 250V 5x20mm
- 7. Power Input: AC 230V~50/60Hz, 0.5A

### Set-up

#### **Power Supply Setup:**

Before plugging your unit in, be sure the source voltage in your area matches the required voltage for your B-4 Booster power supply. The B-4 Booster is only available in a 230v version. Due to variations in line voltage from venue to venue, be sure to plug your power supply into a wall outlet with matching power before attempting to operate.

#### **DMX Setup:**

#### Data Cable (DMX Cable) Requirements:

The B-4 Booster can be controlled via DMX-512 protocol and your DMX controller requires a standard 3-pin XLR connector for data input and data output(Figure1). Connect the B-4 Booster and your fixtures together using standard 3 pin DMX cables. The B-4 Booster uses DMX-512 protocol to operate your fixtures.

If you are constructing your own data cables, be sure to use standard two conductor shielded cable (This cable may be purchased at almost all professional sound and lighting stores). Your cables should be made with a 3-pin male and female XLR connector on either end of the cable. Also remember that DMX lines must be daisy chained and can't be split.



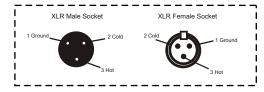
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#### \*Note:

Be sure to follow figures two and three when making your own cables. Do not use the ground lug on the XLR connector. Do not connect the cable's shield conductor to the ground lug or allow the shield conductor to come in contact with the XLR's outer casing. Grounding the shield could cause a short circuit and erratic behavior.



Figure 2



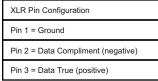


Figure 3

#### \*Special Note:

Line Termination. When longer runs of cable are used, you may need to use a terminator on the last unit to avoid erratic behavior. A terminator is a 120 ohm 1/4 watt resistor which is connected between pins 2 and 3 of a male XLR connector (DATA + and DATA -). This unit is inserted in the female XLR connector of the last unit in your daisy chain to terminate the line. Using a cable terminator will decrease the possibilities of erratic behavior.



Termination reduces signal errors and avoids signal transmission problems and interference. It is always advisable to connect a DMX terminal, (Resistance 120 Ohm 1/4 W) between PIN 2 (DMX-) and PIN 3 (DMX +) of the last fixture.

Figure 4

DMX Signal Cable. 120 ohm impedance DMX signal cable MUST be used for signal connection.

#### 5-Pin XLR DMX Connectors.

Some manufactures use 5-pin XLR connectors for DATA transmission in place of 3-pin. 5-pin XLR fixtures may be implemented in a 3-pin XLR DMX line. When inserting standard 5-pin XLR connectors in to a 3-pin line a cable adaptor must be used, these adaptors are readily available at most electric stores. The chart below details a proper cable conversion.

3-Pin XLR to 5-Pin XLR Conversion		
Conductor	3-Pin XLR Female(Out)	5-pin XLR Male(In)
Ground/Shield	Pin 1	Pin 1
Data Compliment(-signal)	Pin 2	Pin 2
Data True(+signal)	Pin 3	Pin 3
Not Used		Pin 4 - Do Not Used
Not Used		Pin 5 - Do Not Used

### **WARNING!!!**

- 1. This apparatus must be earthed.
- 2. To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product under a high temperature or humid area.
- 3. This product is intended for indoor use only.
- 4. Replace the fuse with the same type.

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