



# FOGTEC

PROFESSIONAL FOG MACHINES

# SHZ-80

Order code: FOG07

# VP-1500

Order code: FOG21

# VP-2500

Order code: FOG22

USER MANUAL



## SAFETY

### WARNING

**FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY  
BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!**



### CAUTION!

**Keep this equipment away from rain,  
moisture and liquids.**



### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Every person involved with the installation, operation & maintenance of this equipment should:

- Be competent
- Follow the instructions of this manual



**CAUTION! TAKE CARE USING THIS EQUIPMENT!  
HIGH VOLTAGE-RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK!!**



Before your initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused during transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the equipment.

To maintain the equipment in good working condition and to ensure safe operation, it is necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please note that damages caused by user modifications to this equipment are not subject to warranty.

**IMPORTANT:**

**The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorised modification to the equipment.**

- Never let the power-cable come into contact with other cables. Handle the power-cable and all mains voltage connections with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the equipment.
- Do not open the equipment and do not modify the equipment.
- Only use the equipment indoors.
- Do not expose to flammable sources or gases.
- Always disconnect the power from the mains when equipment is not in use or before cleaning! Only handle the power-cable by the plug. Never pull out the plug by pulling the power-cable.
- Make sure that the available voltage is between 220v/240v.
- Make sure that the power-cable is never crimped or damaged. Check the equipment and the power-cable periodically.
- If the equipment is dropped or damaged, disconnect the mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect the equipment before operating again.
- If the equipment has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation might damage the equipment. Leave the equipment switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- If your product fails to function correctly, discontinue use immediately. Pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Prolight dealer for service.
- Only use fuses of same type and rating.
- Repairs, servicing and power connection must only be carried out by a qualified technician. **THIS UNIT CONTAINS NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS.**
- **WARRANTY:** One year from date of purchase.

**OPERATING DETERMINATIONS**

If this equipment is operated in any other way, than those described in this manual, the product may suffer damage and the warranty becomes void.

Incorrect operation may lead to danger e.g. short-circuit, burns, electric shocks etc.

Do not endanger your own safety and the safety of others!  
Incorrect installation or use can cause serious damage to people and property.

Before filling the unit disconnect the mains. Never fill with hot liquids.

Only use high quality, water based smoke fluid recommended by the manufacturer. Other smoke fluids may cause clogging and void the warranty.

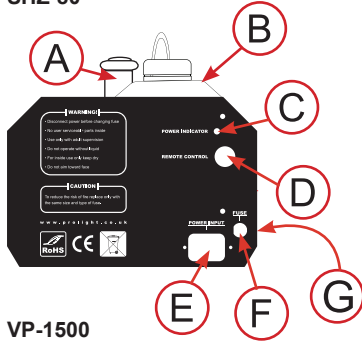
Always make sure there is sufficient smoke fluid in the tank. Operating this smoke machine without smoke fluid will cause damage to the pump as well as over heating of the heater.

Operate the unit only after you have familiarized yourself with its functions, Do not permit operation by persons not qualified for operating the unit and always drain the tank and use the original packaging if the unit is to be transported.

# OVERVIEW

## Fog machines:

### SHZ-80

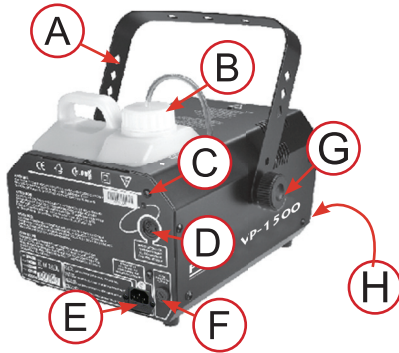


TC-4 Controller

#### Identification:

- A, Handle
- B, Fog fluid container
- C, Indicator lamp
- D, Remote socket
- E, IEC power socket
- F, Fuse
- G, Low fluid indicator (front)

### VP-1500

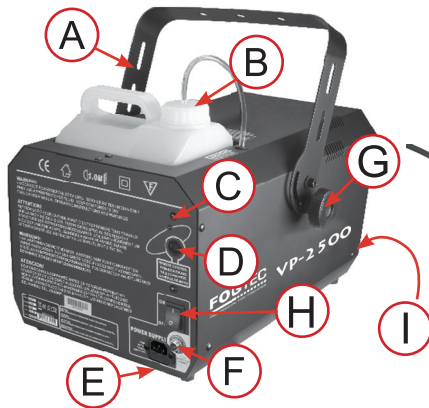


TC-1 Controller

#### Identification:

- A, Bracket
- B, Fog fluid container
- C, Indicator lamp
- D, Remote socket
- E, IEC power socket
- F, Fuse
- G, Bracket knob
- H, Low fluid indicator (front)

### VP-2500



DMX-2 Controller


#### Identification:

- A, Bracket
- B, Fog fluid container
- C, Indicator lamp
- D, Remote socket
- E, IEC power socket
- F, Fuse
- G, Bracket knob
- H, Power switch
- I, Low fluid indicator (front)

# USER MANUAL

### STARTING OPERATION

The fluid tank of the unit needs to be filled with smoke/haze fluid before switching on. Always disconnect it from the mains supply as fluid could be spilled.

Only use quality smoke/haze fluids recommended by your dealer. We recommend high quality  smoke/haze fluids. You must not use substances which are classified as **“DANGEROUS WORKING MATERIALS”** or **“FLAMMABLE FLUIDS”**.

If fluid should get inside the main housing, disconnect the unit from the mains immediately and consult a technician.

### INSTALLATION

Install the unit in a well-ventilated area. Use in an insufficiently ventilated room can lead to the condensation of the smoke fluid. The resulting slippery surface can cause accidents. Keep a minimum distance of 20cm around the unit.

Furthermore do not orientate the output nozzle directly in the direction of the audience's eyes. In order to create the best effect, there should be a distance between the unit and the audience of at least 1.5M.

Only install the smoke machine on fire resistant, scratch resistant and water resistant surfaces.



### **DANGER OF FIRE!**

**When installing the unit, make sure there is no highly flammable material (decoration articles etc) within a minimum distance of 0.5M**



Please make sure that the installation angle does not exceed 15°.

This unit is constructed for a free standing or hanging installation. If the unit is to be installed overhead, please follow the safety instructions below:

### RIGGING INSTALLATION

The installation has to be built and constructed in a way that it can hold 10 times the weight of the unit(s) to be installed for 1 hour without any deformation.

The unit must always be secured with a secondary safety attachment, e.g. an appropriate catch net or safety wire. The secondary safety attachment must be constructed in a way that no part of the installed unit can fall down if the main attachment fails.

When rigging, derigging or servicing, do not allow personnel to be directly underneath the unit.



## RIGGING

The operator must always make sure that the safety-relating and machine-technical installations are approved by an expert before operation for the first time and after any further changes are made.

The operator has to make sure that the safety-relating and machine-technical installations are approved by an expert after every four years in the form of an acceptance test.

The operator has to make sure that the safety-relating and machine-technical installations are approved by a qualified person once a year.

### PROCEDURE:

When hanging, the unit must not be installed in areas where persons may walk by or be seated.

**IMPORTANT! OVERHEAD RIGGING REQUIRES EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE**, including (but not limited to) calculating working load limits, installation materials being used, and periodic safety inspection of all installation materials and the unit. If you are not qualified, do not attempt the installation yourself, but instead use a professional structural rigger. Improper installation can result in bodily injury and or damage to property.

The unit has to be installed out of the reach of people.

**CAUTION:** Units in overhead installations may cause severe injuries when falling! If you have doubts concerning the safety of a possible installation, do not install the unit.

Mount the unit with the bracket to your hanging system using an appropriate clamp or bolt.

For overhead use, always install a safety wire which can hold at least 12 times the weight of the unit. You must only use safety wires with link screw caps.

The maximum drop distance must never exceed 20cm.

A safety wire which has already held the strain of a fallen item or which is defective must not be used again.

Adjust the desired installation angle via the mounting bracket and tighten the screws.



**DANGER TO LIFE!**  
Before operation for the first time, the  
installation has to be approved by an expert!



## TC-1/TC-4 Controller

The TC-1 is suitable for the VP-1500 and the TC-4 is suitable for the SHZ-80 The operation is as follows:

- 1, When the **"MANUAL FOGGING"** Green LED is OFF, this means that the fog/haze machine is heating up. When the Green LED illuminates, the fog/haze machine has heated up and is ready for use.
- 2, When the **"TIMERS"** and **"CONTINUOUS"** buttons are pressed OFF; the fogging duration can be adjusted by turning the **"DURATION"** knob. The **"INTERVAL"** knob will adjust the amount of time in between every fog output.
- 3, When the **"CONTINUOUS"** button is pressed ON, the Red LED will light illuminate, the machine will now emit fog continuously until the Green LED goes OFF (indicating the fogger/hazer is heating up again) , The **"TIMERS"** and **"MANUAL"** buttons are ineffective in this mode.
- 4, When the **"TIMERS"** button is pressed ON and the **"CONTINUOUS"** button is pressed OFF, the machine can be controlled manually by pressing the **"MANUAL"** button.

**Note: Before removing or replacing the remote control unit, disconnect the power cable.**

### TC-1 - TC-4 Controller



	Function	Instruction
A	Timers On/Off	Press this button and the timer of the interval output will stop and the red LED will illuminate.
B	Continuous Fogging	Press this button and the fog machine will emit fog continuously and the red LED will illuminate.
C	Manual Fogging	Press this button and it allows the operation to be controlled manually.
D	Duration	0.5s ~ 10s +/- 1s
E	Interval	9s ~ 280s +/- 20s

## DMX-2 controller appendix

The DMX-2 is suitable for the VP-2500, the operations are as follows:

- 1, When the **“MANUAL FOGGING”** Green LED is OFF, this means that the fog/haze machine is heating up. When the Green LED illuminates, the fog/haze machine has heated up and is ready for use.
- 2, When the **“POWER ON/OFF”** button is pressed (no LED illuminated) the machine will emit fog continuously until the Green **“MANUAL FOGGING”** LED goes off, indicating the machine is heating up again..
- 3, When the **“DMX/MANUAL”** button is pressed ON the green LED will light up, now you can control fogging manually. The **“DURATION”** control knob is used to adjust the length time the fog is emitted while the **“INTERVAL”** control knob is used to decide the mean time between outputting the fog.

**Note: The functions of the Duration and Interval only work under the Manual Timer mode.**

- 6, When the **“DMX/MANUAL”** button is pressed OFF, the timer function is now controlled via the DMX output. The DMX-2 has two channels:
  - Channel 1: To adjust the duration**
  - Channel 2: To adjust the interval**

For setting the DMX address please refer to the DMX chart overleaf.

- 7, The LED above the **“DMX/MANUAL”** button has a dual colour LED (red and green). When it is illuminated Green this indicates the operation mode of the button. When it is Red this indicated the status of fogging

NOTE: Manual Fogging mode overrides DMX Mode.



	Function	Instruction
1	Power On/Off	Press this to turn the power On
2	DMX/Manual	A, Press this button and the green LED will illuminate indicating the mode has been switched to Manual Timer. B, Release the button to set it to DMX Mode C, The LED will illuminate Red indicating the status of fogging output.
3	Manual Fogging	Press this button to manually manage the fog output.
4	Duration	0.5s ~ 13s +/- 10%
5	Interval	9s ~ 275s +/- 10%
6	DMX Dip switches	Set appropriate dip switches for DMX address.



**DMX Charts**
**CH 1: Duration (time deviation: 10%)**

DMX value	Action time	DMX value	Action time	DMX value	Action time
0-15	Force fog constant off	100	4.2s	180	8.6s
16-31	Force fog constant On	105	4.4s	185	8.8s
32	0.5s	110	4.8s	190	9.0s
35	0.7s	115	5.0s	195	9.5s
40	1.0s	120	5.2s	200	9.8s
45	1.5s	125	5.5s	205	10.0s
50	1.6s	130	5.7s	210	10.2s
55	1.8s	135	6.0s	215	10.5s
60	2.0s	140	6.2s	220	10.8s
65	2.3s	145	6.5s	225	11.0s
70	2.5s	150	7.0s	230	11.3s
75	2.8s	155	7.2s	235	11.5s
80	3.0s	160	7.6s	240	11.8s
85	3.3s	165	7.8s	245	12.0s
90	3.7s	170	8.0s	250	12.5s
95	4.0s	175	8.4s	255	12.7s

**CH 2: Interval (Time deviation: 10%)**

DMX value	Action time	DMX value	Action time
0-15	9s	128-143	110-114s
16-31	10s	144-159	130-133s
31-47	20-23s	160-175	150-154s
48-63	33-36s	176-191	170-176s
64-79	46-49s	192-207	193-200s
80-95	60-63s	208-223	213-220s
96-111	75-78s	224-239	233-248s
112-127	92-96s	240-255	268-278s

**DMX-512:**

• DMX (Digital Multiplex) is a universal protocol used as a form of communication between intelligent fixtures and controllers. A DMX controller sends DMX data instructions from the controller to the fixture. DMX data is sent as serial data that travels from fixture to fixture via the DATA "IN" and DATA "OUT" XLR terminals located on all DMX fixtures (most controllers only have a data "out" terminal).

**DATA Cable (DMX cable) requirements (for DMX operation):**

• The Fogtec VP-2500 can be controlled via DMX-512 protocol. The DMX address is set on the back of the unit. Your unit and your DMX controller require a standard 3-pin XLR connector for data input/output (figure 1).

**Figure 1**



Further DMX cables can be purchased from all good sound and lighting suppliers or Prolight dealers.

Please quote:

- CABL10 – 2M
- CABL11 – 5M
- CABL12 – 10M

**Also remember that DMX cable must be daisy chained and cannot be split.**

**Notice:**

- Be sure to follow figures 2 & 3 when making your own cables. 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 behaviour.

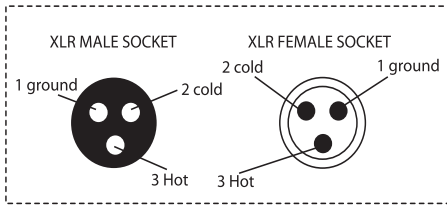
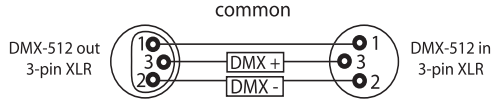


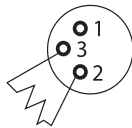
FIGURE 3

XLR Pin Configuration
Pin 1 = Ground
Pin 2 = Negative
Pin 3 = Postive

FIGURE 2

**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 behaviour.

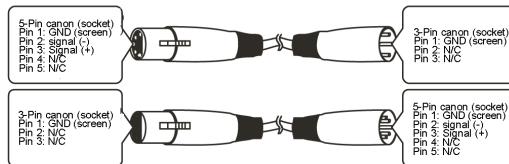


Termination reduces signal transmission problems and interference. it is always advisable to connect a DMX terminal, (resistance 120 Ohm 1/4 W) between pin 2 (DMX-) and pin 3 (DMX+) of the last fixture.

**Using a cable terminator (part number CABL90) will decrease the possibilities of erratic behaviour.**

**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. The Chart below details the correct cable conversion.



# DIPSWITCH CHART

## DMX Dip Switch Quick Reference Chart

### Dip Switch Position

DMX DIP SWITCH SET 0=OFF 1=ON					#9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
					#8	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
					#7	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
					#6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5																				
0	0	0	0	0	32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256	288	320	352	384	416	448	480					
1	0	0	0	0	1	33	65	97	129	161	193	225	257	289	321	353	385	417	449	481				
0	1	0	0	0	2	34	66	98	130	162	194	226	258	290	322	354	386	418	450	482				
1	1	0	0	0	3	35	67	99	131	163	195	227	259	291	323	355	387	419	451	483				
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0	1	1	1	1	30	62	94	126	158	190	222	254	286	318	350	382	414	446	478	510				
1	1	1	1	1	31	63	95	127	159	191	223	255	287	319	351	383	415	447	479	511				



## SPECIFICATIONS

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### SHZ-80

Smoke output	1.500 cu.ft per minute
Warm up time	approx. 4 min
Tank capacity	2 L
Power consumption	800W
Power supply	240V
Dimensions	526 x 207 x 173mm
Weight	7.6Kgs

#### VP-1500

Smoke output	14,000 cu.ft per minute
Warm up time	approx. 8 min
Tank capacity	2.5 L
Power consumption	1500W
Power supply	240V
Dimensions	300 x 220 x 160mm
Weight	6.1Kgs

#### VP-2500

Smoke output	21,000 cu.ft per minute
Warm up time	approx. 8 min
Tank capacity	5 L
Power consumption	2500W
Power supply	240V
Dimensions	435 x 280 x 290mm
Weight	10.5Kgs

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