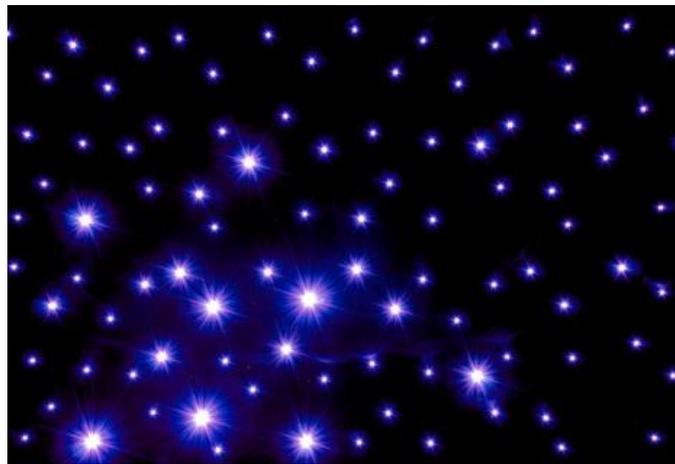




# White Star Sky II RGB DMX

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## Warning

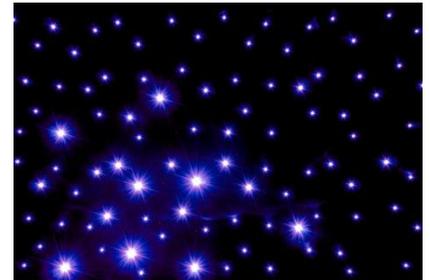
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BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!**

## Unpacking Instructions

Immediately upon receiving this product, carefully unpack the carton and check the contents to ensure that all parts are present, and have been received in good condition. Notify the dealer immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear damaged from shipping or the carton itself shows signs of mishandling. Save the carton and all packing materials. In the event that a fixture must be returned to the factory, it is important that the fixture be returned in the original factory box and packing.

### Your shipment includes:

- Showtec Star Sky 2 with IEC powercable 1,5m
- Special 2-pin cable and CAT5 cable
- User manual



## LED Expected Lifespan

LEDs gradually decline in brightness over time. HEAT is the dominant factor that leads to the acceleration of this decline. Packaged in clusters, LEDs exhibit higher operating temperatures than in ideal or singular optimum conditions. For this reason when all color LEDs are used at their fullest intensity, life of the LEDs is significantly reduced. It is estimated that a viable lifespan of 40,000 to 50,000 hours will be achieved under normal operational conditions. If improving on this lifespan expectancy is of a higher priority, place care in providing for lower operational temperatures. This may include climatic-environmental and the reduction of overall projection intensity.



### CAUTION!

**Keep this device away from rain and moisture!  
Unplug mains lead before opening the housing!**



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## Safety Instructions

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this device has to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual



**CAUTION! Be careful with your operations.  
With a dangerous voltage you can suffer  
a dangerous electric shock when touching the wires!**



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

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

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the device are not subject to warranty.

This device contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

## **IMPORTANT:**

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

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Never look directly into the light source.
- Do not open the device and do not modify the device.
- Never leave any cables lying around.
- Do not connect this device to a dimmerpack.
- Do not switch the device on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the LEDs life.
- Never use the device during thunderstorms, unplug the device immediately.
- Do not shake the device. Avoid brute force when installing or operating the device. The Star Sky 2 reacts very sensitive to force.
- Only use device indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Do not touch the Star Sky 2 LEDs bare-handed during its operation.
- Only operate the device after having familiarized with its functions.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always allow free air space of at least 50 cm around the unit for ventilation.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when device is not used or before cleaning! Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Make sure that the device is not exposed to extreme heat, moisture or dust.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.
- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the device and the power-cord from time to time.
- Make sure that the cable diameter of the extension cords and power cables are sufficient for the current consumption of the device.
- The power cable may not be modified, broken, mechanically strained, pressed together or heated.
- The cable insert or the female part in the device must never be strained. There must always be sufficient cable to the device. Otherwise, the cable may be damaged which may lead to deadly electrical shocks.
- If the external cable is damaged, it has to be replaced by a qualified technician.
- If the Star Sky 2 is obviously damaged, it has to be replaced. So that its functions are not impaired.
- Never hit the lighting cloth with a hammer or other tools, as this may lead to damaged the Leds.
- Never operate the device in the packaging or wrapped in order to avoid heating-up.
- If device is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect for safety before operating.
- If the device has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your device. Leave the device switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- If your Showtec device fails to work properly, discontinue use immediately. Pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Showtec dealer for service.
- For adult use only. Lighteffect must be installed out of the reach of children. Never leave the unit running unattended.
- Allow time to cool down, before storing the cloth in the bag.
- The user is responsible for correct positioning and operating of the Star Sky 2. The manufacturer will not accept liability for damages caused by the misuse or incorrect installation of this device.
- This device falls under protection class I. Therefore it is essential to connect the yellow/green conductor to earth.
- During the initial start-up some smell may arise. This is a normal process and does not necessarily mean that the device is defective.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- **WARRANTY:** Till one year after date of purchase.



**CAUTION ! EYEDAMAGES !**  
**Avoid looking directly into the light source.**  
**(meant especially for epileptics) !**



**Operating Determinations**

- This device is not designed for permanent operation. Consistent operation breaks will ensure that the device will serve you for a long time without defects.
- The minimum distance between light-output and the illuminated surface must be more than 1 meter.
- The maximum ambient temperature  $t_a = 45^{\circ}\text{C}$  must never be exceeded.
- The relative humidity must not exceed 50 % with an ambient temperature of  $45^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- If this device is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.
- Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, crash etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others!

*Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !*

**Rigging**

Please follow the European and national guidelines concerning rigging, trussing and all other safety issues.

*Do not attempt the installation yourself !*

*Always let the installation be carried out by an authorized dealer !*

**Procedure:**

- The Star Sky 2 must never be fixed swinging freely in the room.
- When rigging, derigging or servicing the device, always make sure, that the area below the installation place is blocked and staying in the area is forbidden.

*Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !*

**Connection with the mains**

Connect the device to the mains with the power-plug.

Always pay attention, that the right color cable is connected to the right place.

International	EU Cable	UK Cable	US Cable	Pin
L	BROWN	RED	YELLOW/COPPER	FASE
N	BLUE	BLACK	SILVER	NUL
	YELLOW/GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	EARTH

Make sure that the device is always connected properly to the earth!



## **Return Procedure**

Returned merchandise must be sent prepaid and in the original packing, call tags will not be issued. Package must be clearly labeled with a Return Authorization Number (RMA number). Products returned without an RMA number will be refused. Highlite will not accept the returned goods or any responsibility. Call Highlite 0031-455667723 or mail [aftersales@highlite.nl](mailto:aftersales@highlite.nl) and request an RMA prior to shipping the fixture. Be prepared to provide the model number, serial number and a brief description of the cause for the return. Be sure to properly pack fixture, any shipping damage resulting from inadequate packaging is the customer's responsibility. Highlite reserves the right to use its own discretion to repair or replace product(s). As a suggestion, proper UPS packing or double-boxing is always a safe method to use.

**Note: If you are given an RMA number, please include the following information on a piece of paper inside the box:**

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your address
- 3) Your phone number
- 4) A brief description of the symptoms

## **Claims**

The client has the obligation to check the delivered goods immediately upon delivery for any shortcomings and/or visible defects, or perform this check after our announcement that the goods are at their disposal. Damage incurred in shipping is the responsibility of the shipper; therefore the damage must be reported to the carrier upon receipt of merchandise.

It is the customer's responsibility to notify and submit claims with the shipper in the event that a fixture is damaged due to shipping. Transportation damage has to be reported to us within one day after receipt of the delivery.

Any return shipment has to be made post-paid at all times. Return shipments must be accompanied with a letter defining the reason for return shipment. Non-prepaid return shipments will be refused, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Complaints against us must be made known in writing or by fax within 10 working days after receipt of the invoice. After this period complaints will not be handled anymore.

Complaints will only then be considered if the client has so far complied with all parts of the agreement, regardless of the agreement of which the obligation is resulting.

## Description of the device

### Features

The Showtec Star Sky 2 is a light effect with great effects.

- DMX controller, carrying bag included
- Total weight bag, incl. controller and LED curtain: 12,80 kg

### Curtain

- Total width 6m, total length 3m.
- Curtain material: Flame retardant chute fabric (Certificate available)
- Curtain size: 6000 x 3000mm (LxW)
- Light source: 192x 5050 SMD RGB LEDs
- Data connector: 2-pole connector
- Curtain color: Black
- Curtain net weight: 8,8 kg

### Controller

- Control: DMX, Auto, Sound, Static, Built-in Programs
- DMX connector: 3 Pole XLR Female/Male
- Data connector: 2-pole
- 6 DMX Channels
- Color: Matt black
- Input voltage: 100-240V AC 50/60Hz
- Input connector: IEC
- Each Controller can run only one Star Sky II
- It is possible to connect more Star Sky's together. However, each Star Sky II will need its own controller.
- Dimensions: 206 x 150 x 47mm (LxWxH)
- Fuse 2A / 250V
- Weight: 1Kg

- 4 Versions available:

White LEDs with black cloth	(40342)
Colored LEDs with black cloth	(40343)
White LEDs with white cloth	(40344)
5050 <b>SMD</b> RGB LEDs with black cloth	(40345)

### Overview

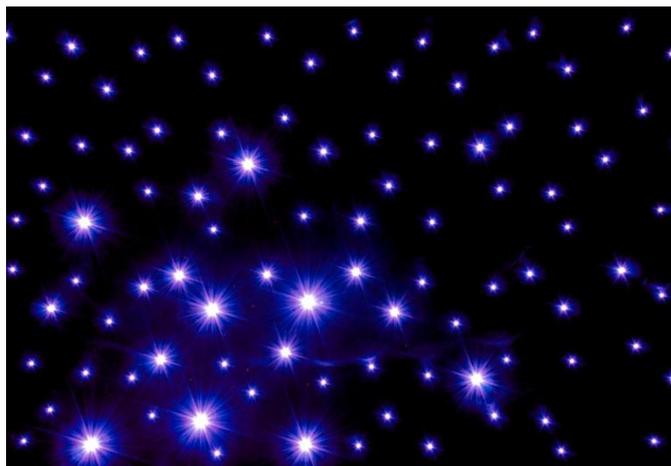


Fig. 1

## Controller



Fig. 2

- 1) IEC power connector + Fuse F2A 250V
- 2) ON/OFF
- 3) DMX IN
- 4) DMX OUT
- 5) 2-pin cloth connector (from curtain to controller)
- 6) Speed Control / Audio Sensitivity
- 7) Microphone
- 8) Dip Switches
- 9) Cloth CAT5 connector (from curtain to controller)

## Installation

Remove all packing materials from the Star Sky. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed. Connect all cables.

**Always disconnect from electric mains power supply before cleaning or servicing.**  
**Damages caused by non-observance are not subject to warranty.**

## Set Up and Operation

Follow the directions below, as they pertain to your preferred operation mode. Before plugging the unit in, always make sure that the power supply matches the product specification voltage.

Connect the device to the main power supply. The device can be music-controlled by its built-in microphone.

# Control Modes

- There are 5 Modes:
- 1) Automatic
  - 2) Manual
  - 3) Sound-controlled
  - 4) Master/Slave
  - 5) DMX512 (6 Channels)

## One Star Sky II (Automatic)

1. Fasten the effect light onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
2. Plug the end of the 2-pin cord into the controller's socket. Also plug the CAT5 cable from the Star Sky into the controller's socket.
3. When the Star Sky II is not connected by a DMX-cable, it functions as a stand-alone device.

There are 6 automatic programs:

### A. Auto switch Mode

All Dipswitches must be OFF. Use the potentiometer for speed adjustment.

### B. Flashing Auto switch Mode

Only dipswitch #1 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for speed adjustment.

### C. Fade Auto switch Mode

Only dipswitch #2 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for speed adjustment.

### D. Fade mode

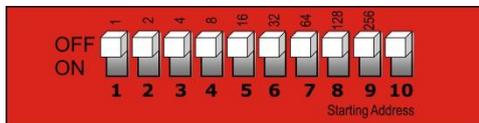
Only dipswitch #3 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for speed adjustment.

### E. Strobe mode

Only dipswitch #4 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for speed adjustment.

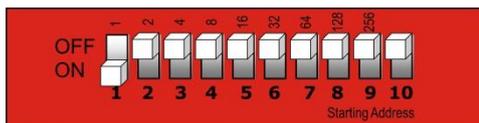
### F. Jump mode

Only dipswitch #5 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for speed adjustment.



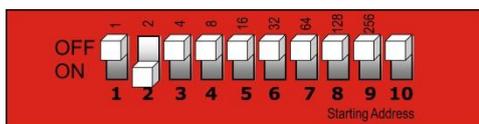
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Auto switch Mode



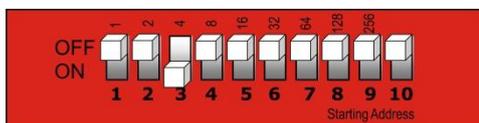
Dipswitch #1 ON

Flashing Auto switch Mode



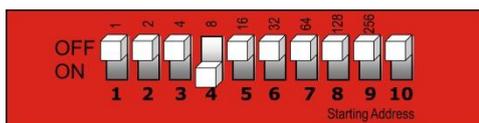
Dipswitch #2 ON

Fade Auto switch Mode



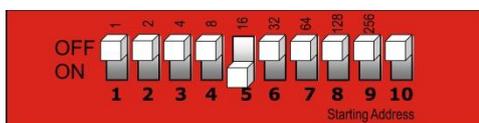
Dipswitch #3 ON

Fade mode



Dipswitch #4 ON

Strobe mode



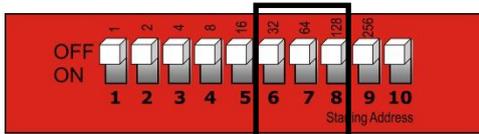
Dipswitch #5 ON

Jump mode



## One Star Sky II (Manual)

1. Fasten the Star Sky II onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
2. Plug the end of the 2-pin cord into the controller's socket. Also plug the CAT5 cable from the Star Sky into the controller's socket.
3. When the Star Sky II is not connected by a DMX-cable, it functions as a stand-alone device. Dipswitch #6, #7 and/or #8 must be set to ON for manual control.



Manual colors



### A. Red color dimming

Only dipswitch #6 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

### B. Green color dimming

Only dipswitch #7 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

### C. Blue color dimming

Only dipswitch #8 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

### D. Yellow color dimming

Only dipswitch #6 and #7 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

### E. Magenta color dimming

Only dipswitch #6 and #8 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

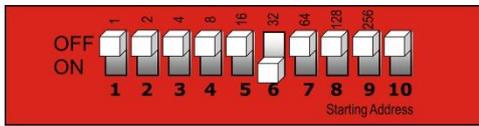
### F. Cyan color dimming

Only dipswitch #7 and #8 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

### G. White color dimming

Only dipswitch #6, #7 and #8 should be set to ON. Use the potentiometer for brightness adjustment.

You can use Dipswitch #6 (R), #7 (G) and #8 (B) to combine your custom colors.

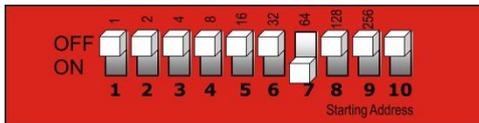


Dipswitch #6 ON

Red



Brightness

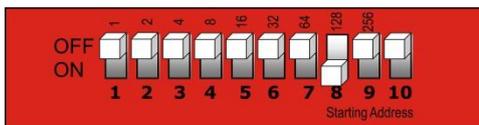


Dipswitch #7 ON

Green



Brightness

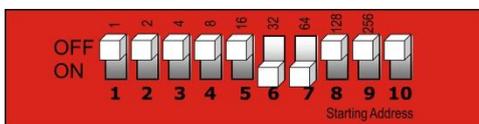


Dipswitch #8 ON

Blue



Brightness

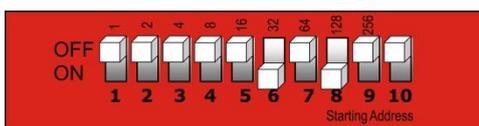


Dipswitch #6+7 ON

Yellow



Brightness

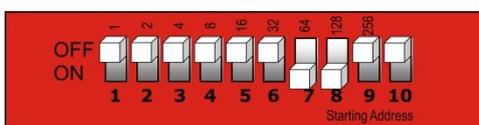


Dipswitch #6+8 ON

Magenta



Brightness

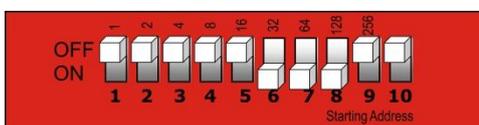


Dipswitch #7+8 ON

Cyan



Brightness



Dipswitch #6+7+8 ON

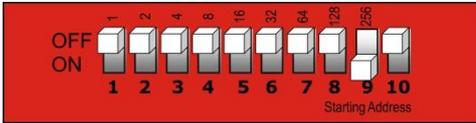
White



Brightness

## One Star Sky II (Sound-control)

1. Fasten the Star Sky II onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
2. Plug the end of the 2-pin cord into the controller's socket. Also plug the CAT5 cable from the Star Sky into the controller's socket.
3. The other dipswitches have no influence during the Sound controlled modus.
4. When the Star Sky II is not connected by a DMX-cable, it functions as a stand-alone device. For sound control dipswitch #9 must be set to ON. The other dipswitches must be OFF. Turn on the music, then the Star Sky II will react to the beat of the music. You can also adjust the Sensitivity, by using the sensitivity control.



## Multiple Star Sky II (Master/Slave control)

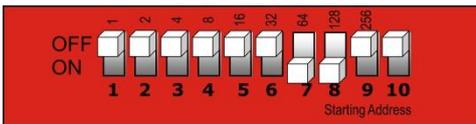
1. Fasten the Star Sky II onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
2. Use a 3-p XLR cable to connect the Star Sky II.

The pins:

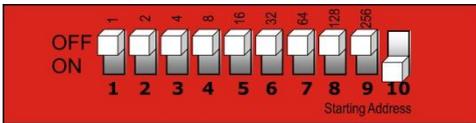


1. Earth
2. Signal -
3. Signal +

3. Link the units as shown in (Fig. 3), Connect a DMX signal cable from the first unit's DMX "out" socket to the second unit's "in" socket. Repeat this process to link the second, third, and fourth units.
4. Set DMX dip switches as follows:



**Master Control:** Use dipswitch #1-#9 to play your the desired mode.



**Slave Control:** Dipswitch #10 should be ON



You can use the same functions on the master device as described on page 8, 9 and 10 (Automatic, Manual and Music control)

This means on the master device you can use Dipswitch #1-#9 depending on your desired operation Mode and all slave devices will react the same as the master device.

## Multiple Star Sky II (Master/Slave control)

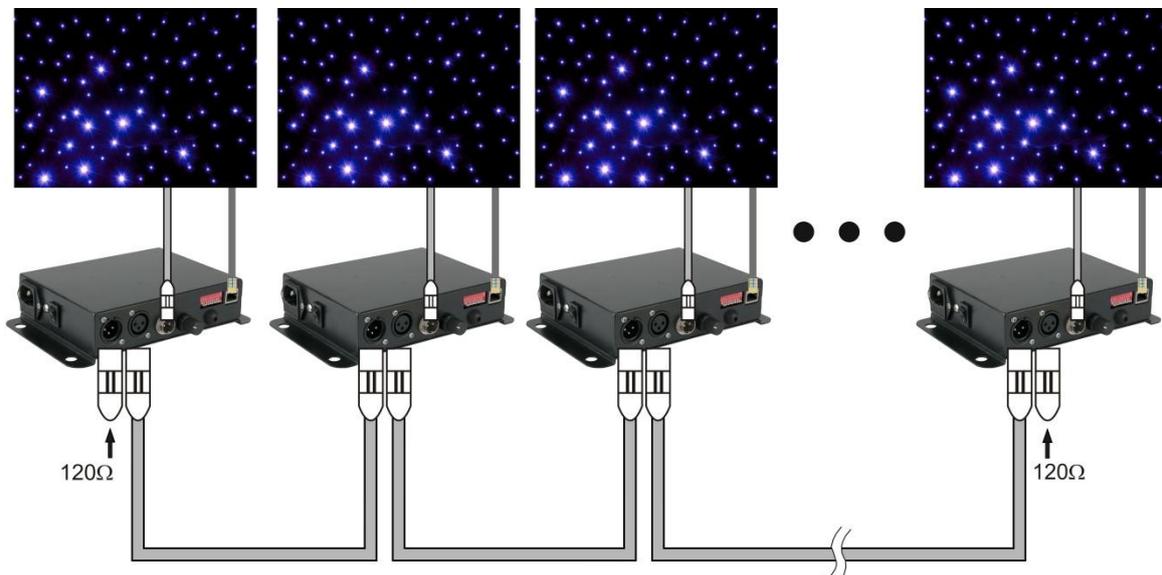
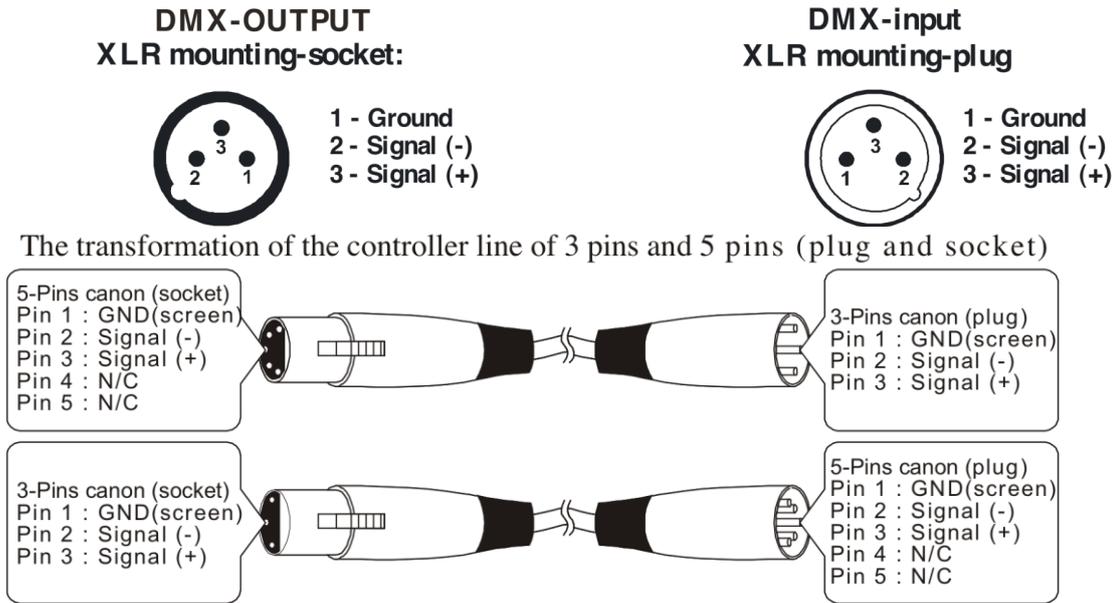


Fig. 3

## Multiple Star Sky II (DMX Control)

1. Fasten the Star Sky II onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
2. Use a 3-p XLR cable to connect the Star Sky II and other devices. Dipswitch #10 should be ON

### Occupation of the XLR-connection:



3. Link the units as shown in (figure 4), Connect a DMX signal cable from the first unit's DMX "out" socket to the second unit's "in" socket. Repeat this process to link the second, third, and fourth units.
4. Supply electric power: Plug electric mains power cords into each unit's IEC socket, then plug the other end of the mains power cord into proper electric power supply sockets, starting with the first unit. Do not supply power before the whole system is set up and connected properly.

### Multiple Star Sky II DMX Set Up

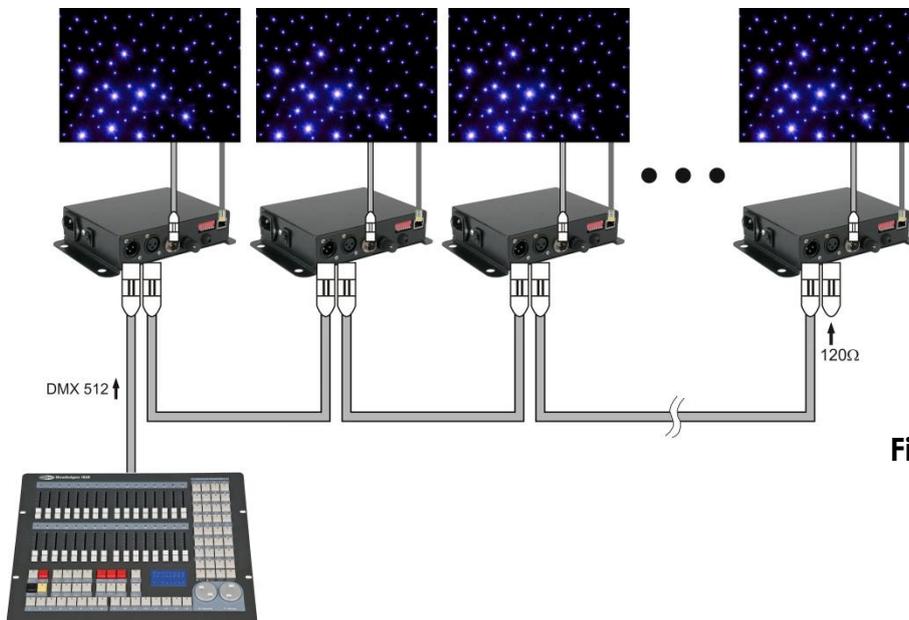


Fig. 4

### Note : Link all cables and set dip switches before connecting electric power

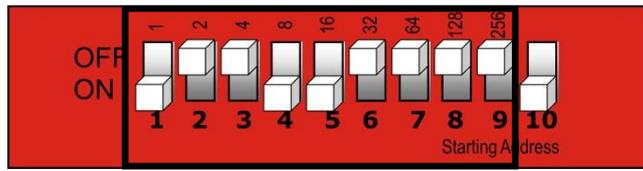
After switching on, the Star Sky II will automatically detect whether DMX 512 data is received or not. If there is no data received, the problem may be:

- The XLR cable from the controller is not connected with the input of the Star Sky II.
- The controller is switched off or defective, the cable or connector is defective, or the signal wires are swapped in the input connector.

**Note:** It's necessary to insert a XLR termination plug (with 120 Ohm) in the last fixture in order to ensure proper transmission on the DMX data link.

## Dipswitch setting for DMX Mode

DMX products must have their own "address" to receive DMX signals. Addresses on the controller are set by flipping the appropriate DMX dip switches #1 - #9.

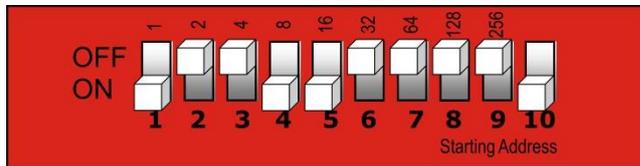


You need to know that DMX address settings are the sum of the dip switch values. A standard DMX address for a Showtec Star Sky II, which has 6 channels is as follow:

### Example

**Star Sky II**      **Address Value**      **DMX Dip Switches "ON"**  
 Unit 5                      25                      #1 , #4 , #5

Switch	Value
#1	1
#4	8
#5	16 +
Total sum	25



Explanation: Since each unit has 6 channels, each address advances 6 values (See Address Value above).

Once address values are determined, add DMX dip switch values to obtain the appropriate address (DMX Dip Switches "ON") for each unit. Flip appropriate DMX dip switches on each unit.

### Example:

1. If you want to give a Star Sky II DMX address 133, you first have to find the number 133 in the DMX Chart. (See page 13)
2. Then look at the left side (Dip Switches #1-#5) horizontally from 133. In the Table you'll see #1=ON, #2=OFF, #3=ON, #4=OFF, #5=OFF.
3. Finally look at the upper side of the table (Dip Switches #6-#9) vertically from 133. In the Table you'll see #6=OFF, #7=OFF, #8=ON, #9=OFF.

## DMX Address Quick Reference Chart

DMX DIP SWITCH SET						#9	0	0	0	0	0	0
0=OFF						#8	0	0	0	0	1	1
1=ON						#7	0	0	1	1	0	0
						#6	0	1	0	1	0	1
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5		32	64	96	128	160		
0	0	0	0	0		1	33	65	97	129	161	
1	0	0	0	0		2	34	66	98	130	162	
0	1	0	0	0		3	35	67	99	131	163	
1	1	0	0	0		4	36	68	100	132	164	
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1	0	1	0	0		6	38	70	102	134	166	
0	1	1	0	0								

# DMX Address Quick Reference Chart

Dip Switch Position

DMX DIP SWITCH SET 0=OFF 1=ON					Dip Switch Position																				
#9	#8	#7	#6	#5	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5																
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	63	95	127	159	191	223	255	287	319	351	383	415	447	479	511

Dip Switch Position

DMX Address

## Fixture Linking

You will need a serial data link to run light shows of one or more fixtures using a DMX-512 controller or to run synchronized shows on two or more fixtures set to a master/slave operating mode. The combined number of channels required by all the fixtures on a serial data link determines the number of fixtures the data link can support.

**Important:** Fixtures on a serial data link must be daisy chained in one single line. To comply with the EIA-485 standard no more than 30 devices should be connected on one data link. Connecting more than 30 fixtures on one serial data link without the use of a DMX optically isolated splitter may result in deterioration of the digital DMX signal.



Maximum recommended DMX data link distance: 100 meters  
Maximum recommended number of Star Sky II on a DMX data link: 30 fixtures

## Data Cabling

To link fixtures together you must obtain data cables. You can purchase DAP Audio certified DMX cables directly from a dealer/distributor or construct your own cable. If you choose to create your own cable please use data-grade cables that can carry a high quality signal and are less prone to electromagnetic interference.

### DAP Audio Certified DMX Data Cables

- DAP Audio cable for allround use. bal. XLR/M 3 p. > XLR/F 3 p.  
**Ordercode** FL01150 (1,5m.), FL013 (3m.), FL016 (6m.), FL0110 (10m.), FL0115 (15m.), FL0120 (20m.).
- DAP Audio cable for the demanding user with exceptional audio-qualities and connector made by Neutrik®. **Ordercode** FL71150 (1,5m.), FL713 (3m.), FL716 (6m.), FL7110 (10m.).

## DMX Channels

### 6 Channels

#### Channel 1 – Built-in Programs

0-127	Light OFF
128-255	DMX Mode

 when CH1 is set between 0-127, CH2-6 do not function 

#### Channel 2 – Red

0-255	Red from 0 – 100%
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#### Channel 3 – Green

0-255	Green from 0 – 100%
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#### Channel 4 – Blue

0-255	Blue from 0 – 100%
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#### Channel 5 – Built-in Programs

0-20	Dim Mode (only works for CH2-4)
21-60	RGB Switch Mode
61-100	RGB Fade Mode
101-140	Strobe
141-180	Multi color Fade Mode
181-220	Multi-color Switch Mode
221-255	Sound-controlled

 when CH5 is set between 0-20, CH6 controls the Strobe   
when CH5 is set between 21-220, CH6 controls the Speed

#### Channel 6 – Strobe (CH2, CH3 and CH4 must be set between 1-255 and CH5 between 0-20)

0-20	Stop
21-255	Strobe Speed

#### Channel 6 – Speed (CH5 must be set between 21-220)

0-20	Stop
21-255	Strobe Speed

## Maintenance

The Showtec Star Sky 2 requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Otherwise, the fixture's light-output will be significantly reduced. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. The housing will require monthly cleaning, as smoke-fluid tends to build up residues, reducing the light-output very quickly. Do not use alcohol or solvents. Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

The operator has to make sure that safety-relating and machine-technical installations are to be inspected by an expert after every four years in the course of an acceptance test. The operator has to make sure that safety-relating and machine-technical installations are to be inspected by a skilled person once a year.

The following points have to be considered during the inspection:

1. All screws used for installing the device or parts of the device have to be tightly connected and must not be corroded.
2. There may not be any deformations on housings, fixations and installation spots.
3. Mechanically moving parts like axles, eyes and others may not show any traces of wearing.
4. The electric power supply cables must not show any damages or material fatigue.

## Replacing a Fuse

Power surges, short-circuit or inappropriate electrical power supply may cause a fuse to burn out. If the fuse burns out, the product will not function whatsoever. If this happens, follow the directions below to do so.

1. Unplug the unit from electric power source.
2. Insert a flat-head screwdriver into a slot in the fuse cover. Turn the screwdriver to the left, at the same time gently push a bit (Turn and Push). The fuse will come out.
3. Remove the used fuse. If brown or unclear, it is burned out.
4. Insert the replacement fuse into the holder where the old fuse was. Reinsert the fuse cover. Be sure to use a fuse of the same type and specification. See the product specification label for details.

## Troubleshooting

### No Light

This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems. If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

If the light effect does not operate properly, refer servicing to a technician.

Response: Suspect three potential problem areas: the power supply, the LEDs, the fuse.

1. Power supply. Check that the unit is plugged into an appropriate power supply.
2. The LEDs. Return the Star Sky to your Showtec dealer.
3. The fuse. Replace the fuse. See page 16 for replacing the fuse.
4. If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
5. If you are unable to determine the cause of the problem, do not open the Star Sky, as this may damage the unit and the warranty will become void.
6. Return the device to your Showtec dealer.

### No Response to DMX

Response: Suspect the DMX cable or connectors, a controller malfunction, a light effect DMX card malfunction.

1. Check the DMX setting. Make sure that DMX addresses are correct.
2. Check the DMX cable: Unplug the unit; change the DMX cable; then reconnect to electrical power. Try your DMX control again.
3. Determine whether the controller or light effect is at fault. Does the controller operate properly with other DMX products? If not, take the controller in for repair. If so, take the DMX cable and the light effect to a qualified technician.

## Product Specification

Model: Showtec Star Sky 2

- DMX controller, carrying bag included
- Total weight bag, incl. controller and LED curtain: 12,80 kg

### Curtain

- Total width 6m, total length 3m.
- Curtain size: 6000 x 3000mm (LxW)
- Light source: 192x 5050 SMD RGB LEDs
- Data connector: 2-pole connector
- Curtain color: Black
- Curtain material: Flame retardant chute fabric (Certificate available)
- Curtain net weight: 8,8 kg

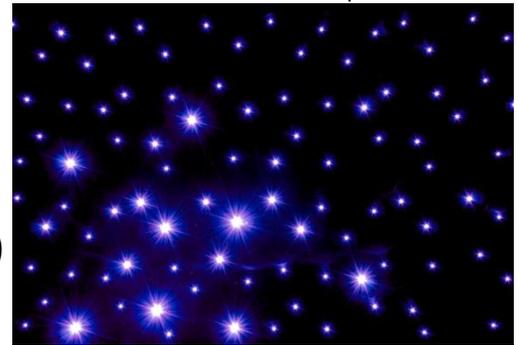
### Controller

- Control: DMX, Auto, Sound, Static, Built-in Programs
- DMX connector: 3 Pole XLR Female/Male
- Data connector: 2-pole
- 6 DMX Channels
- Color: Matt black
- Input voltage: 100-240V AC 50/60Hz
- Input connector: IEC
- Each Controller can run only one Star Sky II
- It is possible to connect more Star Sky's together. However, each Star Sky II will need its own controller.
- Dimensions: 206 x 150 x 47mm (LxWxH)
- Fuse 2A / 250V
- Weight: 1Kg

- 4 Versions available:

White LEDs with black cloth	(40342)
Colored LEDs with black cloth	(40343)
White LEDs with white cloth	(40344)
5050 <b>SMD</b> RGB LEDs with black cloth	(40345)

**Black Cloth SMD LEDs (40345)**



**White Cloth no SMD (40344)**



### Minimum distance:

Minimum distance from flammable surfaces: 0.5m

Minimum distance to lighted object: 1m



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