

Driver 4



User Manual

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In order to allow you to learn how to use Driver 4 quickly, we bring you the detailed user manual. You can read the introduction and directions before using Driver 4, please read all the information we provide carefully to use our products correctly.

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Power Source

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Grounding the Product

This product is grounded through the grounding conductor of the power cord. To avoid electrical shock, plug the power cord into a properly wired receptacle before connecting to the product input or output terminals. A protective-ground connection by way of the grounding conductor in the power cord is essential for safe operation.

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Highlights an operating procedure, practice, condition, statement, etc, which, if not strictly observed, could result in injury or death of personnel.

Note

Highlights an essential operating procedure, condition or statement.



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1. Introduction

This chapter is designed to introduce you to the Driver 4 User Manual. Areas to be covered are:

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Chapter Structure

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The following chapters provide instructions for all aspects of Driver 4 operations:

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How to Use This Manual

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Terms and Definitions

Terms and Definitions

The following terms and definitions are used throughout this guide.

- **“ASCII”**: American Standard for Information Interchange. The standard code consisting of 7-bit coded characters (8 bits including parity check) used to exchange information between data processing systems, data communication systems, and associated equipment. The ASCII set contains control characters and graphic characters.
- **“Aspect ratio”**: The relationship of the horizontal dimension to the vertical dimension of an image. In viewing screens, standard TV is 4:3, or 1.33:1; HDTV is 16:9, or 1.78:1. Sometimes the “:1” is implicit, making TV = 1.33 and HDTV = 1.78.
- **“AV”**: Audio visual, or audio video.
- A **“Background”** is an unscaled source, typically originating from a computer. A background source appears at the system’s lowest priority — visually in back of all other sources.
- **“Baudrate”**: Named of J.M.E. Baudot, the inventor of the Baudot telegraph code. The number of the electrical oscillations per second, called baud rate. Related to, but not the same as, transfer rate in bits per second (bps).
- **“Blackburst”**: The video waveform without the video elements. It includes the vertical sync, horizontal sync, and the chroma burst information. Blackburst is used to synchronize video equipment to align the video output. One signal is normally used to set up an entire video system or facility. Sometimes it is called House sync.
- **“BNC”**: Bayonet Neill-Concelman. A cable connector used extensively in television and named for its inventors. A cylindrical bayonet connector that operates with a twist-locking motion. To make the connection, align the two curved grooves in the collar of the male connector with the two projections on the outside of the female collar, push, and twist. This allows the connector to lock into place without tools.
- **“Brightness”**: Usually refers to the amount or intensity of video light produced on a screen without regard to color. Sometimes called “black level.”
- **“CAT 5”**: Category 5. Describes the network cabling standard that consists of four unshielded twisted pairs of copper wire terminated by RJ-45 connectors. CAT 5 cabling supports data rates up to 100 Mbps. CAT 5 is based on the EIA/TIA 568 Commercial Building Telecommunications Wiring Standard.
- **“Color bars”**: A standard test pattern of several basic colors (white, yellow, cyan, green, magenta, red, blue, and black) as a reference for system alignment and testing. In NTSC video, the most commonly

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used color bars are the SMPTE standard color bars. In PAL video, the most commonly used color bars are eight full field bars. In the computer, the most commonly used color bars are two rows of reversed color bars.

- **“Color burst”**: In color TV systems, a burst of subcarrier frequency located on the back porch of the composite video signal. This serves as a color synchronizing signal to establish a frequency and phase reference for the chroma signal. Color burst is 3.58 MHz for NTSC and 4.43 MHz for PAL.
- **“Color temperature”**: The color quality, expressed in degrees Kelvin(K), of a light source. The higher the color temperature, the bluer the light. The lower the temperature, the redder the light. Benchmark color temperature for the A/V industry include 5000°K, 6500°K, and 9000°K.
- **“Contrast ratio”**: The ratio of the high light output level divided by the low light output level. In theory, the contrast ratio of the television system should be at least 100:1, if not 300:1. In reality, there are several limitations. In the CRT, light from adjacent elements contaminate the area of each element. Room ambient light will contaminate the light emitted from the CRT. Well-controlled viewing conditions should yield a practical contrast ratio of 30:1 to 50:1.
- **“DVI”**: Digital Visual Interface. The digital video connectivity standard that was developed by DDWG (Digital Display Work Group). This connection standard offers two different connectors: one with 24 pins that handles digital video signals only, and one with 29 pins that handles both digital and analog video.
- **“EDID”**: Extended Display Identification Data – EDID is a data structure used to communicate video display information, including native resolution and vertical interval refresh rate requirements, to a source device. The source device will then output the optimal video format for the display based on the provided EDID data, ensuring proper video image quality. This communication takes place over the DDC – Display Data Channel.
- **“Ethernet”**: A Local Area Network (LAN) standard officially known as IEEE 802.3. Ethernet and other LAN technologies are used for interconnecting computers, printers, workstations, terminals, servers, etc. within the same building or campus. Ethernet operates over twisted pair and over coaxial cable at speeds starting at 10Mbps. For LAN interconnectivity, Ethernet is physical link and data link protocol reflecting the two lowest layers of the OSI Reference Model.
- **“Frame”**: In interlaced video, a frame is one complete picture. A video frame is made up of two fields, or two sets of interlaced lines. In a film, a frame is one still picture of a series that makes up a motion picture.

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- **“Gamma”**: The light output of a CRT is not linear with respect to the voltage input. The difference between what you should have and what is actually output is known as gamma.
- **“HDMI” - High – Definition Multimedia Interface**: An interface used primarily in consumer electronics for the transmission of uncompressed high definition video, up to 8 channels of audio, and control signals, over a single cable. HDMI is the de facto standard for HDTV displays, Blu-ray Disc players, and other HDTV electronics. Introduced in 2003, the HDMI specification has gone through several revisions.
- **“HDSDI”**: The high-definition version of SDI specified in SMPTE-292M. This signal standard transmits audio and video with 10 bit depth and 4:2:2 color quantization over a single coaxial cable with a data rate of 1.485 Gbit/second. Multiple video resolutions exist including progressive 1280x720 and interlaced 1920x1080 resolution. Up to 32 audio signals are carried in the ancillary data.
- **“JPEG” (Joint photographic Experts Group)**: Commonly used method of lossy compression for photographic images using a discrete cosine transfer function. The degree of compression can be adjusted, allowing a selectable tradeoff between storage size and image quality. JPEG typically achieves 10:1 compression with little perceptible loss in image quality. Produces blocking artifacts.
- **“MPEG”**: Motion Picture Expert Group. A standard committee under the auspices of the International Standards Organization working on algorithm standards that allow digital compression, storage and transmission of moving image information such as motion video, CD-quality audio, and control data at CD-ROM bandwidth. The MPEG algorithm provides inter-frame compression of video images and can have an effective compression rate of 100:1 to 200:1.
- **“NTSC”**: The color video standard used in North America and some other parts of the world created by the National Television Standards Committee in the 1950s. A color signal must be compatible with black-and-white TV sets. NTSC utilizes an interlaced video signal, 525 lines of resolution with a refresh rate of 60 fields per second (60 Hz). Each frame is comprised of two fields of 262.5 lines each, running at an effective rate of 30 frames per second.
- **“PAL”**: Phase Alternate Line. A television standard in which the phase of the color carrier is alternated from line to line. It takes four full pictures (8 fields) for the color-to-horizontal phase relationship to return to the reference point. This alternation helps cancel out phase errors. For this reason, the hue control is not needed on a PAL TV set. PAL, in many transmission forms, is widely used in Western Europe, Australia, Africa, the Middle East, and Micronesia. PAL uses 625-line,

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- 50-field (25 fps) composite color transmission system.
- **“Operator”**: Refers to the person who uses the system.
- **“PIP”**: Picture-in-Picture. A small picture within a larger picture created by scaling down one of the images to make it smaller. Each picture requires a separate video source such as a camera, VCR, or computer. Other forms of PIP displays include Picture-by-Picture (PBP) and Picture-with-Picture (PWP), which are commonly used with 16:9 aspect display devices. PBP and PWP image formats require a separate scaler for each video window.
- **“Polarity”**: The positive and negative orientation of a signal. Polarity usually refers to the direction or a level with respect to a reference (e.g. positive sync polarity means that sync occurs when the signal is going in the positive direction).
- **“RJ-45”**: Registered Jack-45. A connector similar to a telephone connector that holds up to eight wires, used for connecting Ethernet devices.
- **“RS-232”**: An Electronic Industries Association (EIA) serial digital interface standard specifying the characteristics of the communication path between two devices using either DB-9 or DB-25 connectors. This standard is used for relatively short-range communication and does not specify balanced control lines. RS-232 is a serial control standard with a set number of conductors, data rate, word length, and type of connector to be used. The standard specifies component connection standards with regard to the computer interface. It is also called RS-232-C, which is the third version of the RS-232 standard, and is functionally identical to the CCITT V.24 standard.
- **“Saturation”**: Chroma, chroma gain. The intensity of the color, or the extent to which a given color in any image is free from white. The less white in a color, the truer the color or the greater its saturation. On a display device, the color control adjusts the saturation. Not to be confused with the brightness, saturation is the amount of pigment in a color, and not the intensity. Low saturation is like adding white to the color. For example, a low-saturated red looks pink.
- **“Scaling”**: A conversion of a video or computer graphic signal from a starting resolution to a new resolution. Scaling from one resolution to another is typically done to optimize the signal for input to an image processor, transmission path or to improve its quality when presented on a particular display.
- **“SDI”**: Serial Digital Interface. The standard based on a 270 Mbps transfer rate. This is a 10-bit, scrambled, polarity independent interface with common scrambling for both component ITU-R 601 and composite digital video and four channels of (embedded) digital audio.
- **“Seamless Switching”**: A feature found on many video switchers. This

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feature causes the switcher to wait until the vertical interval to switch. This avoid a glitch (temporary scrambling) which normally is seen when switching between sources.

- **“SMPTE”**: Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. A global organization, based in the United States, that sets standards for baseband visual communications. This includes film as well as video and television standards.
- **“S-Video”**: A composite video signal separated into the luma (“Y” is for luma, or black and white information; brightness) and the chroma (“C” is an abbreviation for chroma, or color information).
- **“Sync”**: Synchronization. In video, sync is a means of controlling the timing of an event with respect to other events. This is accomplished with timing pulses to insure that each step in a process occurs at the correct time. For example, horizontal sync determines exactly when to begin each horizontal scan line. Vertical sync determines when the image is to be refreshed to start a new field or frame. There are many other types of sync in video system.(Also known as “sync signal” or “sync pulse.”)
- **“TCP/IP”**: Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol. The communication protocol of the Internet. Computers and devices with direct access to the Internet are provided with a copy of the TCP/IP program to allow them to send and receive information in an understandable form.
- **“USB”**: Universal Serial Bus. USB was developed by seven PC and telecom industry leaders (Compaq, DEC, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, NEC, and Northern Telecom). The goal was easy plug-and-play expansion outside the box, requiring no additional circuit cards. Up to 127 external computer devices may be added through a USB hub, which may be conveniently located in a keyboard or monitor. USB devices can be attached or detached without removing computer power. The number of devices being designed for USB continues to grow, from keyboards, mice, and printers to scanners, digital cameras, and ZIP drives.
- **“VESA”**: Video Electronics Standards Association. A nonprofit number organization dedicated to facilitating and promoting personal computer graphics through improved standards for the benefit of the end-user. www.vesa.org
- **“VGA”**: Video Graphics Array. Introduced by IBM in 1987, VGA is an analog signal with TTL level separate horizontal and vertical sync. The video outputs to a 15-pin HD connector and has a horizontal scan frequency of 31.5 kHz and vertical frequency of 70 Hz (Mode 1, 2) and 60 Hz (Mode 3). The signal is non-interlaced in modes 1, 2, and 3 and interlaced when using the 8514/A card (35.5 kHz, 86 Hz) in mode 4. It

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has a pixel by line resolution of 640×480 with a color palette of 16 bits and 256,000 colors.

- **“YCrCb”**: Used to describe the color space for interlaced component video.
- **“YPbPr”**: Used to describe the color space for progressive-scan (non-interlaced) component video.

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System Overview

System Overview

Driver 4 controller is the only piece of equipment between the video source and LED screen.

The sending card can be compatible with Colorlight Q7e and Nova MSD600, and user can control the brightness from the front panel directly.

Driver 4 can meet much well for the application up to 2048×1152 or 2560×816 resolution with only one piece.

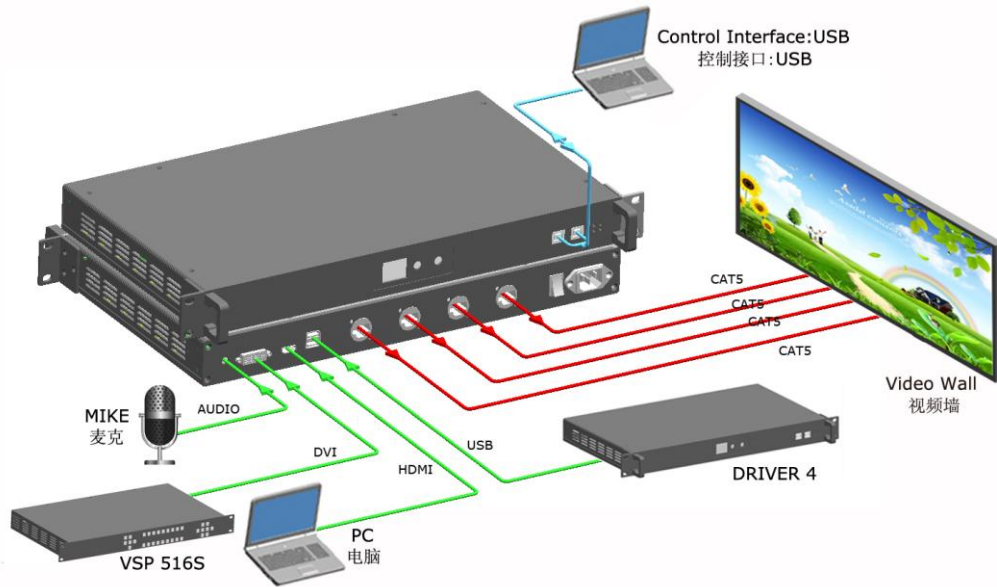
Compare with normal RJ45 connector, Driver 4 controller use Ethercon soft-patched connectors to make sure lock connection and better protection for the CAT5 cable.

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Application Question

Application Questions

RGBlink offers solutions to demanding technical problems. Any application questions, or required further information, please contact with our customer Support Engineers. Refer to Appendix B for contact details.



2. Hardware Orientation

In This Chapter

This chapter provides detailed information about the Driver 4 hardware.

The following topic is discussed:

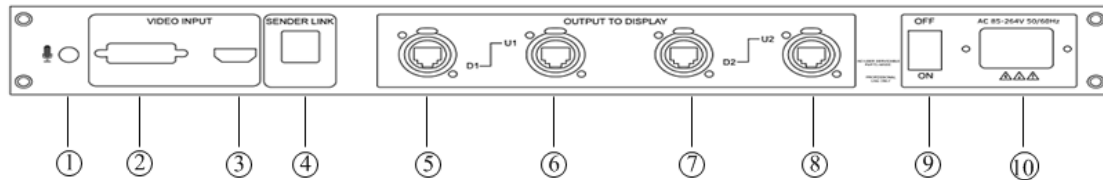
- [Driver 4 Back Panel](#)
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2. Hardware Orientation

Driver 4 Back Panel

Driver 4 Back Panel

The figure below illustrates the professional interface and control signals of Driver 4 back panel:



NO	INTERFACE	NO	INTERFACE
1	Audio Input	5, 6, 7, 8	Gigabit Copper Port
2	DVI Input	9	Switch
3	HDMI Input	10	Power
4	USB Interface		

1: Audio Input

Audio input. Connect to microphone or the device with audio interface.

2: DVI Input

DVI input. Input the video signal from computer, DVI signal generator.

Connect to the same DVI interface.

(This Connection does not support hot-plugging).

3: HDMI Input

HDMI input. Input the video signal from HD player, DVD and computer.

4: USB Interface

Use to cascade the device. Currently, Driver 4 can only cascade 2 pieces, and only available for Colorlight Q7e sending card.

5, 6, 7, 8: Gigabit Copper Port

Connect to LED screen through cable.

9,10: Power Interface and Switch

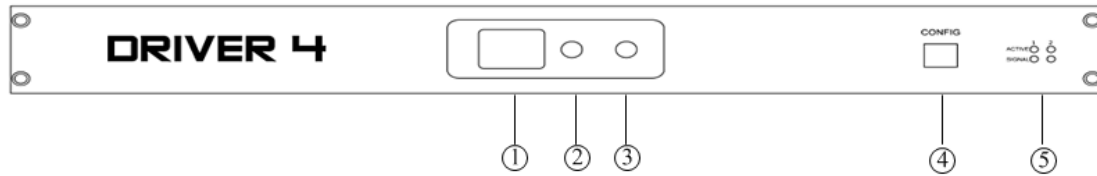
AC 85-264V 2A 50/60Hz IEC-3 power interface.

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Driver 4 Front Panel

Driver 4 Front Panel

Driver 4 front panel is as following:



NO	INTERFACE	NO	INTERFACE
1	Nixie Tube	4	USB Control Port of Sending Card
2,3	Function Button	5	LED Indicator

1: Nixie Tube

Can control the brightness of LED sending card, and the nixie tube will display the brightness value.

2,3: Function Button

Button 2: Down button, user can switch to the top level brightness value.

Button 3: Up button, user can switch to the next level brightness value.

4: USB Control Port of Sending Card

Remote communication device controls interface, and is used to connect the computer.

5: LED Indicator

Red: Power indicator, it lights when device has power supply.

Green: Signal indicator, it lights when device has signal input.

3. Operation Manual

In This Chapter

This chapter provides detailed operation manual about Driver 4. The following topics are discussed:

- [How to Connect](#)
- [How to Work](#)

How to Connect

Connect the HD player, DVD or computer to the HDMI input interface with HDMI cable.

Connect the DVI player or computer with DVI interface to the DVI interface with DVI cable.

Connect the computer to the USB control port of sending card with USB cable.

Connect the receiving card of LED Display to the Gigabit Copper Port with cable.

Connect the microphone or other devices with audio interface to the audio interface with 3.5mm headphone cable.

Plug in power cord with IEC connector.

How to Work

Push power button to ON position, the red indicator is on if the device is in normal operation.

When input DVI and HDMI signal simultaneously, the HDMI signal has priority, green signal indicator lights, and the device output HDMI signal.

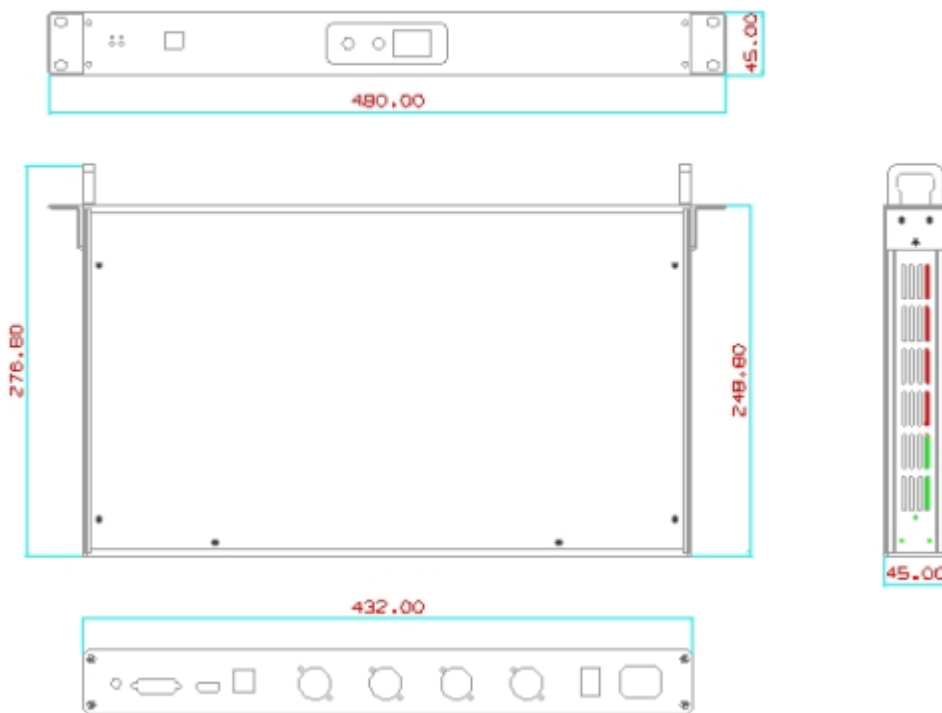
Pull out the HDMI cable, green signal indicator lights, and then the device output DVI signal.

4. Hardware Installation

In This Chapter

This chapter provides comprehensive installation instruction for Driver 4 hardware:

Following is the size of Driver 4 for your reference:



Safety Precautions

For all Driver 4 installation procedures, please observe the following important safety and handling rules to avoid damage to yourself and the equipment.

- To protect users from electric shock, ensure that the chassis connects to earth via the ground wire provided in the AC power Cord.
- The AC Socket-outlet should be installed near the equipment and be easily accessible.

Unpacking and Inspection

Before opening Driver 4 shipping box, inspect it for damage. If you find any damage, notify the shipping carrier immediately for all claims adjustments. As you open the box, compare its contents against the packing slip. If you find any shortages, contact your sales representative.

Once you have removed all the components from their packaging and checked that all the listed components are present, visually inspect the system to ensure there was no damage during shipping. If there is damage, notify the shipping carrier immediately for all claims adjustments.

Site Preparation

The environment in which you install your Driver 4 should be clean, properly lit, free from static, and have adequate power, ventilation, and space for all components.

5. System Setup and Operations

In This Chapter

This chapter provides comprehensive instructions for system setup and operations. The following topics are discussed:

- [How to Control the Brightness of Sending Card](#)
- [How to Cascade the Device](#)

5. System Setup and Operations

How to Control the Brightness of Sending Card

How to Control the Brightness of Sending Card

The operation steps are as follows:

1. First, make sure the device is in normal operation.
2. Choose the brightness value according to actual need via UP/DOWN buttons, the adjustment value range is 0~16 for Colorlight Q7e sending card and 0~64 for Nova MSD600 sending card. The higher the brightness value, the brighter sending card will be.

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How to Cascade the Device

How to Cascade the Device

The operation steps are as follows:

1. First, make sure the device is in normal operation.
2. Connect any USB interface in back panel to any USB interface in back panel of the second piece of Driver 4 with USB cable.
3. Connect the other USB interface in back panel to the other USB interface in back panel of the second piece of Driver 4 with USB cable.
4. Cascade the device is finished.

Note: Currently, Driver 4 can only cascade 2 pieces, and only available for Colorlight Q7e sending card.

6. Common Questions and Solutions

In This Chapter

This chapter provides the common questions and solution for Driver 4. The following topics are provided:

- Nixie tube can not display brightness value
- No output on LED display

Nixie tube can not display brightness value

It usually occurs in Nova sending card. When Nova sending card connected to PC software via USB, the key operation of control brightness is invalid, and nixie tube will not display the brightness value. User can only control the brightness via PC software or pull out the USB cable to recover the key brightness controlling.

No output on LED display

1. Check whether input the signal.
2. Check whether the cable is connected, and in good connection.
3. Check whether the input and output cable are normal.

A Specification

DVI Input	
Number of Inputs	1
Connector	Standard DVI-I socket
Supported Resolution	640 x 480@60Hz ~ 2048 x 1152@60Hz (Depend on the sending card)
Format Standard	DVI 1.0
HDMI Input	
Number of Inputs	1
Connector	HDMI interface
Supported Resolution	640 x 480@60Hz ~ 2048 x 1152@60Hz (Depend on the sending card)
Format Standard	HDMI 1.3
LAN Output	
Number of Outputs	4
Connector	LAN interface
Supported Resolution	640 x 480@60Hz ~ 2048 x 1152@60Hz (Depend on the sending card)
Extras	
Power Supply	AC 100-240V 2A IEC-3
Working Environment	0°C ~ +40°C
Stored Environment	10%~85%
Size	480mm*277mm*45mm
Warranty	3 years parts and labor warranty

B Contact Information

Warranty:

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