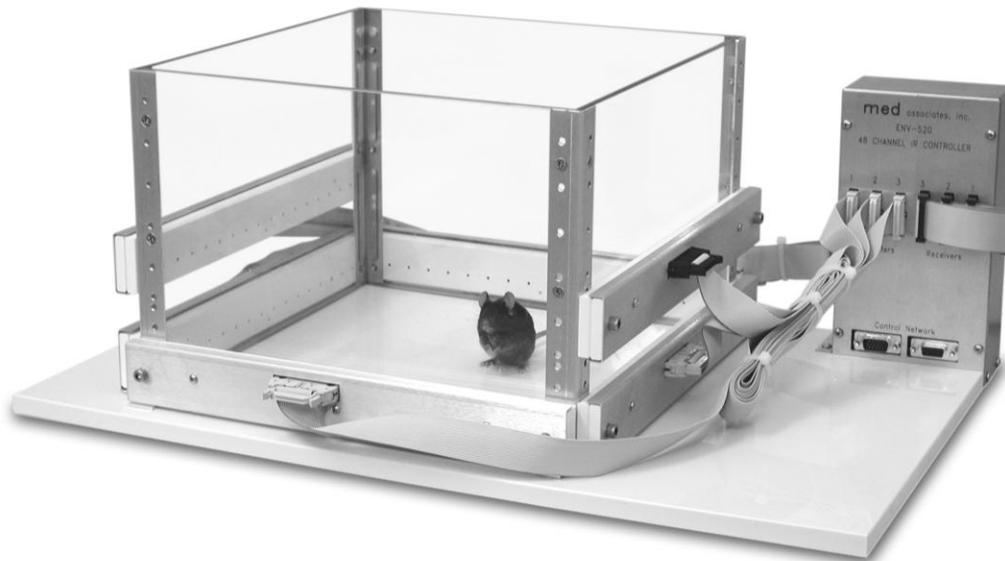


# OPEN FIELD ACTIVITY HARDWARE

## WIRING GUIDE



**DOC-102**

**Rev. 1.5**

Copyright ©2012  
All Rights Reserved

Med Associates Inc.  
P.O. Box 319  
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

Phone: 802.527.2343  
Fax: 802.527.5095  
[www.med-associates.com](http://www.med-associates.com)

notes

**Table of Contents**

**Chapter 1 | Introduction.....3**

Hardware Guide..... 3

Cable Guide..... 4

**Chapter 2 | Wiring Instructions .....5**

Interface Connections ..... 5

Power Connections ..... 7

IR Strip Connections..... 8

Adjusting the Position of the IR Strips..... 10

**Chapter 3 | Optional Hardware .....11**

SAC Fan and Light Connections..... 11

Hole Board Insert Installation and Wiring ..... 13

**Chapter 4 | Hardware Test.....15**

MED Test..... 15

Testing with Activity Monitor..... 15

**Appendix A | Contact Information.....15**

## CHAPTER 1 | INTRODUCTION

Most of the components of the Open Field Activity System are properly connected prior to shipping from the MED Associates facility. This document is a guide to completing the wiring of the system and will also assist with wiring a system that has been disassembled.

### Hardware Guide

Figure 1.1 - Open Field Activity System

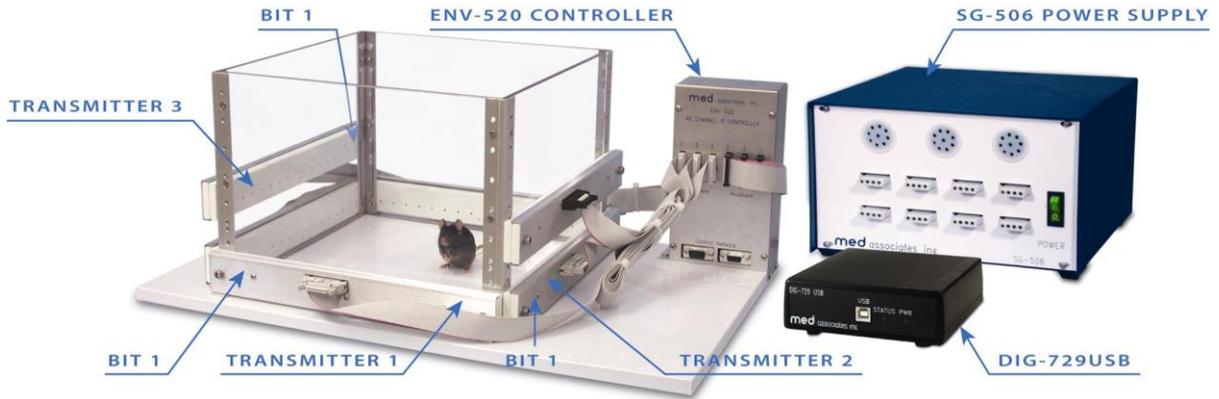


Figure 1.2 – Open Field Chamber, IR Strips and ENV-520 IR Controller

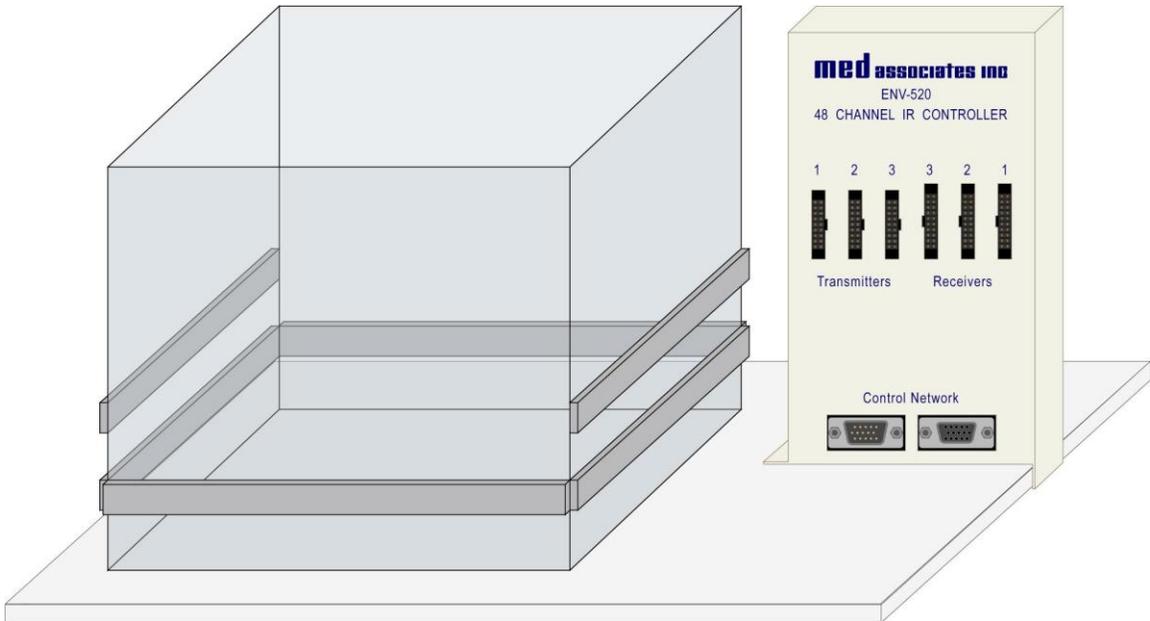
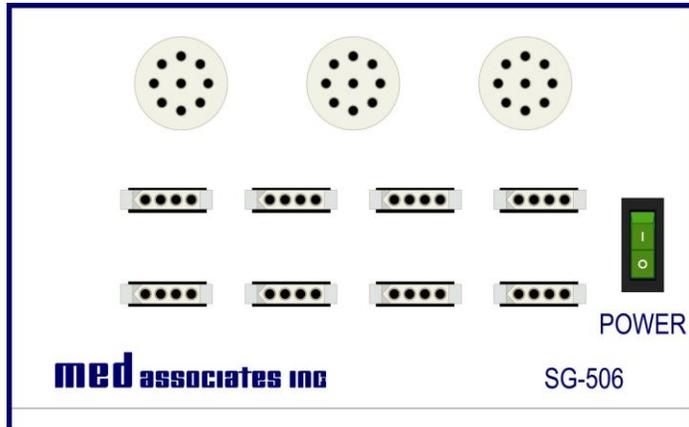


Figure 1.3 – DIG-729USB Interface



Figure 1.4 –SG-506 28-Volt Power Supply



## Cable Guide

Figure 1.5 - USB Cable



Figure 1.6 - SG-219C-15 DB-15 Cable

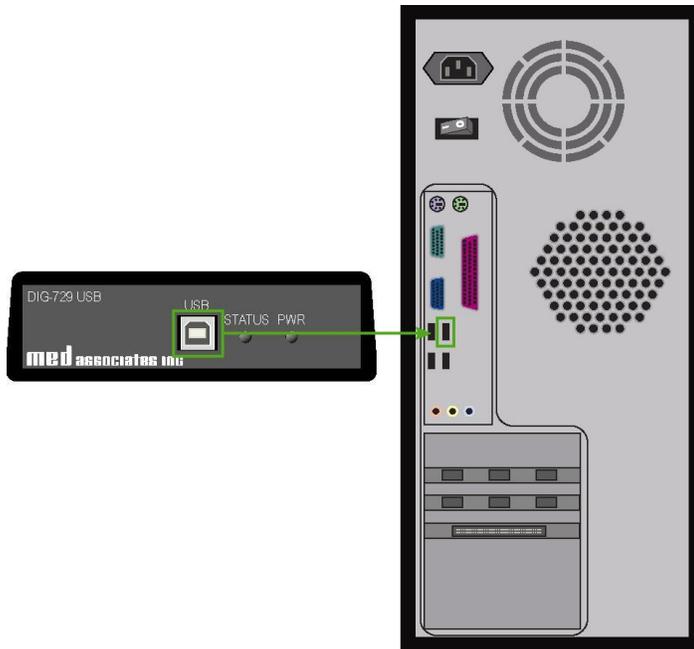


## CHAPTER 2 | WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

### Interface Connections

1. Using the included USB cable, connect the **USB** port on the DIG-729 USB device to any available USB port on the computer.

*Figure 2.1 – Connect USB Port on DIG-729USB to USB Port on Computer*



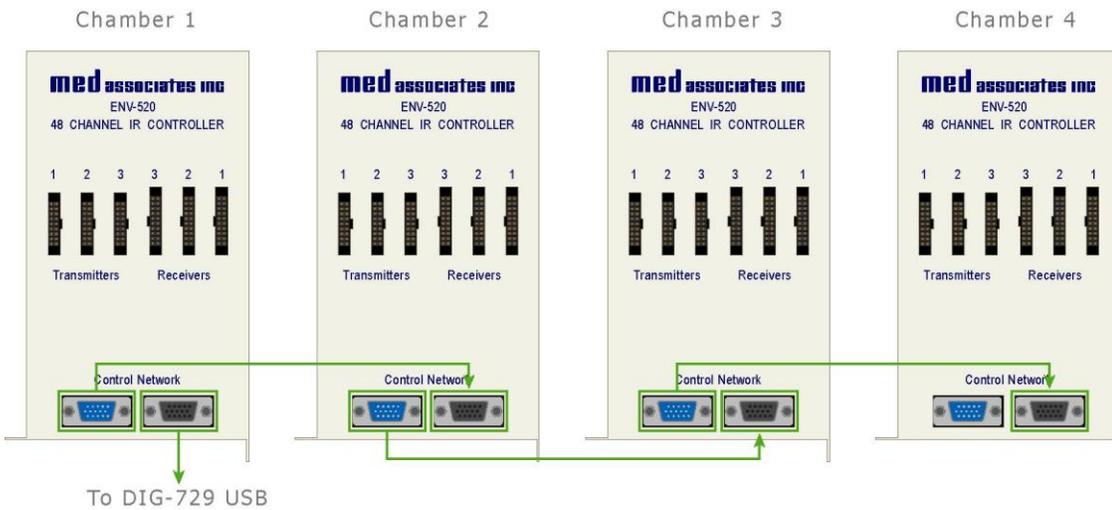
2. Using the included DB-15 cable, connect the **INTERFACE** connector on the back of the DIG-729 USB device to the female **Control Network** connector on the ENV-520 Controller in Chamber 1. If the system includes a sound-attenuating cubicle (SAC), the cables should be run through the grommet plate on the side of the SAC.

Figure 2.2 – Connect INTERFACE Connector to Control Network Connector



- To connect additional chambers, use cable part number SG-219C-6 and connect the male ENV-520 **Control Network** connector on Chamber 1 to the female ENV-520 **Control Network** connector on Chamber 2. Up to eight chambers may be daisy chained in this fashion. If the system includes sound-attenuating cubicles (SACs), the cables should be run through the grommet plate on the side of the SACs.

Figure 2.3 – Interface Connections for Additional Chambers

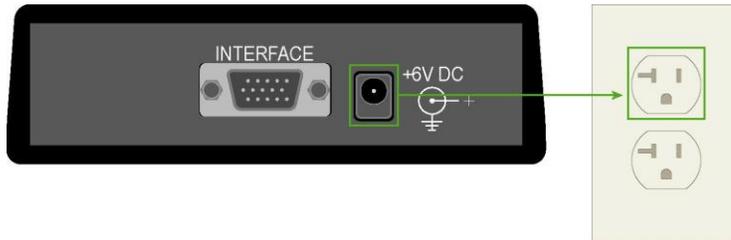


**NOTE:** Refer to the DIG-729 User’s Manual for further instructions regarding the installation of device drivers.

## Power Connections

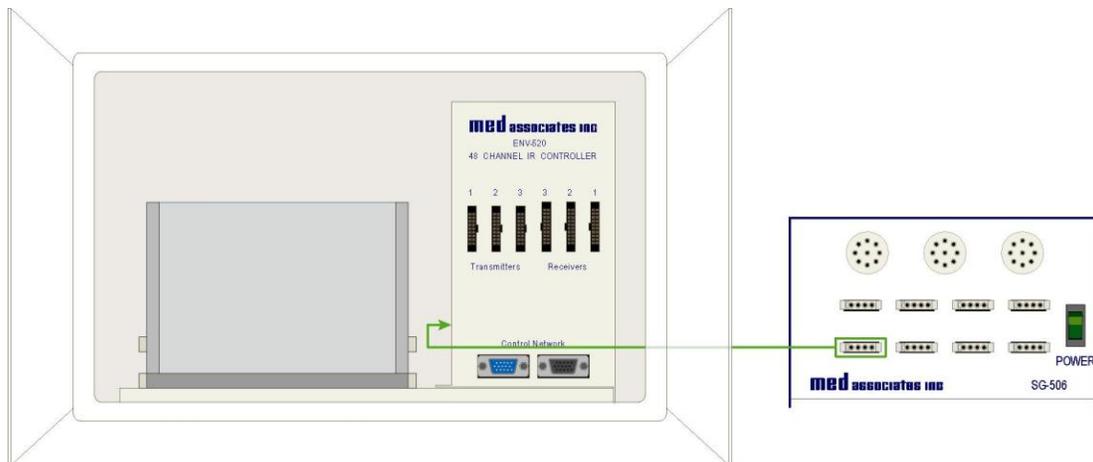
1. Using the included power inverter, connect the **+6V DC** connector on the back of the DIG-729 USB device to a standard wall outlet.

*Figure 2.4 – Connect DIG-729USB to Wall Outlet*



2. Use the power cable to connect the connector on the left side of the ENV-520 Controller to any available connector on the front of the SG-506 Regulated Power Supply. If the system includes a sound-attenuating cubicle (SAC), the cables should be run through the grommet plate on the side of the SAC.

*Figure 2.5 - Connect ENV-520 to SG-506*



3. It is important to remember to supply power to each chamber by connecting the connector on the left side of each ENV-520 to any available connector on the front of the SG-506 Regulated Power Supply. The SG-506 can accommodate up to eight chambers.
4. Once all the cables have been run, put the top of the grommet plate back in place and secure the screws.

## IR Strip Connections

---

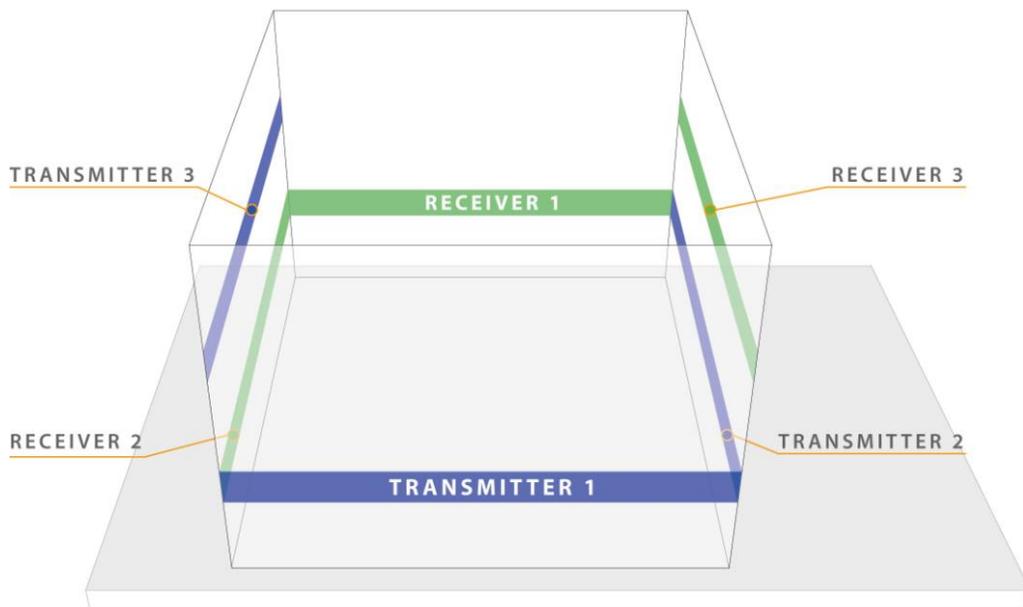
**NOTE:** Prior to connecting the IR strips to the ENV-520, verify that the SG-506 power supply is switched off. Failure to do so may cause hardware damage.

---

The IR strips will all be properly connected when the system is received and **this wiring should not be changed**, as the software relies on this configuration to accurately record data. However, if it is necessary to connect the IR strips to the ENV-520 Controller, Figure 2.6 shows the numbering used to identify each IR strip. Each IR strip is connected to the corresponding port on the ENV-520, as shown in Figure 2.7 and Figure 2.8.

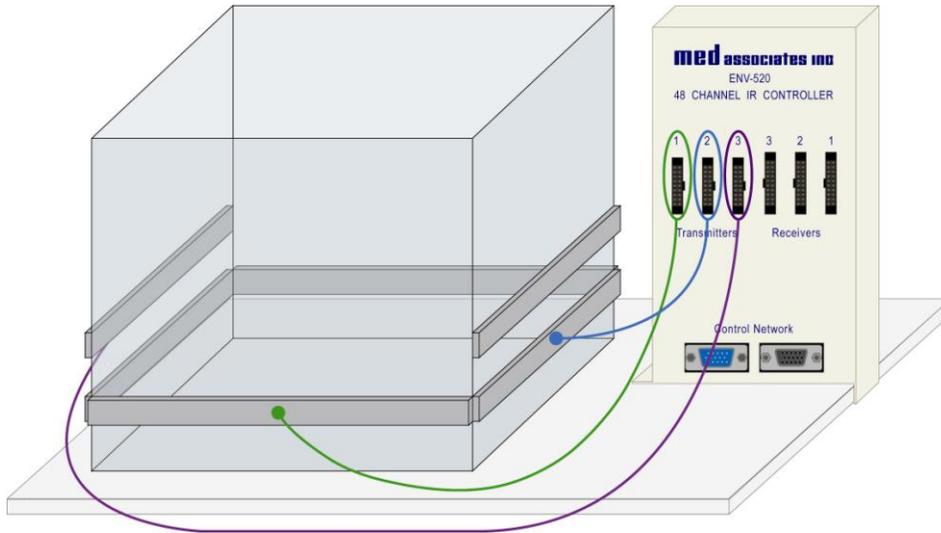
*Figure 2.6 - IR Numbering Guide*

---



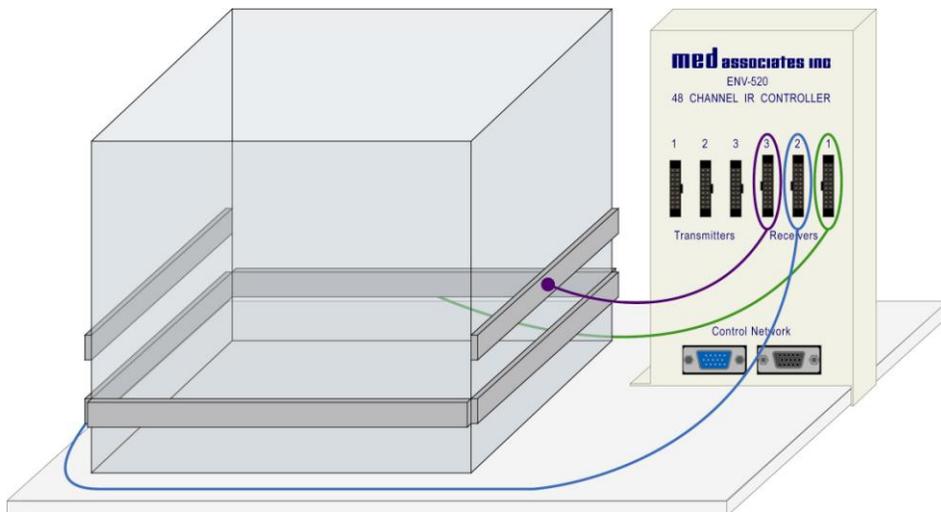
1. Connect the IR Transmitters to the corresponding connectors on the ENV-520 Controller using the ribbon cables with white connectors (part number CAB-ENV-256T). Only the ribbon cables with the white connectors will fit in the IR Transmitters.

*Figure 2.7 - IR Transmitter Connections*



2. Connect IR Receivers to the corresponding connectors on the ENV-520 Controller using the ribbon cables with black connectors (part number CAB-ENV-256R). Only the ribbon cables with the black connectors will fit in the IR Receivers.

*Figure 2.8 - IR Receiver Connections*



### **Adjusting the Position of the IR Strips**

The factory set positions of the IR strips may not be appropriate for all applications. Different ages and strains of subjects may have vastly different physical characteristics.

The closer the IR strips are to the subjects' vertical center (for X & Y arrays), the better the data. If the I/R strips are too high, the subject may periodically drop below the IR strips, which may cause erroneous data.

The "Z" I/R Array strips should be placed in the lowest available position capable of detecting vertical activity and not detecting normal "X" & "Y" activity. If the strips are too high, some rearings may not be detected, or slight "bouncing" while rearing may cause multiple rearings to be detected when only one rearing episode was elicited.

To adjust the position of an IR strip, remove the thumbscrews on either end of the strip. Select the proper position for the strip and secure it in place using the thumbscrews. It is important to note that the strips should not be moved from one side of the chamber to another.

## CHAPTER 3 | OPTIONAL HARDWARE

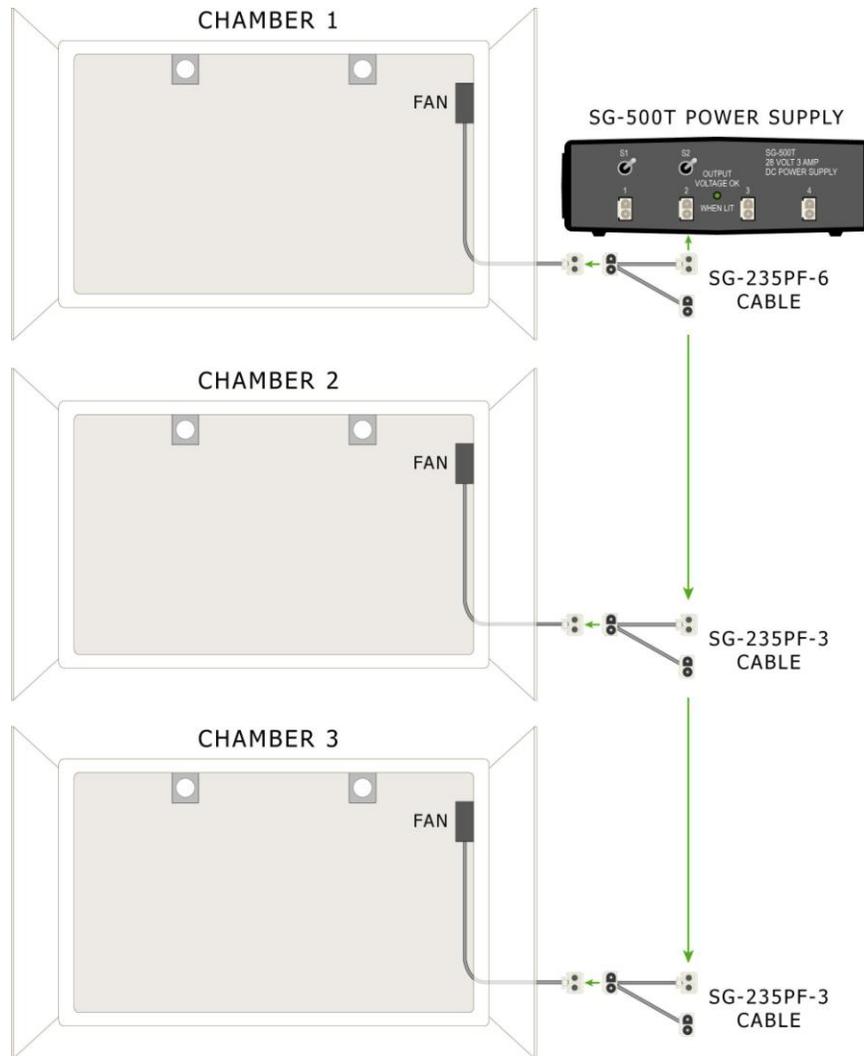
### SAC Fan and Light Connections

If the system includes optional Sound-Attenuating Cubicles (SACs), the fans and lights are wired as follows (all cables should be run through the grommet plate on the side of the SAC):

#### Fan Connections

1. Connect the fan in Chamber 1 to the SG-235PF-6 6' Y-Cable, as shown below.
2. Connect the SG-235PF-6 cable to the desired power connector on the SG-500T Power Supply. Connectors 1 and 2 are switched outputs and 3 and 4 are always on.
3. Up to three additional Chambers can be connected as shown below.

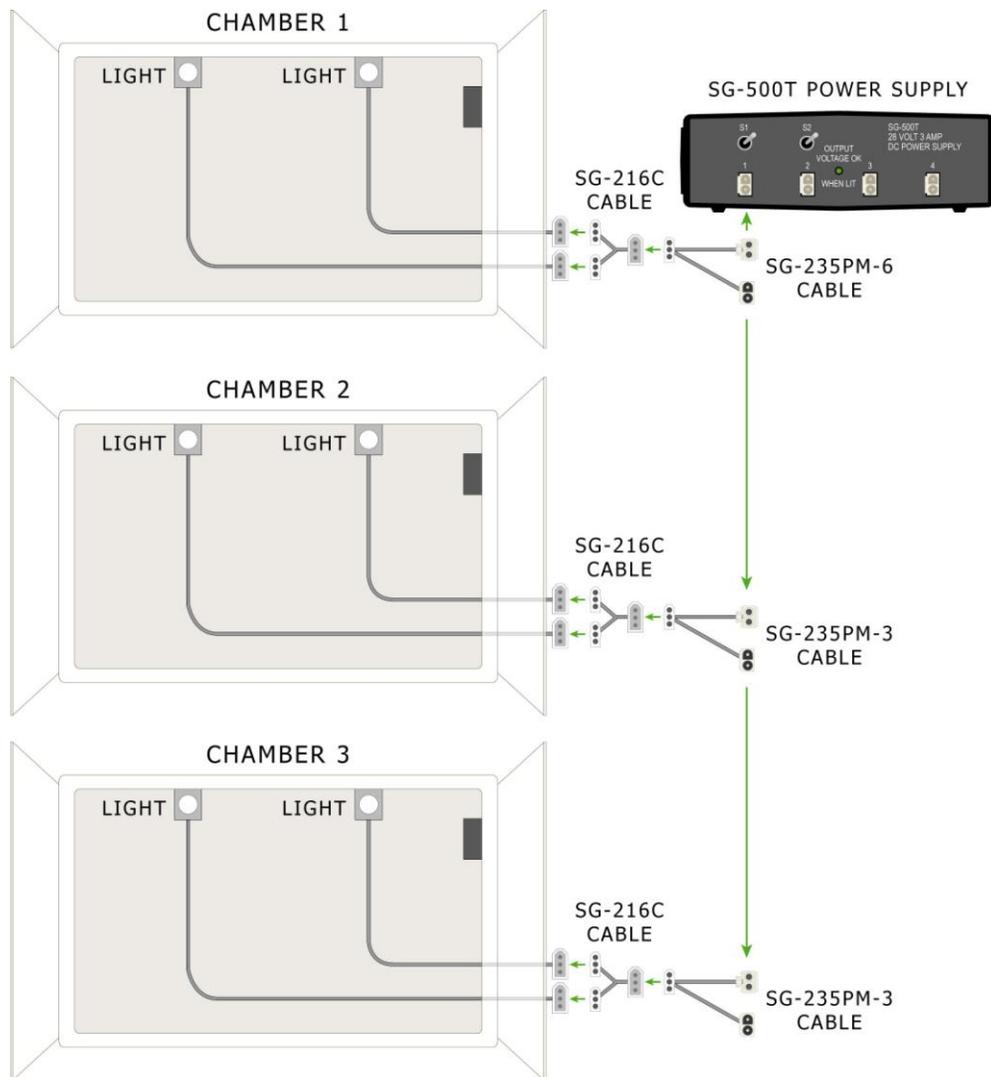
Figure 3.1 – SAC Fan Connections



**Light Connections**

1. Connect the lights in Chamber 1 to the SG-216C Y-Adapter Cable.
2. Connect the male 3-pin Molex connector on the SG-216C Y-Adapter Cable to the female 3-pin Molex connector SG-235PM-6 6' Y-Cable.
3. Connect the female 2-pin Molex connector on the SG-235PM-6 cable to the desired power connector on the SG-500T Power Supply. Connectors 1 and 2 are switched outputs that may be turned on and off. Connectors 3 and 4 are always on.
4. Up to three additional Chambers can be connected as shown below.

*Figure 3.2 - SAC Light Connections*

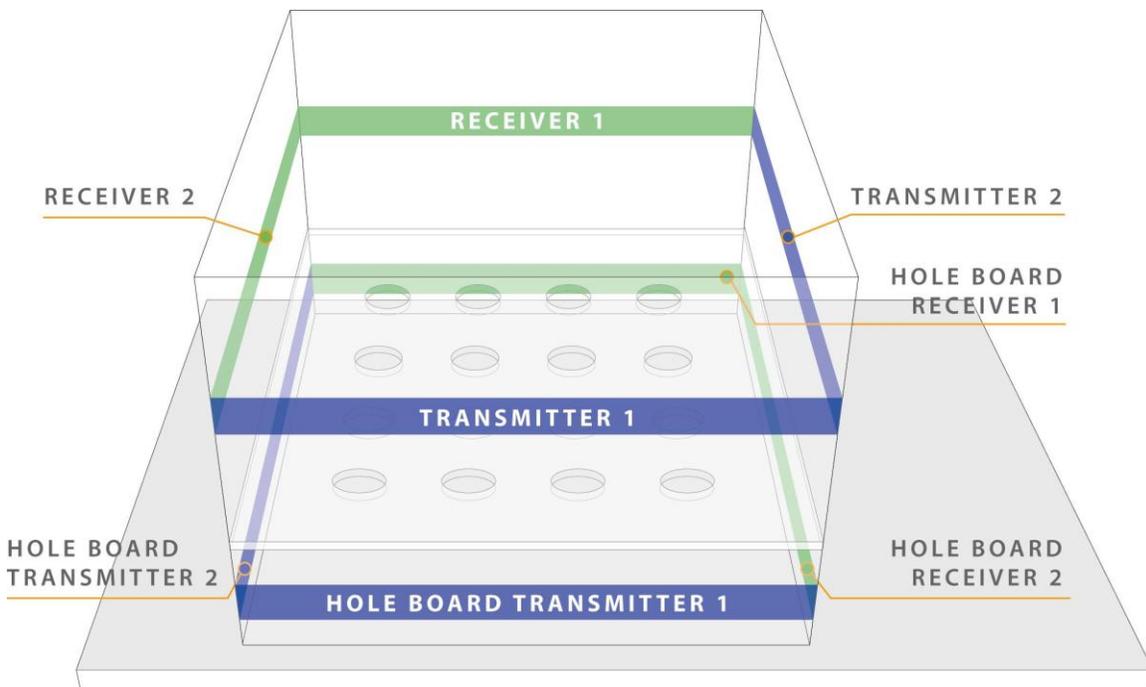


## Hole Board Insert Installation and Wiring

**NOTE:** Prior to connecting the IR strips to the ENV-520, verify that the SG-506 power supply is switched off. Failure to do so may cause hardware damage.

1. Place the Hole Board Insert into the chamber and adjust position of the X and Y-axis IR strips so that the animal's movement can be tracked while on top of the hole board insert (refer to Chapter 4).
2. Attach the Hole Board Transmitter and Receiver strips to the chamber below the Hole Board insert as shown in Figure 3.3.

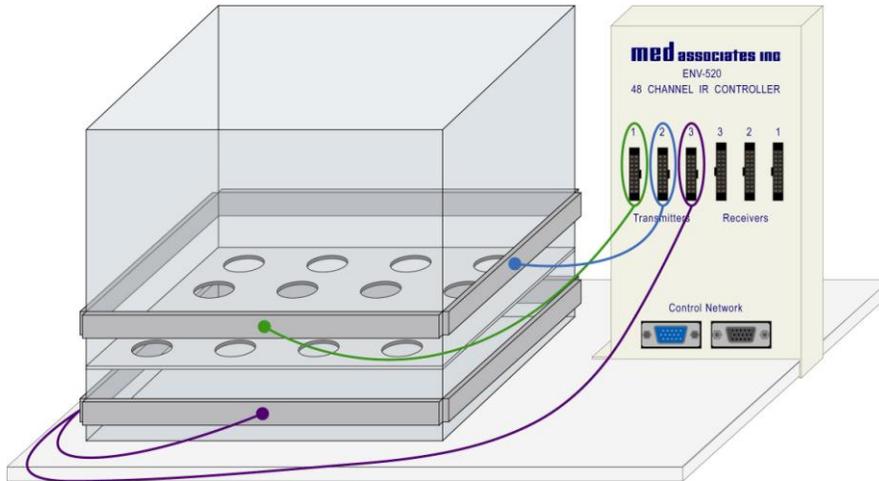
*Figure 3.3 - Open Field Chamber with Hole Board Insert*



3. Connect IR Transmitters 1 and 2 to the corresponding connectors on the ENV-520 Controller using the ribbon cables with white connectors (part number CAB-ENV-256T). Only the ribbon cables with the white connectors will fit in the IR Transmitters.

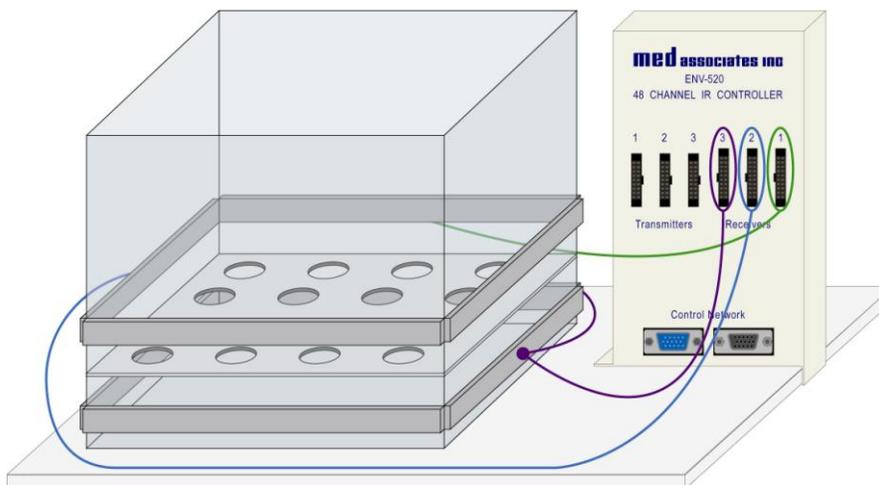
- The transmitter cable with three white connectors is used to connect Hole Board Transmitter 1 and Hole Board Transmitter 2 to the “Transmitter 3” port on the ENV-520 Controller, as shown below.

*Figure 3.4 - Hole Board Transmitter Connections*



- Connect IR Receivers 1 and 2 to the corresponding connectors on the ENV-520 Controller using the ribbon cables with black connectors (part number CAB-ENV-256R). Only the ribbon cables with the black connectors will fit in the IR Receivers.
- The receiver cable with three black connectors is used to connect Hole Board Receiver 1 and Hole Board Receiver 2 to the “Receiver 3” port on the ENV-520 Controller, as shown below.

*Figure 3.5 - Hole Board Receiver Connections*



- If necessary, complete the Interface Connections and Power Connections sections of the Wiring Guide.

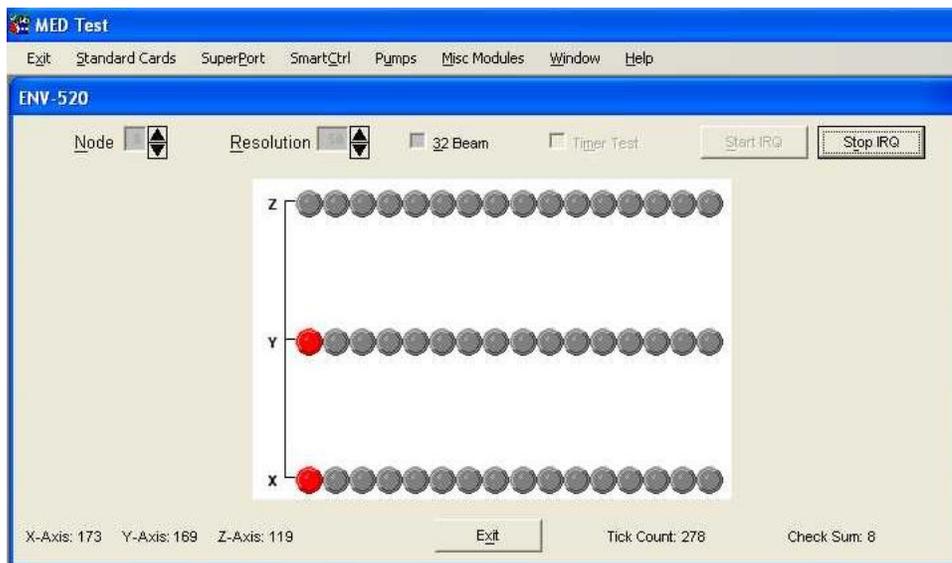
## CHAPTER 4 | HARDWARE TEST

Once the Open Field Activity hardware connections are complete, the MED Test or Activity Monitor applications may be used to verify that the system is functioning properly.

### MED Test

Open the MED Test application and select **Misc Modules | ENV-520** to produce the ENV-520 test screen, shown below. Select the node number from the Node pulldown menu. (Refer to the ENV-520 User's Manual for detailed information regarding node numbers). Enter the desired Resolution. Enable **32 Beam** if a 32-beam system is being tested. Click **Start IRQ** to begin the test. When a beam is broken the corresponding indicator on the test screen will turn red, as shown below.

Figure 4.1 - MED Test ENV-520 Test Screen



### Testing with Activity Monitor

For detailed instructions on using Activity Monitor to test the hardware, refer to the **ENV-520 Test** section of DOC-038 **Activity Monitor User's Manual**.

## Appendix A | Contact Information

Please contact MED Associates, Inc. for information regarding any of our products.

Visit our website at [www.med-associates.com](http://www.med-associates.com) for contact information.

For technical questions, email [support@med-associates.com](mailto:support@med-associates.com).