Crestron **CNXLIR** Infrared Learner

Operations Guide



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Infrared Learner: CNXLIR

Description

Functional Description

The CNXLIR is an IR Learner developed by Crestron. It is used by Crestron's DEAL for Windows™ software to "learn" the IR codes that control a piece of equipment. These codes are pulses of infrared (IR) light from a hand-held remote control. The CNXLIR digitizes the IR codes so they can be processed by the DEAL for Windows software.

Once the DEAL for Windows software learns the codes, the software can convert them into a custom IR device driver file. This device driver file can be incorporated into a Crestron control system. The Crestron control system can then control equipment by emitting the same IR codes as a remote control or other IR device. The software can also use the CNXLIR to transmit the learned IR codes for testing purposes.

The CNXLIR replaces the CNLIR model. The CNXLIR and the DEAL for Windows software offer the following improvements:

- Can learn more advanced / higher data-rate IR devices
- Can learn multi-function remote codes automatically
- Can learn higher IR frequencies

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Refer to "Further Inquiries" on page 7 for customer service assistance.

Crestron's DEAL (Driver Editor And Learner) for Windows software operates the CNXLIR. DEAL's friendly Windows® environment guides users quickly through the learning and testing functions. DEAL for Windows, *version 3.0* is recommended for users who want to take full advantage of the CNXLIR's capabilities. Previous versions of DEAL for Windows will interface with the CNXLIR, but with limited capabilities.

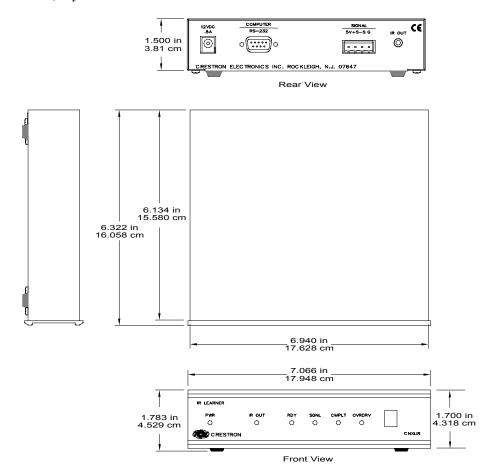
Additionally, the Crestron has a database that contains over 1600 device driver files, and is designed to interact with the DEAL for Windows software.

Physical Description

The CNXLIR is housed in a black enclosure with labeling on the front and rear panels. The front of the unit has six LEDs indicating the unit's current status. An IR receiving window is located on the front of the unit. Make sure the receiving window is positioned to avoid interference from direct sunlight and high frequency fluorescent light.

All connections are made from the back of the unit. The four rubber feet on the base of the unit are for stability and to prevent slippage. Refer to the physical views below for the LED and connection port locations.

CNXLIR, Physical Views



CNXLIR Ports

The ports on the back of the CNXLIR are labeled. Refer to the illustration and descriptions below.

CNXLIR Ports



12 VDC 0.5 A

The DC power connector provides external power via the Crestron 500 mA power pack, Crestron P/N PW-1205 or equivalent (1000 mA power pack for international configurations, Crestron P/N PWI-1210 or equivalent).

COMPUTER / RS-232

The nine-pin female serial port connector communicates with a PC when "learning" codes via a standard DB9 F-M "straight through" serial cable.

SIGNAL

The SIGNAL port is reserved for future use and is not supported at this time.

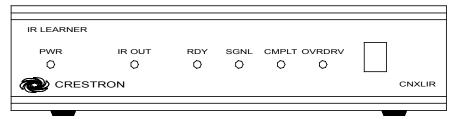
IR OUT

The 3.5mm connector attaches to the Crestron STIRP (Infrared IR Probe) and is used to test learned drivers. The probe end of the STIRP is placed over a device's IR window while the other end is plugged into the IR OUT port on the CNXLIR.

CNXLIR Indicators

The front panel has six LED indicators. Refer to the illustration and descriptions below.

CNXLIR Front Panel LEDs



PWR (Power)

Indicates that power is supplied to the unit.

IR OUT

Indicates activity on the IR OUT port of the unit. This is a visual confirmation that an IR signal is being sent from the CNXLIR.

RDY (Ready)

Indicates that the CNXLIR is waiting for an IR signal. When the CNXLIR receives an IR signal, the RDY LED goes out.

SGNL (Signal)

Indicates that the CNXLIR is receiving the IR signal.

CMPLT (Complete)

Indicates that the processing or "learning" is complete.

OVRDRV (Overdrive)

Indicates that an IR signal is too strong. When the signal is too strong, the CNXLIR does not accept the signal and the "learning" process for that particular function must be restarted.

Leading Specifications

The table below provides a summary of leading specifications for the CNXLIR.

Leading Specifications of the CNXLIR

SPECIFICATIONS	DESCRIPTION
Required Power Supply:	
Domestic AC adapter	12V DC, 0.5A, 120V Input (P/N PW-1205)
International AC adapter	12V DC, 1.0A, 230V Input (P/N PWI-1210)
Communications	RS-232 (software handshaking enabled)
DEAL for Windows	Version 1.0 or later *
Dimensions & Weight:	
	Height: 1.70 in (4.32 cm)
	Width: 7.07 in (17.95 cm)
	Depth: 6.33 in (16.06 cm)
	Weight: 2.0 lb (0.9 kg)

^{*} DEAL for Windows version 1.0 operates the CNXLIR with limited capabilities Version 2.0 requires the Crestron Database version 11.7.206 or later. Version 3.0 requires the Crestron Database version 15.xx or later.

As of the date of manufacture, the CNXLIR has been tested and found to comply with specifications for CE marking and standards per EMC and Radiocommunications Compliance Labelling (N11785).





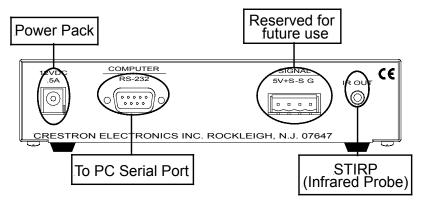
Setup

Connections

Connect the unit as shown below.

NOTE: Crestron recommends that you connect power to the unit last.

Connection diagram



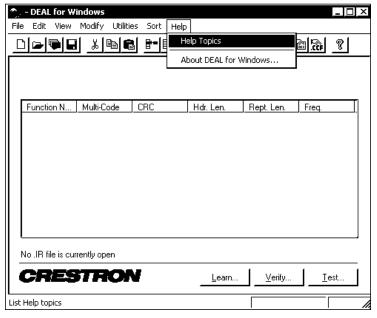
DEAL for Windows

Make sure you use the latest version of DEAL for Windows to take full advantage of the CNXLIR's capabilities.

DEAL for Windows is available from the Crestron ControlCD (v4.0 and later). To obtain the most recent version, visit the Crestron website at www.crestron.com.

NOTE: Please refer to the DEAL for Windows HELP file for step-by-step IR learning, verifying and testing procedures.

Accessing DEAL for Windows Help



Problem Solving

Troubleshooting

Use the following troubleshooting guide to help resolve the most common operational problems with the CNXLIR.

CNXLIR Troubleshooting

TROUBLE	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
PWR LED does not illuminate.	12V power supply not connected properly.	Make sure the power supply cord is securely installed in the 12V power port and plugged into power outlet.
RDY LED or SGNL LED does not illuminate or goes out immediately in Learn	CNXLIR is trying to receive stray signals (external noise such as sunlight, etc.).	Make sure receiving window is positioned to avoid interference from direct sunlight and high frequency flourescent light.
mode.	Applying signal before CNXLIR is ready.	Wait for RDY LED before sending a signal to learn.
OVRDR LED illuminates.	IR signal from remote is too strong.	Increase the distance between the IR source and CNXLIR.
DEAL for Windows does not communicate with the CNXLIR.	Computer connection cable is wrong type.	Make sure connection cable is a RS-232, DB-9 "straight through" cable with hardware handshaking capability. Cable must include RTS and CTS connections.
	Incorrect COM port.	Select correct COM port setting using the Preferences window (Hardware Settings tab) of the DEAL for Windows software.
Test equipment does not respond to IR signals delivered by CNXLIR.	Test signal is not being received.	Reposition IR emitter and test again. Relearn and verify signal. Test again.

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