# Chroma-Q® Inspire Mini™ Terminal Strip

**User Manual** 





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As per the requirements in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards for product approval, please refer to the OSHA web pages http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/ for information on the list of Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) and the scope of recognition.



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#### 1. Product overview

The new Chroma-Q® Inspire Mini<sup>TM</sup> LED house light is a powerful and compact, multi-purpose creative lighting tool that compliments the award-winning Inspire<sup>TM</sup> fixture. The Inspire Mini continues to utilise some of the innovative core technologies found in the incredibly popular Chroma-Q Color Force<sup>TM</sup> range. The fixture has a wide 65 degree beam angle and features a shorter housing designed for venues with low ceilings or balconies. The Inspire Mini provides a choice of beautiful whites, soft pastels and bold saturates - all from one fixture. By incorporating industry standard DMX-512 control to the external control box, the Inspire Mini is able to integrate seamlessly with an existing DMX infrastructure and can be controlled by any DMX supported lighting console. The Inspire Mini provides an excellent selection of stunning mixed colours and 'true' whites with no unsightly colour separation shadows. The Inspire Mini also features an energy-efficient LED design providing reduced maintenance and running costs.

The fixture is built with an internal power supply and controlled remotely from the Inspire External Control Box through the ANSI E1.11 USITT DMX 512-A protocol.



Note: HANDHELD COLOUR METERS

Handheld Colour Meters provide a limited measuring range for LED fixtures, which results in inconsistent and unreliable data.

All photometric values listed in this document are based on testing and measurements conducted by certified independent laboratories with reference to the IES standards.

## 1.1 Inspire External Control Box

The Inspire External Control Box is a 19" rack mount external remote addressing unit for the control of the Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixture via DMX 512.

Three control data output ports are available for the control of up to 32 daisy-chained fixtures from each port. DMX data input and through connections from an external DMX control console are via XLR 5-pin.

The Inspire External Control Box is built with Plug-in Terminal Block connectors for AC power input, Emergency power input, control data output signals and XLR DMX In and Thru connections.



## 2. Operation

## 2.1 Unpacking the Units

The Inspire Mini Terminal Strip package includes:

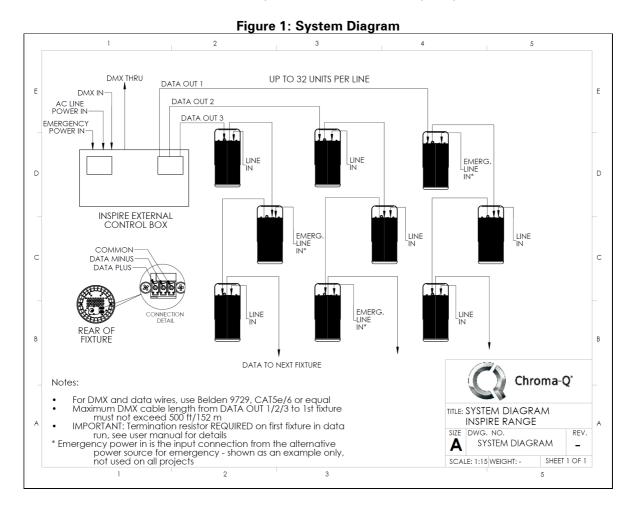
- 1 fixture unit
- Safety chain
- Quick Start Guide
- 2 plug-in terminal blocks for DMX control data in/through
- 1 plug-in terminal block for AC power input

We recommend that you keep the original packaging in case the item needs to be returned.

## 2.2 Cabling

## System:

The Inspire External Control Box has 3 control data outputs (Port 1, 2, 3). Each control data output provides remote control for up to 32 daisy-chained Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixtures. The maximum length of the DMX cable from each data output of the External Control Box to the **first** Terminal Strip fixture must not exceed 500 ft (152 m).



## Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixture wiring:

To connect the wiring of the AC power input cable:

- 1. Remove the Power Input Cover Plate (Figure 2)
- 2. Insert the power cable with the appropriate cable strain relief through the cover plate
- 3. Unplug the Terminal Block Plug from the Header and connect the wiring for the AC power input through the hole and into the Terminal Block Plug (Figure 3)
- 4. Plug the wired Terminal Block Plug into the Terminal Block Header (Figure 3)
- 5. Put back and fasten the cover plate

To connect the wiring of the control data cables:

- 1. Connect the wiring for the control data cables (In/Out) into the Terminal Block Plugs (Figure 4)
- 2. The control cable connected to the **first** fixture from each data output **MUST** be terminated with a 120  $\Omega$  resistor. See Inspire Mini Terminal Strip Data Cable Termination on the next section.
- 3. Plug the wired Terminal Block Plugs into the Terminal Block Headers (Figure 4)

Note: The control cable connected to the **first** fixture from each data output **MUST** be terminated with a 120  $\Omega$  resistor. See Inspire Mini Terminal Strip Data Cable Termination on the next section.

HOLE FOR POWER CABLE WITH STRAIN RELIEF Ø28.6mm/1.125"

DATA OUT

POWER INPUT COVER PLATE

Figure 2

Figure 3: AC Power Cable Wiring TERMINAL MAINS PCB **HEADER BLOCK** LIVE NEUTRAL **GROUND** CAUTION! REFER TO THE MARKS ON THE MAINS PCB HARNESS FOR WIRING CONNECTIONS. SEE DIAGRAM BELOW. LIVE **NEUTRAL GROUND** TERMINAL BLOCK CAUTION!

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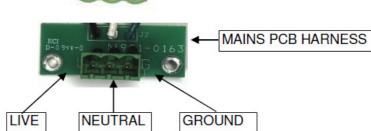
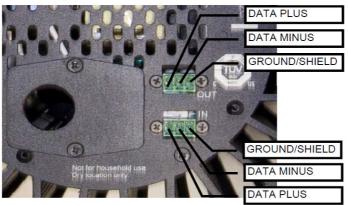


Figure 4: Data Cable Wiring



## **IMPORTANT!** Inspire Mini Terminal Strip Data Cable Termination:

The data cable connection from each Data Output of the External Control Box to the **first** Inspire Terminal Strip fixture MUST be terminated with a 120 ohm resistor. Insert a 120 ohm resistor into the Terminal Block Plug (Data Plus and Data Minus) and then plug into the DMX IN header of the **first** Inspire Terminal Strip fixture. (Figure 5 & 6)

Figure 5

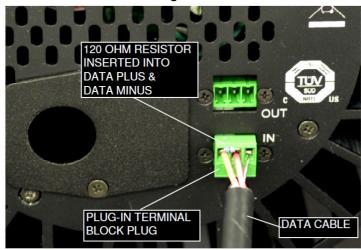
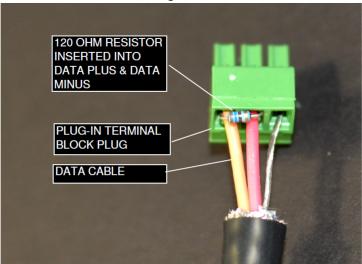


Figure 6



#### XLR 5-pin Cable:

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Pin#	Function			
1	Common (Screen)			
2	Data Minus			
3	Data Plus			
4	Spare Data Minus			
5	Spare Data Plus			

Power Cable Color Code:

EU	North America	Connections	
Green and Yellow	Green	Earth (E)	Ground (Green)
Blue	White	Neutral (N)	Neutral (Silver)
Brown	Black	Live (L)	Hot (Gold)

#### Important Notice:

The maximum length of the data cable from each data output of the External Control Box to the first Terminal Strip fixture must not exceed 500 ft (152 m).

The use of an opto-splitter for DMX signal distribution is highly recommended when several control boxes are not plugged into the same power source.

## 2.3 Mounting

The Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixture is built with a mounting bracket for overhead hanging applications. The mounting bracket has a 1/2" hole suitable for M10 & M12 bolts.

Secure the fixture with a safety cable. A provision for a fixing hold is built into the fixture.

## 2.4 Optics

The Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixture is built with Wide lens with a beam angle of approximately ~ 65°.

## 2.5 Control

The Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixture is controlled remotely through the Inspire External Control Box via DMX protocol. For control menu details see the User Manuals for the Inpire External Control and Inspire External Control UL924 units.

#### 2.6 Thermal Performance

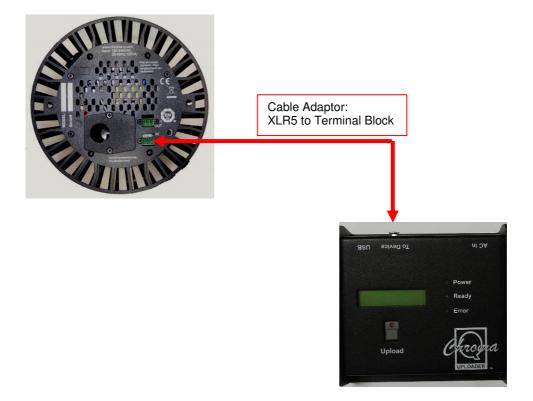
The internal cooling system of the Inspire Mini Terminal Strip is by convection and the fixture is built with automatic protection. The fixture's automatic protection reduces the output when the internal temperature reaches the maximum limit due to extreme ambient conditions.

## 2.7 Updating the LED engine software

The software for the LED engine module of the Terminal Strip can be uploaded directly into the fixture through the Uploader using an XLR5 to Terminal Block cable adaptor. The upload process can be performed to one fixture at a time only. (See diagram below)

- 1. Download and extract the "module\_rgbw1\_Inspire\_v2.2.hex" from <a href="http://www.chroma-g.com/support/downloads.asp">http://www.chroma-g.com/support/downloads.asp</a> under the "Software" column.
- 2. Connect the Chroma-Q Uploader to your PC.
- 3. Erase the previous file and copy the "module\_rgbw1\_Inspire\_v2.2.hex" into the Uploader.
- 4. Connect the Uploader to the fixture with a XLR 5-pin to Terminal Block cable adaptor.
- Power-up the fixture.
- 6. The Uploader display shows the software name and version, and "Ready".
- 7. Press the GO button once to execute the uploading.
- 8. The Red indicator light on the GO button blinks and the Uploader display shows a simulated arrow indicating the uploading process.
- 9. All the green LEDs of the fixture will light up (low intensity) to indicate completion of a successful Upload.
- 10. The Uploader display shows "DONE" upon completion of the upload.
- 11. Power-cycle the fixture.
- 12. Repeat step 6 to step 10 if the uploading process is interrupted (power and/or data).

(See the Quick Start Guide of the Chroma-Q Uploader)



## 3. Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting is a process of elimination. First, rule out the other field factors (i.e. bad connections, faulty cables and power supplies). For technical support and/or parts, please contact your selling dealer or the offices listed in this manual.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Fixture does not respond to DMX control.	<ul> <li>The External Control Box is set to the wrong or different DMX address.</li> <li>Bad cable connecting DMX control and External Control Box.</li> <li>Bad cable connecting DMX control and fixture.</li> <li>Bad in/through connection between daisy-chained fixtures.</li> <li>Bad in/through connection between daisy-chained External Control Boxes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check DMX address and Mode settings.</li> <li>Check/replace DMX run from the console to the External Control Box.</li> <li>Check/replace DMX runs from the External Control Box to the fixtures.</li> <li>Check/replace DMX runs between daisy-chained fixtures.</li> <li>Check/replace DMX runs between daisy-chained External Control Boxes.</li> </ul>
Low LED output.	Internal temperature of the fixture is over the limit.	Check area ventilation.
Flicker	No termination resistor	Check the first fixture in each run if it has the 120 Ω terminating resistor.

## **4. Specification**4.1 Technical Specifications

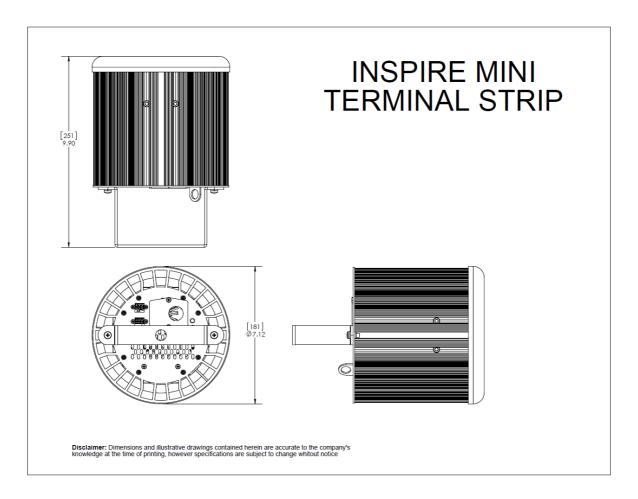
#### **Inspire Mini Terminal Strip**

Inspire Mini Terminal Strip	
Net Dimensions** (Without Fixings - Width x	181mm x 251mm x 181mm / 7" x 10" x 7"
Height x Depth)	
Net Weight	3kgs / 6.7lbs
(Without Fixings)	
Shipping Dimensions –	310mm x 390mm x 310mm / 12.25" x 15.5" x 12.25"
Width x Height x Depth	451 4401
Shipping Weight	4.5kgs / 10lbs
Power & Connections	
Power Supply	Built-in
Power Input Rating	100-240V AC 50-60Hz 120VA
Power Factor	0.9
Power Consumption	75W @ 120/230V AC (max.)
Inrush Current	32A @ 120V AC; 68A @ 230V AC
Idle Power Consumption	3.5W @ 120V AC; 5W @ 230V AC
Typical Power & Current	Measurements done with all LEDs at maximum intensity. Measurements made at nominal
	voltage. Allow for a deviation of +/- 10%.
Power connector Input	Terminal Block: plug-in screw connector (Input only)
Data Connectors In/Out	Terminal Block: plug-in screw connector
Control Protocol	ANSI E1.11 USITT DMX 512-A
Cooling System	Convection
Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C
Construction	Anodised aluminium extrusion
Colour	Black
Built-In Hardware	Mounting bracket
IP Rating	IP20
Approvals (Pending)	CISPR 22/EN55022 & CISPR 24/EN55024, ICES-003 Issue 4:2004 / FCC Part 15 Subpart B:2010, CSA C22.2 No. 166-M1983: R2008, UL 1573:2003 (R2010), IEC 60598-2-17
Control & Photometric	
LEDs	12 x Neutral White + 6 x RGB
LED Engines	1
LEDs Per Engine	30
Total LEDs	30
Control Modes	RGBW single, RGBW output, Tungsten, LookStore
Dimming Curve	Theatrical
Variable Effects Engine	Yes
Hot Lumen Output (Combined)	3010
Optics	Fully Homogenised
Beam Angle	65° (approx.)
Beam Distribution	Symmetrical direct illumination
CCT	Adjustable 1,000 – 10,000K
Colour Gamut	Performance enhanced
CRI	90
Lamp Life	L70 at 50,000 hours
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For exact measurements please refer to the line drawings below



## 4.2 Drawings - Dimensions



### 5. Maintenance

With care, the Inspire Mini Terminal Strip fixture and external control box requires little maintenance. However, as the unit is likely to be used in a stage environment we recommend periodical internal inspection and cleaning of any resulting dust and cracked oil residue.

Do not spray liquids on the front or rear panel. If the front enclosure requires cleaning, wipe with a mild detergent on a damp cloth.