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Constant Voltage
Drivers



Design-in Guide

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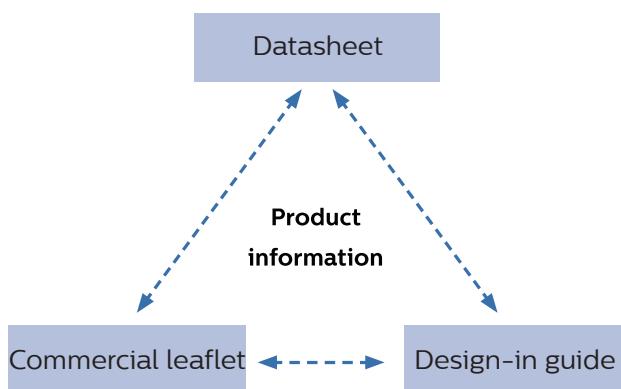
Introduction to this guide



Thank you for choosing the Philips constant voltage drivers. In this guide you will find the information needed to integrate these drivers into a LED luminaire or LED system. We advise you to consult our websites for the latest up-to-date information.

Applications

The Philips constant voltage drivers are designed to operate 24VDC LED solutions used both in built-in and independent applications such as refrigerated display lighting, retail display lighting and linear accent lighting. They are specifically designed to ensure good performance with high robustness combined with a long lifetime. In addition, the IP67 drivers are designed for outdoor environment applications such as signage and flood lighting. If you use Philips constant voltage drivers in combination with Philips LED loads, specific design-in guides are available from the below mentioned technology websites.



Information and support

Downloads and information

Please consult your local Philips office or visit: www.philips.com/technology

Design-in support

On request Design-in support from Philips is available. For this service please contact your Philips sales representative.

Determine which documents contain what information. In order to provide information in the best possible way, Philips' philosophy on product documentation is the following.

- Commercial leaflet contains product family information & system combinations
- Datasheet contains the product specific specifications
- Design-in guide describes how the product is to be designed-in

All these documents can be found on the download page of the OEM website www.philips.com/technology. If you require any further information or support please consult your local Philips office.

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Safety precautions



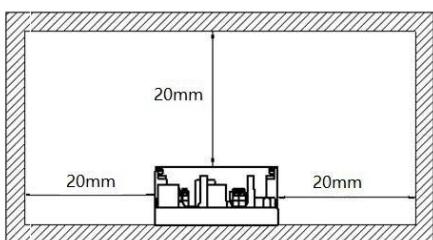
Warnings:

- Avoid touching live parts!
- Do not use drivers with damaged housing and/or connectors!
- Do not use drivers with damaged wiring!
- Class I luminaires must be connected to protective earth!
- Switchable function to make the open load on the driver output is abnormal condition, it is not an intended application that be allowed.

Safety warnings and installation instructions

To be taken into account during design-in and manufacturing

- Do not use damaged or defective contacts or housings.
- Do not use damaged products
- Cap off all unused wires to prevent accidental contact with the luminaire, driver housing or accidental touching
- Do provide an adequate earth connection when applicable
- The luminaire manufacturer is responsible for its own luminaire design and has to comply with all relevant safety standards when adopt with Philips drivers
- Except IP family, the Philips constant voltage drivers are intended for indoor use and should not be exposed to the elements such as snow, water and ice. It is the luminaire manufacturer's responsibility to prevent exposure.
- For driver installation, proper screws should be chosen according to driver mounting holes. The recommend torque for screws is 0.6N.m.
- For the strain relief cap installation, Crosshead PH-2 Screw is recommended to be used, recommended torque requirement for screw is 0.5 N.m.
- In case driver being used for the independent application, make sure to keep the driver dry, acid free, oil free, fat free and at least 20mm distance from the body which is not the mounting surface to wall for the sufficient thermal dissipation and do not exceed the maximum ambient temperature (ta) stated on the device



Special remarks about RCM certification:

There are three types of applications in Australia/
New Zealand, "IC", "Do not Cover", and "Non IC".
Please refer to product label for details.



IC classification

An independent controlgear that can be abutted
against normally flammable materials, including
building insulation, and can be covered in normal use.
Building elements, building insulation
or debris have restricted access to the heated parts of
the controlgear.



Do-not-cover classification

An independent controlgear that can be used where
normally flammable materials, including building
insulation, are or may be present, but cannot be
abutted against any material and cannot be covered
in normal use. The control gear is suitable to abut
normally flammable materials and to be covered by
insulation inadvertently.

Non IC classification (no mark)

An independent controlgear that cannot be abutted
against or covered by normally flammable materials
or used in installations where building insulation or
debris is, or may be, present in normal use.

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your Philips sales representative.

Electric Design in

Introduction

Philips Constant Voltage LED drivers are designed to operate LED solutions for general lighting applications such as lighting in office, retail, ambient lighting and industry applications. Reliability is underpinned with 2-5 year warranty (depends on different families), enhanced by specific features that protect the connected LED module, e.g. reduced ripple current and thermal de-rating.

In the coming years LEDs will continue to increase in efficiency, creating generation and complexity challenges for OEMs. With Philips Constant Voltage LED drivers, flexibility in luminaire design is assured. It provides the stable lumen output and light quality levels that lighting specifiers and architects demand. The remarkable energy savings and CO₂ reductions achieved with LED lighting can be further extended with dimming.

Philips Constant Voltage LED drivers offer a range of dimming options. The 1-10V interface allows for simplified, one-way management, while the DALI interface makes any installation with the Constant Voltage LED drivers ready for a fully networked control system.

Alternatively these Dali drivers also are suitable to interface with Touch and Dim dimming.

Philips constant voltage driver versions

The Philips constant voltage drivers described in this guide are available in different versions, e.g. non-dimmable (Xitanium Transformer, CertaDrive Transformer and Economic Transformer) and dimmable (1-10 V, Touch and Dim & DALI (TD)), the IP67 CV drivers are designed for outdoor applications. All these products come in a wide range of power ratings that enable the most popular light output levels for general lighting applications. We recommend you always check our constant voltage LED driver commercial leaflet for the most up-to-date overview of our range. This leaflet can be found on the download section of www.philips.com/technology.

Controllability

The Philips constant voltage LED drivers are available in 3 different versions:

- Non-dimmable
- 1-10 V dimming
- Touch and Dim & DALI (TD)

Hot wiring

Some of constant voltage drivers within the statement and performance segments can be serviced, connected or disconnected from the LED load when the mains voltage is connected. Please make sure that all electrical safety regulations are followed when working on a constant voltage driver while powered.

Explanation of Constant Voltage Driver Name

Xi LED Transformer: Xitanium constant voltage reliable LED drivers with 5 years warranty

60W : Maximum output power

24VDC : Output voltage

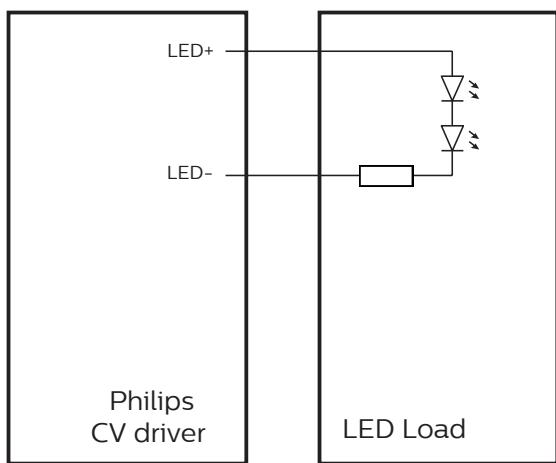
TD : Dimming protocol (Touch & Dali)

230V : Mains AC input voltage

How to... Select an appropriate driver

Depending on your requirements several drivers can be found as a solution for you.

For a full overview of available driver models, approach the download section of www.philips.com/technology. To check datasheets associated with the drivers you intend to use.



Schematically representation of the driver's output interfaces

24V CV drivers can provide a typical 24VDC to LED loads. However the output voltage has 5% tolerance range (claimed 22.8 ... 25.2V on datasheets). LED load voltage should be in accordance with driver output voltage.

CV drivers are designed per IEC requirements for performance and operational safety with respect to specified running condition range on datasheets. Operational range is the applicable condition for CV driver workable. For optimal luminaire performance it is always recommended to operate drivers within specified condition performance range.

Driver wiring and connections

Examples of driver lead wires with corresponding functions can be seen in the figure on the left. Please check the driver's pinning in the associated datasheet on www.philips.com/technology. The function of each wire will be discussed further in detail in the following chapters.

Single channel driver

All the Philips constant voltage LED drivers are single channel drivers. This means for drivers with a double "+" and "-" output that these outputs are in parallel inside the driver. So driver has only one channel output.

Connectors

Different connectors are used on the Philips constant voltage drivers. More info about the type of connector and wiring (diameter, length, etc.) can be found in the datasheet. The datasheets of each driver can be downloaded via www.philips.com/technology.



Connectors
Recommend torque for screws is 0.3N.m

Mains Connectors

Mains connectors are used to connect the drivers to the mains. The connector for PE is connected to protective earth (if present).

DALI – Touch Dim Connectors

Push-in connectors are used to connect the DALI or Touch Dim connection wires to the Dimmable DALI constant voltage driver.

LED Connectors

LED connectors are used to connect the LED loads. Some drivers may have 2-3 pairs of LED+/- connectors. It is used for connect LED stripes in parallel. If LED load is connected to one pair of connectors only. Please calculate the LED current and make sure the wire diameters of LED loads are in accordance with the current.

How to... Use wires and cables

In the datasheet of the driver you use it is stated what

- Wire diameters are accepted
- Strip length of the wires are accepted
- Up to what wire length the drivers are tested on EMC

Direct wiring between driver and LED Loads

Be informed that no components are allowed between the LED driver and LED boards other than connectors and wiring intended to connect the LED driver to the LED board. For example it is not allowed to install a switch between the driver and LED Loads.

Strain Relief Cap

CV drivers can be adapted for use in independent applications by using a strain relief cap. This will ensure that the driver is thermally protected and safe to use in ceilings.



Strain Relief Cap
Screws must be fastened with 0.5N.m torque. The input cable clamp supports cable diameters between 3.5 ... 8mm.
The output cable clamp supports cable diameters between 3 ... 8mm.

Mains voltage fluctuations and behavior

The driver is able to withstand high and low mains voltages for limited periods of time. See the associated datasheets for specific values.

Allowable voltage difference between mains input and control input (TD version)

The majority of our LED-drivers do comply with a voltage isolation difference up to 250V between mains and the Touch and Dim control input, as can be caused by a different phase of the power grid in an installation in the field.

Future drivers might have a value higher than 250V by design.

Low mains voltage

A continuous low AC voltage (<198 V) can have an adverse effect on the driver's lifetime. The output power will be limited accordingly. A low voltage will not cause the driver to fail over a maximum period of 48 hours at minimum operating AC voltage and maximum driver ambient temperature.

High mains voltage

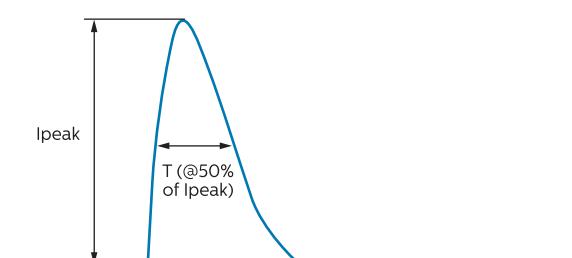
A high mains AC voltage will stress the driver and have an adverse effect on its lifetime (maximum of 264-305 V for a period of 48 hours).

Inrush current

'Inrush current' refers to the briefly occurring high input current which flows into the driver during the moment of connection to mains; see the illustration on the left. Typically, the amplitude is much greater than the steady-state input current.

The cumulative inrush current of a given combined number of drivers may cause Mains Circuit Breakers (MCB) to trip. In such a case, either one or a combination of the following measures need to be taken to prevent nuisance tripping:

- 1: Replace existing MCB for a less sensitive type (e.g. exchange B type for C type)
- 2: Distribute the group of drivers over multiple MCB groups or phases



Graphical representation of inrush current

3: Power up drivers sequentially instead of simultaneously
 4: Install external inrush-current limiting devices

Inrush parameters are driver-specific and can be found in the driver datasheet at www.philips.com/technology.

MCB type	Rating (A)	Relative number of LED drivers (%)
B	4	25
B	6	40
B	10	63
B	13	81
B	16	100 (reference)
B	20	125
B	25	156
B	32	200
B	40	250
C	4	42
C	6	63
C	10	104
C	13	135
C	16	170
C	20	208
C	25	260
C	32	340
C	40	415
D	4	80
D	6	130
D	10	210
D	13	280
D	16	350
D	20	470
D	25	550
D	32	700
D	40	940
L, I	16	108
L, I	10	65
G, U, II	16	212
G, U, II	10	127
K, III	16	254
K, III	10	154

The max. recommended amount of drivers in the table above is based on inrush current and only serves as guidance. The actual maximum amount in the application may differ; it is dependent on steady-state current, MCB brand/type and inherent MCB tolerances.

How to... Determine the number of drivers on a MCB

The maximum amount of drivers on a 16A type B Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB) is stated in the driver's datasheet on www.philips.com/technology. In the conversion table on the left that stated amount is used as reference (100%). The maximum quantity of drivers on different types of MCB can be calculated by the reference (see driver's datasheet) x Relative number (last column).

Example:

If datasheet states: max number on type B, 16 A = 20, then for type C, 13 A the value will be $20 \times 135\% = 27$.

Notes:

1. Data is based on a mains supply with an impedance of $400\text{m}\Omega$ (equal to 15 m of 2.5 mm² cable and another 20 m to the middle of the power distribution) in the worst-case scenario. With an impedance of $800\text{m}\Omega$ the number of drivers can be increased by 10%.
2. Measurements will be verified in real installations; data is therefore subject to change.
3. In some cases the maximum number of drivers is not determined by the MCB but by the maximum electrical load of the installation.
4. Note that the maximum number of drivers is given when these are all switched on at the same time, e.g. by a wall switch.
5. Measurements were carried out on a single-pole MCB. For multiple MCBs it is advisable to reduce the number of drivers by 20%.
6. The maximum number of drivers that can be connected to one 30 mA Residential Current Detector is 30.

Surge protection

The Philips constant voltage drivers have built-in surge protection up to a certain limit. Depending on the mains connected, additional protection against excessive high surge voltages may be required by adding a Surge Protection Device. The actual limit can differ per driver and can be found in the driver's datasheet in the download section on www.philips.com/technology.

Touch current

The Philips constant voltage LED drivers are designed to meet touch current requirements per IEC 61347-1 standard or/and UL 8750 standard. The specified maximum values are 0.7 mA peak for IEC and 0.75 mA RMS for UL norms. The test is done with the driver alone. In a luminaire, touch current may be higher, since the LED load may introduce additional touch current. As such, precautions may be required on the luminaire level and if multiple drivers are used in a single luminaire.

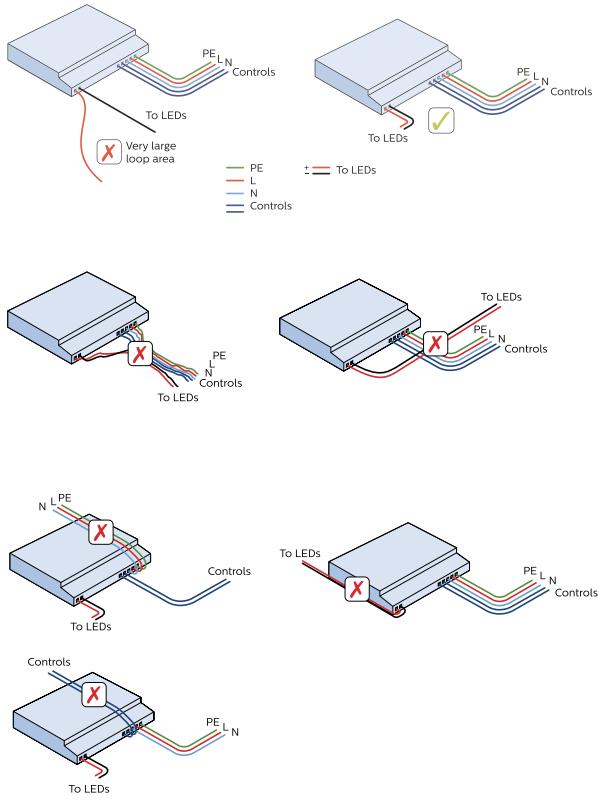
Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)

Philips constant voltage LED drivers meet EMC requirements per CISPR 15. The test is conducted with a reference setup that includes a driver and a LED load mounted on a plate. Because there are many different LED strips in the market, it may have impacts on EMI performance of CV LED systems in field. If any questions about EMI, please contact your local Philips representative.

How to... Improve EMI performance

As mentioned before, the total amount of parasitic current needs to be minimized. For that reason, the following practical precautions need to be taken into account in a lighting system to minimize EMI:

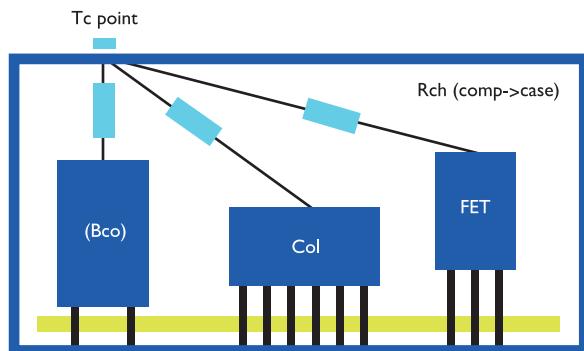
- Minimize the Differential Mode loop area of the lamp wires going from the driver to the light source by keeping the wires close together (bundling). This will minimize the magnetic field and reduce the radiated EMI. Long linear light sources are also part of that loop.



- Minimize the Common Mode parasitic capacitance of the output wiring + light source to earth by keeping the length of the wires between driver and light source as short as possible. Also minimize the copper cooling area on the LED PCB and keep the length of the incoming mains wire inside the luminaire as short as possible.
- Keep mains and control wires (DALI, 0-10V) separated from the output wires (do not bundle).
- Ground the lighting system chassis and other internal metal parts to earth (class I luminaires) and do not let large metal parts “float”. Always use the safety or functional earth connector or wire from the lamp driver. Or use equipotential connecting wires for all internal floating metal parts which are inaccessible (class II luminaires). Keep safety and functional earth wires as short as possible to minimize their inductance, use as much as possible large metal areas (chassis, mounting plates, brackets) for earthing purposes instead.
- For Class II it is advised to establish a functional earth connection between all larger conductive, non-accessible luminaire parts and the driver to remedy potential EMC problems.
- Sometimes, radiated EMC compliance cannot be achieved in system, necessitating the use of a $100 \dots 300 \Omega$ axial ferrite bead(s) for either mains or lamp wiring (effective for interference between 30 MHz and 300 MHz), or coupling the wires through ferrite cores within the luminaire may improve the overall EMC performance. However, selection of the type and characteristics of the additional filter depends on what frequency components have to be damped and by how much.

Adhering to these rules will help in EMC compliance. For further questions, please contact your local Philips representative. Alternatively the Philips Lighting OEM Design-In team could be consulted for a possible solution.

Thermal design-In



Schematically representation of internal thermal paths to the bridge box Tc point



Example of Tc point position on CV drivers

Introduction

The CV driver itself and relationship between case temperature point (Tc) and lifetime of the CV driver. To facilitate design-in of CV drivers, the critical thermal management points of the CV drivers are set out in this section. In Philips' product design phase all possible precautions have been taken to keep the component temperature as low as possible. However, the design of the luminaire and the ability to guide the heat out of the luminaire are of utmost importance. If these points are taken into account this will ensure the optimum performance and lifetime of the system.

Definitions

- Case temperature: temperature measured at the Tc point of the CV driver
- Ambient temperature (Ta): temperature outside the driver

When switched off >2 hours, temperature at Tc point is likely to equal Ta

Tc point

To achieve optimal lifetime and reliability, it is critical that the temperature of the components in the driver remains within its rating.

The Tc test point (case temperature) indicates a reference point for measuring the driver's temperature. This can be used during the luminaire design to verify that the temperature remains below the maximum specified temperature for the Tc point. Since there is a direct relation between the case temperature (Tc) and the components inside the driver, it is sufficient to measure the temperature at the Tc point of the driver. This Tc point must not exceed the maximum values stated in the associated datasheets.

The temperatures as stated above are only valid for a situation where the driver is only cooled via the bottom surface.

How to... Measure Tc at the Tc point

The location of the Tc point is identified on the product label. Tc point is inside the dot (See ellipse in figure on the left). The temperature can be measured using for example a thermocouple that is firmly glued to the driver housing. For a representative measurement the temperature must be stable before any reliable data can be obtained (typically > 4 hours).

Relation between Tc and ambient temperature

The Tc increases by approximation linear with the ambient temperature (Ta). The temperature offset between Ta and Tc depends on the thermal design of the luminaire. For approved ambient temperature range please check the associated driver datasheet on www.philips.com/technology.

Driver lifetime

Tc, Tc-life and Tc-max

The lifetime of LED drivers depends on the temperature during operation. This means there is a relationship between the Tc point on the LED driver and its lifetime in hours.

- Xitanium CV drivers typically have a specified minimum lifetime of $\geq 50,000$ hours with a minimum of 90% survivals at the specified Tc-life.
- CertaDrive CV drivers typically have a specified minimum lifetime of $\geq 30,000$ hours with a minimum of 90% survivals at the specified Tc-life.
- Economic CV drivers typically have a specified minimum lifetime of $\geq 20,000$ hours with a minimum of 90% survivals at the specified Tc-life.

Tc-max is the maximum allowed Tc for the driver. Please check the driver's datasheet in the download section on www.philips.com/technology for the lifetime and Tc-life.

Controllability

Instructions shall be provided with controlgear that have FELV control terminals that state the following:

WARNING: FELV terminals marked "Risk of electric shock" are not safe to touch.



WARNING: Circuits connected to any FELV control terminal shall be insulated for the LV supply voltage of the controlgear and terminals connected to the FELV circuit shall be protected against accidental contact.

Control characteristics

Amplitude Modulation dimming

Some CV Drivers dim by means of PWM dimming (Pulse Width Modulation). Operation over the entire dimming range. The driver's actual dimming range is stated in the associated datasheet on www.philips.com/technology.

1-10 V Dimming

This is the traditional way of dimming a driver between 100% and 10% based on dimming voltage, in 1% increments. Note that the 100% level is determined by the output current level, set via external Rset (AOC feature). The minimum current that can be supplied by the driver is specified in the datasheet. The lowest possible dim level is defined by the higher of the two values:

Minimum output current or 10% dim level. Output current of the 1-10 V control input is typical 150 μ A.

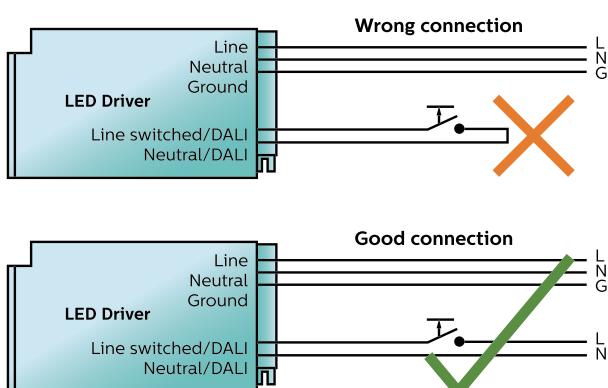
TD dimming: Touch and Dim & DALI

DALI

Digital Addressable Lighting Interface, or DALI, is a bi-directional digital communication protocol popular in the lighting industry. It is an IEC standard and there are many control devices from Philips and other manufacturers that communicate using DALI.

The voltage across DALI wires is typically 16 V (refer IEC specification for details) and it is not polarity sensitive. The DALI wires can be run alongside input main wires and the maximum current on a DALI line is limited to 250 mA. Philips Xitanium LED drivers feature 12-bit or greater dimming resolution for LED light.

Using DALI, it is possible to send dimming commands (1-254 levels), set fade rates and fade times, query driver or LED status, etc. drivers also respond to LED-specific DALI commands e.g. query if the LED module is short circuit or open circuit; select between logarithmic or dimming curves, etc. Typically up to 64 DALI drivers can be connected to one DALI bus. Note that after a power cycle (not stand-by) the driver by default will come back to its last known light level. This behavior however can be programmed differently into "off" or any dim level between 1..254 DALI level.



Appropriate connection to the dimmable LED driver using the Touch and Dim protocol

For more information on DALI, refer to the IEC specification for DALI protocol.

- IEC 62386: 102 – General requirements – Control gear
- IEC 62386: 207 – Particular requirements for control gear – LED modules.

Touch and Dim

For the Xitanium drivers with Touch and Dim function a switched mains is used to dim the light. The switching ON and OFF is also done via this control input. This means that it is no longer necessary to use a power switch to interrupt the mains circuit. The 230 V supply voltage is always available at the LED driver (even when switched OFF) and light can be switched or dimmed by momentarily connecting the mains to the dim input. A short push will switch the lighting ON or OFF, depending on the previous situation.

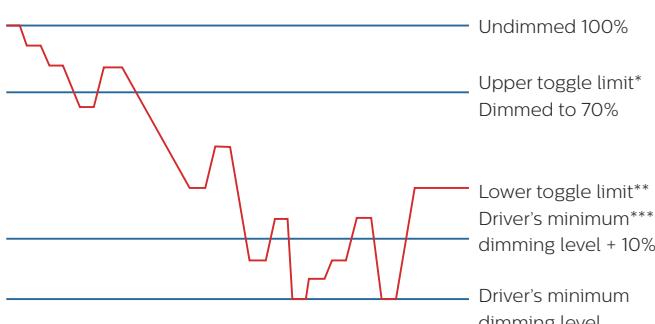
Touch and Dim behavior

If via TD control the driver is switched OFF (short push), the driver will store the current light level. As soon as the mains power returns (short push via TD will switch the driver ON) the driver will recall this stored light level. If it was dimmed to 60%, it will come back at 60%.

If the switch is held pushed in, the light will dim up or down, depending on what is opposite from the last dimming direction. The driver will count the number of mains cycles and act on that.

If there is a power failure, the driver will store the current light level. As soon as the mains power returns, the driver will recall this stored light level. If it was dimmed to 38%, it will come back at 38%. If it was switched off, it will stay switched off.

If the installation has to be extended by one or more light points / drivers, the dimming direction of the newly connected modules may be different from that of those already connected. To solve this problem a synchronization possibility is built into the drivers and can be called upon at any time. If the switch is pressed for at least 10 seconds all drivers will go to 37% light level and the dimming direction will be set to downwards.



* Always dim down above the upper toggle limit

** Always dim up under the lower toggle limit

*** Example, a driver with dimming minimum of 10%

leads to lower toggle level of 10% + 10% = 20% 1%

leads to lower toggle level of 10% + 1% = 11%"

Touch and Dim function	Contact duration	Driver function
Ignore	< 40 ms	Disregard push
Short push	>=40 ms and <500 ms	Toggle the lamp ON/OFF
Long push	>=500 ms and <10,000 ms	Dim the lamp up or down
Reset push	>10,000 ms	Synchronize drivers
Corridor (if applicable)	>60,000 ms	Switch to Corridor mode

Touch and Dim wiring

Special wiring, such as twisted pairs or special cables, is not required to install a Touch and Dim system. All wiring is standard mains wiring and the switch is a standard push-to-make switch. There is no limit to the length of the dim cable or the number of switches connected. The only limitation is the maximum amount of drivers, which is 30 per dimming unit.

Quality and reliability

Switching & cycling lifetime of LED drivers

Impact of on and off switching on lifetime of electronic drivers in LED systems

In this section a description is presented of the impact of mains voltage switching on the lifetime of electronic drivers in lighting systems. Because switching on and off the lighting has an impact on different failure modes, a distinction has to be made between switching on and off, and thermal cycling.

Electrical failures due to switching Vmains on and off

Before the lighting is switched on in the electronic circuit all capacitors are uncharged. By a simple toggle of the mains voltage all capacitors will be charged, causing peak currents in the circuit.

Inductors react to this by creating peak voltages. Occurrence of peak currents & voltages during starting is inevitable. The circuit design and component selection should be of sufficient quality that no components are overstressed during the starting conditions. If the quality is not sufficient, failures will occur at a certain rate over time. The failure rate will be influenced by usage conditions such as temperature and mains voltage. The failure rate will be further enhanced by irregular mains voltage events such as dips, surges or black outs. For a good quality design all conditions and components are carefully checked. In general LED systems and products are designed to withstand >100,000 switches under the specified use conditions.

Mechanical failures due to thermal cycling

A completely different failure mode which is also due to switching on and off the light is the failure of solder joints, due to thermal cycling. Stresses in solder joints are caused by the differences of the thermal expansion coefficients (CTE's) of printed circuit board, solder and component materials.

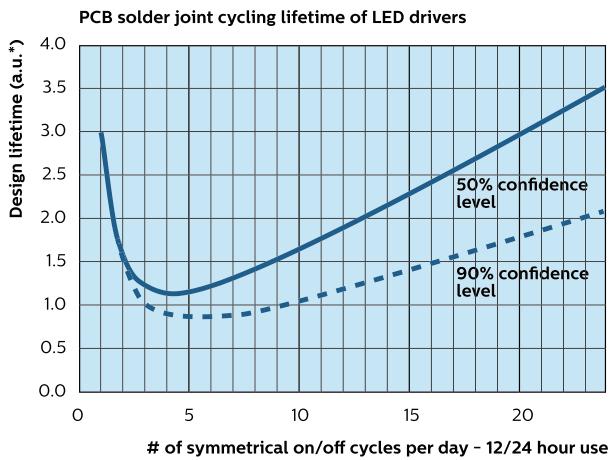
Due to heating up and cooling down mechanical stresses build up in the solder, which eventually result in cracking and finally failure of the joint. In most cases failure of one solder joint means the end of the product. The solder joint failure mechanism is also referred to as solder joint fatigue. This is a typical wear out failure mechanism with a negligible failure rate for many years, but for which after the typical lifetime has passed, failures come at an accelerated speed.

The reference for this lifetime is a typical user profile of 10-12 hr usage and up to 3x switching on and off every day.

Impact of thermal cycles per day on the driver lifetime

As the drivers are typically designed to withstand 3 full thermal cycles every day, lifetime will reduce with an increasing cycling frequency. However this reduction will be limited by the heating time of the product in the application. As the heating time of a driver in real applications varies typically between 60 and 120 minutes, maximum and minimum driver temperature will not be reached when the cycling frequency is faster than 60 minutes. Because the solder-joint damage relates to a higher power of the temperature difference between hot and cold condition, the negative effect on lifetime reduces for the higher cycling frequencies. This is expressed in the above graph.

Because of the large variation and differentiation between drivers and applications, it is an impossible task to specify the above graph for every driver and application specifically. Therefore only the critical conditions are listed for which there could be a risk to the cycling lifetime of the driver.



*) arbitrary unit value 1.0 means product design – lifetime will be reached (typical 50,000 h). Longer lifetimes can be limited by other failure modes.

Critical conditions for the driver lifetime due to thermal cycling are:

- Small driver / system (short heating time) without appropriate heat sinking (high T_{max}).
- Large difference between T_{max} and temperature in off state T_{min} (e.g. $> 50^{\circ}\text{C}$). See also next paragraph.
- Application @ temperatures $< -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ $T_{ambient}$.

Especially if the above parameters occur in combination with each other there can be a risk for thermal cycling lifetime. To improve cycling lifetime when required, it is most relevant to decrease the T_{max} by appropriate heat sinking of the driver. As a rule of thumb 10 °C diminished ΔT between T_{case} on/off, will add 30% to cycling performance.

Impact of product ambient temperature on cycling performance

In the first approximation the solder joint lifetime is independent of the ambient temperature. The driving parameter for the solder joint failure fatigue is the temperature difference between T_{max} during the 'on' state and T_{min} during the 'off' state. The way the driver is built in to a luminaire is very important as this can decrease the temperature difference. Appropriate heat sinking of the driver is the most effective way to improve the driver cycling lifetime. As a rule of thumb 10 °C diminished ΔT between T_{case} on/off, will add 30% to cycling performance.

For potted products additional failure mechanisms can occur at temperatures $< -20^{\circ}\text{C}$, which can increase the impact of thermal cycling on the product lifetime.

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