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## ASSEMBLY FOR ROTARY DIMMERS



IMPORTANT: We cannot guarantee that all LEDs labelled as "dimmable" can actually be dimmed satisfactorily. Maximum and minimum loads may vary according to the make and type of LED. To optimize the dimming range, for LED lighting in particular, the minimum brightness setting of the dimmer can be adjusted [see "Adjusting the Minimum Brightness" below].

## INSTALLING YOUR DIMMER

To be installed by a certified electrician or other qualified person. To be installed and/or used in accord- ance with appropriate electrical codes and regulations. For instructions regarding wallbox installation and wallplate assembly refer to the 'Instructions for Electricians and Decorators' information sheet.

## WARNING

For control of permanently installed incandescent or LED lamp fixtures Only.
To prevent shock or electrocution, always turn the power OFF at the service panel before installing this unit, working on the circuit, or changing a lamp. It is normal for the dimmer to feel warm during operation.

## CAUTION

To reduce risk of overheating and possible damage to other equipment, do not install to control, recep- tacle, a fluorescent light or bulb or a motor-operated appliance. Connect dimmers only in a $120 \mathrm{VAC}, 60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ circuit. Do not use dimmer with a load whose power requirements exceeds the maximum power rating marked on the dimmer. No de-rating is necessary for multi-gang installations. Use copper wire only. Connect to 12 AWG or 14 AWG stranded or solid copper conductors.

WIRING DIAGRAM

SINGLE POLE


THREE-WAY


## WARRANTY

Lifetime Warranty. The device you have purchased is warranted under normal use against defects in workmanship and materials for as long as you own the device. If the device fails due to manufacturing defect during normal use, return the device for replacement to the store where purchased or send to: Forbes \& Lomax, 979 Third Ave, 1502, NY 10022. All requests for replacements must include a dated sales receipt (legible coppies acceptable). ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE LIMITED TO A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AGAINST FORBES \& LOMAX LTD. UNDER ANY WARRANTYSHALL BE THE EQUIVALENT REPLACEMENT OF THE DEVCE. IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY WARRANTY APPLY TO ANY DEFECT ARISING OUT OF ANY ALTERATION OF THE DEVICE, IMPROPER INSTALLATION, MISUSE ABNORMAL USE OR NEGLIGENCE. IN NO EVENT SHALL FORBES \& LOMAX LTD. BE LIABLE FOR LOST PROFITS, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow limitations on how long implied warranties last and do not allow exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages. Some of the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to every purchaser.

## 4-WAY INSTALLATION WITH DIMMER

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS<br>READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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- 120/277VAC ~ 15A
- Connect only 12AWG or 14AWG copper or copper clad wire to switch. See device for strip length
- Do not use aluminium wire


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## ROTARY DIMMERS: 120 W LED/300W INCANDESCENT OPTIMISING THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR LED DIMMER

## We recommend you optimise your LED dimmer and then apply the Child Lock to avoid entering programming mode by accident during normal use

## Adjusting the minimum brightness

If your lights are flickering when they are dimmed to a low level you can increase the minimum brightness setting of the dimmer, which may prevent this from happening. Or, if the lights are brighter than you would like when the dimmer is set to minimum, you can try reducing the minimum brightness setting of the dimmer.

1. Switch on and set the dimmer knob to the MINIMUM position (turn fully anticlockwise)
2. Press to turn the lights off and back on again 3 times (OFF-ON $\times 3$ ), leaving approximately one second between presses
3. The lights will step up and down in brightness to show that the dimmer is in CONFIGURATION MODE
4. As soon as the lights have stepped down, set the dimmer to the MAXIMUM position (turn fully clockwise). The lights will come on and allow you to adjust the minimum brightness
5. Adjust the brightness that you are happy with as the minimum. Leave the dimmer in this position
6. After 3 seconds the dimmer will notice that you have stopped adjusting the minimum. The lights will step up and down in brightness to show that the dimmer has returned to normal operation
7. Continue to use the dimmer as normal, with your new minimum brightness

## Adjusting the maximum brightness

If your lights are flickering when the dimmer is set to the maximum, you can decrease the maximum brightness setting of the dimmer, which may prevent this from happening. Or, if the lights are brighter or not as bright as you would like when the dimmer is set to maximum, you can try adjusting the maximum brightness setting of the dimmer.

1. Switch off and set the dimmer knob to the MAXIMUM position (turn fully clockwise)
2. Turn the lights on and back off again. ON-OFF, roughly once per second
3. Set the dimmer knob to the MINIMUM position (turn fully anticlockwise)
4. Turn the lights on and back off again. ON-OFF, roughly once per second
5. Set the dimmer knob to the MAXIMUM position (turn fully clockwise)
6. Turn the lights on
7. The lights will step up and down in brightness to show that the dimmer is in CONFIGURATION MODE
8. As soon as the lights have stepped down, set the dimmer knob to the MINIMUM (turn the knob fully anticlockwise). The lights will come on and allow you to adjust the maximum brightness
9. Adjust the brighness that you are happy with as the maximum. Leave the dimmer in this position
10. After 3 seconds the dimmer will notice that you have stopped adjusting the maximum. The lights will step up and down in brightness to show that the dimmer has returned to a normal operation
11. Continue to use the dimmer as normal, with your new maximum brightness

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## Changing the dimming mode

Unless the lights are flashing it is likely that the best dimming performance is achieved in MODE 1. If the lights are flashing then you may be able to improve the performance by manually changing the dimming mode to MODE 2, or in a small number of cases, MODE 3.

1. Switch on and set the dimmer knob to the MAXIMUM position (turn fully clockwise)
2. Press to turn the lights off and back on again at least 3 times ( $\mathrm{OFF}-\mathrm{ON} \times 3$ ), leaving approximately one second between presses
3. The lights will step up and down in brightness to show that the dimmer is in CONFIGURATION MODE 4. As soon as the lights have stepped down, turn the knob fully anticlockwise to select MODE 2, or fully anticlockwise then fully clockwise to select MODE 3
4. The lights will FLASH 2 or 3 TIMES to show which mode the dimmer is in
5. The dimmer can now be operated normally in the new mode

If you follow the same procedure again, it will revert to MODE 1 and the lights will FLASH ONCE to indicate that you have successfully returned the dimmer to MODE 1 .

## Applying the Child Lock

You can prevent your dimmer from accidentally going into programming mode by following these instructions.

1. Switch off the dimmer and set the dimmer knob to the MAXIMUM position (turn fully clockwise)
2. Turn the lights on and back off again twice. ON - OFF - ON - OFF, roughly once per second
3. Set the dimmer knob to the MINIMUM position (turn fully anticlockwise)
4. Turn the lights on and back off again twice. ON - OFF - ON - OFF, roughly once per second
5. Set the dimmer knob to the MAXIMUM position (turn fully clockwise)
6. Turn the lights ON - OFF - ON, roughly once per second
7. The lights will step up and down in brightness to show that the dimmer has returned to normal operation
8. Continue to use the dimmer as normal, with your new Child Lock setting
9. To disable Child Lock, repeat the whole procedure again


## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRICIANS AND DECORATORS (SWITCHES \& DIMMERS)

When installing Forbes and Lomax switches and dimmers we recommend that you follow the instructions below:

1. Remove the light switch from the box and unscrew the fixing ring around the switch using the white plastic spanner provided.
2. Remove the wallplate and place each plate in separate plastic bags to prevent damage.
3. Take great care with all metal plates. They are very delicate and can easily be damaged by scratching, paint, damp plaster and other building site debris.
4. Ensure that the Handy box is recessed by a minimum of 4 mm below the surface of the wall. This is necessary to enable the wallplate to sit flush when fitted. For ease of installation we recommend a two inch deep Handy box.
5. Install switches and dimmers in the normal way. A spacer or shim can be used to bring the yoke level with the surface of the wall. This will enable the switch to be fixed rigidly and the wallplate to attach properly.
6. The "Invisible" switches and dimmers are supplied with a thin, primed aluminum inner plate. The inner plate can be painted to match the walls or used as a template to cut out a piece of wallpaper to fit between the inner plate and the "Invisible" plate. Place the inner plate and wallpaper (if being used) over the switch and re-fit the "Invisible" plate with the fixing ring.
7. For metal wallplates simply refit the wallplate with the fixing ring.
8. For rotary dimmers, align the ' $D$ ' shaped insert on the underside of the dimmer knob with the ' $D$ ' shape on the spindle and push the knob onto the spindle.
9. Do not plaster, paint or paper straight over the wall boxes in case it is necessary to access the switch at a later date.
10. To avoid unnecessary damage, wallplates should be fitted after electrical and decorative work is complete.
11. Do not fix plates to damp walls.


## OPTIMIZE THE DIMMING RANGE

Our LED dimmers have on-board programming features to enable you to adjust the minimum and maximum dimming levels. This is often required when dimming LEDs, to prevent flickering at the top or bottom of the dimming range. Once you install the LED dimmers, we recommend programming the dimming range to match the dimming range of the LED lights you are using. See LED Dimmer Optimization PDF with instructions. Once the dimmer is performing satisfactorily, it is important to apply the Child Lock to prevent the dimmers from being inadvertently reprogrammed during normal use.

## ARE YOU IN THE CORRECT DIMMING MODE?

Our LED dimmers have three dimming modes, to make them compatible with a wider range of LEDs. Normally, the dimmer will automatically select the correct dimming mode for the lights they are connected to, but sometimes you may need to manually change the dimming mode. If the mode the dimmer has automatically selected does not perform well with the lights that are connected, see LED Dimmer Optimization PDF with instructions. Once the dimmer is performing satisfactorily, it is important to apply the Child Lock to prevent the dimmers from being inadvertently reprogrammed during normal use.

## STAY WITHIN WATTAGE

Make sure your light fixtures are within the maximum wattage the dimmer can handle: up to 120 watts of LED or up to 300 watts of Incandescent. Triac Dimmer spec sheet

## ONE DIMMER PER CIRCUIT

Make sure there is only one dimmer per 3-way or 4-way circuit. Other switches on the circuit must be non-dimming. Wiring Diagram

## LIGHTING TYPES

It is recommended to only have one lighting type per dimmer. If you mix different types of LEDs on the same dimmer, such as Recessed Lights with Chandeliers, it may result in poor performance, even if the dimmer is compatible with the two types of lights when they are controlled individually.

## COMPATIBILITY

If you are dimming any lights that have transformers or drivers, or permanently built-in LEDs, we recommend emailing specification sheets on them to us, so we can point out any potential compatibility issues we identify.

## BULB / FIXTURE TESTING \& RECOMMENDATIONS

We can test bulbs and light fixtures with our dimmers upon request. Also, if needed, we can provide recommendations for compatible LED bulbs, as well as LED Strip Lights, and LED recessed lights.

## NOTE

It is important to note that dimmers will not work with all LED light fixtures and bulbs. We will do our best to guide you, but bear in mind that light fixture specifications only provide clues, they do not offer a definitive answer as to whether they will work with a specific dimmer. If you are experiencing difficulties, kindly send a link or spec sheet for the light fixture to your deVOL sales rep to review with Forbes \& Lomax.

