Lunar Simulator

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1. Introduction

The Lunar Simulator (LS) allows the AquaController to control and vary the intensity to a 2 to 5 LED module for a realistic moon cycle simulation. The moonrise and set times follow the true lunar cycle. The LS uses high intensity LEDs with a wide angle lense (100+ degrees) to provide the best possible coverage.

2. Installation

The Lunar Simulator should be screwed onto a wall or cabinet in a dry location so that water damage is not possible. It is recommended that you follow these guidelines:

1. Mount the LS above the water line of your tank.
2. Be sure to have drip loops on all cords plugging to the LS.
3. The LED boxes should be mounted above the tank and each LED provides approximately 2’ of coverage for each LED. For best coverage the LED modules should be mounted about 6-8” above the surface of the water.

Refer to the figure below for the positions of the connectors on the digital control box:

![Diagram of connectors on digital control box]

Control Address selection (switch)

The first two dip switches on the left of the box allow for the setting of letter portion of the Control address of the LS. The table below illustrates the four possible settings. Note: only Control address letter codes A-D are available.

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<th>Switch 1</th>
<th>Switch 2</th>
<th>Cntl Letter Address</th>
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<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>A</td>
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The right two dip switches on the box allow for the setting of the numeric portion of the Control address. The table below illustrates the four possible settings.

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<th>Switch 3</th>
<th>Switch 4</th>
<th>Cntl Number Address</th>
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<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Off</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>On</td>
<td>Off</td>
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<td>On</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>4</td>
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Sample Setting:

If Switch 1 = On, Switch 2 = Off, Switch 3 = On, Switch 4=On then the LS will respond to control address B4. The AquaController must be configured to use the same addresses as selected on the LS. Refer to the AquaController Owner's manual for more information on how to set up the AquaController.

**Light Emitting Diode (LED)**

The LED provides a visual indication of the operating status of the LS. When solid on, it means that power is on and the LS is ready to accept control commands. When blinking the LS is receiving control commands.

**Control Input (Cntl In)**

The left RJ-11 connector (telephone plug) is the input connector for the Control signal. A telephone style cable (4 internal wires, supplied with the LS). The telephone cord should connect between this LS Control In port to the AquaController. The length of this cable should be less than 10 feet.

**Control Output (Cntl Out)**

The right RJ-11 connector (telephone plug) is the output connector for the Control signal. A telephone style cable (4 internal wires) should be used to connect this Control output port to another LS Control input port. Always connect Control inputs to Control outputs when daisy chaining.
multiple Direct Connect boxes together. The last DCx in the chain should either have its Control output unconnected or connected to a Power-line interface (part #IM513).

**Dim Adjustment**

The dim adjust potentiometer allows for the maximum (full moon) brightness to be adjusted. Turn the potentiometer fully clockwise for maximum intensity.

**LED Module**

LED light module attaches to the LED port connector.

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