**Product description**

- Processor-controlled ballast with xtce inside
- Highest possible energy class CELMA EEI = A1 BAT
- Noise-free precise control via DSI signal, switchDIM or corridorFUNCTION
- 5-year guarantee

**Interfaces**

- DSI
- switchDIM (with memory function + selectable dimming rate)
- corridorFUNCTION

**Functions**

- Intelligent Temperature Guard (overtemperature protection)
- Intelligent Voltage Guard (overvoltage indication and undervoltage shutdown)
- Optimum filament heating in any dimmer setting
- Disconnection of filament heating from a dimming level of approx. 90% for maximum energy efficiency (SMART-Heating concept)
- Automatically triggered emergency lighting value in DC mode, 70%
- For emergency lighting systems as per EN 50172
- Automatic start after replacement of defective lamps
- Automatic shutdown if the lamp is faulty

**Technical data**

- Mains voltage range: 220 – 240 V
- AC voltage range: 198 – 264 V
- DC voltage range: 176 – 280 V (lamp start ≥ 198 V DC)
- Mains frequency: 0 / 50 / 60 Hz
- Overvoltage protection: 320 V AC, 1 h
- Typ. power input on standby: < 0.5 W
- Protective hot restart: 0.5 s for AC / 0.2 s for DC
- Dimming range, 3 lamps: 5 – 100%
- Dimming range, 4 lamps: 1 – 100%
- Lamp start possible from 5% (3 lamps), 1% (4 lamps)
- Operating frequency: ~ 40 – 100 kHz
- Type of protection: IP20

**Ordering data**

For luminaires with 3 lamps:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
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<th>Packaging, carton</th>
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<td>PCA 3x18 T8 ECO Ip xtce</td>
<td>22185245</td>
<td>20 pc(s).</td>
<td>600 pc(s).</td>
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**Specific technical data**

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<th>Lamp type</th>
<th>Article number</th>
<th>Dimensions</th>
<th>Hole spacing</th>
<th>Lamp power</th>
<th>Circuit power</th>
<th>EEI</th>
<th>Current at 50 Hz</th>
<th>λ at 50 Hz</th>
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<td>PCA 3x18 T8 ECO Ip xtce</td>
<td>22185245</td>
<td>360 x 40 x 21 mm</td>
<td>350 mm</td>
<td>48.5 W</td>
<td>51 W</td>
<td>A1 BAT</td>
<td>0.23 A</td>
<td>0.97</td>
<td>75 °C</td>
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<td>4 x 18 W</td>
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<td>22185248</td>
<td>360 x 40 x 21 mm</td>
<td>350 mm</td>
<td>65.0 W</td>
<td>68 W</td>
<td>A1 BAT</td>
<td>0.31 A</td>
<td>0.98</td>
<td>80 °C</td>
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2) Valid at 100% dimming level.
3) Valid at 100% dimming level.
4) +10 °C to ta max: unrestricted dimming. -25 °C to +10 °C: unrestricted dimming from 100% to 30%.
   -25 °C to +10 °C, dimming below 30%: malfunction possible but no damage to ECG. This applies to AC and DC operation.

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Standards
EN 55015
EN 60929
EN 61000-3-2
EN 61347-2-3
EN 61547
Suitable for emergency installations according to EN 50172

Lamp starting characteristics
Warm start
Starting time 0.5 s with AC
Starting time 0.2 s with DC
Start at any dimming level

AC operation
Mains voltage
220–240 V 50/60 Hz
198–264 V 50/60 Hz including safety tolerance (±10%)
202–254 V 50/60 Hz including performance tolerance (+6%/-8%)

DC operation
220–240 V 0 Hz
198–280 V 0 Hz certain lamp start
176–280 V 0 Hz operating range
Use in emergency lighting installations according to EN 50172 or for emergency luminaires according to EN 61347-2-3 appendix J.

Emergency units
The "PCA T8 ECO lp xtce" ballasts are compatible with all emergency units from Tridonic. See the table in the data sheet. Also all “5-pole” emergency units can be used. When used with other emergency units tests are necessary.

Temperature range
Unlimited dimming range from 10 °C to ta max.
-25 °C to +10 °C: dimming operation from 100 % to 30 %. If dimm level goes below 30 % malfunction possible, but no electronic ballast damage. This applies to AC and DC operation.

Mains currents in DC operation (at 70 % light output)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Wattage</th>
<th>Mains current at Un = 220 VDC</th>
<th>Mains current at Un = 275 VDC</th>
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<tr>
<td>PCA 3x18 T8 ECO lp xtce</td>
<td>3x18 W</td>
<td>0.22 A</td>
<td>0.17 A</td>
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<tr>
<td>PCA 4x18 T8 ECO lp xtce</td>
<td>4x18 W</td>
<td>0.28 A</td>
<td>0.22 A</td>
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Ballast lumen factor AC operation (AC-BLF) EN 60929 8.1

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<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>PCA 3x18 T8 ECO lp xtce</td>
<td>3x18 W</td>
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<td>PCA 4x18 T8 ECO lp xtce</td>
<td>4x18 W</td>
<td>0.99</td>
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The ballast lumen factor for AC operation (AC-BLF) does not alter from Un = 198 V AC to Un = 254 V AC.

Harmonic distortion in the mains supply (at 230 V/50 Hz)

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<th>5</th>
<th>7</th>
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<th>11</th>
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<td>7</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>PCA 4x18 T8 ECO lp xtce</td>
<td>4x18 W</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>4</td>
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Dimming curve is adapted to the eye sensitiveness.

Dimming range:
- 4-lamp: 1% to 100%
- 3-lamp: 5% to 100%

Digital control with:
- DSI signal: 8 bit Manchester Code
  Speed 1% to 100% in 1.4 s

Control input (D1, D2)
A push-to-make switch (switchDIM) can be wired on the same terminals (D1 and D2).

Digital signal DSI
The control input is non-polar and protected against accidental connection with a mains voltage up to 264 V. The control signal is not SELV. Control cable has to be installed in accordance to the requirements of low voltage installations.

Different functions depending on each module.

SMART interface
An additional interface for the direct connection of the SMART-LS II lp1) light sensor. The sensor registers actual ambient light and maintains the individually defined lux level.

After every mains reset the SMART interface automatically checks for an installed sensor. With the sensor installed the PCA T8 ECO one4all lp xtec automatically runs in the constant lux level mode.

ON/OFF switch via mains, switchDIM or DSI signal.

With switchDIM signals it is possible to change the controlled light level temporarily. Temporarily means that after a switching cycle OFF/ON command the ballast will start at the preset value determined by the SMART-LS II lp.

switchDIM
Integrated switchDIM function allows a direct connection of a push to make switch for dimming and switching.

Brief push (< 0.6 s) switches ballast ON and OFF. The ballasts switch-ON at light level set at switch-OFF.

When the push to make switch is held, PCA ballasts are dimmed. After repush the PCA is dimmed in the opposite direction.

The switchDIM fade time is set to 3 s from min. to max. in the factory settings. With a 20 s push to the push to make switch this fade time can be changed to 6 s. In this instance the switchDIM application will be synchronized to 50 % light level after 10 s and after 20 s the light level rises to 100 % with the new fade time.

At every synchronization (10 s keystroke) the device will reset to 3 s (factory setting).

In installations with different dimming levels or opposite dimming directions (e.g. after a system extension), all PCAs can be synchronized to 50 % dimming level by a 10 s push.

Use of push to make switch with indicator lamp is not permitted.

Deactivation: If the corridorFUNCTION is wrongly activated in a switchDIM system (for example a switch is used instead of pushbutton), there is the option of installing a pushbutton and deactivating the corridorFUNCTION mode by five short pushes of the button within three seconds.

SwitchDIM and corridorFUNCTION are very simple tools for controlling ballasts with conventional momentary-action switches or motion sensors.

To ensure correct operation a sinusoidal mains voltage with a frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz is required at the control input.

Special attention must be paid to achieving clear zero crossings.

Serious mains faults may impair the operation of switchDIM and corridorFUNCTION.

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**Loading of automatic circuit breakers**

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<tr>
<th>Automatic circuit breaker type</th>
<th>C10</th>
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<tr>
<td>PCA 3x18 T8 ECO lp xtec</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>48</td>
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Continuous operation: to calculate the protective safety switch see main current, page 1

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*SMART-LS II lp: article number 86458258
corridorFUNCTION
Activation: To activate the corridorFUNCTION a voltage of 230 V simply has to be applied for five minutes at D1, D2. The unit will then switch automatically to the corridorFUNCTION.
Deactivation: If the corridorFUNCTION is wrongly activated in a switchDIM system (for example a switch is used instead of pushbutton), there is the option of installing a pushbutton and deactivating the corridorFUNCTION mode by five short pushes of the button within three seconds.

Intelligent Temperature Guard
The intelligent temperature guard protects the PCA T8 ECO lp y from temporary thermal overheating by reducing the output power or switching off in case of operation above the thermal limits of the luminaire or ballast. Depending on the luminaire design, the ITG operates at about 5 to 10 °C above Tc temperature.

Intelligent Voltage Guard
Intelligent Voltage Guard is the name of the new electronic monitor from Tridonic. This innovative feature of the PCA family of control gear from Tridonic immediately shows if the mains voltage rises above certain thresholds. Measures can then be taken quickly to prevent damage to the control gear.
- If the mains voltage rises above approx. 305 V (voltage depends on the ballast type), the lamp starts flashing on and off.
- The active-current-control of these control gears is protected against failure caused by the high mains currents generated as a result of mains undervoltage. The switch off level depends on lamp wattage and is typically < 140 V.

Operating voltage

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<tr>
<td>PCA 3x18 T8 ECO lp xtec</td>
<td>3x14 W</td>
<td>430 V</td>
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<td>PCA 4x18 T8 ECO lp xtec</td>
<td>4x14 W</td>
<td>430 V</td>
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Wiring advice
The lead length is dependent on the capacitance of the cable.

With standard solid wire 0.5 / 0.75 mm² the capacitance of the lead is 30 – 80 pF/m. This value is influenced by the way the wiring is made.
Lamp connection should be made with symmetrical wiring.
3-lamp devices: Hot and cold leads should be separated as much as possible.
4-lamp devices: Middle and hot leads should be separated as much as possible.
Hot leads (9, 10, 15, 16) and cold leads (11, 12, 13, 14) should be separated as much as possible.
When using two or more dimmable ballasts in one luminaire with separate dimming controls, the lamp leads must be kept separate.

Distance to plate: 5 – 10 mm
(ideal distance for optimal symmetrical light)

To avoid the damage of the control gear, the wiring must be protected against short circuits to earth (sharp edged metal parts, metal cable clips, louver, etc.).
FL ballasts
Electronic dimming

Dimmable ballasts from Tridonic have to be earthed.

RFI
- Connection to the lamps of the hot leads must be kept as short as possible
- Mains leads should be kept apart from lamp leads (ideally 5–10 cm distance)
- Do not run mains leads adjacent to the electronic ballast
- Twist the lamp leads
- Keep the distance of lamp leads from the metal work as large as possible
- Mains wiring to be twisted when through wiring
- Keep the mains leads inside the luminaire as short as possible

General advise:
Electronic ballasts are virtually noise free.
Magnetic fields generated during the ignition cycle can cause some background noise but only for a few milliseconds.

Operation on DC voltage
Our ballasts are construed to operate DC voltage and pulsed DC voltage.
To operate ballasts with pulsed DC voltage the polarity is absolute mandatory.

Insulation and electric strength testing of luminaires
Electronic devices can be damaged by high voltage. This has to be considered during the routine testing of the luminaires in production.

According to IEC 60598-1 Annex Q (informative only) or ENEC 303-Annex A, each luminaire should be submitted to an insulation test with 500 Vdc for 1 second. This test voltage should be connected between the interconnected phase and neutral terminals and the earth terminal.
The insulation resistance must be at least 2 MΩ.

As an alternative, IEC 60598-1 Annex Q describes a test of the electrical strength with 1500 V AC (or 1.414 x 1500 Vdc). To avoid damage to the electronic devices this test must not be conducted.

Additional information
Additional technical information at
www.tridonic.com → Technical Data

Guarantee conditions at
www.tridonic.com → Services

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