Fl ballasts
Electronic dimming

PCA T8 ECO lp xtec, 36 – 58 W
ECO T8

Product description

• Processor-controlled ballast with xtec 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)
• Disconnection of filament heating in any dimmer setting
• Optimum filament heating in any dimmer setting of approx. 90 % for maximum efficiency (SMART-Heating concept)
• Fade rates between 50 ms and 90 s (min. – max.)
• 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
• Backwards compatible

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Technical data

Mains voltage range 220 – 240 V
AC voltage range 196 – 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 1 – 100 %
Lamp start possible from 1 %
Operating frequency ~ 40 – 100 kHz
Type of protection IP20

Ordering data

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For luminaires with 1 lamp

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- Valid at 100% dimming level.
- 0 °C to ta max: unrestricted dimming. -25 °C to 0 °C: unrestricted dimming from 100% to 30%.
- -25 °C to 0 °C: dimming below 30%: malfunction possible but no damage to ECG. This applies to AC and DC operation.
Standards
EN 55015
EN 55022
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.

Light output level in DC operation
Default value is 70%

Emergency units
The “PCA T8 ECO lp xtec” 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 0 °C to ta max.
-25 °C to 0 °C: dimming operation from 100% to 30%. If dim 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)

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Ballast lumen factor AC operation (AC-BLF) EN 60929 8.1

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The ballast lumen factor for AC operation (AC-BLF) does not alter from $U_n = 198$ VAC to $U_n = 254$ VAC.
The ballast lumen factor for DC operation (DC-BLF) on the basis of an automatic power reduction of the ballasts (default value is 70%) will be smaller than AC. It does not alter in the DC operating range (198–280 VDC).

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

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Dimming curve is adapted to the eye sensitiveness.
Dimming range 1 % to 100 %
Digital control with DSI signal:
8 bit Manchester Code
Speed 1 % to 100 % in 1.4 ms

Control input (D1, D2)
Digital DSI signal, push-to-make switch (switchDIM) or a motion detector (corridorFUNCTION) 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 or corridorFUNCTION plugs
Application and functionality see corridorFUNCTION user manual.
SMART-LS II lp1 light sensor operating mode:
The sensor registers 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 lp xtec automatically runs in the constant lux level mode.
ON/OFF switch via mains, switchDIM or DSI signal. DSI signal ≥ 1 switches on.
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. The installation of the two wire bus is according to the appropriate low voltage regulations.

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

1) SMART-LS II lp: article number 86468268

Brief push (< 0.6 s) switches ballast ON and OFF. The ballast switches 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 PCs with different dimming levels or opposite dimming directions (e.g. after a system extension), all PCs 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 has to be paid to achieving clear zero crossings. Serious mains faults may impair the operation of switchDIM and corridorFUNCTION.

Backwards compatibility
With a simple key combination a PCA T8 ECO lp xtec can be reset as a normal PCA ECO from the previous generation. Synchronisation simply has to take place three times within one minute.

To activate the “xtec” settings again, synchronisation has to take place four times within one minute.

Dimmable ballasts from Tridonic have to be earthed.

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Continuous operation: to calculate the protective safety switch see main current, page 2
corridorFUNCTION

Activation: To activate the corridorFUNCTION a voltage of 230V 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.

The corridorFUNCTION V2 offers the added benefit of a second and third preprogrammed profile, which can be activated by the corridorFUNCTION plugs.

Application and functionality of profiles see user manual.

Intelligent Temperature Guard

The intelligent temperature guard protects the PCA T8 ECO lp xitect from 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.
- This signal "demands" disconnection of the power supply to the lighting system.

Operating voltage

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Installation instructions

Wiring type and cross section

The wiring can be solid cable with a cross section of 0.5 to 0.75 mm² for push terminal and 0.5 mm² for IDC terminal. For the push-wire connection you have to strip the insulation (8–9 mm).

Wiring advice

The lead length is dependent on the capacitance of the cable.

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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.
- 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.

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Data sheet 02/13-880-3
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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.

Isolation 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 isolation test with 500 V DC for 1 second. This test voltage should be connected between the interconnected phase and neutral terminals and the earth terminal. The isolation 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 V DC). To avoid damage to the electronic devices this test must not be conducted.

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