

# COLOR FLASH *American DJ*®

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## User Instructions

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### Color Flash 4™

### Introduction

**Introduction:** Thank you for purchasing the Color Flash 4™ by American DJ®. The Color Flash 4™ is a packaged special effect lighting system (systems includes; 3 XLR cable, 4 Color Flash™ units). Everything you need for a great portable lighting system is included in this one package. The system come with one master unit and three slave units. The slave units will react to the many programs built into the master unit. The master unit is sound active and will run all programs through the built-in microphone in the master unit. The Color Flash 4™ is a truly unique system each unit includes a bright 300 watt lamp and a 50 watt strobe lamp. Add the unique lighting effect with the compact and light case design and you get a completely portable lighting effect show that can revival many other effects for three times the price. This system is great for mobile DJ's, bands, and small clubs. The system is system set up and easy in minutes and packs a powerful light show in a relatively small package. For best results use this system with a fog machine or other type of special effect fog to enhance the output of the colorful beams produced beams.

**Customer Support:** American DJ® provides a toll free customer support line, to provide set up help and to answer any question should you encounter problems during your set up or initial operation. You may also visit us on the web at [www.americandj.com](http://www.americandj.com) for any comments or suggestions. For service related issue please contact American DJ®. Service Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

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**Warning!** To prevent or reduce the risk of electrical shock or fire, do not expose this system to rain or moisture.

**Caution!** There are no user serviceable parts inside these units. Do not attempt any repairs yourself, doing so will void your manufactures warranty. In the unlikely event any of your units require service please contact your nearest American DJ dealer.

**PLEASE do not discard the shipping carton in the trash. Please recycle when ever possible.**

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## Unpacking

**Unpacking:** Every Color Flash 4™ system has been thoroughly tested and has been shipped in perfect operating condition. Carefully check the shipping carton for damage that may have occurred during shipping. If the carton appears to be damaged, carefully inspect your units for any damage and be sure all accessories necessary to operate the system have arrived intact. In the event damage has been found or parts are missing, please contact our toll free customer support number for further instructions. Please do not return the system to your dealer without first contacting customer support.

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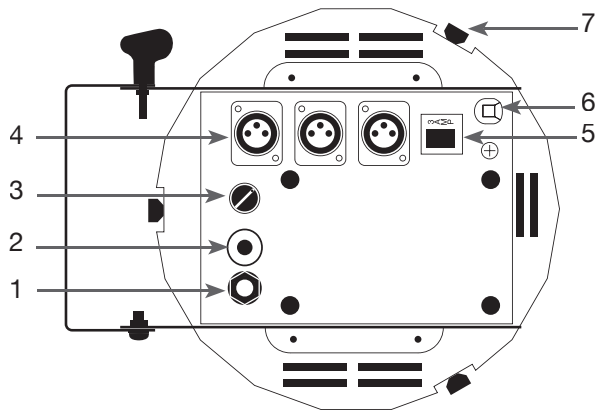
## Product Registration

The Color Flash 4™ system carries a one year (365 days) limited warranty. Please fill out the enclosed warranty card to validate your purchase. All returned service items whether under warranty or not, must be freight pre-paid and accompany a return authorization (R.A.) number. The R.A. number must be clearly written on the outside of the return package. A brief description of the problem as well as the R.A. number must also be written down on a sheet of paper included in the shipping carton. If the unit is under warranty, you must provide a copy of your proof of purchase invoice. You may obtain a R.A. number by contacting our customer support team on our toll free customer support number. All packages returned to the service department not displaying a R.A. number on the outside of the package will be returned to the shipper.

## Color Flash 4™

## Safety Precautions

- Do not spill water or other liquids into or on to your unit.
- Be sure that the local power outlet match that of the required voltage for your unit.
- Do not attempt to operate this unit if the power cord has been frayed or broken. Please route your power cord away from foot traffic.
- Do not attempt to remove or break off the ground prong from the electrical cord. This prong is used to reduce the risk of electrical shock and fire in the event of an internal short.
- Disconnect from main power before making any type of connection.
- Do not remove the rear cover under any conditions. There are no user serviceable parts inside.
- Never plug this unit in to a dimmer pack
- Always be sure to mount this unit in an area that will allow proper ventilation. Allow about 6" (15cm) between this device and a wall.
- Do not attempt to operate this unit if it becomes damaged in any way.
- Never operate this unit when it's front cover is removed.
- To reduce the risk of electrical shock or fire, do not expose this unit rain or moisture
- This unit is intended for indoor use only, use of this product outdoors voids all warranties.
- During long periods of non-use, disconnect the unit's main power.
- Always mount this unit in safe and stable matter.
- Power-Cord Protection - Power-supply cords should be route so they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords a plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the fixture.
- Cleaning -The fixture should be cleaned only as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Heat -The fixture should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- The fixture should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
  - A. The power-supply cord or the plug has been damaged.
  - B. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the appliance.
  - C. The appliance has been exposed to rain or water.
  - D. The fixture does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.



1. **Optional Remote Control Input** - *Do not attempt to connect an audio signal to this jack, this will damage the unit!* This jack is for use with the MINI/C controller only. *Connecting an audio signal this jack, this will damage the PC board and void your manufactures warranty!*
2. **Microphone** - This microphone receives external low frequencies to trigger the unit. Tapping on the unit and high pitched sounds may not trigger the unit.
3. **Audio Sensitivity Adjustment** - This knob is used to control the audio sensitivity of the built-in MICROPHONE (2). To increase the sensitivity turn the knob in clockwise direction. An increased sensitivity will give the impression the programs are running faster.
4. **XLR Slave Outputs** - These signal outlet are used to send a control signal to any slave unit directly connect to any of these jacks. Use the included XLR cables to link units together.
5. **Reset Breaker** - This unit uses a three amp breaker to prevent fire or accidental electrical shock in the event of an electrical short. If the breaker pops, push the breaker in to reset the unit.
6. **Power Cord** - Connect only to a matching power outlet. Never use this fixture if the ground prong has been removed or broken off.
7. **Thumb Screw** - This thumb screw is used to hold the cover in place. Remove the three thumb screws to access the lamp sockets.

**Power Supply:** Before plugging your units in, be sure the source voltage in your area matches the required voltage for your American DJ® Color Flash 4™ units. The American DJ® Color Flash 4™ system is available in a 120v and 220v version. Due to variations in line voltage from venue to venue, be sure to plug your units into a wall outlet with a matching power supply before attempting to operate.

**Data Cable Requirements:** Your units require a standard 3-pin XLR microphone cables for data input and data output (Figure 1). The system includes three cables. If you require cables of different or extended lengths, you may uses any standard microphone cable or construct your own. If you are constructing your own cables, be sure to use standard two conductor shielded cable (this cable may be purchased at almost all pro sound and lighting stores). Your cables should be made with a male and female XLR connector on either end of the cable. Also remember that DMX cable must be daisy chained and can not be split.



Figure 1

**Notice:** Be sure to follow figure three when making your own cables. Do not use the ground lug on the XLR connector. Do not connect the cable's shield conductor to the ground lug or allow the shield conductor to come in contact with the XLR's outer casing. Grounding the shield could cause a short circuit and erratic behavior.

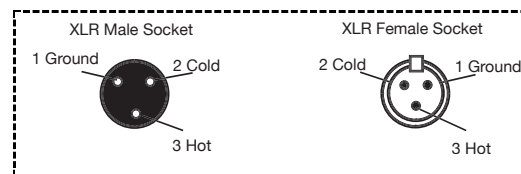


Figure 2

XLR Pin Configuration
Pin 1 = Shield
Pin 2 = Data Compliment (negative)
Pin 3 = Data True (positive)

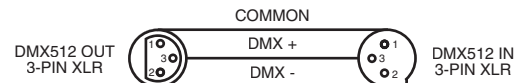
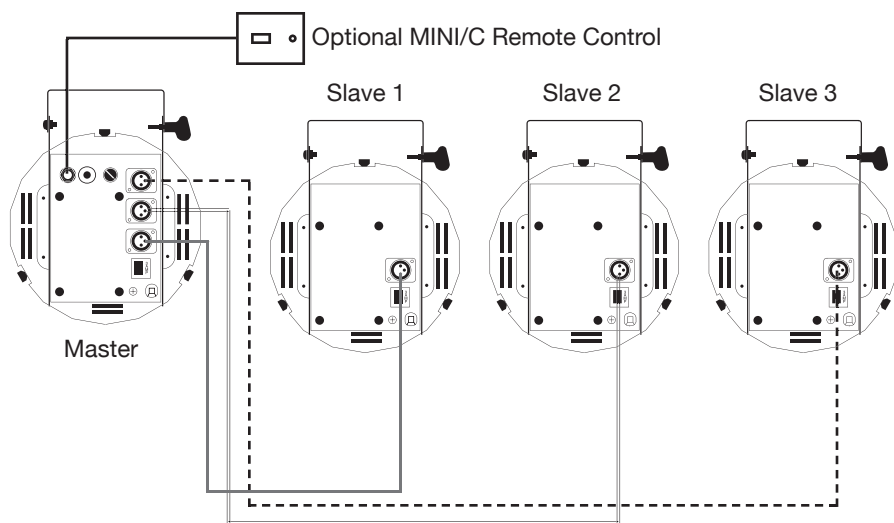


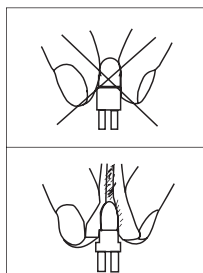
Figure 3

**Sound Active Operation:** This function allows a system to run to the beat of the music without any type of controller.

1. Mount your units in a safe and secure manner.
2. Connect the “slave” units to the “master” unit as detailed in the illustration below.
3. If you wish to use the optional remote control, connect it now. The remote control will allow you to activate a blackout mode.
4. Connect the unit to main power.
5. The unit will now react to the low frequencies of music via the internal microphone.



**Linking System:** Your Color Flash 4™ system comes with built-in programs for a four unit system. Follow the step above for proper linking and set-up procedures. If the system is not set up completely, blank spots will appear in the programs.



**Halogen Lamp Warning:** This fixture is fitted with halogen lamps which are highly susceptible to damage if improperly handled. Never touch the lamps with your bare fingers as the oil from your hands will shorten lamp life. Also, never move the fixture until the lamps have had ample time to cool. Remember, lamps are not covered under warranty conditions.

**Caution:** Always replace with the exact same type lamps, unless otherwise specified by an authorized American DJ® service technician. Replacing with anything other than the specified part can damage your unit and will void your manufactures warranty.

**Warning:** If you continue to blow lamps one after another, STOP using the unit. Contact customer support for further instructions, you may have to return the unit for servicing. Continuing to use the unit may cause serious damage.

**Lamp Replacement:** Caution! Never open the unit when it is in use. Always disconnect the main power and allow the fixture ample time to cool before attempting to replace the lamps. Again, please remember to always replace with the exact same type lamp.

1. Be sure to follow the proper procedures when handling halogen lamps. Never touch the new lamp with your bare fingers.
2. Unscrew the three thumb screws that secure the colored dome cover to the unit chassis.
3. Once the thumb screws have been removed, remove the dome assembly to expose the lamps.
4. Remove and replace the lamp that needs replacing with an exact match. The strobe lamp (ZB-50) has three pins and the other lamp has two pins. Be sure to replace the correct lamp.
5. Reassemble in reverse order.

**For any other service related issues, please contact American DJ® customer support.**

**Breaker Reset:** This unit is equipped with a safety breaker. This breaker is designed to close the power circuit in the event of an internal short, reducing the risk of electric shock and fire. To reset the breaker, push the breaker button in until you hear it pop back in to place. If the breaker continues to pop, stop using the unit and contact customer support the unit may require service.

Due to fog residue, smoke, and dust, cleaning the internal and external optical lenses must be carried out periodically to optimize light output.

1. Use normal glass cleaner and a soft cloth to wipe down the outer casing.
2. Use a brush to wipe down the cooling vents.
3. Clean the external portion of the optics with glass cleaner and a soft cloth every 20 days. Situation may vary. If used heavily in clubs with lots of fog, cleaning may be required more often.
4. Clean the internal portion of the optics with glass cleaner and a soft cloth every 30-60 days.
5. Always be sure to dry all parts completely before plugging the unit in.

Cleaning frequency depends on the environment in which the fixture operates (i.e. smoke, fog residue, dust, dew).

**Trouble Shooting:** Listed below are a few common problems that you may encounter, with solutions.

No light output from the unit;

1. Be sure you have connected your units into a standard 120v outlet.
2. Be sure the breaker does not have to be reset.
3. Remove the lamp cover and be sure the lamps are seated in their socket properly. Occasionally lamps become loose during shipping be sure the lamps are properly seated in their sockets.

Unit does not respond to sound;

1. Low frequencies (bass) should cause the unit to react to sound. Tapping on the microphone, quiet or high pitched sounds may not activate the unit.
2. Be sure the sensitivity knob is not turned off (full counter-clockwise position).

### 1-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

A. American DJ® hereby warrants, to the original purchaser, American DJ® products to be free of manufacturing defects in material and workmanship for a period of 1 Year (365 days) from the date of purchase. This warranty shall be valid only if the product is purchased within the United States of America, including possessions and territories. It is the owner's responsibility to establish the date and place of purchase by acceptable evidence, at the time service is sought.

B. For warranty service, send the product only to the American DJ® factory. All shipping charges must be pre-paid. If the requested repairs or service (including parts replacement) are within the terms of this warranty, American DJ® will pay return shipping charges only to a designated point within the United States. If the entire instrument is sent, it must be shipped in its original package. No accessories should be shipped with the product. If any accessories are shipped with the product, American DJ® shall have no liability whatsoever for loss of or damage to any such accessories, nor for the safe return thereof.

C. This warranty is void if the serial number has been altered or removed; if the product is modified in any manner which American DJ® concludes, after inspection, affects the reliability of the product; if the product has been repaired or serviced by anyone other than the American DJ® factory unless prior written authorization was issued to purchaser by American DJ®; if the product is damaged because not properly maintained as set forth in the instruction manual.

D. This is not a service contract, and this warranty does not include maintenance, cleaning or periodic check-up. During the period specified above, American DJ® will replace defective parts at its expense, and will absorb all expenses for warranty service and repair labor by reason of defects in material or workmanship. The sole responsibility of American DJ® under this warranty shall be limited to the repair of the product, or replacement thereof, including parts, at the sole discretion of American DJ®. All products covered by this warranty were manufactured after January 1, 1990, and bear identifying marks to that effect.

E. American DJ® reserves the right to make changes in design and/or improvements upon its products without any obligation to include these changes in any products theretofore manufactured.

F. No warranty, whether expressed or implied, is given or made with respect to any accessory supplied with products described above. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, all implied warranties made by American DJ® in connection with this product, including warranties of merchantability or fitness, are limited in duration to the warranty period set forth above. And no warranties, whether expressed or implied, including warranties of merchantability or fitness, shall apply to this product after said period has expired. The consumer's and or Dealer's sole remedy shall be such repair or replacement as is expressly provided above; and under no circumstances shall American DJ® be liable for any loss or damage, direct or consequential, arising out of the use of, or inability to use, this product.

G. This warranty is the only written warranty applicable to American DJ® Products and supersedes all prior warranties and written descriptions of warranty terms and conditions heretofore published.

H. Lamps are not covered under this or any other warranty, either written or implied.

**MODEL: COLOR FLASH 4™**

<b>VOLTAGE*:</b>	120v~60Hz or 220v~50/60Hz
<b>LAMP (PER UNIT):</b>	ZB-64514 120v/300w & ZB-50 120v/50w <b>or</b> ZB-64516 220v/300w (220v) ZB-50 120v/50w or
<b>DIMENSIONS:</b>	8.7"L x 7.9"W x 8.3"H (with yoke extended)
<b>WEIGHT:</b>	11 Lbs/ 5 Kgs (unit)
<b>BREAKER:</b>	3 Amp
<b>WORKING POSITION:</b>	Any safe position
<b>COOLING:</b>	Air Cooled
<b>GOBOS:</b>	None
<b>COLORS:</b>	Multi-colored
<b>WARRANTY:</b>	1 Year (365 days)

\* Voltage is preset at the factory

**Please Note:** Specifications and improvements in the design of this unit and this manual are subject to change without any prior written notice.