FlexFog™ 1500

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1. Before You Begin

What is included

- > 1 x FlexFog™ 1500
- Power Cord
- Warranty Card
- User Manual

Unpacking Instructions

Immediately upon receiving a fixture, carefully unpack the carton, check the contents to ensure that all parts are present, and have been received in good condition. Notify the shipper immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear damaged from shipping or the carton itself shows signs of mishandling. Save the carton and all packing materials. In the event that a fixture must be returned to the factory, it is important that the fixture be returned in the original factory box and packing.

AC Power

To determine the power requirements for a particular fixture, see the label affixed to the back plate of the fixture or refer to the fixture's specifications chart. A fixture's listed current rating is its average current draw under normal conditions. All fixtures must be powered directly off a switched circuit and cannot be run off a rheostat (variable resistor) or dimmer circuit, even if the rheostat or dimmer channel is used solely for a 0% to 100% switch. Before applying power to a fixture, check that the source voltage matches the fixture's requirement.

Warning!

Verify that the voltage select switch on your unit matches the line voltage applied. Damage to your fixture may result if the line voltage applied does not match the voltage indicated on the unit. All fixtures must be connected to circuits with a suitable Earth Ground.

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Safety Instructions



Please read these instructions carefully, which includes important information about the installation, usage and maintenance of this product.

- Please keep this User Guide for future consultation. If you sell the unit to another user, be sure that
 they also receive this instruction booklet.
- Always make sure that you are connecting to the proper voltage, and that the line voltage you are connecting to is not higher than that stated on the decal or rear panel of the fixture.
- This product is intended for indoor use only!
- To prevent risk of fire or shock, do not expose fixture to rain or moisture. Make sure there are no
 flammable materials close to the unit while operating.
- The unit must be installed in a location with adequate ventilation, at least 20in (50cm) from adjacent surfaces. Be sure that no ventilation slots are blocked.
- Always disconnect from power source before servicing or replacing fuse and be sure to replace with same fuse.
- Secure fixture to fastening device using a safety chain. Never carry the fixture solely by its head. Use its carrying handles.
- Maximum ambient temperature (Ta) is 104°F (40°C). Do not operate fixture at temperatures higher than this.
- In the event of a serious operating problem, stop using the unit immediately. Never try to repair the
 unit by yourself. Repairs carried out by unskilled people can lead to damage or malfunction. Please
 contact the nearest authorized technical assistance center. Always use the same type spare parts.
- Never connect the device to a dimmer pack.
- Make sure the power cord is never crimped or damaged.
- Never disconnect the power cord by pulling or tugging on the cord.

Caution!

There are no user serviceable parts inside the unit. Do not open the housing or attempt any repairs yourself. In the unlikely event your unit may require service, please contact CHAUVET at: 954-929-1115.

WARNING!

Note: All fog machines are prone to clogging due to the thick consistency of fog liquid and the high temperature at which it vaporizes. However, a properly maintained fog machine should provide years of reliable use. **Cleaning your fog machine regularly will help reduce costly replacement and repair charges.**

Maintenance

Do not allow the fog liquid to become contaminated. After every 40 hours of continuous operation, it is recommended to run a cleaning solution composed of 80% distilled water and 20% distilled vinegar through the system to prevent the accumulation of particulate matter in the heating element.

The recommended cleaning regimen is as follows:

- 1. Empty all fog liquid from the machine. Add cleaning solution to tank. Plug unit in and begin warm up.
- 2. Run the unit in a well-ventilated area until the tank is almost empty. Do not allow the pump to run dry.
- 3. Replace nozzle.
- 4. Cleaning is now complete. Refill with fog liquid. Run the machine briefly to clear any cleaning solution from the pump and heater.
- 5. Do not operate the fog machine without liquid at any time.

Storage

- 1. When storing run distilled water (not tap water) through the system as described in the cleaning regimen above. This will help avoid any particles condensing inside the pump or heater.
- It is strongly recommended to test-run the machine on a monthly basis in order to achieve its best fogging condition. A test-run consists of warming up the machine followed by a few minutes of emission. After that, follow Step 1 under Storage

2. Introduction

Features

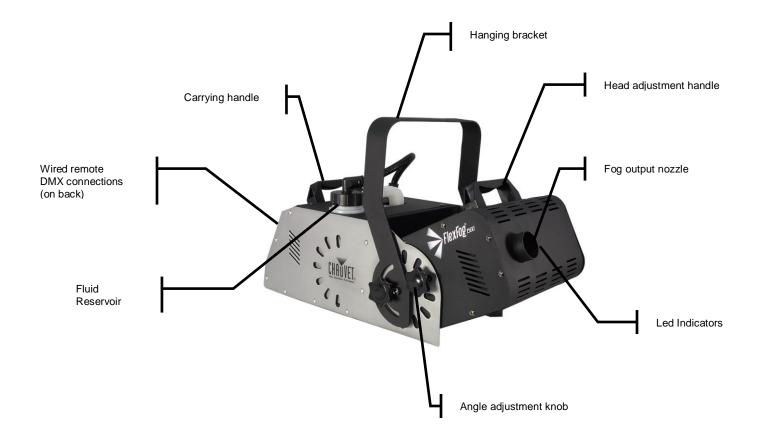
- 1-channel DMX-512 flexible fog machine
- Output: 25,000cfm

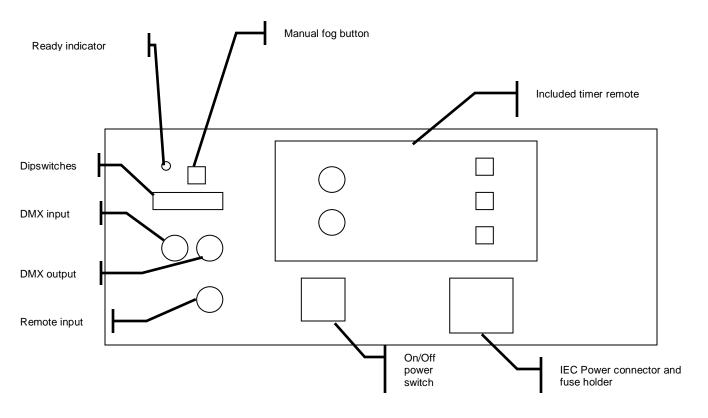
Additional Features

- Manually adjustable output angles (180°)
- Wired timer remote included
- Manual fog button
- 3.7 quart tank capacity
- Low fluid indicator and auto shut down safety features
- Water-based fogger

Channel Number	Value	Effect
1	001 → 255	Emit fog (low → high)

Product Overview





3. SETUP

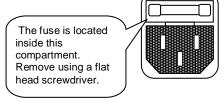


Disconnect the power cord before replacing a fuse and always replace with the same type fuse.



Fuse Replacement

With a flat head screwdriver wedge the fuse holder out of its housing. Remove the damaged fuse from its holder and replace with exact same type fuse. Insert the fuse holder back in its place and reconnect power.



Data Cabling

To link fixtures together you must obtain data cables. You can purchase CHAUVET-certified DMX cables directly from a dealer/distributor or construct your own cable. If you choose to create your own cable please use data-grade cables that can carry a high quality signal and are less prone to electromagnetic interference.

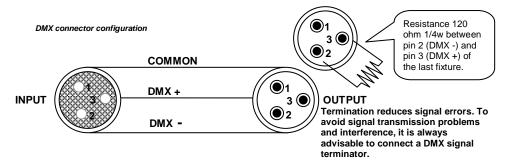
DMX DATA CABLE

Use a Belden© 9841 or equivalent cable which meets the specifications for EIA RS-485 applications. Standard microphone cables cannot transmit DMX data reliably over long distances. The cable will have the following characteristics:

2-conductor twisted pair plus a shield Maximum capacitance between conductors – 30 pF/ft. Maximum capacitance between conductor and shield – 55 pF/ft. Maximum resistance of 20 ohms / 1000 ft. Nominal impedance 100 – 140 ohms

CABLE CONNECTORS

Cabling must have a male XLR connector on one end and a female XLR connector on the other end.



CAUTION

Do not allow contact between the common and the fixture's chassis ground. Grounding the common can cause a ground loop, and your fixture may perform erratically. Test cables with an ohm meter to verify correct polarity and to make sure the pins are not grounded or shorted to the shield or each other.

3-PIN TO 5-PIN CONVERSION CHART

Note! If you use a controller with a 5 pin DMX output connector, you will need to use a 5 pin to 3 pin adapter.

CHAUVET Model No: DMX5M, or DMX5F.

The chart below details a proper cable conversion:

3 PIN TO 5 PIN CONVERSION CHART

Conductor	3 Pin Female (output)	5 Pin Male (Input)
Ground/Shield	Pin 1	Pin 1
Data (-) signal	Pin 2	Pin 2
Data (+) signal	Pin 3	Pin 3
Do not use		Do not use
Do not use		Do not use

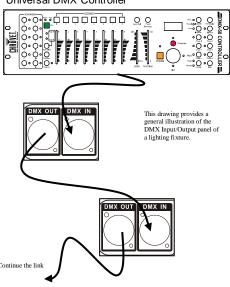
Setting up a DMX Serial Data Link

- Connect the (male) 3 pin connector side of the DMX cable to the output (female) 3 pin connector of the controller.
- Connect the end of the cable coming from the controller which will have a (female) 3 pin connector to the input connector of the next fixture consisting of a (male) 3 pin connector.
- 3. Then, proceed to connect from the output as stated above to the input of the following fixture and so on.

CHAUVET Certified DMX Data Cables

Order Code	Description
DMX1.5	DMX Cable 1.5m/4.9ft
DMX4.5	DMX Cable 4.5m/14.8ft
DMX10	DMX Cable 10m/32.8ft

Universal DMX Controller



Master/Slave Fixture Linking

- Connect the (male) 3 pin connector side of the DMX cable to the output (female) 3 pin connector
 of the first fixture.
- 2. Connect the end of the cable coming from the first fixture which will have a (female) 3 pin connector to the input connector of the next fixture consisting of a (male) 3 pin connector. Then, proceed to connect from the output as stated above to the input of the following fixture and so on.

Often, the setup for Master-Slave and Standalone operation requires Slave Slave Master that the first fixture in the chain be initialized for this purpose via either DMX OUT | DMX IN DMX OUT | DMX IN settings in the control panel or DIPswitches. Secondarily, the fixtures that follow may also require a slave setting. Please consult the "Operating Instructions" section in this manual for complete instructions for this type of setup and configuration.

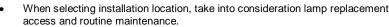
Mounting

ORIENTATION

This unit must be mounted parallel to the ground.

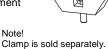
RIGGING

It is important never to obstruct the fan or vents pathway. Mount the fixture using, a suitable "C" or "O" type clamp. Adjust the angle of the fixture loosening both knobs and tilting the fixture. After finding the desired position, retighten both knobs.



- Safety cables must always be used.
- Never mount in places where the fixture will be exposed to rain, high humidity, extreme temperature changes or restricted ventilation.

Hanging Clamp



Warning: Only position the fog machine aiming down when mounting the product using the hanging bracket. Failure to follow these instructions may lead to instability of the fog machine and damage to the product and/or self.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Master/Slave Mode:

This mode will allow you to link up to 32 units together without a controller.

- Use standard DMX cables to daisy chain your units together via the DMX connector on the rear
 of the units. For longer cable runs we suggest a terminator at the last fixture. For more
 information about terminators, see page 9.
- 2) Choose a unit to function as the Master. Turn dipswitches to the Master position on the unit. The unit must be the first unit in line. Then simply chain the units together using DMX cable.

Mode	Dipswitches
Master	10 = Off

3) Turn switch to the Slave position on the slave units, and they will react the same as the Master.

Mode	Dipswitches
Slave	10 = On

DMX Mode

This mode allows the unit to be controlled by any universal DMX controller. If you are unfamiliar with DMX, please read the DMX Primer on page 15.

- 1) To place the unit in DMX mode set dipswitch 10 to the ON position
- 2) Use dipswitches 1-9 to set the DMX address.

LED Indicators

- 1) Blue- Lights when DMX signal is active
- 2) Green- Ready to fog
- Red (front) When two red indicators are lit the machine is low on fog fluid. The machine will shut down in order to prevent damage from occurring until fluid is added.
- 4) Red (top)- The red indicators next to the fluid tank are on when the machine is warming up
- 5) Green (top) The green indicators are lit when the unit is ready to fog.

Wired Remote Operation

Timer function:

- 1) Dipswitch #10 must be set to the "OFF" position
- 2) Set the power button on the remote to the "Off" depressed position.
- 3) Set the "Timer" button o the "On" position.
- 3) Wireless transmissions have a 30 meter range.

Manual continuous fog operation:

- 1) Dipswitch #10 must be set to the "OFF" position
- 2) The power button on the remote may be in the "On" or "Off" position
- 3) The "Manual" button on the remote must be "On".
- 3) Adjust the output with the "Volume" knob.

Note: this will override "Timer" operation

SETTING THE STARTING ADDRESS

This DMX mode enables the use of a universal DMX controller device. Each fixture requires a "start address" from 1 to 512. A fixture requiring one or more channels for control begins to read the data on the channel indicated by the start address. For example, a fixture that uses 6 DMX channels and was addressed to start on DMX channel 100, would read data from channels: 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105. Choose start addresses so that the channels used do not overlap, and note the start address selected for future reference.

If this is your first time addressing a fixture using the DMX-512 control protocol, we suggest jumping to the Appendix Section and reading the heading "DMX Primer". It contains very useful information that will help you understand its use.

Set the start address using the group of DIP switches located usually on bottom of the fixture. Each dip switch has an associated value. Adding the value of each switch in the ON position will provide the start address. Figuring out which switches to toggle ON given a specific start address can be accomplished by determining which switch values will add up to the address value, and turning these switches on. Do so by doing the following:

- 1) Determine the largest value switch that is less than the start address. Turn this switch on.
- 2) Subtract the value of the switch you just turned on from the starting address number.
- 3) Determine the largest value switch that is less than the remainder from the previous subtraction. Turn this switch on.
- 4) Subtract the value of the switch you just turned on from the remainder of the previous subtraction.
- 5) Repeat steps three and four until you have a remainder of zero.

EXAMPLE STARTING ADDRESS

Address 10 Switch #4 = 8	1 64 128 256
Switch # 2 = 2	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Total = 10	↑ OFF
Address 24 Switch #5 = 16	164 128 128 256
Switch # 4 = 8	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Total = 24	AON VOFF
Resolving address using simple math.	233 – (128) = 105, Turn ON Dip # 8 105 – (64) = 41, Turn ON Dip # 7 DIPSWITCH (DMX VALUE)
Address 233	41 – (32) = 9, Turn ON Dip # 6 9 – (8) = 1, Turn ON Dip # 4 1 – (1) = 0, Turn ON Dip # 1 4 8 5 16 6 32 7 64 8 128 9 256

DMX QUICK REFERENCE CHART

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Dip Switch Position

DMX Address

General Troubleshooting

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Symptom	Solution(s)	Lights	Foggers & Snow	Controllers	Dimmers & Chaser
Auto shut off	Check fan thermal switch reset	✓			
Beam is very dim or not bright	Clean optical system or replace lamp Check 220/110v switch for proper setting	✓			
Breaker/Fuse keeps blowing	Check total load placed on device				✓
Chase is too slow	Check users manual for speed adjustment	✓		✓	✓
Device has no power	Check for power on Mains. Check device's fuse. (internal and/or external)	✓		✓	√
Fixture is not responding	Check DMX Dip switch settings for correct addressing Check DMX cables Check polarity switch settings	✓			
Fixture is on but there is no movement to the audio	Make sure you have the correct audio mode on the control switches. If audio provided via ¼" jack, make sure a live audio signal exists Adjust sound sensitivity knob	✓		✓	√
Lamps cuts off sporadically	Possible bad lamp or fixture is overheating. Lamp may be at end of its life.	✓			
Light will not come on after power failure	Some discharge lamps require a cooling off period before the electronics in the fixture can kick start it again, wait 5 to 10 minutes before powering up	✓			
Loss of signal	Use only DMX cables Install terminator Note: Keep DMX cables separated from power cables or black lights.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moves slow	Check 220/110v switch for proper setting	✓			
No flash	Re-install bulb, may have shifted in shipping	✓			
No laser output	Bounce mirror motor may have shifted during shipping, readjust	✓			
No light output	Check slip ring & brushes for contact Install bulb Call service technician	✓			
Relay will not work	Check reset switch Check cable connections				✓
Remote does not work	Make sure connector is firmly connected to device	✓	✓		
Stand alone mode	All Chauvet lighting fixtures featuring stand-alone functions do not require additional settings, simply power the fixture and it will automatically enter into this mode	✓			

If you still have a problem after trying the above solutions, please contact CHAUVET Technical Support at the location on the next page.

Technical Support

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5. APPENDIX

DMX Primer

There are 512 channels in a DMX-512 connection. Channels may be assigned in any manner. A fixture capable of receiving DMX 512 will require one or a number of sequential channels. The user must assign a starting address on the fixture that indicates the first channel reserved in the controller. There are many different types of DMX controllable fixtures and they all may vary in the total number of channels required. Choosing a start address should be planned in advance. Channels should never overlap. If they do, this will result in erratic operation of the fixtures whose starting address is set incorrectly. You can however, control multiple fixtures of the same type using the same starting address as long as the intended result is that of unison movement or operation. In other words, the fixtures will be slaved together and all respond exactly the same.

DMX fixtures are designed to receive data through a serial Daisy Chain. A Daisy Chain connection is where the DATA OUT of one fixture connects to the DATA IN of the next fixture. The order in which the fixtures are connected is not important and has no effect on how a controller communicates to each fixture. Use an order that provides for the easiest and most direct cabling. Connect fixtures using shielded two conductor twisted pair cable with three pin XLR male to female connectors. The shield connection is pin 1, while pin 2 is Data Negative (S-) and pin 3 is Data positive (S+). CHAUVET carries 3-pin XLR DMX compliant cables, DMX-10 (33'), DMX-4.5 (15') and DMX-1.5 (5')

General Maintenance

To maintain optimum performance and minimize wear fixtures should be cleaned frequently. Usage and environment are contributing factors in determining frequency. As a general rule, fixtures should be cleaned at least twice a month. Dust build up reduces light output performance and can cause overheating. This can lead to reduced lamp life and increased mechanical wear. Be sure to power off fixture before conducting maintenance.

Unplug fixture from power. Use a vacuum or air compressor and a soft brush to remove dust collected on external vents and internal components. Clean all glass when the fixture is cold with a mild solution of glass cleaner or Isopropyl Alcohol and a soft lint free cotton cloth or lens tissue. Apply solution to the cloth or tissue and drag dirt and grime to the outside of the lens. Gently polish optical surfaces until they are free of haze and lint.

The cleaning of internal and external optical lenses and/or mirrors must be carried out periodically to optimize light output. Cleaning frequency depends on the environment in which the fixture operates: damp, smoky or particularly dirty surrounding can cause greater accumulation of dirt on the unit's optics. Clean with soft cloth using normal glass cleaning fluid. - Always dry the parts carefully. - Clean the external optics at least every 20 days. Clean the internal optics at least every 30/60 days.

Returns Procedure

Returned merchandise must be sent prepaid and in the original packing, call tags will not be issued. Package must be clearly labeled with a Return Merchandise Authorization Number (RMA #). Products returned without an RMA # will be refused. Call CHAUVET and request RA # prior to shipping the fixture. Be prepared to provide the model number, serial number and a brief description of the cause for the return. Be sure to properly pack fixture, any shipping damage resulting from inadequate packaging is the customer's responsibility. CHAUVET reserves the right to use its own discretion to repair or replace product(s). As a suggestion, proper UPS packing or double-boxing is always a safe method to use.

Note: If you are given an RMA #, please include the following information on a piece of paper inside the box:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your address
- 3) Your phone number
- 4) The RMA #
- 5) A brief description of the symptoms

Claims

Damage incurred in shipping is the responsibility of the shipper; therefore the damage must be reported to the carrier upon receipt of merchandise. It is the customer's responsibility to notify and submit claims with the shipper in the event that a fixture is damaged due to shipping. Any other claim for items such as missing component/part, damage not related to shipping, and concealed damage, must be made within seven (7) days of receiving merchandise.

Technical Specifications

WEIGHT & DIMENSIONS	
Length	21 in (533 mm)
Width	9.5 in (241 mm)
Height	
Weight	
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POWER	
Input Voltage	120V 60Hz AC or 230V 50Hz
Fuse@120V	
Fuse@240V	10A 250V
Power and Current	
Inrush Current	13A at 120V
Power Factor	
THERMAL	
Maximum ambient temperature	104°F (40°C)
CONTROL & PROGRAMMING	
Data input	locking 3-pin XLR male socket
Data output	locking 3-pin XLR female socket
Data pin configuration	pin 1 shield, pin 2 (-), pin 3 (+)
Protocols	DMX-512 USITT
DMX Channels	1
ORDERING INFORMATION	
FlexFog™ 1500	FLEXFOG
WARRANTY INFORMATION	
Warranty	2 year limited warranty