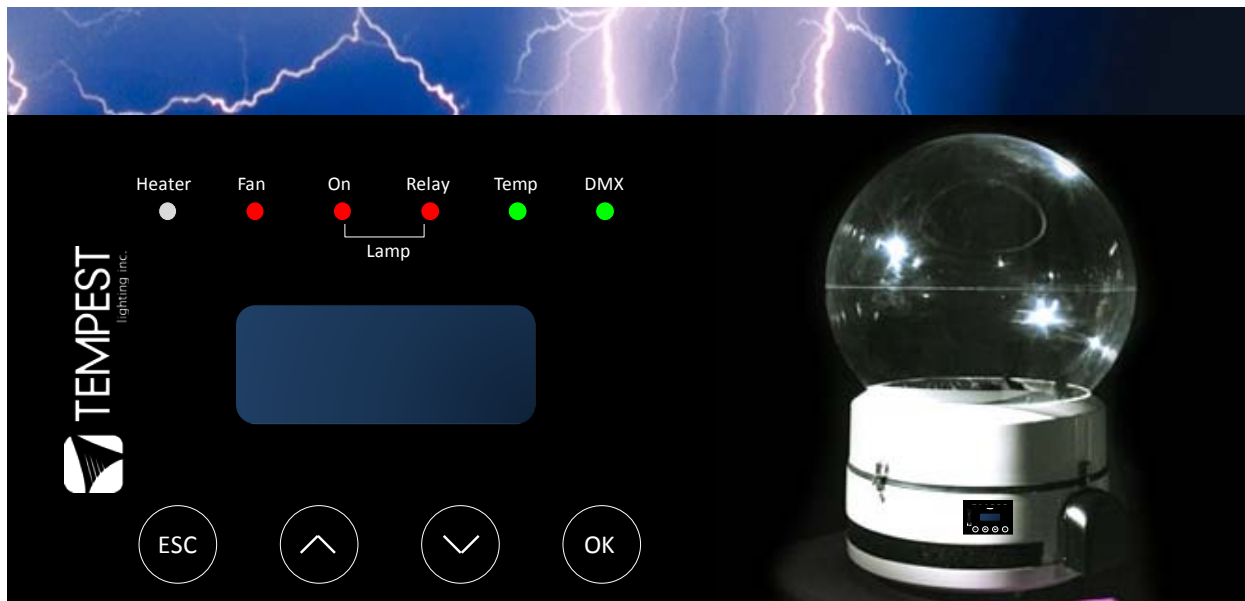


Digital Enclosure Control – DEC3™ Manual

Outdoor Protection for your Indoor Equipment



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Introduction

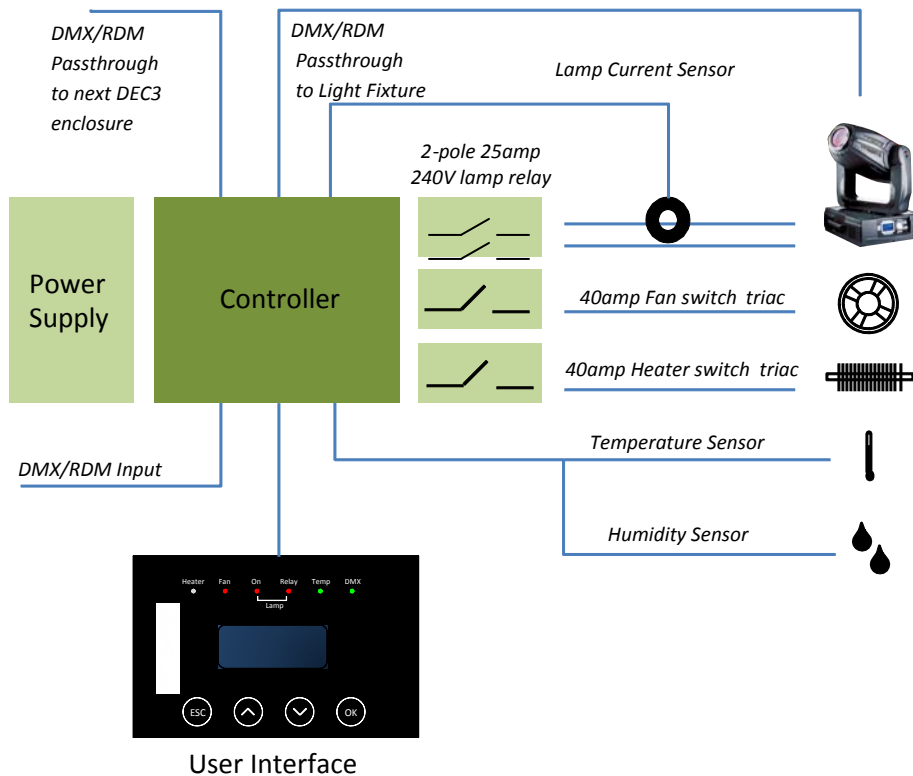
Tempest Lighting and Projector Enclosures have been in daily use around the world for almost a decade. Tempest enclosures protect expensive and delicate equipment in all climates, maintaining a comfortable operating temperature, and preventing condensation – the real outdoor enemy.

DEC3™ – that’s *Digital Enclosure Control, third Generation* – is the brain of your Tempest enclosure. It will maintain the internal environment in a comfortable temperature and humidity range, and prevent condensation – the real equipment killer. DEC3 monitors internal temperature, humidity and lamp current at all times, and uses this information to control its lamp relay, fan(s) and heater(s). It can report back over the DMX cable, using the RDM protocol (Remote Device Management) if desired.

Unless otherwise specified, this version of the user guide refers to DEC3 units fitted with software version 2.1 or later.

So, what does DEC3 actually DO?

DEC3 is the brains of the operation – here’s a layout:



This schematic shows the relationship between DEC3’s functional elements.

The power supply is universal 90-260V, but fans and heaters are either 120V or 230VAC, and must be so specified.

A high-quality 25amp 2-pole electro-mechanical relay isolates fixture/projector power in the event of an over-temperature condition.

Fans and heaters are switched using generously overrated 40amp Triac devices for maximum reliability.

Two DMX outputs connect to the internal fixture (if desired) and on to other enclosures or DMX devices.

DEC3's mission is to maintain temperature and humidity inside the enclosure, within determined bounds, and to prevent condensation – particularly overnight dew formation – inside the equipment housed. Condensation is fatal to electronic equipment, particularly in polluted areas or saline environments, where it brings not only rust and short-circuits, but also a steady buildup of mineral and/or salt deposits. Incidentally, condensation is very hard to control with air-conditioning type systems, which is why we don't use them.

Broadly speaking, DEC3's function depends on whether the fixture/projector lamp is on or off:

Lamp ON

When the projector/fixture is running, the heat from the lamp takes care of humidity, and DEC3 runs the enclosure's fan(s) to change its air every few seconds – ensuring minimal temperature rise above outside ambient.

Lamp OFF

When the lamp is off, DEC3 senses temperature and humidity and controls its fan(s) and heater(s) accordingly. When conditions are within normal bounds (between top and bottom temperature settings and below the humidity threshold (see below), DEC3 pulses the heater at a low level to dry the air and eliminate condensation, and runs the fans to change the enclosure air every 30 seconds or so. We call this 'pulse mode', and it is the key to preventing damaging condensation inside your equipment.

If the temperature rises above the top set limit (see below), DEC3 runs the fans to cool it down. In cold conditions, DEC3 will run the heater as required to maintain the bottom set temperature.

Thus, DEC3 maintains a comfortable operating temperature inside the enclosure, and prevents damage from condensation. Users all over the world have found that Tempest enclosures provide an optimal environment for expensive and delicate equipment, in every climate type.

And while doing all of this, DEC3 can tell you what's happening over your RDM network – a real boon in larger installations.

Operating Modes

DEC3 may be run in one of three basic operating configurations. A fourth configuration is provided for test and service use.

Standalone: The enclosure operates independently, and automatically, requiring no user intervention. User may set parameters such as temperature and humidity thresholds, and monitor sensor information and DEC status at the DEC3 user interface. Standalone is the default DEC3 shipping mode unless specified otherwise at time of order. DMX is not required or utilized.

DMX/RDM Mode 1 (RDM Monitor)

All of the Standalone features plus the ability to discover and monitor the DEC3 over a DMX512 connection, using RDM.

In this mode, the DEC3 does not need to “see” any DMX to operate. The mode allows the use of RDM to set the various temperature thresholds, and monitor the conditions inside the enclosure remotely. The fixture inside the Tempest enclosure may also be an RDM enabled device.

DMX/RDM Mode 2 (DMX Enable)

All of the Standalone and RDM Monitor features plus the use of a single DMX address (slot) to control the Lamp Relay.

This means that the user is responsible for maintaining a DMX input with the slot (as selected as the DMX START ADDRESS on the DEC3) high. This slot level must be set greater than 50% at all times when the internal fixture is to be powered. This has the useful attribute of enabling the user to remotely force a hard reset of the fixture by opening and then closing the Lamp Relay. It also means that it is unnecessary to feed the enclosure with two power sources (for the enclosure and the luminaire/projector), since the DMX slot may be used to isolate the projector when not in use, without removing power from the enclosure. This mode is recommended for show-control applications, where it is desirable to have power control of the internal fixture, and accidental loss of the DMX data is very unlikely to occur.

In the absence of DMX, the Lamp Relay defaults to “ON”.

All RDM functions are available for configuration and monitoring of the DEC3.

DMX/RDM Mode 3 (Service/Test)

This mode is intended for test and service use.

It gives the user direct control of the lamp, fan and heater relays over DMX. User may NOT override any of the relays in an unsafe direction – for example, if the DEC3 has determined the enclosure is over-temperature and has switched off the lamp relay, the relay may not be overridden ON by DMX. In this sense, DMX ‘piles on’ to DEC3 operation, within defined safety limits. However, until such time as the temperature reaches the TOP limit, the heater may be enabled and the fan disabled, which is why the mode should only be used for Test and Service use.

If the DEC3 has been purchased with DMX/RDM enabled, it is possible to select the required mode 1-3 using RDM. In the RDM context, this is known as selecting the device’s DMX PERSONALITY.

Setup of the DEC3 from the Front Panel is available in all configurations.



RDM is an effective and powerful tool for commissioning and monitoring an installation, particularly in large systems. For further guidance, we recommend you consult a qualified RDM system integrator. If you don’t have one in your neighborhood, go to www.tempestlighting.com, and click on the RDM and RDM Integration bug on the home page for some useful contacts. Tempest Lighting warrants DEC3 to be compliant with the RDM standard, but is not an RDM systems integrator, and can offer only basic guidance on RDM utilization.

DEC3 Control Parameters

DEC3 will run out of the box with its default parameter settings, which equate to the (fixed) settings of its predecessor DEC1 and 2.

Temperature:

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| Top Set | <i>Range 35-45°C, Default = 40°C</i>
Most manufacturers recommend a max temperature for their equipment of 40°C, though this does vary. When DEC3 senses a temperature higher than Top Set, it indicates an overtemp condition as a warning. NOTE: in moving light enclosures the thermal sensor is necessarily placed in the exhaust air path, which will be higher (sometimes a lot higher) than the actual fixture ambient. This needs to be kept in mind when adjusting temperature settings. |
| Cutoff Temp | <i>Range 0-15°C, Default = 15°C</i>
This is a setting <i>above</i> the Top Set temperature that determines the temperature at which the lamp relay is opened, cutting off power from |

the fixture/projector. The user may reduce it as desired, but should establish before doing so the actual operating temperatures experienced in hot weather before doing so, to avoid nuisance tripping.

Bottom Set *Range 0-10°C, Default = 10°C*

The temperature maintained by the heater in cold conditions. Most equipment manufacturers recommend a minimum operating temperature of 0°C, and users may set it lower than the default if desired.

Humidity *Range 50-90%, Default 80%*

The threshold at which incoming air is more aggressively heated to remove moisture. This parameter will not normally require adjustment.

DMX Set *Range 001-510, Default 001*

Sets the DMX address for the lamp relay control. In the DMX/RDM service mode, the subsequent two DMX slots control fan and heater respectively.

Lamp Hours *Default 0000*

DEC3 counts the hours your projector/fixture lamp is on, and can report it both on the user interface display and over RDM. **Remember to reset to 0 when changing lamps.** This is provided to allow lamp hours monitoring on devices such as Video Projectors and certain moving lights that have no native RDM or DMX support.

Setup and Connections

Operating Mode Setup

Your DEC3 will normally be factory set to the operating mode you specified in your order:

Operating Mode DIP Switch Settings

Mode	DIPswitch Settings	Mode Summary
Standalone	1-6 OFF	Standalone - no DMX/RDM
DMX/RDM	2 ON, 1, 3-6 OFF	DMX/RDM Modes 1-3 - support for remote monitoring

DMX Connections

DMX refers to USITT DMX512, a commonly used control protocol in the entertainment industry, running over RS485. Consult USITT DMX installation guidelines when laying out a system, or employ a qualified DMX system integrator.

Note that DMX is optional - in many applications it is not required, and need not be connected.

DMX IN - Connect incoming DMX to the 2-part 3-pin terminal on the DEC3 control circuit board so labeled.

Pinout: (1) Ground, (2) Data -, (3) Data +.

DMX THRU - there are two DMX pass-through terminals - one for a fixture inside the enclosure, the other to run to the next DMX device in the network. Pinout: same as DMX IN.

DMX Line Terminations

DMX cable runs must be terminated at the far end of the cable run with a termination resistor as detailed in the DMX standard. This is particularly important for satisfactory operation of DMX/RDM installations. The individual fixtures installed inside the Tempest enclosures must NOT be terminated. It is recommended that any line termination is done using the 3-pin terminal connector fitted to the DEC3 control circuit board.

RDM Connections

RDM refers to ANSI E1.20, a control protocol in the entertainment industry gaining popularity and essentially an "extension" of DMX512. The use of RDM is optional - but it does require a DMX512 cable connection.

Power Connections

IMPORTANT Tempest enclosures are supplied for either 120VAC 50/60Hz, or 208-240VAC, 50/60Hz operation. Tempest Lighting is not liable for damage or failure to operate correctly due to connection to an inappropriate electrical supply.

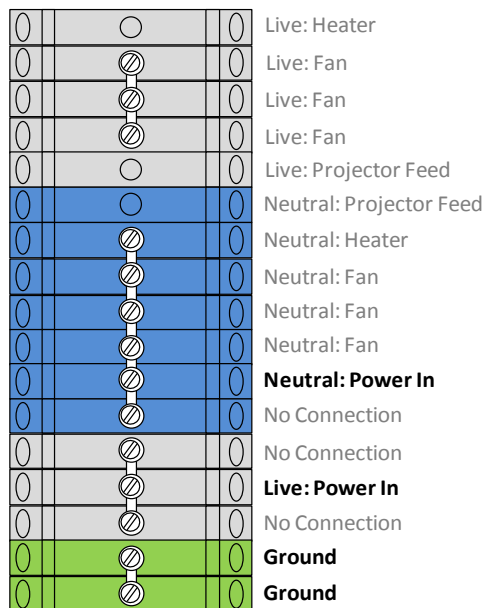
ALL ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN BY A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN, IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL NORMS AND STANDARDS.

Split or Common Supply Wiring

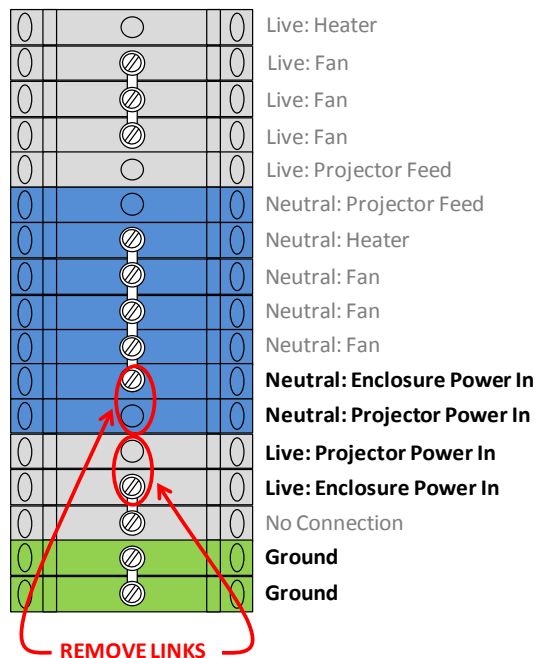
NOTE: *Tempest enclosures MUST run 24/7, in order to protect equipment from condensation and temperature extremes.*

Tempest Enclosures are supplied wired for common electrical supply for the enclosure (DEC3) and the projector/light fixture to be enclosed. Customers wishing to provide independent electrical feeds to the enclosure and the projector/fixture must follow the instructions below.

Feeder Connections – Common Feed



Feeder Connections, Split Feeds



Note: terminals shown with gray text descriptors are factory wired and should not be changed. Only terminals shown with descriptors in black/bold font are for installer use.

DEC3 normally ships from the factory with power terminal links inserted for a common electrical supply to feed the enclosure and the projector/fixture inside it.

If you prefer to feed the enclosure and projector separately, remove the terminal links as indicated before connecting to mains power. Use a small flat-bladed screwdriver to remove the link, snap off the unneeded

section and replace carefully. When splitting the feeders, both supplies MUST be fed from the same phase and at the same supply voltage and frequency.

AC power feed must be adequate and appropriately fused/protected for the combined load of the projector/light fixture (see manufacturer's instructions) and the Tempest enclosure (see enclosure manual).

Important – RDM and RDM Integration

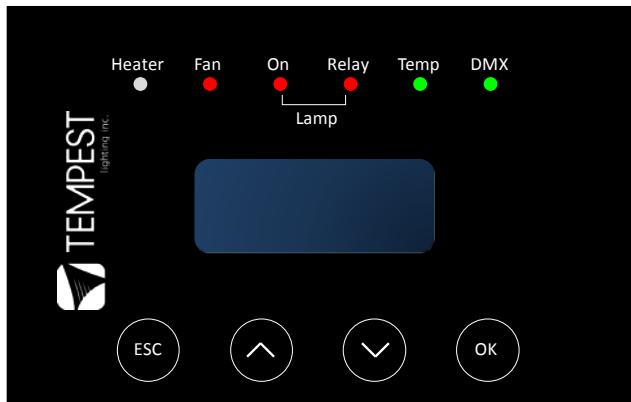
RDM (Remote Device Management) is an ANSI standard that adds bidirectional discovery and status monitoring to a standard DMX network connection. No additional wiring is required for RDM operation.

DEC3's RDM implementation allows system integrators to set up remote control and status monitoring of all attributes and sensors, including:

- Temperature
- Humidity
- Lamp Current
- Elapsed Lamp Hours
- Lamp Relay Status
- Fan Relay Status
- Heater Relay Status
- DMX Status
- DMX Start Address
- DMX Personality (RDM Mode)
- Device Type
- Device Label
- Software Version

Tempest Lighting warrants that its RDM products are compliant to the RDM standard, but does not directly support RDM system integration. Tempest Lighting will however provide introductions to qualified RDM system integrators for customers requiring assistance in this area. Links are provided on the Tempest Lighting web site (www.tempestlighting.com).

Control Interface



The control interface features a 2-line display, LED indicators, and 4 cap-sense control buttons.

LED Indicators

Heater

SHORT PULSE (RED) - Indicates lamp is off, and the heater is pulsing to prevent condensation inside the enclosure and projector/light fixture. This is normal operation when the lamp is off and the temperature range is above the bottom set limit.

ON (RED) - Indicates heater is on, due to temperature being below bottom temperature setting when lamp is off.

OFF - indicates lamp is on and maintaining temperature above bottom limit.

Fan

SHORT PULSE (RED) - The fan is moving a little air through the enclosure, as part of the condensation prevention strategy. The fan comes on for a few seconds approximately every 30 seconds.

ON (RED) - Indicates fan is running, due to lamp being on or internal temperature exceeding top limit.

Lamp Relay

ON (RED) Indicates lamp relay closed and power is available to the internal fixture/projector.

OFF Indicates lamp relay open and power is removed from the internal fixture.

Lamp On

ON (RED) Indicates current sensed on the lamp circuit greater than 1 amp (this allows some current to be drawn for such things as fans and control electronics without the Lamp On indicator lighting. When the Lamp On indicator is on, the lamp counter is counting lamp life.

Temp

ON (GREEN) – The temperature is between Bottom and Top temperature settings.

FLASHING (RED) – The temperature is above Top setting but has not yet reached the Cutoff level.

ON (RED) – Temperature is above Cutoff level or below Bottom level.

DMX (only used when DMX/RDM setting is in effect)

ON (RED) – DMX error.

ON (GREEN) – Good DMX or RDM data packet received.

Control Interface Operation

The Control Interface is normally LOCKED.

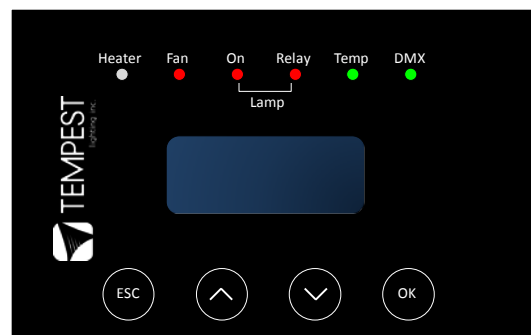
To UNLOCK, touch **ESC** and **OK** together for 5 seconds.

You are now in the **CONTROL MENU**

Use the arrow keys to scroll up and down the menu.

Use **OK**, to enter a menu item, then the arrow keys to set the item parameter, or to scroll to the next menu level.

Use **ESC** to back up a level, and **OK** to confirm settings.



Depending on the Operating Mode selected, and present status, DEC3's display shows you temperature, humidity, DMX address and a selection of error and status messages.

CONTROL MENU

DMX SET (if DMX/RDM mode 2 or 3 is selected)

Select a DMX starting address in the range 001 to 510

1 – Lamp Relay

In RDM Mode 3 an addition two slots are required

2 – Fan Relay

3 – Heater Relay

Note that the DMX control is designed using a SAFETY pile-on Logic. In other words, the DMX input can only override automatic settings in a safe manner. For example, if the enclosure has switched off the lamp relay due to an over-temperature condition, the DMX input cannot switch it on, if the fans are running because of Overtemp, the DMX input cannot turn them off, and so on.

The DMX SET menu can be ignored if the DEC3 is in Standalone or DMX/RDM Mode 1 (RDM Monitor) mode.

SET LAMP HOURS TO 0

The lamp hour counter needs to be reset each time you change the lamp in the fixture/projector. Make this a part of your maintenance instructions.

STATUS DISPLAY

View Temperature (in Celsius) and Relative Humidity (in %) inside the enclosure. Note that in Tornado moving light enclosures the temp/humidity sensor is located in the exhaust airflow, which may be significantly warmer than ambient.

HUMIDITY SET

The humidity level above which the heater kicks in to remove humidity from incoming air (default 80%, permissible range 50-90%). This setting should not normally be changed.

TEMP SET

Set three temperature trigger points for Top, Cutoff and Bottom temperatures.

TOP TEMP

The desired upper temperature limit for normal operation

(default 40°C, permissible range 35-45°C).

When the DEC3 sees air above this temperature, but below the additional Cutoff temperature (see below), it indicates a temperature error. This is not dangerous, but may reduce lamp life.

CUTOFF TEMP

The desired upper temperature ABOVE the TOP TEMP setting, at which the lamp relay is forced to open, isolating the fixture/projector power.

(default 15°C, permissible range 0-15°C).

To avoid nuisance tripping, set this variable to the maximum, and monitor actual temperatures in your normal operating conditions. If your actual temperatures are running lower, then you may reduce the cutoff temperature margin. In hot climates, it may be advisable to set both TOP TEMP and CUTOFF TEMP as high as possible.

BOTTOM TEMP

The desired lower temperature limit for normal operation

(default 10°C, permissible range 0-10°C).

Note that a higher BOTTOM TEMP may provide additional protection against condensation in some conditions, but will consume more energy. Therefore a lower setting is desirable, provided the user is certain that no condensation is occurring.

RDM MODE SET

The RDM Mode is normally set using RDM commands from a remote RDM control device to set the DMX PERSONALITY of the DEC3.

From the DEC3 user interface, this menu item allows the user to check (and if necessary alter) the RDM mode. Please ensure that the DEC3 is NOT unintentionally left in Mode3 (Service/Test).