

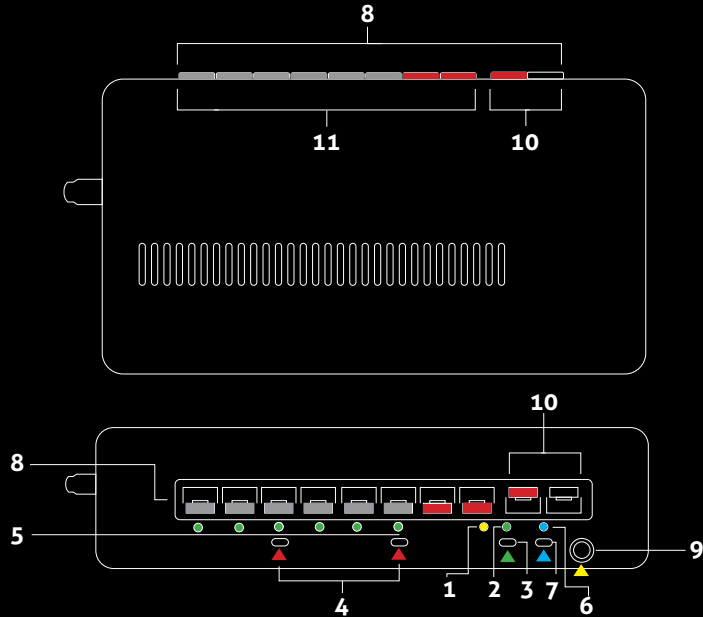
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W-DIM6
Quick Start Guide

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* COP means "Computer Operating Properly." This indicator always shows a blink pattern, proving that internal firmware is running. Different patterns indicate various modes and advanced settings.

W-DIM6 Quick Start Guide

This guide will get you started using your RC4 W-DIM6. Most W-DIM6 users will find all the information they need right here.

Your W-DIM6 also has a wide variety of expanded features for advanced users. You can find out more about all of them in the RC4 Knowledge Base at <http://rc4.info>.

Registering Your Product

Registering your W-DIM6 is quick and easy. After registration, you'll be notified of new firmware updates, and warranty claims can be resolved more quickly.

Please complete your registration at:
www.rc4wireless.com/support/register/

W-DIM6 System Components

To use your W-DIM6 wireless dimmer you will need:

- A DMX lighting console.
- A Wireless Solution W-DMX compatible wireless transmitter like the Wireless Solution BlackBox F1 or Micro F-1.
- A battery or DC power supply for the dimmer and loads you will be operating with it.
- Anderson PowerPole shells and pins (one set has been provided with your W-DIM6), and a crimping tool for those pins.

Anderson PowerPole Connectors

PowerPole shells are available in a range of colors. Pins are available with 15A, 30A, and 45A ratings. If you are running your W-DIM6 at close to the maximum rated power handling, you **MUST** use 45A pins at the power input. Do not exceed 45A in total for the 6 combined dimmer loads.

Each dimmer output can deliver up to 10A of dimming power, but you cannot run all 6 channels at 10A because this exceeds the input power limit. If all channels are loaded equally, the maximum load per channel is 7.5A.

The legend on the back of your W-DIM6 provides part numbers of commonly used shells and pins. A complete set of shells and pins is also available directly from RC4 Wireless.

Performing a Factory Reset

If someone else has used your W-DIM6, or you just want to get back to a known configuration, performing a factory reset is easy:

Power on the device. The green COP indicator will be blinking.

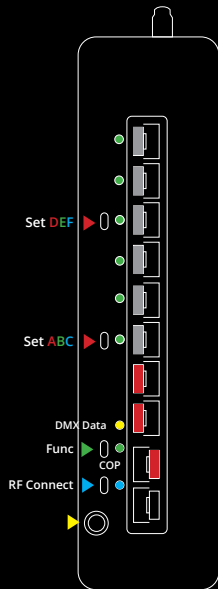
Press and hold Func, briefly tap (press and release) the SetABC button, then release Func. Four indicators will blink to confirm that factory settings are restored.

NOTE: This does NOT affect transmitter linking.

PRO TIPS:

Bending a single paper clip into a U shape will enable you to easily reach and press both buttons together.

If you are not sure what mode or setting you may have selected, you can always get back to a known starting point by returning to factory defaults.



Unlink the W-DIM6

If the blue RF Connect LED on the W-DIM6 blinks continuously, it is looking for a transmitter that it was previously linked with.

To unlink it, press and hold RF Connect for several seconds until the blue LED goes off and stays off.

If the RF Connect LED remains on, or is blinking, repeat the process until it stays off.

When the RF Connect LED is off, the W-DIM6 is ready to be linked to your transmitter.

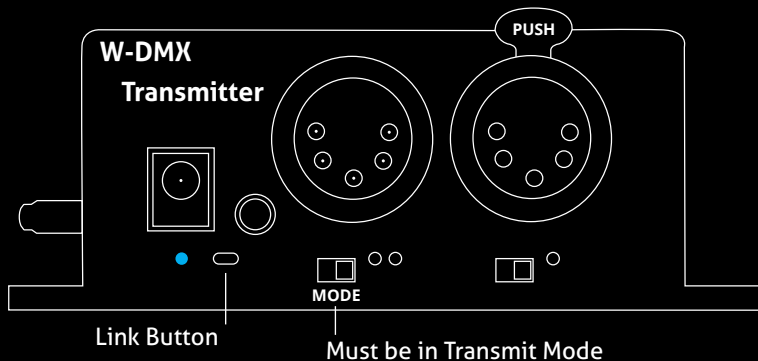
NOTE: Link status is not affected by performing a Factory Reset.

Linking Transmitter and Receiver

Ensure your transmitter, regardless of make and model, is set to transmit mode. Have both the transmitter and the W-DIM6 powered on. *Be sure the W-DIM6 is Unlinked* (see page 7).

Locate the Function button (sometimes called Link, or Pair) on your transmitter. Press it until the Link indicator starts blinking. The blue RF Connect LED on the W-DIM6 will also begin blinking. After several seconds, the indicators on both devices will stay on, indicating that they are linked.

NOTE: Indicators might blink with a different pattern if no DMX data source is present. Refer to the User Manual for your particular transmitter to ensure you are executing the Link procedure correctly.



Test the Wireless Link with Default Address Setting

When you receive your new W-DIM6, or after restoring default settings, it will be set to DMX address 1 for dimmer A, address 2 for dimmer B, etc.

Before changing any dimmer settings, play with the DMX levels for these addresses and see your wireless dimmer outputs work.

The DimA, B, C, D, E, and F indicators on the side of the W-DIM6, below the grey negative terminals for each, are directly connected to the dimmer outputs: they show you exactly what the dimmers are doing.

Setting the DMX Address

Assigning DMX channels and dimmer curves is easy using RC4 OneTouch™:

On your DMX lighting console, bring up one dimmer (DMX output channel) that will be your W-DIM6 starting address. For example, if you want your first W-DIM6 dimmer on DMX channel 60 with a curve that is optimized for LEDs, bring up 60 @ 30% at the console. Tap SetABC and the DimA indicator will come on @ 30%.

The channel level of 30% selects one of several different curves. This one is optimized for LEDs. Other curves are explained on page 13.

Dimming and Controlling Multicolor LEDs

The illustration on the page 11 shows an RGB color mixing LED device. There are 4 wires: a black wire for the 12V common positive (+), and three colored wires, red/green/blue, for the three unique negative leads. The color of the common positive may vary, it is not always black.

The common positive should be connected to one of the two red output terminals. All of the (+) terminals are connected together inside the W-DIM6. The two (+) terminals make it easy to connect two RGB light sources, each with their own common positive wire.

Dimming happens on the negative (-) connections. The red wire should be connected to the grey (-) connection for DimA. The green wire should be connected to the grey (-) terminal for DimB. The blue wire should be connected to the grey (-) terminal for DimC.

If using an RGBA, RGBW, RGBA, RGBTD (T is tungsten or warm white, D is daylight or cool white), or other multi-channel fixture or LED device, the additional wires (often amber, yellow, warm white, or cool white) should be connected to the grey (-) terminals for DimD, E, and F as needed.

If using two RGB fixtures or LED devices, connect the first one to DimA, B, and C, and connect the second to DimD, E, and F.

Choosing Other Dimmer Curves or Profiles

The W-DIM6 default is the ISL dimmer curve, which is best for LEDs. This is also the curve that is selected with RC4 OneTouch™ when the DMX level is at 30%.

There are dimmer curves for different kinds of lamps, motors, and more. Detailed information can be found online by searching dimmer curves at <http://rc4.info/>.

The most common curves are selected using these DMX channel levels and RC4 OneTouch™ with the Set buttons as outlined on page 9:

Non-Dim	100% (80% or higher) Use for relays, solenoids, air valves, etc.
Linear	70% (60 - 79%) For incandescent, halogen, tungsten lamps.
ISL Fast	50% (40 - 59%) For LEDs when fast blinks and flashes are required. RC4 Digital Persistence™ is disabled.
ISL Slow	30% (20 - 39%) Best for typical LED applications, with RC4 Digital Persistence™. For super smooth 19-bit dimming. (default setting)

Advanced Features

The W-DIM6 is a multifaceted device for users of all experience levels. The features below can be explored further at <http://rc4.info/> or by asking us for help at support@rc4wireless.com:

- Using a small adaptor cable, the W-DIM6 can be used as a wireless data receiver to deliver DMX to other devices. It can also be used as a wired DMX dimmer: the miniplug DMX port becomes an input when the device is not linked to a transmitter.
- When using the W-DIM6 for cinema (motion picture capture), PWM frequencies can be adjusted for the smoothest dimming without banding or other camera artifacts.
- The W-DIM6 has a wide variety of dimmer curves that can ring telephones and more (using DimC, D, E, and F).
- Using the RC4 Flkr Effects Engine™, you can create many unique effects including candle flicker, analog tv screen noise, welding spark, and much more.
- An HSL (Hue/Saturation/Level) processor can be enabled, making it easy to find a specific color and dim it up and down without color variation.

Caring for Your W-DIM6

- **The W-DIM6 should not be used with AC power or with any voltage higher than 35VDC.** Doing so will severely damage the device and is extremely dangerous for the operator.
- Do not exceed the maximum total power handling of the W-DIM6, which is 45A. That is 500W at 12V, 1000W at 24V, shared across the six dimmer channels.
- Always use a fuse or circuit breaker at the source of power and always use an appropriate wire size for the fuse rating. For example, if using a 40A fuse, use wire that can safely carry 40A.
- The W-DIM6 should be kept away from excessive heat, cold, dust and moisture.
- Do not immerse in water or other fluids.
- Dimmers generate heat when operating. Allow space for air to move around the unit for cooling, especially when using high-current loads.

The W-DIM6 is a high-power, high-current device. Failing to observe appropriate safety precautions can result in fire or other risk. RC4 Wireless cannot be held responsible or liable in such cases. Operate the W-DIM6 at your own risk.

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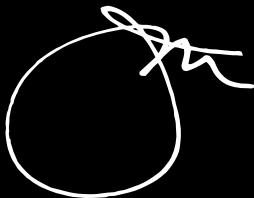
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