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PCA T5 ECO lp x!tec 3 and 4x14/24 W

T5 fluorescent lamps

Product description

- Processor-controlled ballast with x!tec inside
- Automatic lamp detection and operation with correct lamp parameters
- Noise-free precise control via DSI signal, switchDIM or corridorFUNCTION
- CELMA energy class A1 BAT

Interfaces

- DSI
- switchDIM (with memory function + selectable dimming rate)
- corridorFUNCTION (3 preprogrammed profiles)
- Integrated SMART-Interface

Functions

- Intelligent Temperature Guard (protection against thermal damage)
- Intelligent Voltage Guard (overvoltage indication and undervoltage shutdown)
- Optimum filament heating in any dimmer setting
- Disconnection of filament heating from a dimming level of approx. 90 % for maximum energy efficiency (SMART-Heating Concept)
- Automatically triggered emergency lighting value in DC mode, 70 %
- For emergency lighting systems as per EN 50172
- Automatic start after replacement of defective lamps
- Backwards compatible

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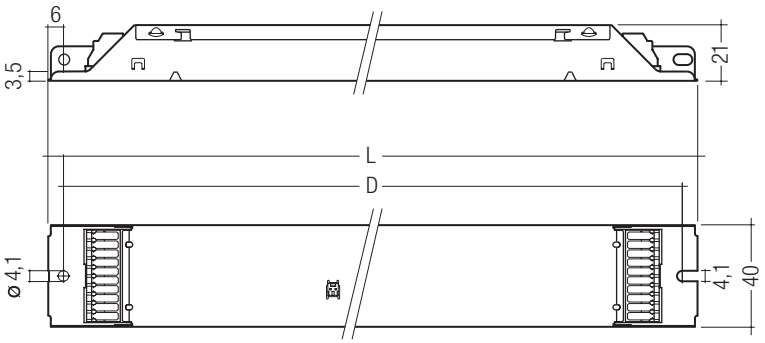


Technical data

Power input on standby	< 0.5 W
Protective hot restart	0.5 s for AC / 0.2 s for DC
Dimming range, 3 lamps	5 – 100 %
Dimming range, 4 lamps	1 – 100 %
Operating frequency	~40 – 100 kHz
Life	50,000 h
Height	21 mm

Ordering data

Type	Article number
For luminaires with 3 lamps	
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp x!tec	**22176211**
For luminaires with 4 lamps	
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp x!tec	**22176212**

Packaging 360 mm casing: 20 pieces/carton, 600 pieces/pallet

Specific technical data

Lamp wattage	Lamp type	Type	Length L	Hole spacing D	Weight	Circuit power①	Lamp wattage①	Current at 230 V / 50 Hz①	λ at 230 V /50 Hz	tc point	Ambient temperature ta②
For luminaires with 3 lamps											
3 x 14 W	T5	**PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp** x!tec	360 mm	350 mm	0.29 kg	46.5 W	42 W	0.21 A	0.97	75 °C	-25 ... 60 °C
3 x 24 W	T5	**PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp** x!tec	360 mm	350 mm	0.29 kg	73.0 W	72 W	0.32 A	0.97	75 °C	-25 ... 55 °C
For luminaires with 4 lamps											
4 x 14 W	T5	**PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp** x!tec	360 mm	350 mm	0.33 kg	60.5 W	56 W	0.27 A	0.97	75 °C	-25 ... 60 °C
4 x 24 W	T5	**PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp** x!tec	360 mm	350 mm	0.33 kg	97.5 W	96 W	0.43 A	0.97	75 °C	-25 ... 50 °C

① Valid at 100 % dimming level

② +10 °C to ta max: unrestricted dimming. -25 °C to +10 °C: unrestricted dimming from 100 % to 30 %. -25 °C to +10 °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.

Emergency units
The "PCA T5 ECO lp xitec" 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 10 °C to ta max.
-25 °C to +10 °C: dimming operation from 100 % to 30 %. If dimm level goes below 30 % malfunction possible, but no electronic ballast damage.
This applies to AC and DC operation.

Lamp type recognition
Each of teh lamps for wich the control gear is designed will be operated correctly according the lamp specification. The currently used lamp is recognised during the start up process.
To avoid an incorrect lamp recognition due to fast multiple ON / OFF switches, new lamp data are only restored if the lamp has operated for at least 5 seconds.

Mains currents in DC operation (at 70 % light output)

Type	Wattage	Mains current at $U_n = 220\,V_{DC}$	Mains current at $U_n = 240\,V_{DC}$
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x14 W	0.17 A	0.16 A
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x24 W	0.28 A	0.26 A
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x14 W	0.22 A	0.21 A
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x24 W	0.37 A	0.34 A

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

Type	Wattage	AC-BLF at $U = 230\,V_{AC}$
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x14 W	0.99
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x24 W	0.99
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x14 W	0.99
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x24 W	0.99

The ballast lumen factor for AC operation (AC-BLF) does not alter from $U_n = 198\,V_{AC}$ to $U_n = 254\,V_{AC}$.
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 V DC).

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

Type	Wattage	THD	3	5	7	9	11
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x14 W	8.40	6.65	1.97	2.17	2.09	1.36
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x24 W	7.98	6.23	1.76	1.75	2.31	1.04
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x14 W	8.67	6.97	2.85	1.86	1.49	1.19
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x24 W	7.52	6.37	1.53	1.94	1.04	1.08

Dimming
Dimming curve is adapted to the eye sensitiveness.
Dimming range:
4-lamp: 1 % to 100 %, 3-lamp: 5 % to 100 %
Digital control with:
- DSI signal: 8 bit Manchester Code
  Speed 1 % to 100 % in 1.4 s

Control input (D1, D2)
A push-to-make switch (switchDIM) can be wired on the same terminals (D1 and D2).

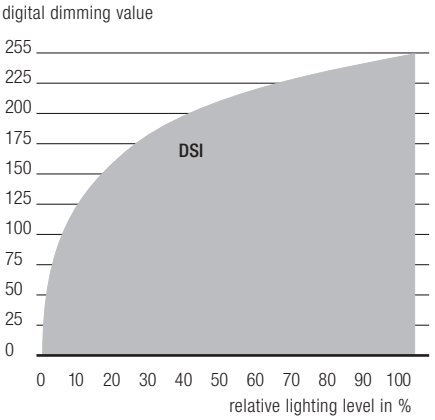
Digital signal DSI
The control input is non-polar and protected against accidental connection with a mains voltage up to 264 V. The control signal is not SELV. Control cable has to be installed in accordance to the requirements of low voltage installations.
Different functions depending on each module.

SMART interface
An additional interface for the direct connection of the SMART-LS II lp[1] light sensor. The sensor registers actual 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 T5 ECO one4all lp x!tec automatically runs in the constant lux level mode.
ON/OFF switch via mains, switchDIM or DSI signal.
DSI signal = 0 switches off,
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.
Brief push (< 0.6 s) switches ballast ON and OFF. The ballasts switch-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.

[1] SMART-LS II lp: article number 86458258

Dimming characteristics
PCA T5 ECO lp x!tec



Dimming characteristics as seen by the human eye

Energy saving
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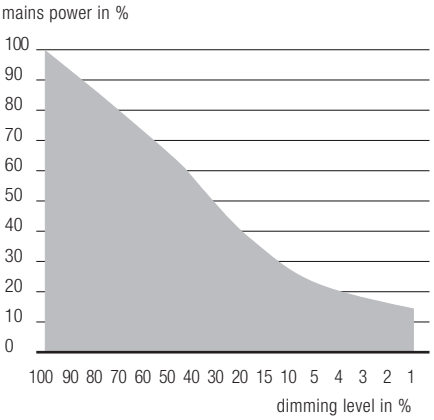
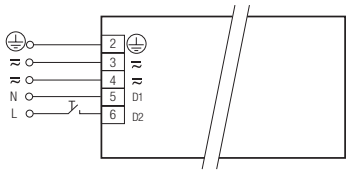


The switchDIM fade time is set to 3 s from min. to max. in the factory settings. With a 20 s push to the push to make switch this fade time can be changed to 6 s. In this instance the switchDIM application will be synchronized to 50 % light level after 10 s and after 20 s the light level rises to 100 % with the new fade time.
At every synchronizsation (10 s keystroke) the device will reset to 3 s (factory setting)
In installations with PCAs with different dimming levels or opposite dimming directions (e.g. after a system extension), all PCAs 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.

Backwards compatibility
With a simple key combination a PCA T5 ECO lp x!tec can be reset as a normal PCA ECO from the previous generation. Synchronisation simply has to take place three times within one minute (3 x 10 s).
To activate the "x!tec" settings again, synchronisation has to take place four times within one minute.



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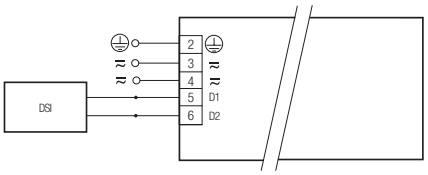

DSI PCA T5 ECO lp x!tec

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Loading of automatic circuit breakers

Automatic circuit breaker type	C10	C13	C16	C20	B10	B13	B16	B20
Installation Ø	1.5 mm²	1.5 mm²	1.5 mm²	2.5 mm²	1.5 mm²	1.5 mm²	1.5 mm²	2.5 mm²
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp x!tec	16	22	32	36	8	11	16	18
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp x!tec	14	22	32	34	7	11	16	17

Continuous operation: to calculate the protective saftey switch see main current, page 1

corridorFUNCTION

Activation: To activate the corridorFUNCTION a voltage of 230 V 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.
With the usage of the corridorFUNCTION plugs to activate the different profiles, the corridorFUNCTION will be activated automatically. Application and functionality of profiles see user manual corridorFUNCTION.

Intelligent Temperature Guard

The intelligent temperature guard protects the PCA T5 ECO lp xitec from temporary 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

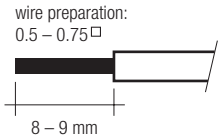
Intelligent Voltage Guard is the name of the new electronic monitor from Tridonic. This innovative feature of the PCA family of control gear from Tridonic immediately shows if the mains voltage rises above certain thresholds. Measures can then be taken quickly to prevent damage to the control gear.

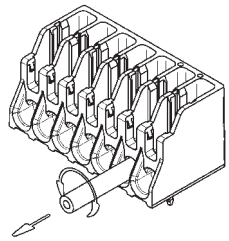
- If the mains voltage rises above approx. 305 V (voltage depends on the ballast type), the lamp starts flashing on and off.
- This signal “demands” disconnection of the power supply to the lighting system.
- The active-current-control of these control gears is protected against failure caused by the high mains currents generated as a result of mains undervoltage. The switch off level depends on lamp wattage and is typically < 140 V.

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).





Operating voltage

Type	Wattage	U_{out}
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	3x14 W	430 V
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PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x14 W	430 V
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	4x24 W	430 V

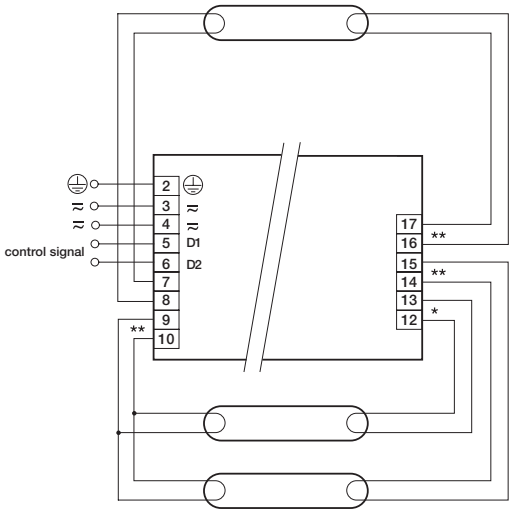
Wiring advice

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

Ballast	Terminal			Maximum capacitance allowed		
Type	Cold	Middle	Hot	Cold	Middle	Hot
PCA 3x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	7, 8	9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17	12, 13	100 pF	50 pF	100 pF
PCA 4x14/24 T5 ECO lp xitec	14, 15, 16, 17	7, 8, 9, 10	12, 13, 18, 19	200 pF	50 pF	100 pF

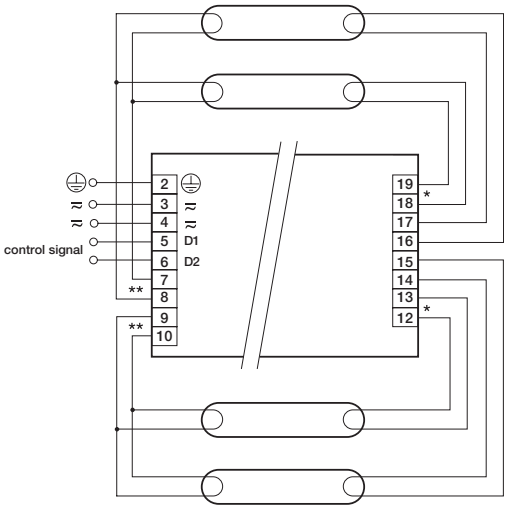
With standard solid wire 0.5 / 0.75 mm² the capacitance of the lead is 30 – 80 pF/m.
This value is influenced by the way the wiring is made.
Lamp connection should be made with symmetrical wiring.
3-lamp devices: Hot and cold leads should be separated as much as possible.
4-lamp devices: Middle and hot leads should be separated as much as possible.
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.

Distance to plate: 5 – 10 mm
(ideal distance for optimal symmetrical light)



* leads 12, 13: keep wires short, max. 1.0 m
** leads 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17: keep wires short, max. 0.5 m
leads 7, 8: max. 2.0 m

PCA T5 ECO one4all lp x!tec **3x14/24 W**



* leads 12, 13, 18, 19: keep wires short, max. 1.0 m
** leads 7, 8, 9, 10: keep wires short, max. 0.5 m
leads 14, 15, 16, 17: max. 2.0 m

PCA T5 ECO one4all lp x!tec **4x14/24 W**

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RFI

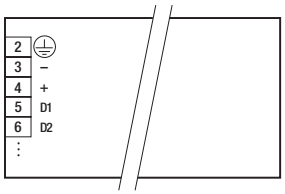
- Connection to the lamps of the hot leads must be kept as short as possible
- Mains leads should be kept apart from lamp leads (ideally 5–10 cm distance)
- Do not run mains leads adjacent to the electronic ballast
- Twist the lamp leads
- Keep the distance of lamp leads from the metal work as large 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.

ⓘ For further technical information please visit www.tridonic.com