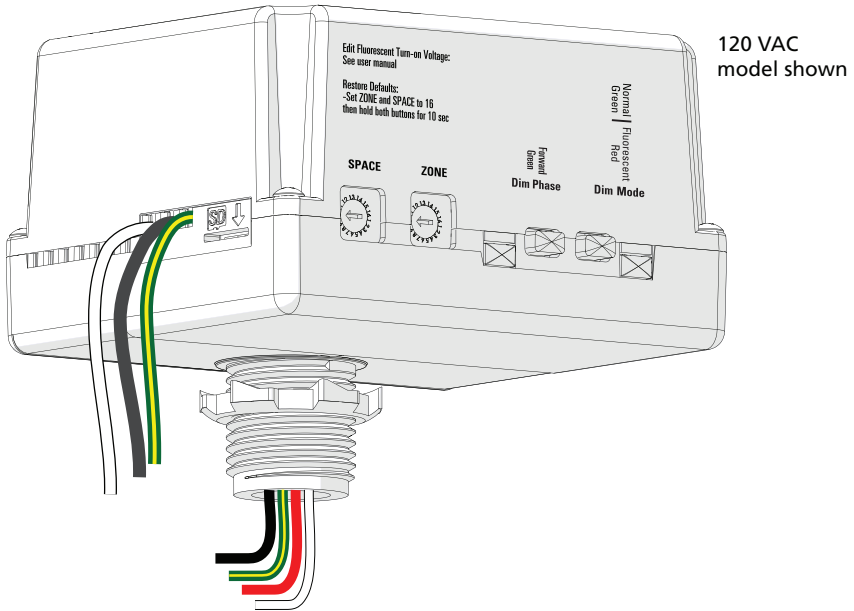


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Elaho Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2

Overview

The Elaho Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 provides control for individual fixtures or zone power for 120 V and 277 V line voltage loads that require forward-phase dimming, up to 600 watts. The Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 is compatible with all Elaho control products, including daylight and occupancy/vacancy sensors and manual control stations on the EchoConnect control bus.



The Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 controls lighting loads based on the following:

- Preset and Zone controls received from connected Elaho control stations
- Ambient light levels as monitored by Elaho Light Sensors
- Occupancy state as monitored by Elaho Occupancy/Vacancy Sensors
- Input from other Elaho control devices



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Custom Configuration

This document guides you through the installation and local configuration of the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2. You can access advanced functionality using the ElahoAccess Mobile App. For more information, see the ElahoAccess integrated help system.

EchoConnect

EchoConnect is a two-wire topology free system that provides the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 with the flexibility to connect in a system with up to 16 Elaho control products and up to 15 other Elaho output products over 500 m (1,640 ft) of control wire.

Plug-and-Play Functionality

Using the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 on the EchoConnect control system allows simple plug-and-play functionality, where no software or external programming is required. The connected control stations or sensors provide the control message and the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 responds.

See the *Elaho Inspire Station Installation Guide*, *Elaho Occupancy/Vacancy Sensor Installation Guide*, or *Elaho Light Sensor Installation Guide* for more information about how to set levels and controls. You can download Echoflex Solutions manuals free of charge from the Echoflex Solutions website (see page 1).

Specifications

For use with Elaho Control Systems.

Ambient Environment

For indoor use only. Rated for plenum use.

Electrical Specification

Two models are available:

- 120 VAC, +/- 10% at 60 Hz, maximum load 600 W (5 A)
- 277 VAC, +/- 10% at 60 Hz, maximum load 600 W (2.17 A)



Note: *The Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 requires a minimum load of 1 W and has an idle draw of 0.4 W.*

Supported load types:

- Tungsten
- Line-voltage LED loads suitable for forward-phase dimming
- Loads driven by a forward-phase dimmable magnetic transformer

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Compliance

- cULus listed
- Conforms to:
 - UL 508 (Industrial Control Equipment)
 - UL 916 (Energy Management Equipment)
 - UL 2043 (Plenum rated)
 - CSA C22.2 No. 14 (Industrial Control Equipment)
 - CSA C22.2 No. 205 (Signal Equipment)

FCC Compliance

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(For any FCC matters):

Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.
3031 Pleasant View Road
Middleton, WI 53562
+1 (608) 831-4116
etconnect.com

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received; including interference that may cause undesired operation. Visit etconnect.com/products for current and complete compliance information including FCC compliance.



Note: *This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Any modifications or changes to this product not expressly approved by Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc. could void the user's authority to operate the product. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.*

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Prepare for Installation

The Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 is designed for mounting directly to an electrical junction box or panel (provided by others) at the electrical lighting load, upstream of the load in the circuit.



Note: *If your installation requires Class 2 wiring to be installed in separate conduit, a voltage barrier installation box is available from Echoflex Solutions. Order Echoflex Solutions part number 7187A1000.*

EchoConnect Control Wiring

The Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 connects to the EchoConnect station communication bus for control. EchoConnect is a bi-directional protocol that uses one pair of wires (data+ and data–) for both data and power. Echoflex Solutions recommends using Belden 8471 Class 2 wire (or approved equal – see the Echoflex Solutions cable cross database echoflexsolutions.com/files/Elaho_Data_Cable_Wire_Specs for equal alternatives). The total combined length of an EchoConnect wire run using Belden 8471 may not exceed 500 m (1,640 ft), with a maximum distance of 400 m (1,312 ft) between any two devices.



Note: *All control wiring should be installed and terminated by a qualified installer and should follow standard wiring installation practices. Leave approximately 25.4 cm (10 in) of wiring in the back box for connection and to allow slack for future service needs.*



Note: *Echoflex Solutions requires that all stations and devices be grounded for ESD protection. Pull an additional 2.5 mm² (14 AWG) wire for grounding when control wires are not installed in grounded metal conduit.*

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Installation

Installation should follow all local codes and standard electrical practices. Ensure that the junction box is clean and free of obstructions and that all wiring is installed correctly.



WARNING: RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK! This device utilizes high voltage and should only be installed by a qualified installer or electrician. Follow all local codes for installation. Before terminating the AC power wiring verify that the main breaker is in the off position and follow the proper lockout/tag out procedures required by NFPA Standard 70E.

AVERTISSEMENT : RISQUE DE DÉCHARGE ÉLECTRIQUE! Cet appareil utilise une haute tension et ne doit être installé que par un installateur qualifié ou un électricien. Suivez tous les codes locaux pour l'installation. Avant de raccorder le câblage du courant alternatif, vérifiez que le disjoncteur principal est en position d'arrêt et suivez les procédures de verrouillage/étiquetage prescrites par la norme NFPA 70E.



WARNING: For indoor use only! Must install to an electrical junction box or wireway.

AVERTISSEMENT : Uniquement pour usage d'intérieur! Doit être installé sur une boîte de raccordement électrique ou un chemin de câbles.

1. Locate the circuit breaker panel and turn off the power to the lighting circuit.
 2. To gain access to the line voltage wiring, remove the cover plate and other hardware from the junction box at the load.
 3. Mount the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 to the exterior of the junction box or panel using the 1/2 in threaded nipple. Use the provided 1/2 in conduit locknut to secure the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 to the junction box or panel.
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Note: *Follow all local code requirements for terminating wire.*

- *Notice that the harness wires on the controller are pre-stripped for your installation convenience.*
 - *Use appropriately sized wire nuts (not provided) to terminate power wires, and use included WAGO® connectors to terminate EchoConnect wires.*
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Connect EchoConnect

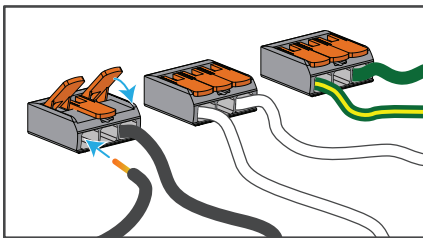
The EchoConnect wire terminations are bound together and include a black wire (data -), a white wire (data +), and a green/yellow wire (ESD). Because EchoConnect is topology free, you can install the wires in any combination of bus, star, or home-run.



Note: When using Category 5 (or equivalent) cable on the EchoConnect communication bus, please note the following:

- Not all topologies are supported using Cat5; plan carefully to ensure that the proper termination kits are available and the wire is pulled appropriately.
 - Terminate Cat5 wiring using the EchoConnect Cat5 Station Termination Kit, and install it using a bus topology. See the installation guide that is provided with the Cat5 Station Termination Kit (8186A1707) for information on terminating Cat5 wiring.
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1. Pull all required wiring (data +, data -, and the ESD ground wire) to the junction box.
2. Use the included WAGO connectors to make the following terminations:
 - a. Connect the incoming ground wire to the ESD green/yellow ground wire on the unit.
 - b. Connect the white (data +) wire to the incoming data + (typically white).
 - c. Connect the black (data -) wire to the incoming data - (typically black).



Terminate EchoConnect wiring using provided WAGO connectors.

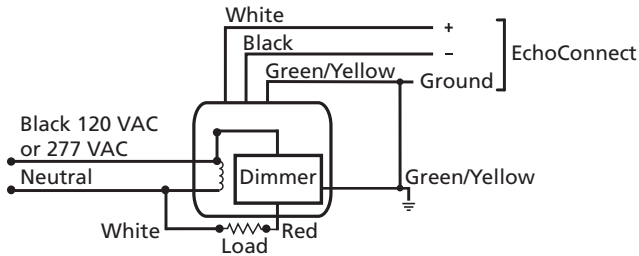
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Connect Power Input and Dimmer Output

The power input wiring exits the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 through the knockout mount on the enclosure.

1. Connect the power input wiring. The dimmer is supplied with inputs specific to the input voltage, either 120 VAC or 277 VAC.
 - a. Connect the green/yellow striped wire (14 AWG) from the controller to the ground wire from the breaker panel and the ground wire from the lighting load.
 - b. Connect the white wire (14 AWG) to the incoming neutral wire from the breaker panel and the neutral wire of the lighting load.
 - c. Connect the black power input wire (14 AWG) to the line input feed wire (hot) from the breaker panel.
2. Connect the red dimmed output wire (14 AWG) to the dimmed line of the lighting load.



3. Reinstall the junction box cover plate.

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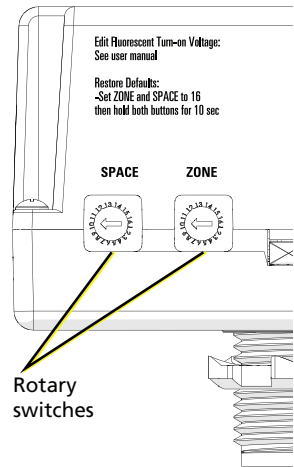
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Assign Zones and Spaces

You can assign zones and spaces using the two rotary switches on the side panel of the controller.

By default, these switches are set to Zone 1, Space 1. Control inputs from the connected stations, sensors, and other controls are shared by all devices within a space.

1. Set the **Zone** rotary switch to the desired Zone address for this controller.
2. Set the **Space** rotary switch to the desired Space for this controller.



Power Up and Test

1. Restore power to the circuit. The Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 will power up and turn on all connected loads to full output.
2. Test the circuit by activating the associated Elaho station preset or by changing the zone intensity control.
3. Test the controller response. Use station controls to alter preset or zone status, and ensure that the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 responds.

Power-Up Behavior

In the event of a power loss to the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2, the controller will return to its last output level when power is restored.

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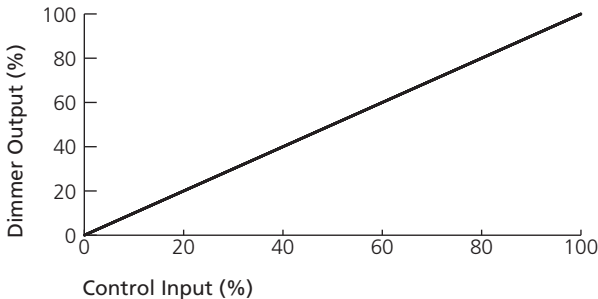
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Set the Dimming Mode

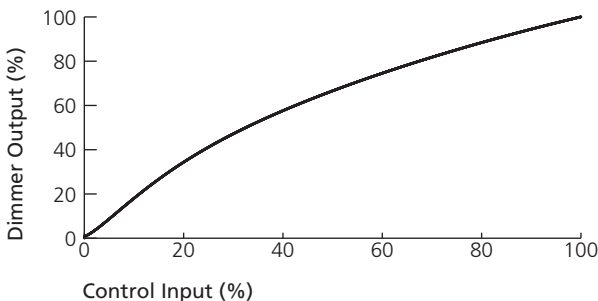
Use the **Dim Mode** button to manually set the dimming mode or to enter Fluorescent Voltage Adjustment mode. The related LED indicates which mode is currently active.

Press the **Dim Mode** button to toggle the dimming mode:

- **Linear:** The linear curve matches the control input percentage to Root Mean Squared (RMS) voltage output. Each percent increase in control level increases dimmer voltage output by the same amount.



- **Modified Square Law (Mod-Square):** A standard square law curve may overcompensate for infrared loss, resulting in “steppy” response to incremental control changes at low levels. This modified square law curve applies a second multiple to the standard square law curve for more uniform response to control levels changes across the entire range of dimmer output.



The **Dim Mode** LED provides visual status of the selected dimming mode:

- Green = Standard (modified square law) dimming curve (default setting)
- Red = Fluorescent (linear) dimming curve

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Fluorescent Voltage Adjustment Mode

This mode adjusts the minimum turn-on voltage used by Fluorescent dimming mode. Press and hold the **Dim Mode** button for 5 seconds to enter Fluorescent Voltage Adjustment mode. The LED is amber when this mode is active.



Note: *The allowed range is 0–100% of the input voltage. By default, 120 VAC models are set to turn on at 56 VAC, and 277 VAC models are set to turn on at 129 VAC.*

Press the **Dim Mode** button again to increase the “turn on” voltage by 2%, or press the **Dim Phase** button to decrease the “turn on” voltage by 2%. Because the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 outputs at the current turn-on level while in Fluorescent Voltage Adjustment mode, you can make adjustments with the loads on, regardless of the input control state.

Press and hold the **Dim Mode** button for 5 seconds to save the setting and exit Fluorescent Voltage Adjustment mode.

Troubleshooting

Error Indicators

The **Dim Phase** LED and **Dim Mode** LED (see image on [page 1](#)) double-blink red in unison when the dimmer is too hot. Ensure that the dimmer is in a suitably air-conditioned space and that free air is able to move around the heat sink.

Restore Defaults

To return the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 to factory defaults, set both rotary switches to 16 and then press and hold both the **Dim Mode** and the **Dim Phase** buttons for 10 seconds. The LEDs will blink red quickly to indicate that the factory defaults have been restored.



Note: *After you return the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 to factory defaults, reset the rotary switches to the appropriate values for the controller zone and space.*

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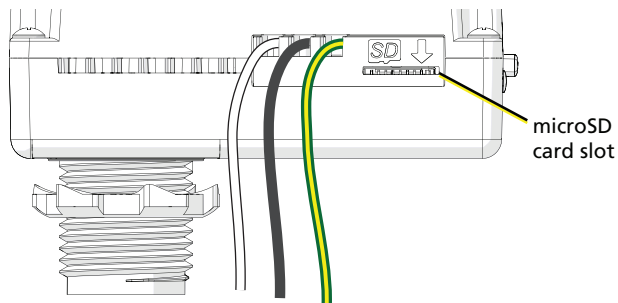
Update Firmware

If updated firmware is required, you can update the firmware on the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 by using ETC UpdaterAtoR software and a microSD card. You can download UpdaterAtoR from the ETC website at etcconnect.com.



Note: *Plan to update firmware when troubleshooting any issues with the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2.*

1. Get the firmware update file using UpdaterAtoR.
2. Save the firmware update file to the root directory of a microSD card.
3. Ensure that power is supplied to the controller.
4. Insert the microSD card in the SD slot on the side of the Forward-Phase Dimmer–Gen 2 enclosure.
 - An LED will illuminate amber in a triple-blink pattern while the firmware is updating, and then will return to its previous state when the update is complete.
 - If the LED illuminates red in a double-blink pattern, an error has occurred. Ensure that the firmware file has not been renamed and is located at the root directory on the microSD card, and then attempt the firmware update again. If the LED continues the double-blink pattern, contact Echoflex Solutions Technical Services using the information at the bottom of page 1.
5. When the LED returns to its previous state, remove the microSD card.



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