Installation Manual

Dimmer Rack

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This manual describes the installation procedures for EC21 dimmer racks. A separate Operator's Guide describes the software operation and its use.

Thank you for choosing Strand Lighting EC21 dimmer racks. We trust that the equipment will meet all your dimming needs and will provide you with reliable service for many years.

Strand Lighting can assure you that every effort has been made to ensure that the equipment has been designed to meet the highest professional standards and that dimmer racks and their components have been assembled, inspected, and tested in accordance with our strict quality assurance program.

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Definition Of Terms

This manual uses the following definitions throughout:

channel Device controlling a dimmer or group of dimmers. Historically, there is a physical controller (such as a slider) for each channel. On most current control systems, channels are numbers accessed by a keypad. Each channel can control multiple dimmers.

CIC (control interconnection card) The printed circuit board on which all contractor low-voltage control wiring connections are made. It is located on the top of the rack processor housing.

circuit Connection device and wiring for powering a lighting fixture from a dimmer.

circuit ID A unique identification string ranging from 1 to 99,999 which you assign to each dimmer. The circuit ID is generally the same as the dimmer number.

crossfade A fade which contains both an up-fade and a down-fade. Also may refer to any fade where the levels of one cue are replaced by the levels of another cue.

CSA Cross Sectional Area – describes cable size, and that of connectors to accommodate them.

cue The process of recalling a preset from its memory location and putting the result on stage.

Preset, memory, and cue are often used interchangeably.

curve The relationship between a control level and the actual dimmer output.

dimmer Device controlling power to a lighting fixture. Two luminaries on the same dimmer cannot be separately controlled.

default The original factory settings.

DMX512 An ANSI communications protocol standard that describes a method of digital data transmission between controllers, lighting equipment and accessories.

Ethernet A high-speed network based protocol used to transmit data from a lighting controller to a dimmer rack using a single Ethernet cable.

fade A gradual change in stage levels from one set of intensities ("look") to another.

fade time The time it takes for dimmer levels to go from their current levels to the levels in the selected preset. Each preset has its own fade time.

Level A numerical value used to express the “brightness” of a dimmer. Usually shown as %.

Outlook Architectural control system located within the rack processor module (RPM) containing 16 rooms, 8 programmable presets plus on & off and 15 channels of control per room.

patch Historically, the process of physically connecting circuits to dimmers. Now usually refers to electronic assignment of dimmers to channels.

phase The three phases of the mains supply to which the dimmers are connected are identified as Line 1, Line 2, and Line 3 in 230v markets and Phase A, Phase B, and Phase C in 120v markets.

power module A chassis containing one or two dimmers or contactors. This is sometimes referred to as a “dimmer.” However, each EC21 power module can have multiple dimmers or contactors in it, so this manual distinguishes between dimmers (individual power control circuits) and power modules (a collection of one or more power control circuits).

power cube Assembly containing one or more inverse parallel connected SCR's together with isolation and drive circuitry to permit control from a "logic" source.

preset A pre-defined set of intensities for a set of channels, stored in memory for later replay. For Outlook applications, the EC21 processor module stores 8 programmable presets per room for up to 16 rooms. For SWC applications, the processor module stores 128 programmable presets. Preset 0 (ZERO) is always a blackout.

preset fade time See "Fade Time."

rack number A number used to uniquely identify each dimmer rack in a multiple rack system. Rack numbers are set from the front panel of the processor module, and are usually set by the installation engineer.

room An area separately defined for purposes of architectural lighting control (e.g., Outlook control stations). This is usually either a room in the traditional sense (an indoor enclosed area) or a portion of a room which can be partitioned off. Each room may be separately and simultaneously controlled by the system.

RPH Rack Processor Housing

RPM Rack Processor Module

SWC (System Wide Control) A method of programming and controlling more than one dimmer rack simultaneously. A hand held controller lets you program and recall 128 presets, and control individual dimmers. 8 and 16 channel pushbutton stations, and an A/V interface, let you recall any 8 or 16 of the 128 presets at each station. Please contact Strand Lighting or see the *System Wide Control Data Sheet or System Wide Control User's Manual* for details on how SWC works.

Thyristor Alternative term describing a silicon control rectifier.

Technical Assistance

EC21 racks and dimmers require a minimum of maintenance and servicing. See the Operations Guide for basic troubleshooting and periodic maintenance procedures.

For operation or technical assistance, please contact Strand Lighting or the local Authorized Service Center serving your area. (www.strandlighting.com)

Section 1 - Hardware Description

General

The EC21 dimmer rack is a listed, free standing, factory assembly of welded steel and aluminum construction finished in a fine textured, scratch resistant coating.

Each EC21 dimmer rack consists of a rack processor housing (RPH) with one or two rack processor modules (RPM), a fan module, and up to 24, 36 or 48 dimmer modules. The dimmer connectors at the back of the rack provide for load wire connection. Main bus bars are provided for line wire connections. A earth lug is provided in the rack. The dimmer connectors in the rack are polarized to prevent dimmer modules being plugged into slots inappropriate for their rating. The dimmer racks can be individually fed or bused together using an optional busing kit.

Large dimmer racks have provision for up to 48 dimmer modules. Mid-range dimmer racks have provision for up to 36 dimmer modules. Small dimmer racks have provisions for up to 24 dimmer modules. Dimmer modules contain one, two or four dimmers, and dimmer module types can be mixed within a rack in various combinations.

Rack processor modules are available with 96 or 144 dimmer control outputs to drive EC21 dimmers.

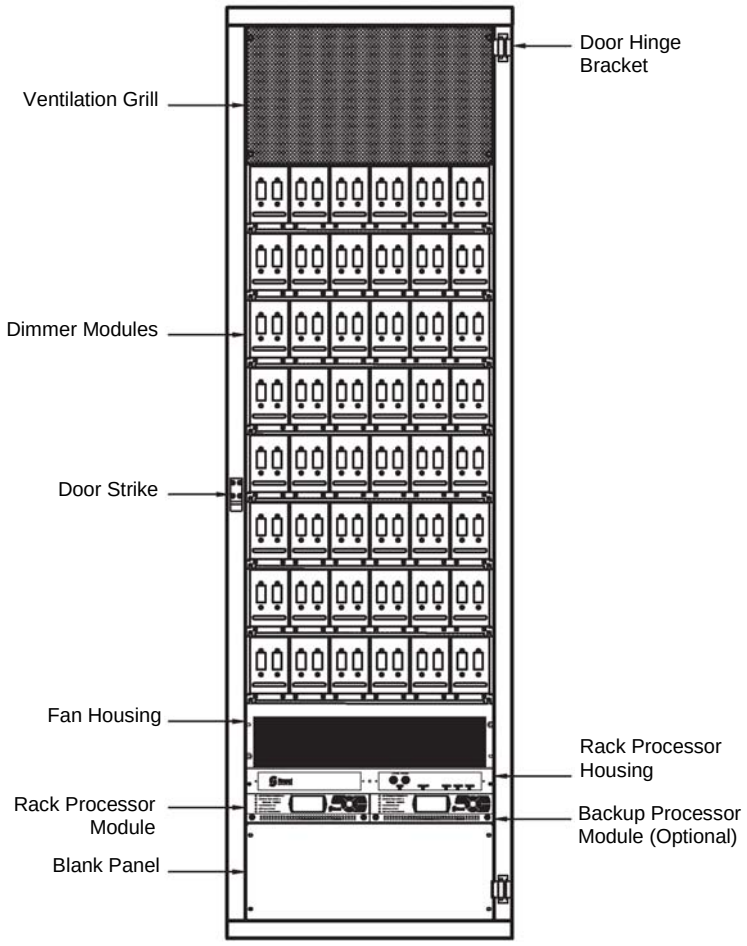

Figure 1 – EC21 Rack Layout Fully Populated

Construction

The rack is constructed of welded steel and aluminum with bolt-on covers, and is finished in a fine textured, scratch resistant coating. The rack will accept removable trays for the dimmer modules, which are screwed in place. The rack and all modules are earth grounded. The electronics chassis and fan module are located at the bottom of the rack.

A hinged, locking door covers the front of the dimmer rack. Rack components are designed for easy removal and installation so that the dimmer rack is open and empty during installation. Mounting holes are provided so that racks can be bolted together and to the floor.

Size and Weight

Dimensions:	Height 2032mm, Width 619mm, Depth 600mm
Weight:	With 48 dual standard dimmers and one rack processor module - 310 Kg Without dimmer modules, rack processor modules – 136 Kg

Contracting Access

The mains bus bars are at the bottom of the rack. They may either be bottom fed or the supply cables routed down the rear right hand side of the rack from the top. Contractor load wire connections for the live and neutral route through the top of the rack and directly onto the module connectors.

Supply Connection

The rack is provided with three-phase plus neutral and earth bus bar distribution, located at the bottom of the rack. The maximum power rating for each dimmer rack is 800A per phase. Busing across multiple racks is possible using the rack interconnection busing kit.

Note: Three-phase delta racks and single-phase racks are available in custom applications.

Rack Supply Voltage and Frequency

The EC21 rack is suitable for use with supply voltages of between 90 and 264VAC power and frequency range of 47 to 63 Hz.

Phasing

Phasing within standard dimmer racks is sequential across the dimmer slots, running in the phase sequence L1 L1, L2 L2, L3 L3. All dimmers in a vertical column down the rack are on the same phase. In dual dimmer modules, both dimmers are on the same phase. In quad dimmer modules, all four dimmers are on the same phase. When looking at the front of the dimmer rack, phase L1 is the first and second columns. Phase L2 is the third and fourth columns and phase L3 is the fifth and sixth columns.

Dimmer Module Connectors

The modules connect to the rack through a proprietary connector with female power pins and solid brass male power pins. The connector is self-aligning when the module is inserted. Control signals are incorporated into the connector.

The aperture is suitable for wire gauge 16mm^2 or smaller, and has a tapered entry hole to ease wire insertion. The wire is retained by Allen screw. A wire adaptor is available for 35mm^2 wire, when required.

Control Input/Output Connection

The Control Interconnection Card (CIC) contains all terminals for control input/output with the exception of the Ethernet receptacle that is located in the upper left rear of the rack.

Cooling Fans

The dimmer racks are cooled by a set of low noise variable speed fans in a fan module at the bottom of the rack. The cooling system is designed to let the rack continue functioning if any one of the fans fail. Cooling air is pushed up through the dimmer stack and exhausted through venting at the top of the rack. These fans are for dimmer cooling only, and can be set to fixed or variable speed.

The fixed speed fan setting is for situations where changes in ambient noise are a problem. With this setting, the fans are always ON when any dimmer is energized.

The variable speed fan setting minimizes noise and maximizes fan life. With this setting, the fan speed with non-reporting modules is adjusted based on the temperature of the dimmer rack. The fan speed with reporting dimmer modules is based on the temperature of the dimmer modules and the dimmer rack. Increases in fan speed take 1 minute with this setting, while decreases in fan speed take 5 minutes. Fans are turned OFF when no dimmers are in use.

Rack Processor Housing (RPH)

Each EC21 dimmer rack contains a rack processor housing (RPH). This housing contains the rack processor module(s), power supplies, and control interconnection card (CIC) for the rack, and is shipped separately from the rack to minimize the possibility of damage.
This chassis can be equipped with one or two rack processor modules (RPM). The second processor module acts as a backup to the main processor. The configuration data from either processor is transferred into the other processor automatically. The currently inactive processor always tracks the currently active processor.

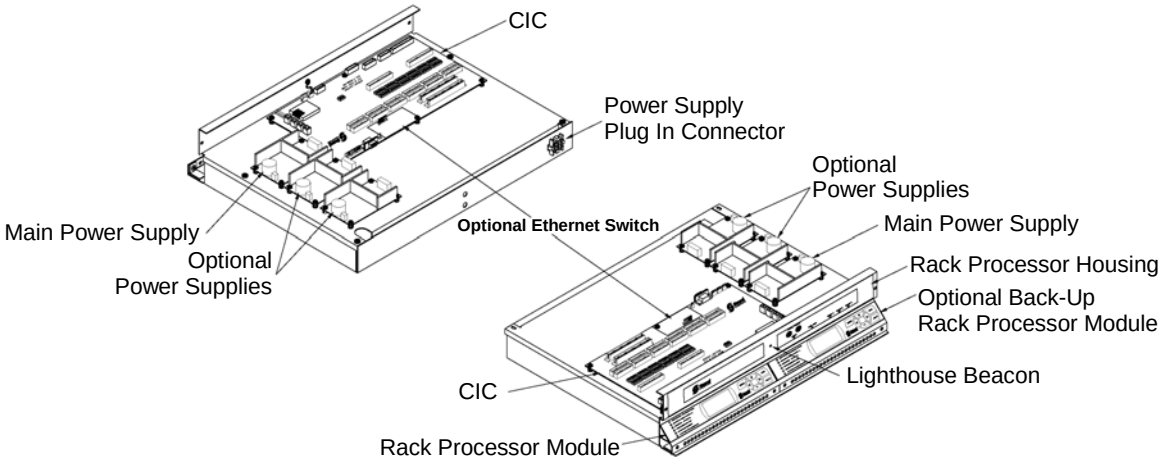

Figure 2 – Rack Processor Housing (RPH)

Rack Processor Module (RPM)

Each EC21 rack contains one or two rack processor modules (RPM). The rack processor module is available in two variations: 96 outputs and 144 outputs. Each rack processor module has an LCD display, keypad, and LEDs to report processor module and dimmer status and allow simple setup and control at the rack. If there are any rack or dimmer events reported, the display will show error messages.

Pressing the > key takes you into a series of setup menus to view and set up the more frequently used EC21 features. See the Operator's Manual for details on accessing these functions.

All program data is held in non-volatile RAM within the rack processor module.

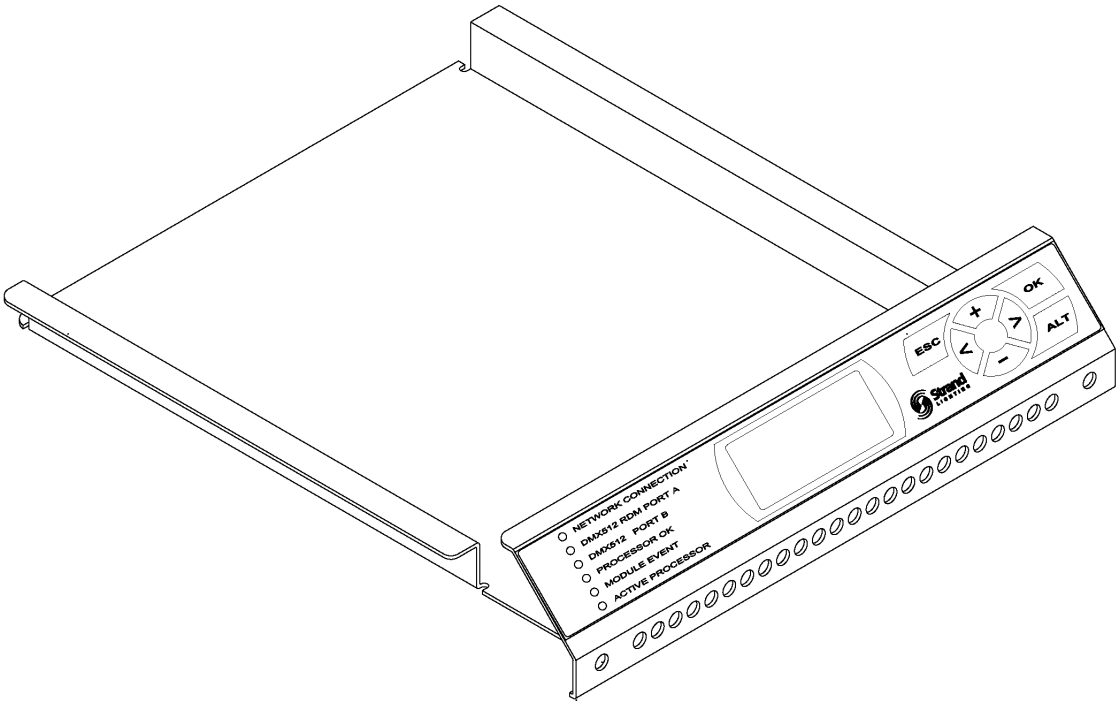

Figure 3 – Rack Processor Module (RPM)

Control Interconnection Card

The Control Interconnection Card, or CIC, is the printed circuit board on which all contractor control wiring connections are made. It is located on the top of the Rack Processor Housing (RPH) and contains:

- An optional Ethernet switch, which connects to a Strand ShowNet system and is ACN (Architecture for Control Network) ready. This switch allows for easy connections between dimmer racks. It also connects to the network receptacle located in the upper left rear of the dimmer rack.
- Two optically isolated DMX512 control inputs. The first input will accept DMX512. The second DMX512 input is configurable to accept either DMX512, Strand Lighting's System Wide Control (SWC) dimmer protocol or Strand Lighting's Outlook architectural protocol. Each DMX input has a patch to allow overlapping or separation of any DMX control level.
- Six optically isolated contact inputs, for:

Pin	Function	Type	Description
1	PANIC ON	Momentary	Turns Panic On
2	PANIC OFF	Momentary	Turns Panic Off
3	FIRE ALARM	Maintained	Turns Panic On, No Override
4	SWC PRESET 1	Momentary	Fires SWC Preset 1
5	GO NEXT SWC	Momentary	Fires "Next" SWC Preset
6	GO SWC OFF	Momentary	Fires SWC Preset 0 (Blackout)
7	Com/Gnd		Com/Gnd
8	Com/Gnd		Com/Gnd

- An Audio Visual Interface port. This serial input will support connection to an external A/V or show control system that supports an RS232 serial connection.
- 96 or 144 panic select switches

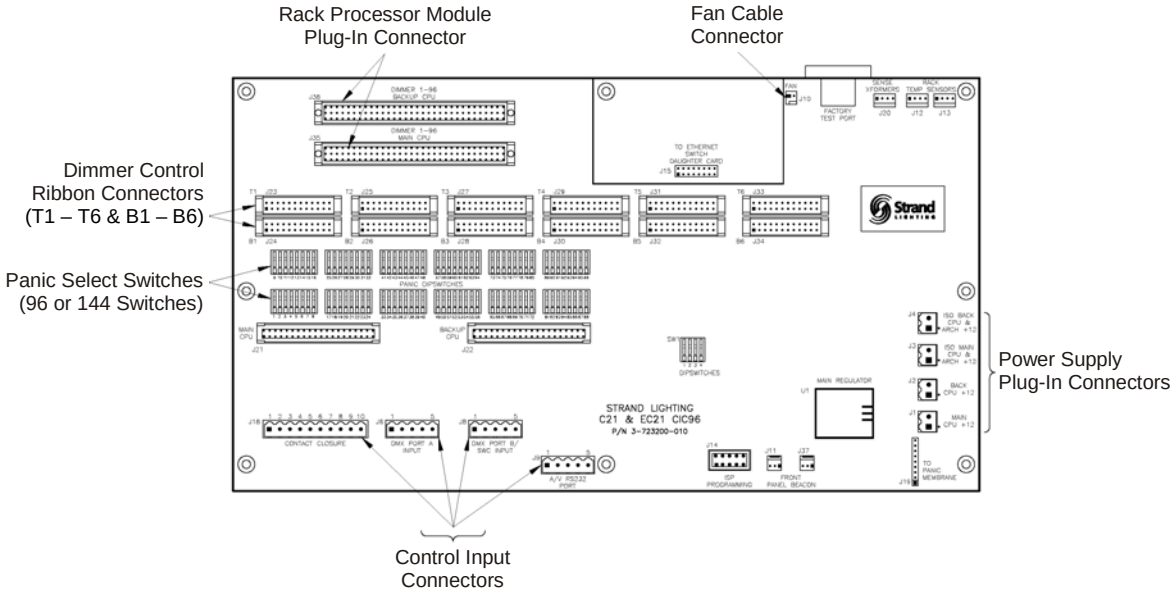

Figure 4 – Control Interconnection Card (CIC)

Dimmer Modules

The power modules are the high power switching section of the EC21 dimming system. The power block in this module is the interface between the high power AC and low power control. It is driven by low level signals (5mA, 3-24V) and switches high level signals (up to 50A, 240VAC). High specification filtering, thyrisor dimming, contactor non-dims, Sinewave dimming, and load status reporting electronics are available as options. Dimmers can be mixed in any combination in a rack. This lets you use the exact dimmer type needed for each circuit.

Quad dimming modules are also available in custom racks.

Power modules are constructed from aluminum, folded to form three sides of the dimmer and to support the dimmer connector and heatsink. The fourth side of the dimmer is formed by the heatsink. The top and bottom of the dimmer are open for cooling.

A sturdy handle is provided below the circuit breakers.

An optional locking bar on the dimmer tray secures the dimmers in the rack.

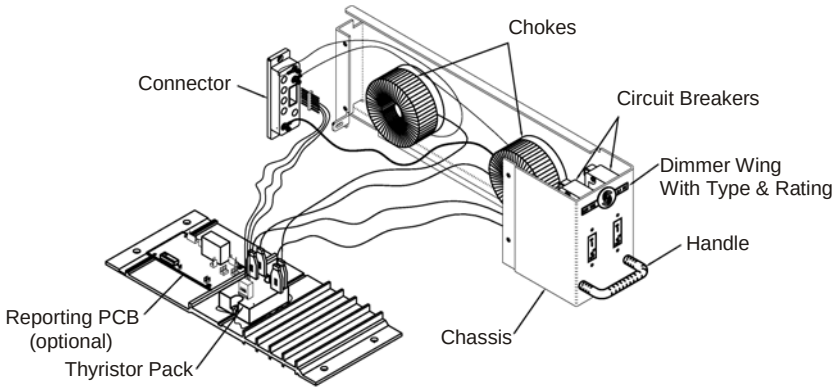

Figure 5 – Dual Dimmer Module

Reporting Dimmer Modules

Most EC21 dimmer modules are available in load status reporting versions. Load status reporting versions of dimmers can be mixed in any combination with standard dimmers in EC21 racks. These dimmers report many dimmer status items back to the processor. The information can be accessed through various menu items. The processor can then display a wide range of faults and diagnostic data.

Each Reporting dimmer module contains a temperature sensor which will shut it down if it overheats. Anything causing overheating in the rack will cause a gradual shutdown as each Reporting dimmer module overheats.

Section 2 - Installation

Environmental Considerations

Before installing your EC21 rack, you should carefully consider the environment in which the equipment is to be installed, the power feeding the equipment and the required conduit and/or cable runs.

To maximize equipment life and minimize the chance of failures, the following environmental requirements should be met:

- Operating temperature: 0 to 40°C ambient
- Operating humidity: 5%-95% non-condensing
- Storage temperature: -40°C to 70°C
- Storage humidity: 0% to 95% non-condensing
- Shock resistance in transit without damage: 40G 10mS in any of the X, Y, Z planes.


Warning

Dimmer rack efficiency is at least 97% with standard modules. Since the remainder of the energy is dissipated as heat, racks should be installed in a room with adequate ventilation to dissipate a heat load equivalent to at least 3% of the maximum load the dimmer racks will handle

Electrical equipment must not be used in close proximity to flammable materials.


Warning

This equipment is for indoor use only

AC Lighting Loads Only!

The short circuit rating for this product is 50,000 AIC. Provisions can be made for optional amp trap devices to provide 100,000 AIC fault current protection, if required.


Warning

Fan and filter choke noise emissions at some levels may be objectionable, therefore racks should be installed away from stage and audience areas.

Do not obstruct the ventilation at the front of the dimmer rack

A 90 to 264VAC, 3-phase, 4-wire plus earth, 47 to 63Hz power source must be provided for processor assembly power. Processor assemblies operate on any power source in the listed range, but the power source must be correct for the dimmers used in the system. Dimmers are available in 120V and 230VAC models. Racks are available in three-phase, single-phase and three phase three-wire delta configurations. Please consult Strand Lighting on the actual main feed size required for specific installations.

Strand Lighting recommends that the dimmer rack power be a separate feed and that no other equipment share the feed. Because phase control dimmers impose high 3rd harmonics loads on the supply the supply transformer impedance should not exceed 5%.

Dimmer racks fully populated with Sinewave modules impose no additional harmonic loading on the supply, therefore this recommendation is inapplicable.

Do not install this equipment with power applied.

Make sure that incoming power is disconnected before proceeding with the installation.

Conduit Layout

The location of conduit runs and their entrance to the dimmer rack is important and should be carefully planned before cutting holes or attaching conduit.

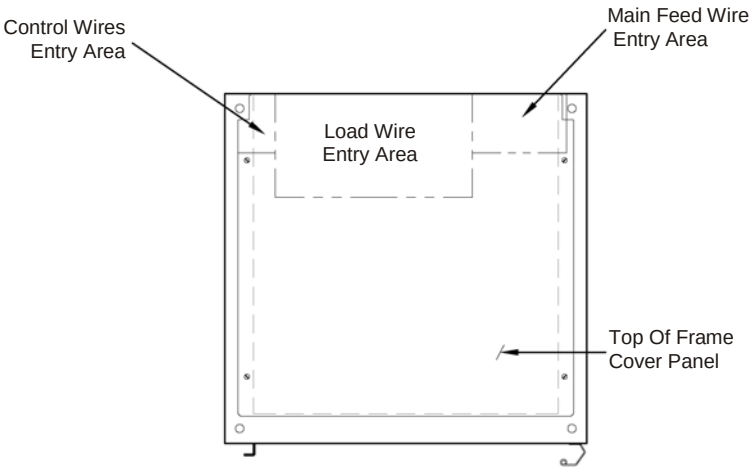

Figure 6 – Recommended Conduit Cutouts
(Top of Rack)

Do not run power feed or load wires in the same conduit or wireways as control and low voltage wiring.

Do not run load cable trays and/or conduit in close proximity to any computer or computer equipment.

Do not run wiring from other unrelated equipment in the same conduit with EC21 wiring.

Do not run control wires from dimmer rack locations marked for load or power wires, and vice versa. These locations are chosen to minimize electrical interference between various sections of the system.

Do not run wiring in ways other than shown on the system riser diagram or use alternative control cables to those specified by Strand Lighting.

Do not substitute plastic conduit for metal conduit. Metal conduit acts as a ground and shield.

Do not substitute shielded wiring for unshielded wiring or conduit. Changes in transmission line capacitance can cause problems with the control signals.

Positioning the Dimmer Rack(s)

Fan and choke noise may be objectionable if the racks are installed close to audience or performance areas. The racks are best installed in a dedicated plant room remotely located from the stage, audience, and acoustically "live" positions of the performance area.

Attach the racks to a sturdy wall and to the floor. Mounting holes are provided for this purpose, and are positioned as shown in Figure 7. Racks may be placed in a "back-to back" configuration if they are attached securely to the floor.

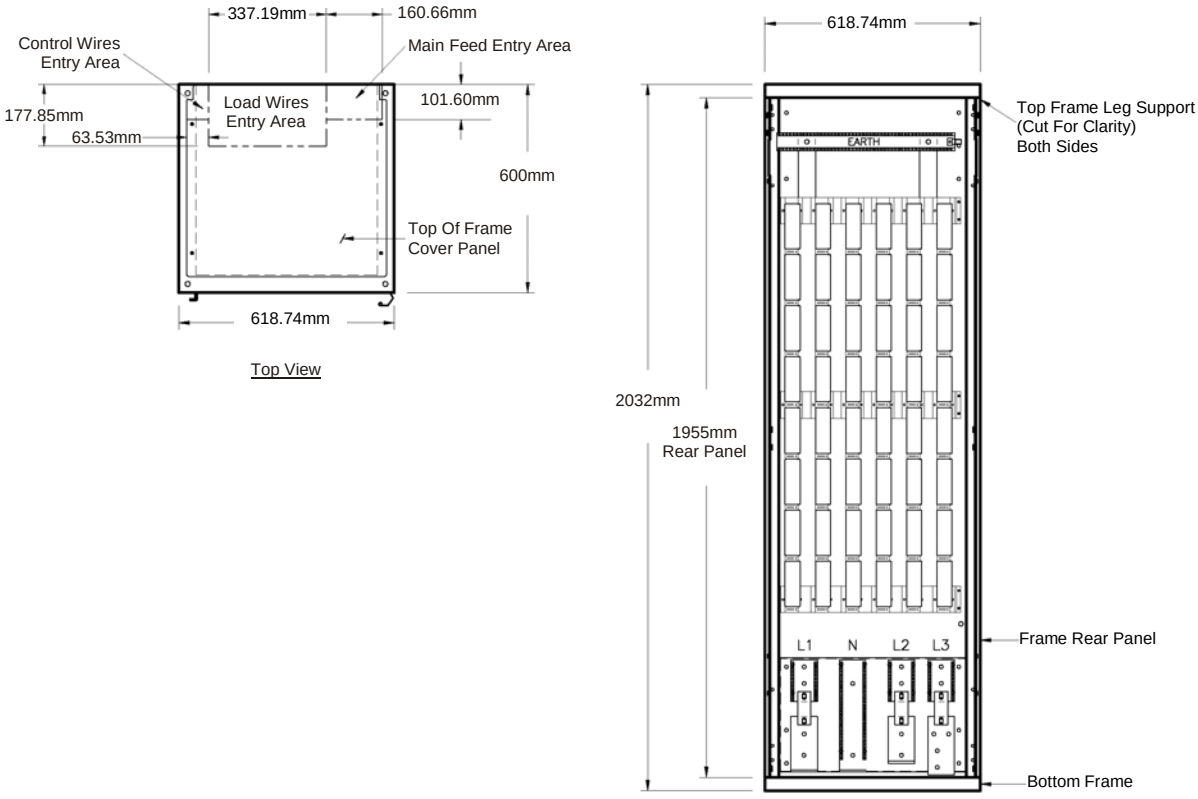

Figure 7 – Mounting Dimensions

Note

The dimmer rack must be placed on a non-combustible floor.

Installing the dimmer rack on a low concrete pad (or housekeeping pad) added on top of the floor is recommended to keep the dimmer rack clear of incidental water or accidental flooding.

Allow adequate clearance at the front of the dimmer racks for them to be opened for wiring purposes and safe servicing. Required clearances are shown in Figure 8.

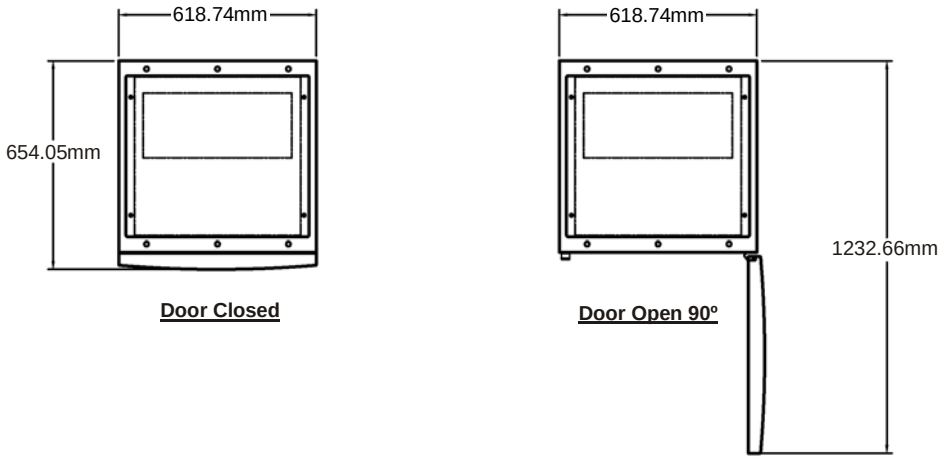

Figure 8 – Clearances

Preparing the Rack for Wiring

The EC21 rack is supplied without the door installed. The dimmer modules and rack processor housing are supplied separately. In order to gain full access to the rack, you must:

1. Remove the top and bottom grills.
2. Remove the thermostat bar.
   Be careful not to damage the thermostat. A damaged or broken thermostat will render the dimmer rack inoperable.
3. Remove the eight dimmer trays.
4. Remove the fan housing.

Do not remove the door from its carton.

Do not install the dimmer rack door.
This will be installed by a Strand Lighting Engineer or an Authorized Service Center Technician as part of the system commissioning.

If the dimmer rack is to be installed without a factory commissioning, then the Electrical Contractor shall install the door at the completion of their works.

Locating Dimmer Components

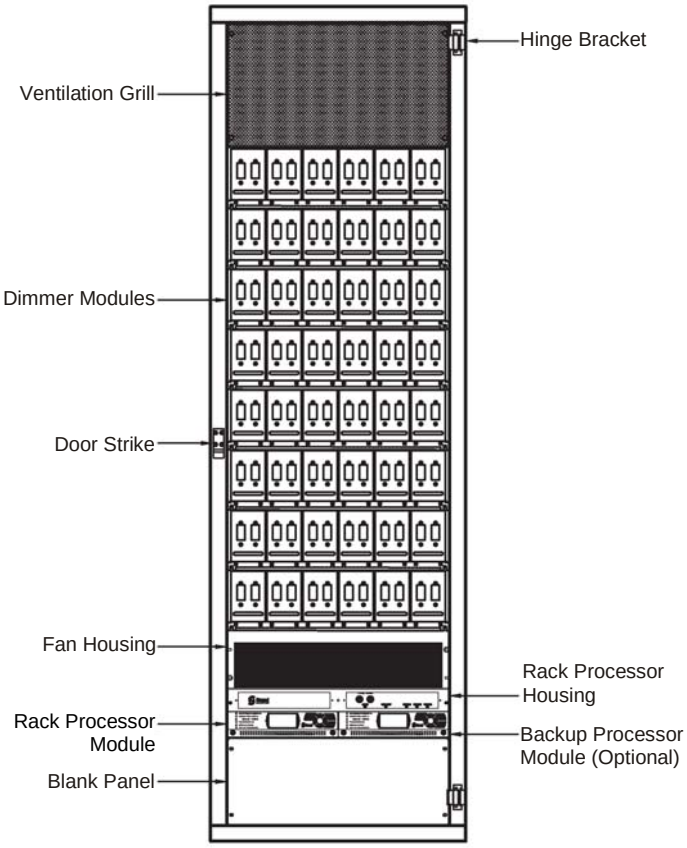

Figure 9 – EC21 Dimmer Rack
(Door Removed for clarity)

Power Wiring

Power feed wiring enters the top right back of the dimmer rack only. The figure below shows a typical top fed rack. The phase, neutral and earth power cables enter the rack through the top. All power cables are terminated using a suitable-rated compression lug (see Figure 11 below) and bolted to the mains bus bars.

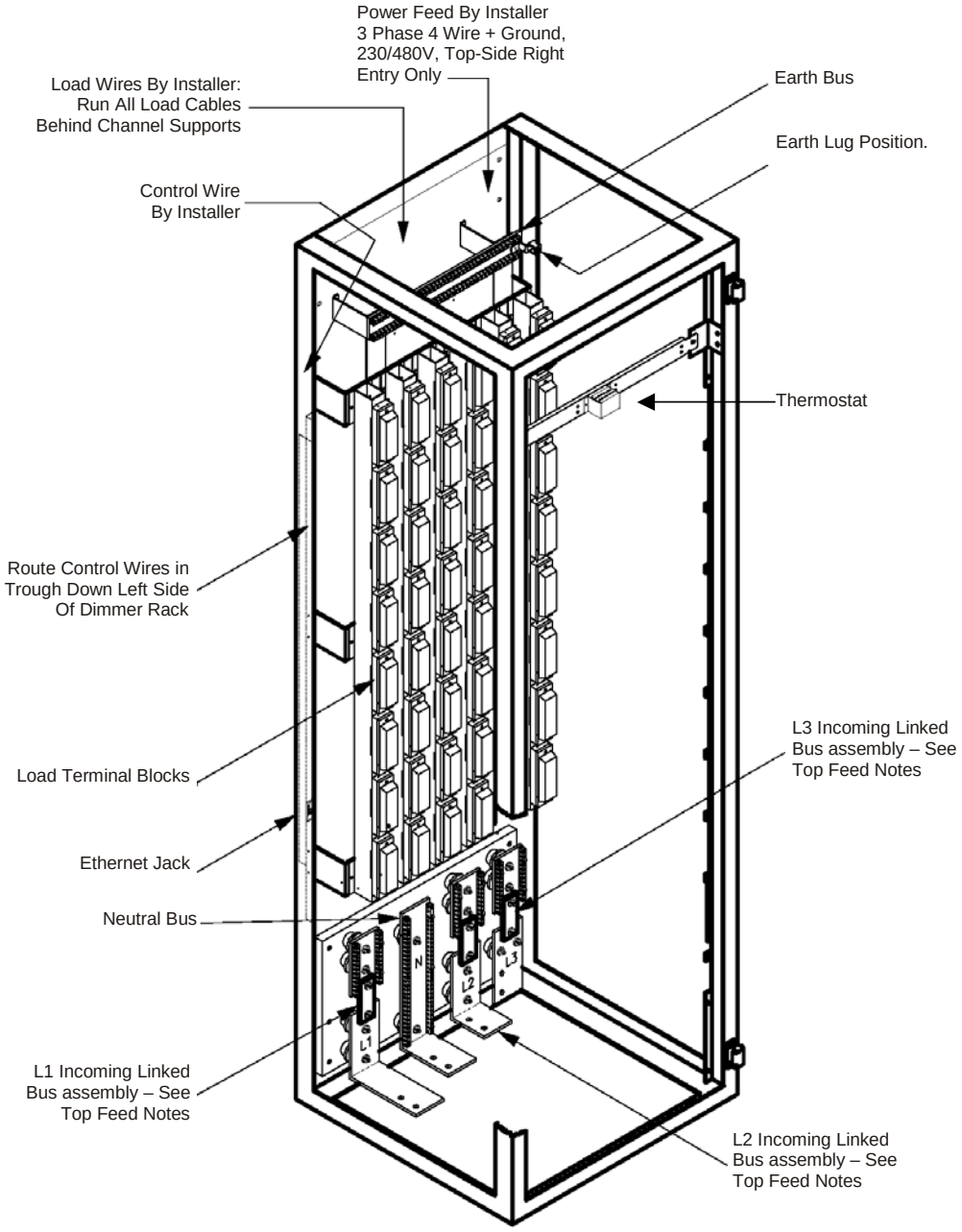

Figure 10 – Bus Bar Connections Behind Processor Assembly
(Top entry shown)

Connect all external power feed wiring to the dimmer rack. Internal power wiring between dimmer rack components is pre-wired at the factory.

(2) 300mm^2 compression lugs are provided per phase and neutral bus.

A ground lug is provided for earth ground connections.

Caution

These lugs are listed for copper conductors only.

1. Connect system ground to the earth lug provided.
2. Connect the neutral to the neutral bus bar.
3. Connect the power feeder wires to the mains bus bars.

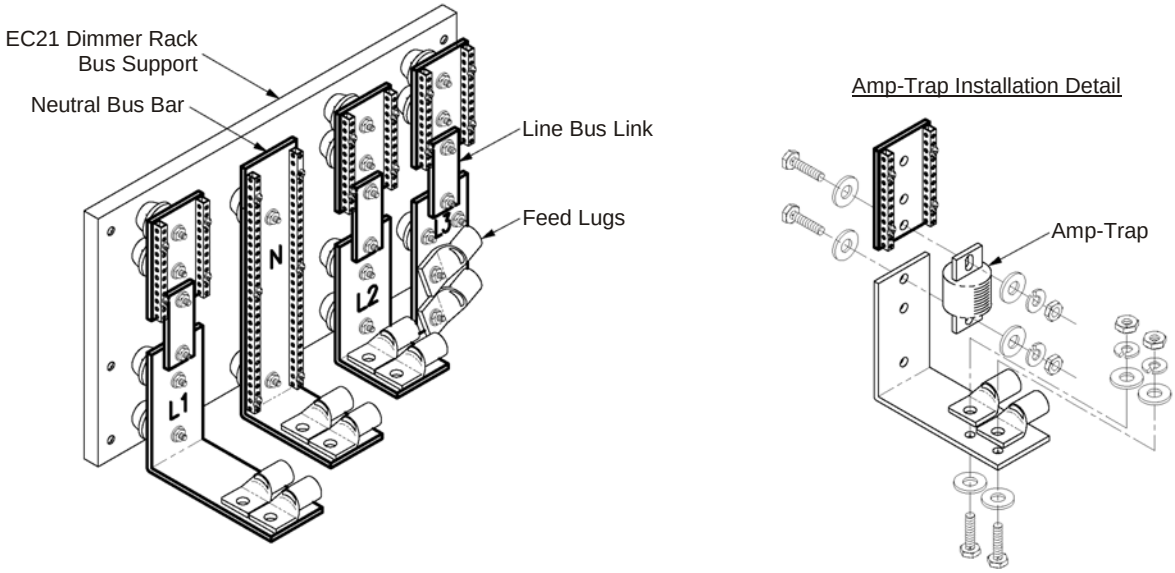

Figure 11 – Compression Fittings Detail

Load Wiring

Load wiring is connected directly to the dimmer receptacle. Wires can be routed down channels next to the dimmer receptacles so that they are out of the way once the rack is assembled.

Warning

Only hook up AC lighting loads to this equipment.

Connect load wiring according to your system drawings. Set screws in the dimmer receptacles require a standard 1/8" Allen wrench, one supplied per dimmer rack (see figure 12).

Neutral wires for the Quad receptacles terminate on the neutral bus bar located at the top of the dimmer rack.

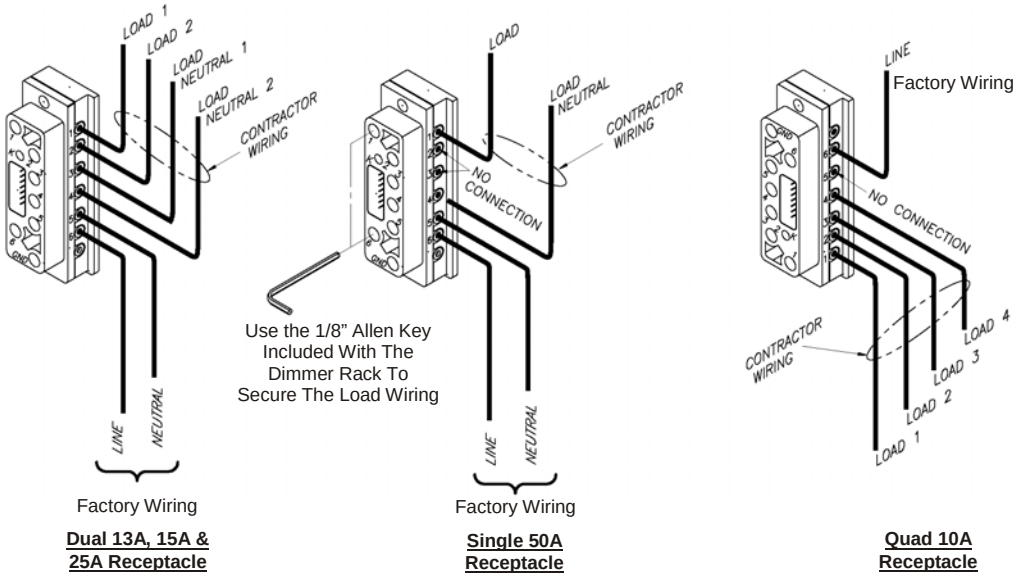

Figure 12 – EC21 Dimmer Receptacles

Dimmer connector load and neutral pins

Screw type: 1/4-20 brass
Wire gauge range: 2-16mm^2
Maximum screw torque setting: 6NM

100 amp Adaptor
Wire gauge range: 16-35mm^2
Maximum screw torque setting: 2.2NM

Earth bus connections

Screw type: 1/4-28 brass
Wire gauge range: 2-16mm^2
Maximum screw torque setting: 8NM

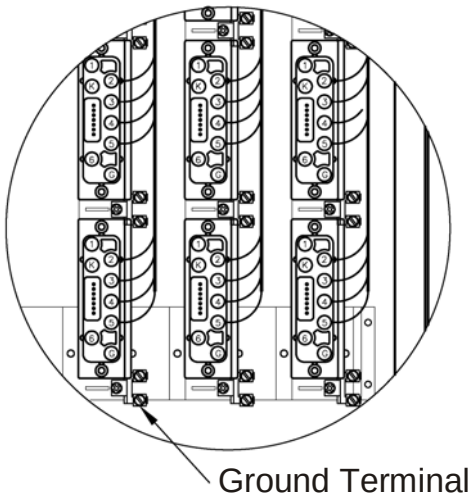

Figure 13 – EC21 Load Earth Terminals

Control Wiring

Control wiring between dimmer rack components is pre-wired at the factory. Connections that go to the control interconnection card (CIC) are in a bundle and clearly labeled.

Install the Rack Processor Housing

To install the Rack Processor Housing (RPH) in the dimmer rack:

1. Remove the cover from the cable chute on the left side of the rack by putting your fingers in the gripper holes and pulling up.
2. Run all control cables down the cable chute.
3. Punch down the Ethernet cable, if applicable.
4. Replace the cable chute cover.
5. Slide the electronics chassis into the rack.
6. Connect the cables from the rack to the appropriate plugs on the CIC.
7. Slide the electronics chassis back out of the rack until it just barely rests in its slide brackets.
8. Make all control connections with the electronics chassis in this position.

Make sure that there is enough wire in a service loop for you to take the electronics module completely out of the rack and put it on the floor if necessary without disconnecting any of the contractor control wiring.

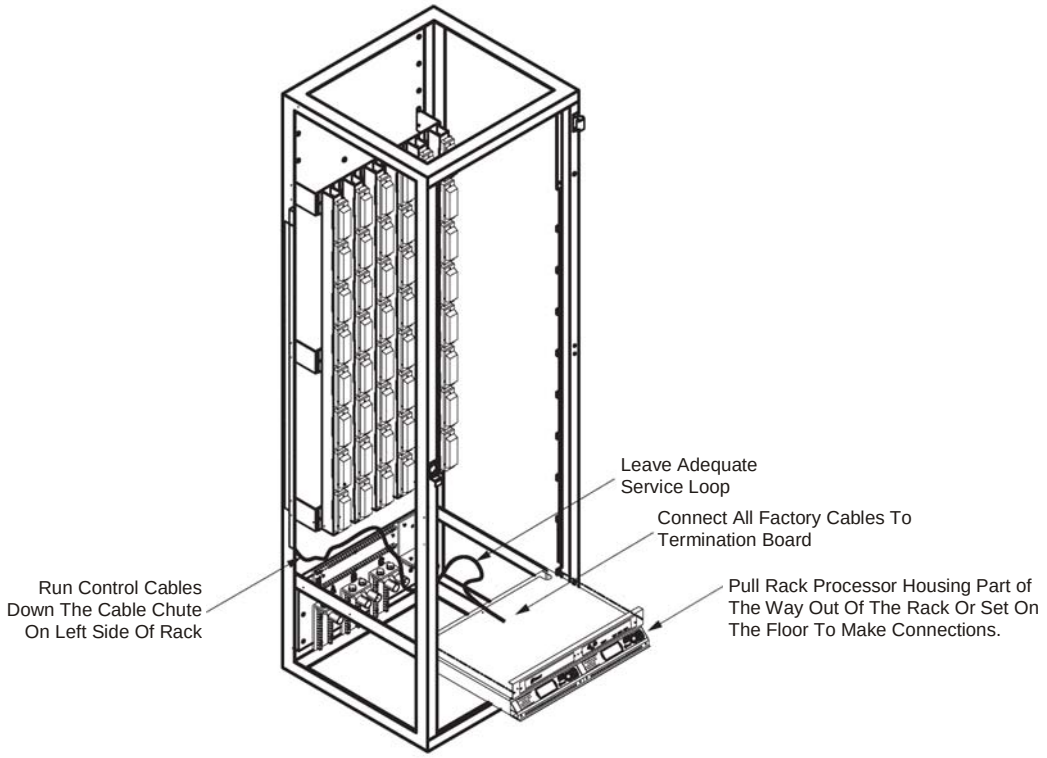

Figure 14 – Install Electronics Chassis

Connecting Power to the Rack Processor Housing

The three-phase supply to the rack processor housing (RPH) is factory wired from a terminal block at the bottom rear of the rack. The cable is connected to the rack processor housing by a multi-pin plug located on the rear of the housing. Sufficient cable length is allowed to permit the rack processor housing to be removed for servicing. Insert the plug into the socket on the rear of the rack processor housing.

Do not attempt to connect / disconnect the Rack Processor power connector with power switched on.

Secure the rack processor housing in position using the screws supplied. Check that the appropriate fuses are fitted into the fuse block located at the bottom rear of the dimmer rack (three 8A fuses).

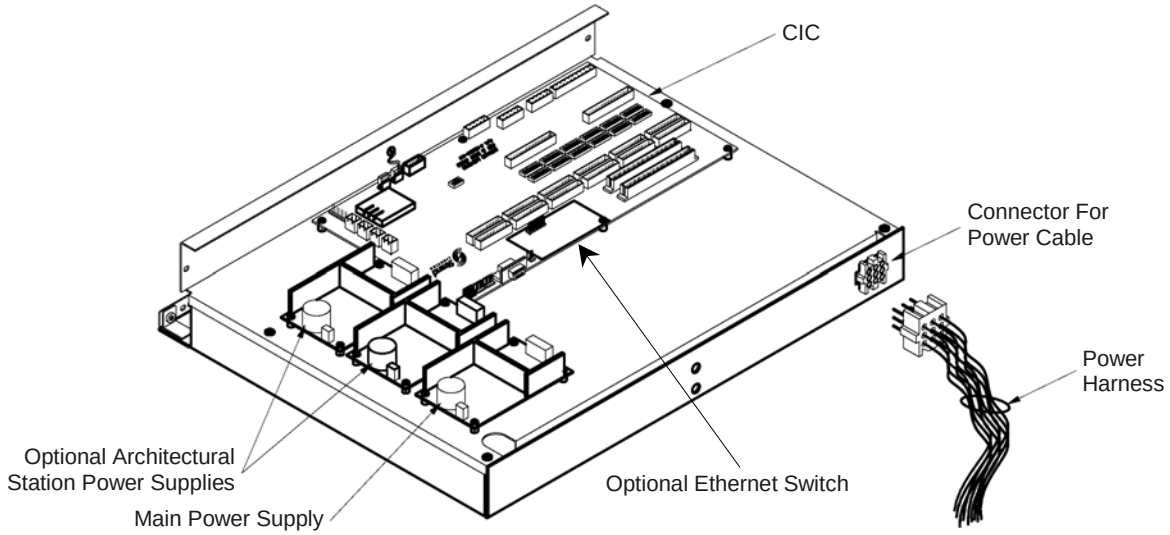

Figure 15 – Connecting Power to the Rack Processor Housing (RPH)

Connecting the Dimmer Control Cable Harness

Connect the dimmer control cable harnesses to the Control Interconnection Card (CIC) located on the top of the rack processor housing. The dimmer control cable harnesses are factory wired to the dimmer slots and plug into their dedicated connection point on the CIC. Uncoil the dimmer control cable harnesses marked 'T1' through 'T6' and 'B1' through 'B6' and connect them to the CIC board where shown in figure 17.

Connecting the Control Signal Wiring

EC21 dimmer racks accept a variety of data signals as inputs and outputs and provide control signals to the dimmers in the rack, together with status signals. All contractor control signal wiring is connected to the control interconnection (CIC) card located on the top of the rack processor housing (RPH) with the exception of the Ethernet cable that is terminated at the upper left rear of the rack. All external control wiring is run in the wire trough mounted at the rear left-hand side of the rack. Connect the 3 ft. Ethernet cable (supplied) to the RJ45 connector mounted on the cable trough located at the rear-left of the dimmer rack. See figure 18 on page 19 for details.

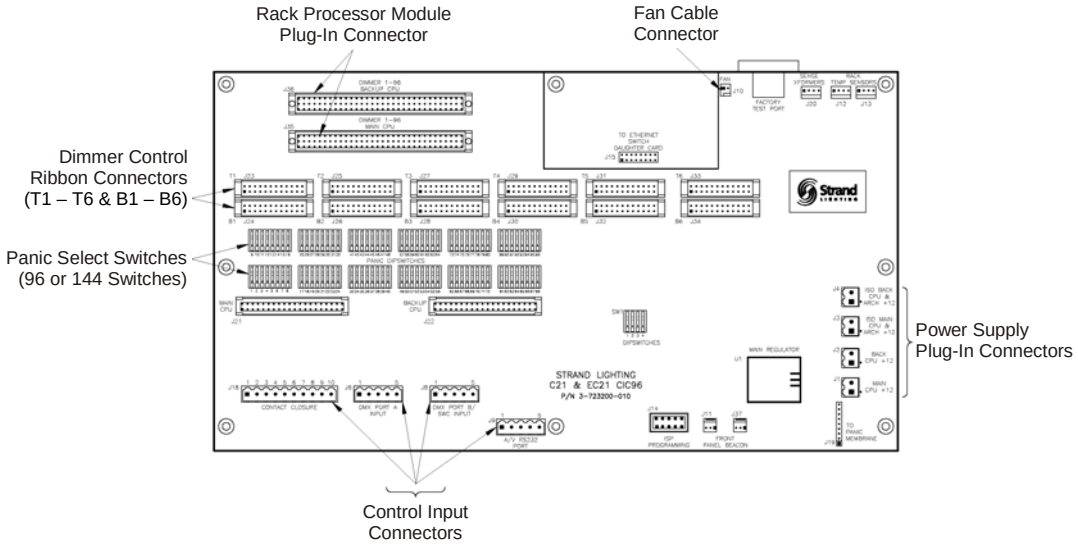

Figure 16 – Connecting Control Signal Wiring

Control Cable Routing

A cable trough is provided in the top left hand side of the rack for the control cables. Control cables should be fed through the access holes provided in the top of the rack and run down the trough until they reach the processor area. The trough can be removed for easy access.

Ethernet Control Wiring

The Ethernet control cable will terminate to the Ethernet jack located in the wireway cover at the left-rear of the dimmer rack. Figure 17 below shows the punch down wiring diagram for the RJ-45 Ethernet jack. The terminations are to be made using the TIA/EIA standards. Terminations are to be made using the 568B color code.

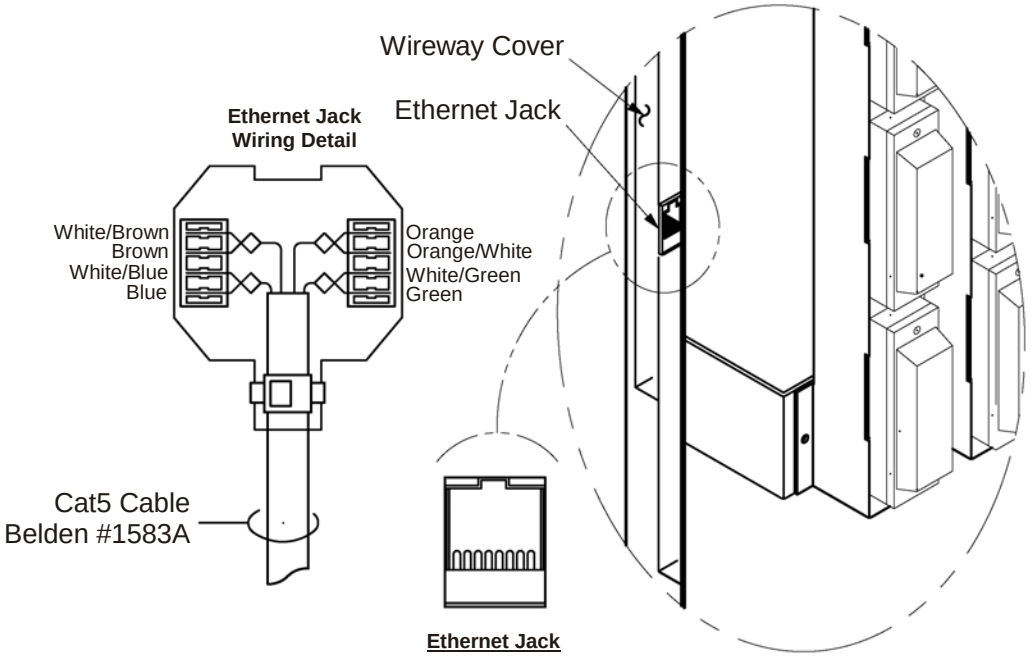

Figure 17 – Ethernet Wiring and Termination

Cable:	Belden 1583A or Strand Lighting approved equal.
Max Length: 300 Ft.	This cable must be installed and terminated in compliance with TIA/EIA-568 standards for category 5 cabling. Terminations are to be made using the 568B color code.
Connector: 8-Pin RJ45	

RJ45 Pin #	Terminal number	Ethernet Signal	Comments	Pairs	Wire Color
1	1	TX+		2	White/Orange
2	2	TX-		2	Orange/White
3	3	RX+		3	White/Green
4	4	N/C		1	Blue/White
5	5	N/C		1	White/Blue
6	6	RX-		3	Green/White
7	7	N/C		4	White/Brown
8	8	N/C		4	Brown/White

Table 1 – Ethernet Termination

DMX512 Wiring

The two types of connections provided in Strand Lighting equipment for DMX512 dimmer control signals are the XLR style connector and terminal blocks. EC21 dimmer racks use pluggable terminal block connections. Wall receptacles and consoles use XLR style connectors.

In systems that use DMX512 control wiring, the DMX512 signal is terminated at the first rack and then re-transmitted to the other dimmer racks over the Ethernet network.

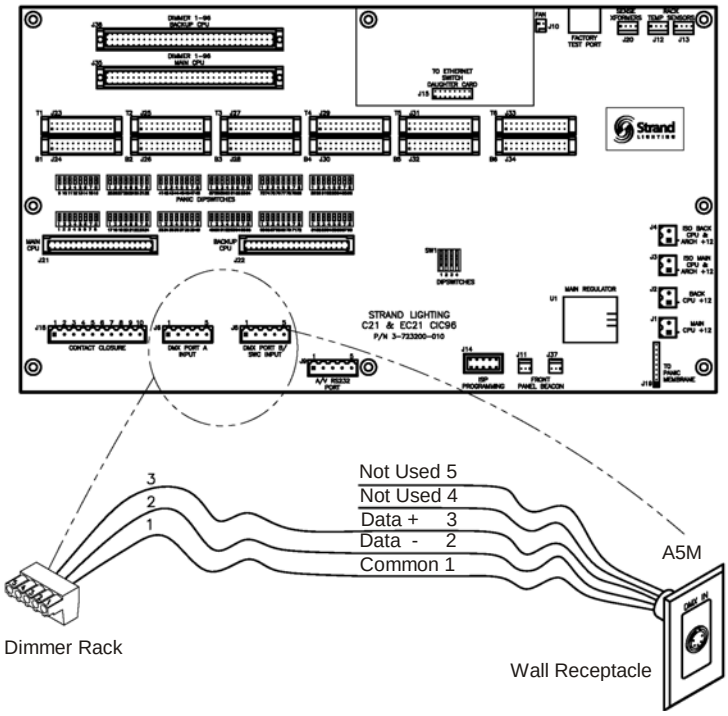

Figure 18 – DMX512 Wiring and Termination

Cable:	Belden 9829 or Strand Lighting approved equal.
Max Length: 1000 Ft. (300m).	Standard RS485 electrical characteristics apply, including line driver and receiver characteristics, line loading, and multi-drop configurations.
Connector: 5-Pin	Pluggable (two-piece) screw terminal block in rack, labeled DMX Port A and DMX Port B/SWC Input. "XLR" style connectors in wall boxes and on control consoles.

XLR Pin #	Terminal number	DMX Signal	Comments	Pairs	Wire Color
1	1	COMMON	Dimmer Common (Shield)		Shield
2	2	DATA1 -	Dimmer Drive Complement	Pair 1	White/Blue
3	3	DATA1 +	Dimmer Drive True	Pair 1	Blue/White
4	4	--	--	Pair 2	White/Orange
5	5	--	--	Pair 2	Orange/White

Table 2 – DMX512 Termination

SWC/Outlook Control Wiring

Control wiring from SWC hand held controllers and stations such as Outlook is connected to the SWC/DIGITAL NETWORK connector on the CIC. Wiring instructions and appropriate wire gauge sizes are provided on the system riser diagram.

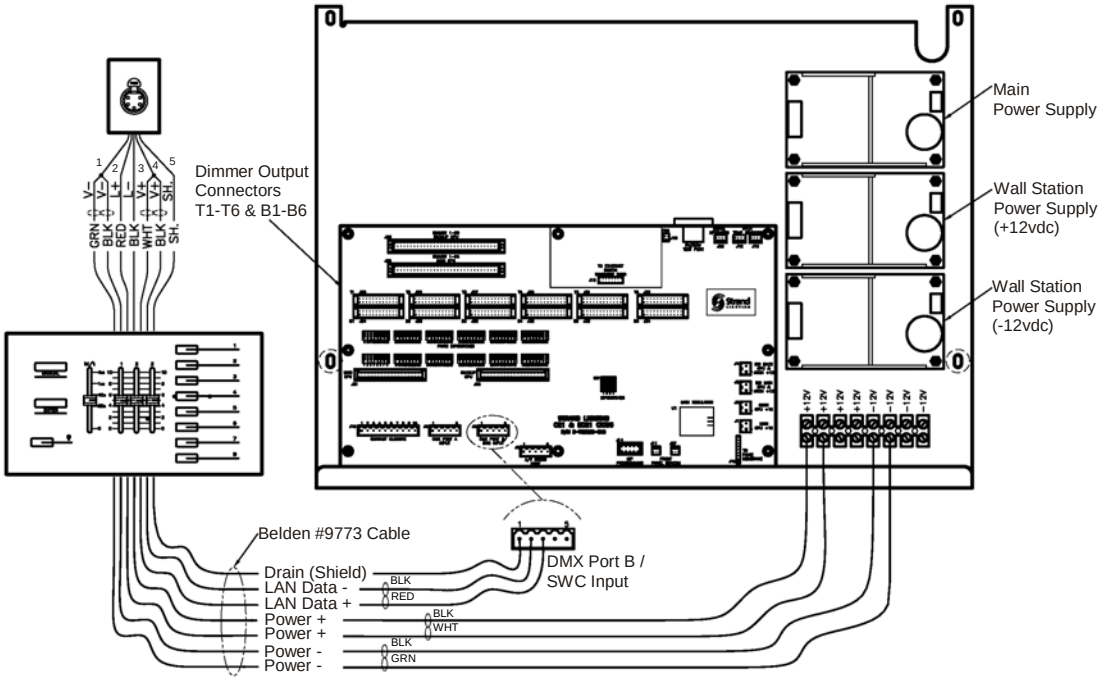

Figure 19 – SWC/Outlook Wiring and Termination

Cable:	Belden 9773 or Strand Lighting approved equal.
Max Length:	1000 feet (300m - daisy chained runs only).
Connector:	Pluggable (two-piece) screw terminal block in rack, labeled DMX Port B/SWC Input. Pluggable (two-piece) screw terminal block on stations.

XLR Pin #	Rack Term #	Station Terminal Label	Signal Name	Comments	Belden 9773 Pairs	Cable Color
--		---	GND	Earth		
3	2	L-	LAN Data -	Network Signal Compliment	Pair 1	Black
2	3	L+	LAN Data +	Network Signal True	Pair 1	Red
5	1	Screen	SHIELD	(3) Drain Wires	Drain	(3) Drains
4	T.B.	V+	V+	+12VDC	Pair 2	White/Black
1	T.B.	V-	V-	-12VDC	Pair 3	Green/Black

T.B.=Terminal Block

Table 3 – SWC/Outlook Termination

The DMX B input is used for either DMX B or SWC / Outlook

Wherever possible, control station runs should be single pulls directly from the first control station in a daisy-chained run.

Do not cut the control cable at junction or pull boxes. The control cable must be a continuous run from the rack to the wall stations.

If connections must be made in a junction box due to length of run or other considerations, these connections should be made using good quality terminal blocks incorporating a wire protection leaf. Simple twisting of the conductors will result in gross reliability problem.

If Connections are soldered care should be taken to ensure the joint is not subject to movement / vibration.

Remote Contact Closure Connections

You can connect several other external contacts for controlling rack functions (see

figure 20). These functions are then available remotely and instantly.

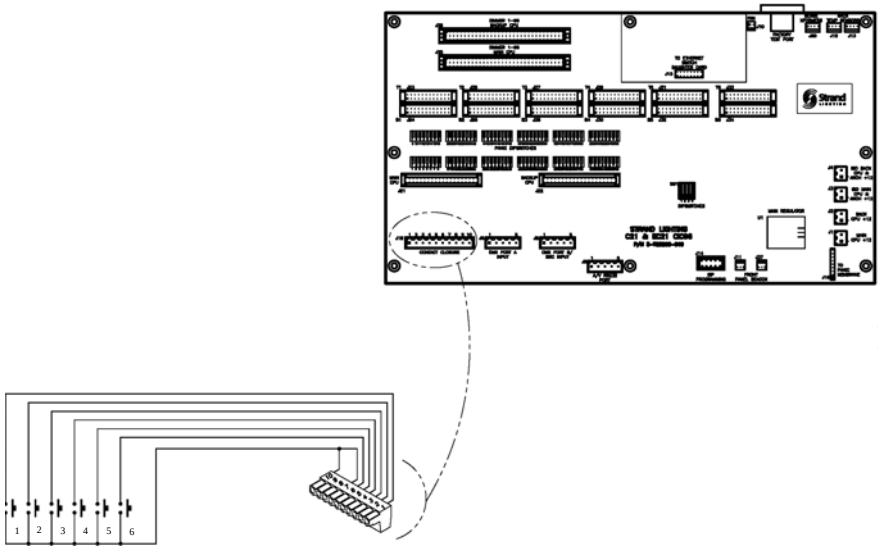

Figure 20 – Remote Contact Closure Termination

Connector:	Pluggable (two-piece) screw terminal block in rack, labeled Contact Closure.		
Pin	Function	Type	Description
1	PANIC ON	Momentary	Turns Panic On
2	PANIC OFF	Momentary	Turns Panic Off
3	FIRE ALARM	Maintained	Turns Panic On, No Override
4	SWC PRESET 1	Momentary	Fires SWC Preset 1
5	GO NEXT SWC	Momentary	Fires “Next” SWC Preset
6	GO SWC OFF	Momentary	Fires SWC Preset 0 (Blackout)
7	COM/GND		COM/GND
8	OPEN		OUTPUT 1
9	OPEN		OUTPUT 2
10	COM/GND		COM/GND

Table 4 – Remote Contact Closure Termination

RS232 Interface

The RS232 Interface allows for third-party A/V systems to directly recall any of the 128 SWC presets that are stored in the local rack processor housing (RPH) using serial commands.

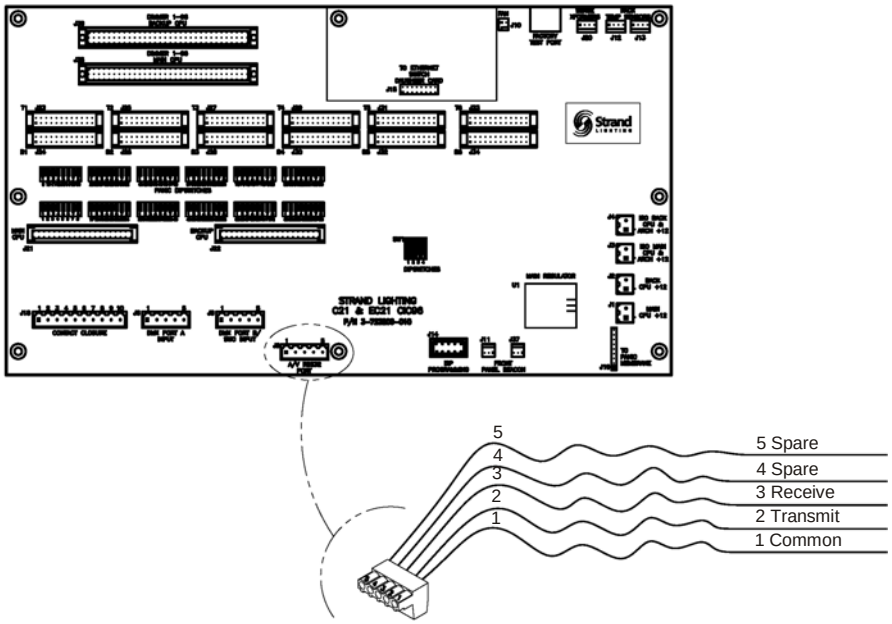

Figure 21 – A/V Interface Termination

Connector:	Pluggable (two-piece) screw terminal block in rack, labeled A/V Interface Port.
Pin	Function
1	COMMON
2	TRANSMIT - TX
3	RECEIVE - RX
4	SPARE
5	SPARE

Table 5 – RS-232 A/V Interface Termination

Select Dimmers for Panic

Panic turns any single dimmer, combination of dimmers, or all dimmers ON, bypassing system electronics.

Select panic for a dimmer using DIP switches located on the CIC (see figure 16 on page 17). Each rack has 96 or 144 panic switches.

Dimmers with switches ON are switched ON when you activate panic, regardless of their control station settings. Dimmers with panic select switches OFF are not affected when panic is activated. Racks are shipped with all switches OFF.

To activate panic:

1. Press the PANIC ON button located on the front of the rack processor housing (RPH) to turn panic ON.
2. If you have a remote PANIC station, press the PANIC ON button to turn selected dimmers in the rack ON.

To deactivate panic:

1. Press the PANIC OFF button located on the front of the rack processor housing (RPH) to turn panic OFF. Pressing the PANIC OFF button returns the dimmers to a NORMAL control state.
2. If you have a remote PANIC station, press the PANIC OFF button to turn selected dimmers in the rack OFF. Pressing the PANIC OFF button returns the dimmers to a NORMAL control state.

Installing the Door

The locking door for the rack ships from the factory in a separate box. To install the door, follow the steps below:

1. Remove the door and hardware from the box.
2. Install the hinge plates on the right or left side of the rack.
3. Install the door strike on the opposite side of the hinge plate.
4. Align the door to the hinges.
5. Install the hinge pins to the door.
6. Install the Strand Lighting nameplate to the center of the door.

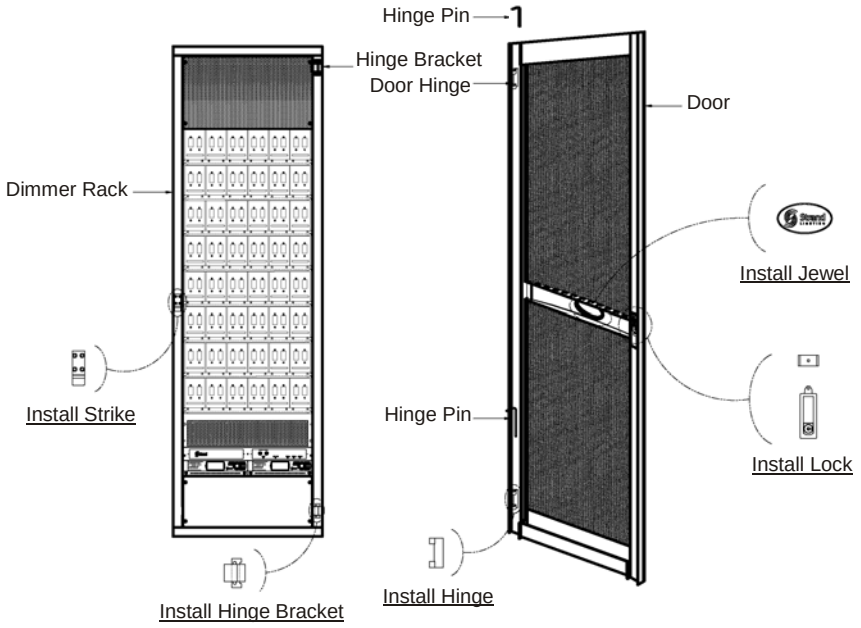

Figure 22 – Installing EC21 Rack Hinge Plate and Door

Section 3 - Commissioning

Safety Check

Before applying power to the system you should double-check all of your wiring.

1. Check that all terminals, screws, and bolts are secure and tightened according to the torque setting on page 15.
2. Check for stray wire strands and make sure wires are correctly restrained and not in contact with metal edges or obstructing the dimmer module ventilation paths.
3. Check earth connections.
4. Double-check neutral connections and positively verify phase orientation at the input bus bars. Ensure that neutral has not been confused with a phase - connecting the unit “across the phases” will do severe damage.
5. Make a full safety inspection of all load wiring.

Initial Power Up

Systems purchased without commissioning support are now ready for system power. For such systems, follow the steps below.

1. Make sure the incoming power is appropriately rated and safe to energize. If not, correct before proceeding.
2. Make sure the control input signals to the dimmer racks are off.
3. Apply power to the system.
4. Check that the fans run. Should any loads be driven there is a fault (but maybe some dimmers are set to “Panic”). Sort out before proceeding further.
5. Turn off main power to the rack and insert the rack processor module (do not insert any backup processor at this stage).
6. Turn on power to the rack.

If the system does not function properly, follow the troubleshooting instructions in the EC21 Operator's Guide. If these steps fail, or for assistance with replacement parts, please call Strand Lighting or the local Authorized Service Center in your area.

Processor Self Test and Fault Identification

Once you have applied power you need to make sure that the system is working correctly and the rack processor modules are set properly for the installation. This step checks for any problems due to shipping or installation.

First ensure that the system is properly operational with just the main processor fitted. Note the software version installed on the main processor.

Switch off, remove the main processor and fit the backup processor. Switch on and note the software version installed on the backup processor. If different, first install appropriate software version.

When verified both processors have the same version of software installed in both processors.

Normal operation is for the backup processor to display “Processor disabled & updating” for a few moments followed by “Processor disabled & tracking”. This will occasionally change to “updating”, reflecting data changes occurring on the main processor transferring to the backup.

When the rack is switched ON, a number of self-tests are run. If no faults are detected, the system displays the default message as shown:

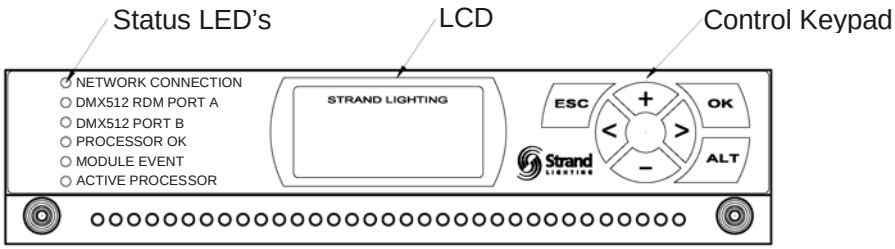

Figure 23 – Rack Processor Module Front Panel

LED Status

The LEDs on the front of each rack processor module are the first level of diagnostics and provide immediate visual status indication. The nine LEDs on the front of the rack processor housing and module indicate the following:

Rack Processor Housing LEDs

Phase A (green):	Should be ON if Phase 1 is OK.
Phase B (green):	Should be ON if Phase 2 is OK.
Phase C (green):	Should be ON if Phase 3 is OK.
Over-Temp (red):	Should be OFF. Flashing indicates an Over-temp condition. ON indicates dimmer module automatic Over-temp shutdown.
Panic (red):	Should be OFF. On indicates that PANIC has Been activated.
Lighthouse (blue):	Blue = normal. Flashing red = error. Solid red = shutdown.

Rack Processor Module LEDs

Network Connection (green):	Should be ON if there is a network signal.
DMX A (green):	Should be ON if there is a DMX signal.
DMX B (green):	Should be ON if there is a DMX signal.
Module Event (red):	Should be OFF. On indicates a dimmer fault
Processor OK (green):	Should be ON. Off indicates there is a problem.
Active Processor (green):	Should be ON if self-test is OK. Indicates active processor.

Dimmer Events

If the Module Event LED is on, the LCD will show the number of dimmer events and will automatically scroll the display to show a description of the event(s) Refer to the EC21 Operator's Guide for a description of event codes. If any other LED does not illuminate correctly, switch OFF the power immediately and check the installation again. If the fault persists and all wiring seems correct, call Strand Lighting.

If the LCD shows an error, see the Error Log section of the EC21 Operator's Guide.

Output Check

Gradually increase the control signal to each dimmer in turn from 0% to 100% using the SET LEVEL function and carefully monitor the loads. Check for any error messages, or dimmer events displayed on the rack processor module LCD.

Initial Programming

Refer to the EC21 Operator's Guide and set the following menu items, as applicable.

- Language
- Rack number (if applicable)
- Fan Speed Control
- LCD Contrast
- Time and date

Other items you may wish to set at this time, depending on your system configuration, are:

- DMX patch
- DMX Mode
- Outlook patch
- Max Voltage
- Min Level
- Circuit ID Start
- Circuit ID Patch
- Dimmer Response
- Dimmer Profiles
- No DMX Preset or Hold condition.
- Power Up Preset

Programming and Fault-Finding

Refer to the EC21 Operator's Guide supplied with the dimmer rack for Basic Troubleshooting instructions and details on how to use the rack processor module keypad and LCD display to program all the functions of the EC21 dimmers.

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