# **LEKO**™ NOW TO EURO STANDARDS

ekolite, or as more usually known, the Leko, has been the definitive lighting instrument in North America for over sixty years. Owing its trademark to a combination from the names of its mentors - Levy and Kook - Leko has become synonymous with both Strand Lighting and its predecessor Century Lighting. In fact the current Leko is the third design to carry the name since 1933. The latest model was introduced in November 1993 - at the LDI exhibition in Dallas, and was described in detail in Lights! Volume 3 issue 3.

Differences in statutory safety requirements, not to mention alternative working practices, meant that the Leko could not be sold in Britain or Europe initially. Now a version complying with British lighting practice and safety standards will be in production from Spring of 1994.

In Britain, prior to the introduction of variable angle zoom profiles in the 1970's, lighting designers relied on fixed angle spotlights like the Strand Pattern 263 and 264. Zoom spotlights offered an immediate and understandable advantage - a multipurpose spotlight, covering a wide range of angles. Fixed angle spots became a variant of variable angle designs and because they carried the cost penalty of being a compromise, dropped out of favour.

However, the need for a small, lightweight and economic ellipsoidal spotlight hasn't diminished, as witnessed by the batteries of Pattern 263's still to be seen in theatres throughout Europe. With the introduction of Leko (an affordable, purpose-designed fixed-



Leko 40

Strand Library

angle profile) lighting designers and theatre planners have a choice between the flexibility of the zoom at the regular price, or the punch, ease of focusing and economy of a Leko

The European Leko ellipsoidal range is available with a choice of 15°, 20°, 30°, 40° and 50° beam angles. It is designed to meet EN 60598 2-17 which means that there have been modifications to the earthing of the body, a different cable type and re-designed handle, and other safety measures such as colour frame retention and a lens guard.

But the Strand Leko is no ordinary ellipsoidal. A specially designed gate allows the shutters to overlap (we call this a high angularity gate). The lampholder (which takes a 220/240V CP77) has a bayonet fitting into the Leko body, so that the focus is not disturbed when the lamp is changed. Lamp alignment is easy with a screwdriver which releases the adjustment and acts as a joystick control to centre the lamp. An economy fixed angle it may be, but there is no compromise on performance, safety or operational benefits. Leko is now set to become a firmly established favourite as much this side of the Atlantic as in North America, where specifying Leko is automatic. And remember only Strand Lighting make Lekos!

trand is branching out into touring dimmers with the introduction of new Andi DX Portable Dimmer Racks. Available in two standard configurations, 24 x 2.5 kW and 12 x 5 kW, Andi DX uses an LD90 digital processor module driving plug-in modules. The dimmer modules are hard-firing and include good rise time filter chokes suitable for studio, theatre or rental applications.

By integrating the intelligence of the LD90 processor, a wide range of control features and options have been brought to the Andi DX, including DMX patching, a choice of dimmer laws, selectable response



Andi DX touring dimmer.

# ANDI DX 220/240V PORTABLE DIMMER RACKS

time, and internal preset memories which can be accessed through the System Wide Control (SWC) network.

Available with a choice of load sockets suitable for the UK, France or Germany or with multipin connectors for multicore cable installations, all Andi DX touring dimmer racks are designed and manufactured in compliance with mandatory European safety regulations. The incoming mains supply is provided by a CEE 5-pin standard connector on the rear of each rack. Andi DX is in production now and extends our already well established base of Andi permanently installed dimmer racks throughout Germany.



Andi DX housed in robust flight case.

# NEW DIMMER PACK WITH DMX - ACT 6+

ct 6, Strand's ever popular range of budget-priced 6 unit 220/240V dimmer packs will soon be replaced by Act 6+. The 'plus' stands for DMX 512, the digital multiplex protocol which is an option with all Act 6+ packs.

Until now, the Act 6 range has been available in two basic versions: with double sockets and analogue control voltage, or single sockets and D54 (Strand's analogue multiplex control signal).

All Act 6+ dimmers will now have double sockets per dimmer (in versions for the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland), plus CEE17

16A sockets and a blank panel version for custom multi pin connectors), +/- 10V analogue control and a push-button test switch per dimmer.

By plugging in a Multimux module, any Act 6+ can be additionally controlled from either a D54 or DMX512 multiplex signal. Analogue and multiplex signals can be used simultaneously, combining on a highest level takes precedence basis. The multimux module also includes a clever feature which provides a selection of preprogrammed chase effects.

The new Act 6+ range will be available from March 1994, and also replaces Act 6 in the EuroSystem scheme (re-named 'StrandSystem' for 1994), so contact your dealer soon for some exceptional prices.



Act 6+

## **GOOD-BYE EURO SYSTEM.**



### **HELLO STRANDSYSTEM.**

The popular Euro System scheme, which offered the best of Strand's basic stage lighting products at down-to-earth prices when purchased through Main Distributors, has made way for the new 1994 scheme called "StrandSystem".

The name and products have undergone some changes, but the

economy pricing levels remain the same, showing Strand's commitment to bringing you all the elements of a basic lighting installation at a price you can afford.

Replaced are the Act 6 range of dimmers, and the M24 and M24FX memory desks - the new Act 6+ packs and GSX with Genius consoles take their place in the new StrandSystem line-up.

New to StrandSystem are Minim F and PC spotlights, Nocturne floodlights and the Cantata followspot. The remaining Euro System range of Quartet spotlights, Coda floodlights, LX and MX controls, Act 2 and selected LD90 dimmers is also included in the new StrandSystem. Contact your Strand Main Distributor now for advice of pricing and availability.