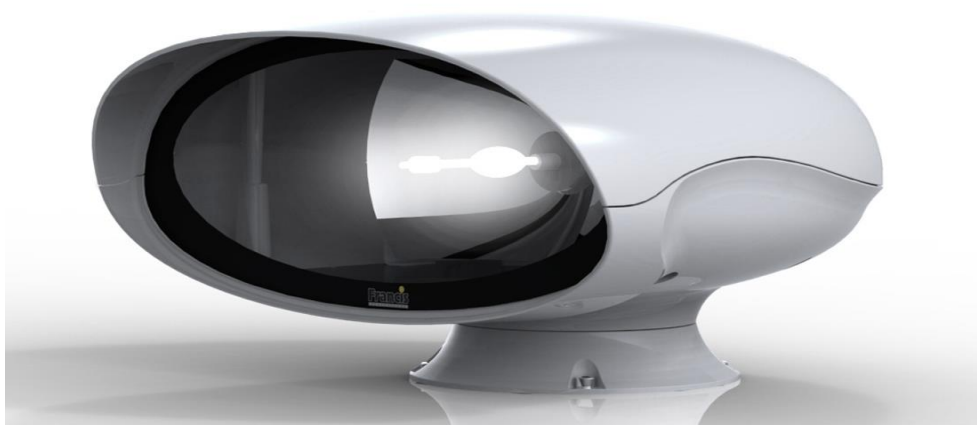




User Instruction & Installation Manual

Voyager 2



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1 - Introduction

It is imperative that this manual is read carefully and understood before installing your equipment. For your future reference please keep this manual in a safe place.

Thank you for specifying a product from the Francis Searchlights range. All Francis products are designed to give complete customer satisfaction and are manufactured to the highest engineering standards in order to ensure optimum performance and service life.

The Francis range combines features proven over many years service in the most hazardous conditions in both marine and land installations.

In order to prolong the life and performance of your product, we recommend that you only specify Francis Searchlights spare parts. This will also ensure that any warranties on your equipment will not be invalidated. Information on spares ordering and parts is provided in this manual.

Should you ever need to contact Francis Searchlights Ltd. regarding your equipment, please quote the Product Serial Number at all times.

2 - Safety Precautions

The following instructions must be adhered to, in order to ensure a safe working environment and the safety of the user.

Note: When unpacking or manoeuvring the searchlight into its fixing position, suitable lifting points must be used in order to prevent damage to the equipment or personal injury.

- Prevent rain, snow, condensation and water droplets from contacting the lamp as this may cause bulb failure and possible shattering;
- Xenon lamps run with a high internal pressure in excess of atmospheric. Whilst the construction is inherently strong, there is a slight risk of the bulb shattering;
- Never look directly into an illuminated searchlight as this may cause severe damage to eyesight. If it is necessary to inspect a lamp whilst in operation, always wear suitable protective goggles;
- Should it be necessary to examine the lamp with the lid removed, always use a protective shield and wear goggles to ensure a safe working environment;
- Never attempt to clean a lamp whilst in use;
- Searchlights get hot. Never touch the unit when lit and always allow 15 to 20 minutes for cooling down after turning the searchlight off;
- Never place anything on or cover the searchlight when in use;
- Ensure the lamp has cooled sufficiently before removal;
- If undue force appears necessary to remove the lamp, the equipment should be inspected by a competent person or contact the manufacturer;
- When breaking a lamp for disposal, care must be taken to ensure the glass fragments are safely contained. This operation must be performed out of doors in free air. In all circumstances refer to the lamp manufacturers instructions packed with the lamp;
- Due to the vast range of lamps available it may appear possible that more powerful lamps can be used in the equipment than for which it was designed. Even when the unit will physically accept a higher wattage or voltage lamp, this substitution is not recommended and is dangerous. This action will also void any warranties on the equipment.

Always refer to the lamp manufacturer's technical data when dealing with lamps.

3 - Technical Information

This product has been designed to operate in accordance with the product specification. The VX500 RC searchlight has the following features:

- All marine grade materials and fixings;
- Electronic power supply unit;
- Parabolic glass reflector;
- Instant lamp re-strike. No cooling down time required;
- Economical 1000 hour lamp life (300w) 1200 hour lamp life (150w);
- 350° horizontal rotation;
- Vertical movement +23° to -23°;
- Motor speed 1°- 36°/sec (Pan). 1°-3.5°/sec (Tilt);
- RS485 connectivity & auto home positioning;
- Remote focus facility;
- Self Regulating internal heater;
- Toughened front glass;
- Sealing to IP66;

The searchlight also performs to the following optical data:

- Xenon light source;
 - Lamp Wattage - 300 Watts;
 - Supply voltage – 110v/240v AC 1Ph 50/60 Hz;
 - Peak Beam Candlepower – 15.4 million Lux;
 - Range – 3920 metres;
 - Adjustable lamp focus, 1° spot to 10° flood;
 - Temperature range: -50°C
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- Xenon light source;
 - Lamp Wattage - 150 Watts;
 - Supply voltage – 110v/240v AC 1Ph 50/60 Hz;
 - Peak Beam Candlepower – 7.6 million Lux;
 - Range – 2760 metres;
 - Adjustable lamp focus, 1° spot to 10° flood;
 - Temperature range: -50°C

In order that the searchlight operates correctly it is imperative that competent personnel are responsible for the installation, operation and servicing of this equipment. Failure to adhere to this advice may cause premature failure or incorrect operation of the searchlight, which may damage the equipment or cause personal injury.

4 - Unpacking and Installation Instructions

The following instructions should be read and fully understood prior to installing the equipment to ensure that the correct procedures are followed, and all safety precautions are observed.

Note: If the equipment has been in storage for a considerable amount of time, it is advisable to conduct a routine maintenance check on all parts before installation.

Safety Precautions

This equipment should not be connected to an electrical supply before being installed. Installation procedures should be adhered to in order to ensure a safe working environment and reduce the risk of damage or personal injury.

Preparing the Mounting Position

Mark out and drill the fixing holes through the deck. When in the desired position fasten the searchlight firmly down. On an uneven surface it may be necessary to use a suitable sealant such as silicone, in order to ensure a weatherproofed joint. If no cabling is required to be seen on deck, there is the option to wire from underneath the base directly into the deck. See drawing A7180 for details.

5 - Electrical Installation

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When the main power is first applied to the searchlight, the searchlight will carry out a self-test, it will Pan to the left limit and Tilt down to the limit, once this is complete, the searchlight will then move to the centre and horizontal, during this please do not try and operate the searchlight while this test is being carried out. Once the searchlight is back at centre the searchlight can then be operated normally, by pressing the Panel button on the control panel.

For safety purposes, only competent personnel should perform the electrical installation. All equipment should be installed to current Electrical Regulations and Standards. In order to obtain the maximum light output from the searchlight, it is essential that the full operating voltage of the lamp fitted be applied to the lampholder contacts.

Method of Electrical Connection

- 1) Disconnect the supply before working on the electrical system;
- 2) The searchlight must be connected to a fused electrical supply, using suitably sized cable;
- 3) The junction box should NOT be positioned more than 7 metres (300w) 13 metres (150w) away from the searchlight using standard cables supplied.
- 4) Whenever possible cable terminations should be made below deck and with approved terminal devices;
- 5) If a spare auxiliary fuse or circuit breaker is not available, one of the correct type/rating should be fitted and connected to a positive supply. It is advisable to locate a bus bar or main connection and avoid any direct connection to the supply:
- 6) For 110/220v AC products, the following colour coding system should be used for the customer supply cable:

Brown	- Live
Blue	- Negative
Green/Yellow	- Earth

Note: This equipment must be earthed.

Installation Guidelines

A typical installation and connection routine for the VX500RC searchlight is as follows:

Referring to wiring diagram **C27390** a supply is fed to the junction box which then provides a common feed to the searchlight and joystick panel.

The following cables have been supplied as standard: -

- 4 metres of 2 pair twisted 0.22mm screened cable from the junction box to searchlight.
- 4 metres of 7 cores 1.5mm cable from the junction box to searchlight. (150W)
- 4 metres of 7 cores 2.5mm cable from the junction box to searchlight. (300W)

The following cables to be supplied by customer: -

- 2 pair twisted 0.22mm screened cable from the junction box to the joystick panel.
- 3 cores 1.5mm cable from the junction box to the mains supply.

When the light is in operation the output from the PSU should be 20v 15 amps (300w)
17.5v 8.5 amps. (150w)

Basic Operation

When the searchlight is turned on an 115v/240v supply is fed to the PSU. This in turn generates a sufficient voltage to the ignitor in order that the ignition voltage is achieved and the Xenon lamp strikes.

After the lamp has lit, the PSU regulates the voltage through the ignitor so that the lamp operates within its design parameters.

6 - Operating Instructions

This equipment is designed for use out of doors, in free air. Never place anything on or cover the searchlight when in use as this may present a hazard.

Switch On

The panel is activated using the PANEL button. This will illuminate brightly when the panel is active. Alternate operations of the PANEL button will switch the panel on and off.

Lamp Control

When the panel is active pressing the LAMP button will switch the lamp on or off. If the control panel is switched off with the PANEL button the lamp will switch off.

Focus Control

The lamp focus can be adjusted using the FOCUS button. Lamp focus will adjust continuously whilst FOCUS is pressed.

Beam Direction

The beam direction can be adjusted using the joystick when the panel is active. Moving the joystick left or right will pan the beam clockwise or anticlockwise. Moving the joystick up or down will move the beam up or down. The speed of movement is proportional to the movement of the joystick. It is possible to move the beam in both directions at once by moving the joystick diagonally.

Home

The lamp can be returned to a pre-set home position. By default, this is dead ahead with the beam level although different positions can be programmed as described below. To send the lamp to the home position switch the panel off then press the LAMP button.

Set New Home Position

To set a new home position move the lamp to the new desired home position. Switch the panel off then press the joystick down to its limit and press the lamp button. The current position will now be the new home position.

Set Motion Limit (only available when Remote Focus is fitted)

The lamp travel can be limited in either axis and either direction. To set a new limit switch the panel on and move the lamp to the desired limit position. Switch the panel off then press and hold the focus button whilst moving the joystick full travel in the direction of the desired limit. Hold in this position for 4 seconds. For example, to set a limit to the tilt up motion; -

1. Switch panel on and drive lamp to desired tilt up limit position.
2. Switch panel off.

3. Press and hold the FOCUS button and hold joystick in the full up position for 4 seconds.
4. Tilt up motion will now be inhibited above the current position.

Clear Motion Limits

Motion limits as set above can be cleared by switching the panel off then pressing and holding the focus button and lamp buttons together for 10 seconds.

Adjusting Panel Illumination

The panel illumination and indicators intensity can be adjusted to suit ambient light levels. To adjust the intensity, switch the panel on then switch it off with the PANEL button and keep the PANEL button pressed. To increase intensity, move the joystick to the right. To decrease move to the left. Note that the panel button must be kept depressed whilst the joystick is moved. All indicators will illuminate whilst adjustments are performed. Adjustment is complete when the panel button is released.

Obtaining Fault Status

Fault codes can be accessed by switching the control panel on with the PANEL button and keeping the PANEL button pressed for 10 seconds. Fault codes are indicated by the PANEL button flashing a number of times related to the fault. Fault codes are detailed below. If more than one fault is present the PANEL button will indicate them in sequence.

1. Pan Limit. – Either of the pan limit switches operated. Note that this may not actually be a fault. The LED will flash when a limit switch is operated under normal circumstances i.e. the lamp is at the limit of travel. This will also indicate when a variable limit is reached.
2. Tilt Limit. – Either of the tilt limit switches operated. Note that this may not actually be a fault. The LED will flash when a limit switch is operated under normal circumstances i.e. the lamp is at the limit of travel. This will also indicate when a variable limit is reached.
3. Pan motor over current. – The pan motor is taking excessive current. The motor will be disabled for a period when this occurs. Fault indication will remain until power is removed or the fault is corrected.
4. Tilt motor over current. – The tilt motor is taking excessive current. The motor will be disabled for a period when this occurs. Fault indication will remain until power is removed or the fault is corrected.
5. Focus motor over current. – The focus motor is taking excessive current. The motor will be disabled for a period when this occurs. Fault indication will remain until power is removed or the fault is corrected.

6. FBUS interface over current. – The speed control card supplies 24VDC to the remote-control panels. This fault indicates the 24VDC output is taking excessive current. The FBUS supply output will switch off. To restore this output, remove the supply from the speed control card for a period.
7. Anti-condensation heater output over current. – The 24VDC anti condensation heater output is taking excessive current. The heater output will switch off. To restore this output, remove the supply from the speed control card for a period.
8. Limit Switch Error. Some lamp types do not use all or some limit switches. If an invalid limit switch input is detected it is probable the speed control card is set to the wrong product or there is a wiring error.
9. Datum Error. The start-up datum system has not completed correctly.
10. Product type not set or corrupt. The product type has not been set, has been set incorrectly or is corrupt.
11. Supply voltage out of tolerance. The 24V supply is outside the range 18-30V.



Always isolate the equipment from the supply when fitting a lamp

See next sheets for fitting aid diagram

Before fitting the lamp:

- Loosen and remove five M8 socket bolts with the dubo washer on the underneath of the searchlight, then remove the upper hood off the searchlight & store along with the bolts and washers in a safe area;

After fitting the lamp,

- Replace the upper hood, ensuring the groove aligns correctly with the glass gasket replace the bolts and washers and make sure they are securely fastened.

When fitting the lamp:

- Always isolate the equipment from the supply when inserting a lamp;
- Ensure the circuit is suitably fused;
- Ensure the lamp is of the correct power rating and type;
- Check the lampholder is in a good dry condition. Never allow water to collect in the lamp fitting or come into contact with the lamp.

To fit the lamp:

- Fit the rear lamp holder lead over the thread of the lamp and then screw into the rear lamp holder;
- Connect the front lead to the lamp and secure in place with the knurled nut;

Testing

Upon correct installation and connection to an electrical supply, the equipment can be tested in order to ensure its' correct performance. A competent person with some knowledge of electrical equipment must carry out this work.

Equipment required: Multi-meter with leads
 Ammeter

Using the equation $P=VI$, the approximate power output of the equipment can be calculated in the following way:

- Using the multi-meter, take a voltage reading across terminals 4 & 5 inside the junction box;
- Using the ammeter, take an amp reading from the cable in terminal 4 inside the junction box;
- Multiply these figures together to give an approximate wattage (Power output).

For example:

Using a 300w xenon lamp:

Voltage reading = 20v; Amps reading = 15 amps

Therefore, Wattage = $20 \times 15 = 300$ watts

1...LOOSEN & REMOVE THE FIVE M8 SOCKET BOLTS WITH THE DUBO WASHERS THAT ARE LOCATED BENEATH THE SEARCHLIGHT HEAD

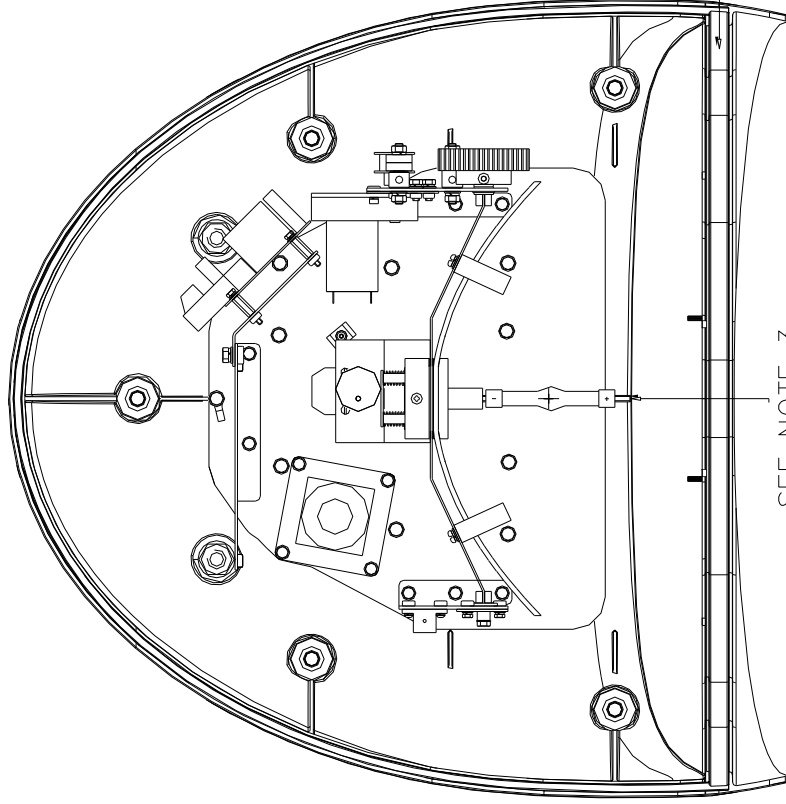
2...REMOVE THE UPPER HOOD OFF THE SEARCHLIGHT & STORE SAFELY ALONG WITH THE BOLTS AND WASHER IN A SAFE AREA

3...FOR REMOVAL & FITTING OF THE 150w 300w AND 350w LAMPS FIRSTLY DISCONNECT THE RING TERMINAL ON THE FRONT OF THE LAMP THE LAMP CAN NOW BE UNSCREWED FROM THE LAMPHOLDER NOW USING A SUITABLE PROTECTIVE CLOTH TO HOLD THE NEW LAMP FIT THE REAR LAMPHOLDER RING TERMINAL OVER THE THREAD OF THE LAMP (NEGATIVE END) AND THEN SCREW INTO THE LAMPHOLDER (DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN)

CONNECT THE FRONT LEAD RING TERMINAL TO THE POSITIVE END OF THE LAMP AND SECURE THE RING TERMINAL USING THE NUT SUPPLIED WITH THE LAMP

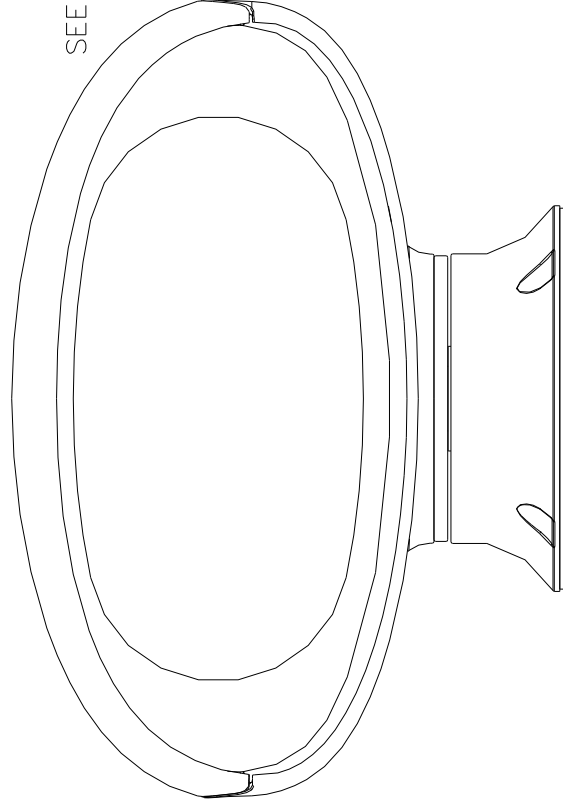
4...AFTER FITTING THE LAMP REPLACE THE HOOD

ENSURE THE GROOVE IN THE HOOD ALIGNS CORRECTLY WITH THE GLASS GASKET AND REPLACE THE BOLTS & WASHERS & MAKE SURE THEY ARE SECURELY FASTENED



SEE NOTE 3

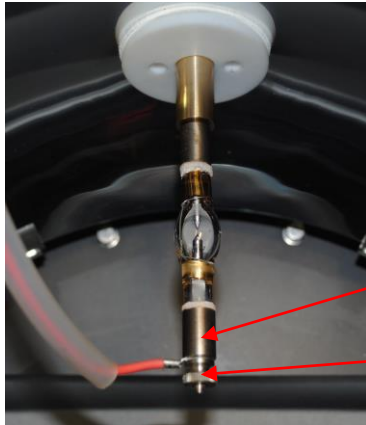
SEE NOTE 4



SEE NOTE 2



SEE NOTE 1



Release the M4 knurled nut that secures the front lead to the positive end of the lamp.

+ Positive end of the lamp (FRONT)

M4 knurled nut



Keep the knurled nut in a safe place as it will be needed later.

Now that the knurled nut is removed, the front lead can be released from the thread on the front of the lamp.



The lamp can now be removed from the rear lampholder by carefully unscrewing it. When fitting the new lamp, the negative end must pass through the ring terminal before being screwed back into the lampholder.



The new lamp must be handled carefully, and a suitable protective cloth must be used when handling the lamp. The front lamp lead can now be re-attached using the M4 knurled nut. Do not overtighten the nut.

FBUS SPEED CONTROL ASSEMBLY DETAILS

MAINS CONNECTORS

L Live.
N Neutral
E Earth

TILT CONNECTOR

MR Tilt Motor Red Wire (+)
MB Tilt Motor Black Wire (-)
ER Tilt Encoder Red Wire (5V). (Voyager Brown Wire)
EG Tilt Encoder Green Wire (Phase A Output) (Voyager Yellow Wire)
EW Tilt Encoder White Wire (Phase B Output)
0V Tilt Encoder Black Wire (Voyager Blue Wire)
Tilt Limit Switch Common Black Wire
UL Tilt up Limit Switch Orange Wire
DL Tilt down Limit Switch Blue Wire

PAN CONNECTOR

MR Pan Motor Red Wire (+)
MB Pan Motor Black Wire (-)
ER Pan Encoder Red Wire (5V)
EG Pan Encoder Green Wire (Phase A Output)
EW Pan Encoder White Wire (Phase B Output)
0V Pan Encoder Black & Pan Limit Switch Common
CL Pan Clockwise Limit Switch Orange Wire (As viewed looking down on lamp)
AL Pan Anticlockwise Limit Switch (As viewed looking down on lamp)

HEAD CONNECTOR

0 0V Common for Heater & Focus (If Searchlight has an igniter terminal is not used)
H Heater Active High Output
F Focus Motor Active High Output
S Focus position potentiometer.

FBUS CONNECTOR

0 0V out to Joystick Panels
T Line Terminate (Connect to + for terminate)
+ FBUS Data +
- FBUS DATA -
24 24V Supply out to joystick panels

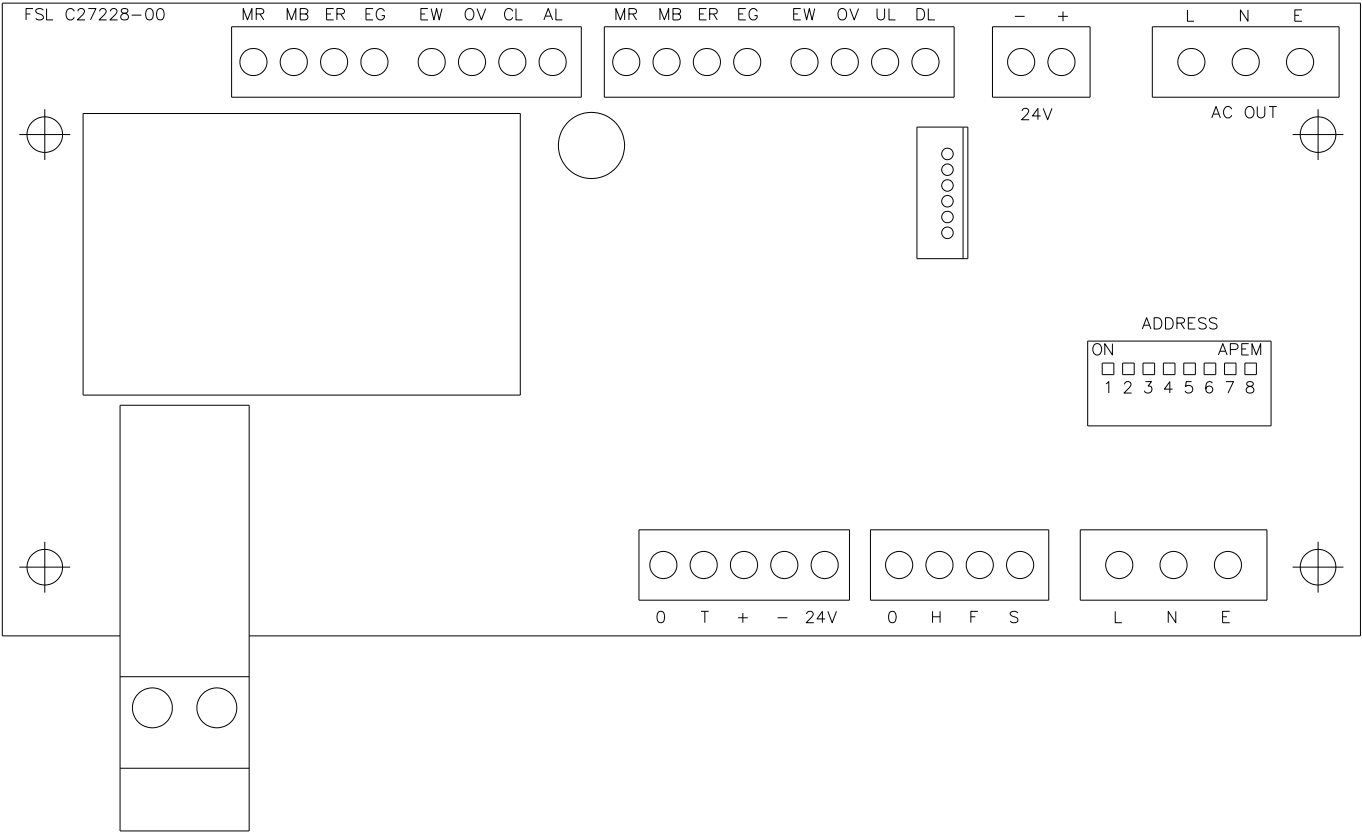
24 VOLT INPUT

- Negative
+ Positive

LAMP RELAY

Relay input
Relay output

FBUS Speed Control Board



CONNECTIONS TO FBUS JOYSTICK CONTROL PANEL

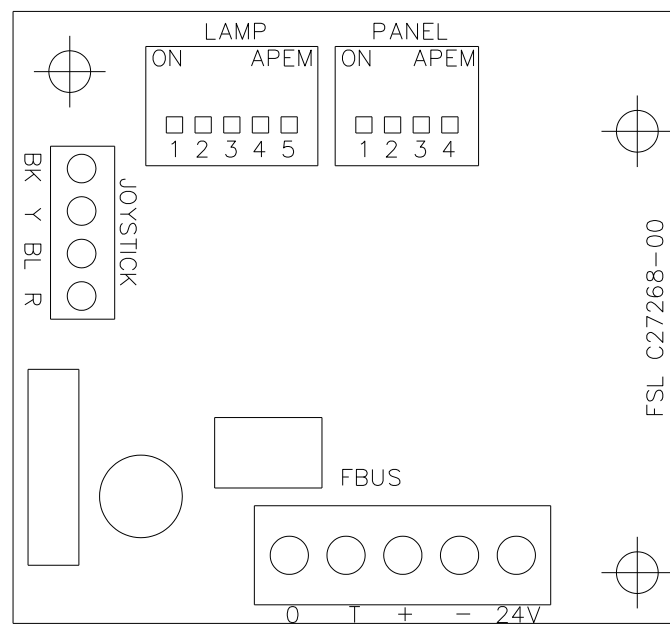
FBUS CONNECTOR

0	0V Supply Input
T	Line Terminate (Connect to + for terminate)
+	FBUS + RS485 Data In/Out
-	FBUS - RS485 Data In/Out
24	+24V Supply Input

JOYSTICK CONNECTOR

BK	Joystick Black Wire
Y	Joystick Yellow Wire
BL	Joystick Blue Wire
R	Joystick Red Wire

FBUS JOYSTICK CONTROL BOARD



FBUS ADDRESS SWITCHES

OVERVIEW

FBUS uses two types of address switch. One type is rotary, and the value selected is the value shown on the dial. The other type is rows of switches whose operation is described below: -

The switches all operate in the same manner producing a binary value with the highest binary value to the left and the lowest value to the right. The values for each switch are listed below: -

SPEED CONTROL CARD LAMP ADDRESS

SWITCH NUMBER	VALUE
SWITCH 4	16
SWITCH 5	8
SWITCH 6	4
SWITCH 7	2
SWITCH 8	1

STANDARD CONTROL PANEL – LAMP ADDRESS

SWITCH NUMBER	VALUE
SWITCH 1	16
SWITCH 2	8
SWITCH 3	4
SWITCH 4	2
SWITCH 5	1

STANDARD CONTROL PANEL – PANEL ADDRESS

SWITCH NUMBER	VALUE
SWITCH 1	8
SWITCH 2	4
SWITCH 3	2
SWITCH 4	1

Switching a switch to on, adds the binary value relating to that switch to the address value. With all switches off the value is zero.

EXAMPLES

Standard control panel – panel address set to 5

Switch 1 = Off

Switch 2 = On (Value 4 added to address)

Switch 3 = Off

Switch 4 = On (Value 1 added to address)

$$4 + 1 = 5$$

Speed control card - lamp address set to 11

Switch 4 = Off

Switch 5 = On (Value 8 added to address)

Switch 6 = Off

Switch 7 = On (Value 2 added to address)

Switch 8 = On (Value 1 added to address)

$$8 + 2 + 1 = 11$$

ADDRESSING SYSTEM

The addressing system is very simple. Every lamp must have a unique address. The addresses should be sequential and should start from zero. If there were three lamps in a system the addresses should be set to 0, 1 and 2.

Control panel – panel addresses use the same system being sequential and start from zero.

It is essential that all lamp have a unique address with no duplication.

It is essential that all panels have a unique address with no duplication however note that lamps and panels can be the same address. For example, on a system with two panels and two lamps, the panel addresses will be 0 and 1 and the lamps addresses will be 0 and 1.

Control panel lamp addresses are defined by the system configuration. If two panels are used to control the same lamp, they must still have individual panel addresses but the lamp addresses can be set to the same address value as the lamp which is to be controlled. Any number of panels can control the same lamp.

FBUS DATA PROTOCOL

OVERVIEW

The Francis bus (FBUS) is a custom communication protocol based on RS485 two wire bi-directional communication hardware. The system provides a simple bi-directional link between lamps and lamp control panels. The system allows given panels to communicate with different lamps and also allows a number of panels to communicate with the same lamp.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The FBUS system runs at 38.4K Baud. This low data rate facilitates longer cable runs and complements the fairly small amount of data transfer required whilst still providing a fast response. The data frame is 11 bits with 9 data bits, one start and one stop bit. A simple error detection system is employed which is described in detail later. Data is sent LSB first.

To prevent data collisions the system uses a polling technique. Lamp number 0 is the default bus master and controls timing of all communications by polling other units connected to the bus. If lamp 0 is not operating or powered down, lamp 1 automatically becomes the bus master as will lamp 2 if lamp 1 is not operating.

The system differentiates between address and data values by setting data bit 8 high for an address. Panel 2 address would therefore be sent as hex 102 or binary 100000010. The lamps and panels use different address ranges with panels being addresses 0-15 and lamp addresses starting at 16 and going up to 56. A lamp whose address was set to 0 on the address switches will actually be address 16 and would be transmitted as hex 110 or binary 100010000.

If lamp 0 is active this becomes the bus master and sequentially transmits the full address range. No other units will transmit until they receive their address. Each address is followed by a 1mS dead period where the master switches from transmit to receive and monitors the bus for activity. If activity is present the master will not transmit the next address until 1mS after bus activity ceases. After the full panel address range has been sent (addresses 0-15) the master starts to send lamp addresses.

These operate slightly differently in that, if more than three successive addresses do not illicit a response, the bus master will assume the last lamp has been polled and re starts the data cycle by reverting to panel address 0. When a remote panel receives its address, it will send data if it has any to send, if not, no data will be sent. Lamps operate differently in that they will always send data after they have seen their address on the bus. Panels can send data to any lamp therefore they transmit a modified lamp address value prior to the lamp command(s). The modified address is received by lamps and, if it matches their own address, the command(s) which follow will be received and processed.

A detailed description of panel and lamp data follows.

PANEL TRANSMITTED DATA

Panels only send data when there is data to be sent i.e. there has been activity at the panel which must be sent to a given lamp. If there is no data to be sent, a panel will not transmit. The amount of data a panel sends will depend upon the amount of activity at the panel and can be 2 to 10 bytes. The commands described below are sent after a panel receives its address which it uses as indication that it has a transmit time slot. Before any commands are sent the panel must define which lamp the data pertains to. This is achieved by preceding the command with a lamp address. Note that bit 7 is not set when a panel defines the lamp to which it is to transmit. Lamps recognise the address and receive data when the address matches their own. To send commands to lamp number 2 a panel would precede the lamp command(s) with the address value Hex 2, Binary 000000010. It is important to note that multiple commands must be sent in numerical order i.e. a command with value 01 must be sent before a command with 06 etc.

Panel transmit commands are listed below; -

DATA_PAN_JOYSTICK (Hex 01)

This is a two-byte command and must be immediately followed by another byte whose value determines the lamps direction and speed. The value is centred on 128 and has a range of 128 +/- 64. A value of 130 will make the lamp rotate slowly clockwise. Increasing the value will make the lamp move faster. A value of 126 will make the lamp rotate slowly anticlockwise. Decreasing the value will make the lamp move faster. Transmitting values 01 then C0 would make the lamp pan clockwise at full speed.

DATA_TILT_JOYSTICK (Hex 02)

This is a two-byte command and must be immediately followed by another byte whose value determines the lamps direction and speed. The value is centred on 128 and has a range of 128 +/- 64. A value of 130 will make the lamp point upwards slowly. Increasing the value will make the lamp move faster. A value of 126 will make the lamp move down slowly. Decreasing the value will make the lamp move faster. Sending values 02 then C0 would make the lamp tilt up at full speed.

DATA_LAMP_BUTTON (Hex 0A)

This is a single byte command. The same command is sent to switch the lamp on or off. This command must only be sent once for each press of the button. Sending again will switch the lamp again. Basically, if the lamp was off, sending this value will switch it on. If the lamp was on, sending this value will switch it off. This technique is employed to facilitate simultaneous lamp control from a number of different panels. Basically, what is sent is just information that the lamp on off button has been pressed. How the lamp reacts to this depends on the lamp's current status. Most of the other lamp button commands operate in a similar manner except the focus button. Confirmation that the command has been received can be obtained by reading the lamp status byte described below.

DATA_FOCUS_BUTTON (Hex 0B)

This is a single byte command. When the lamp receives this, it will run the focus motor as long as the command remains. A panel will send this command so long as the focus button is pressed.

DATA_HOME_BUTTON (Hex 0C)

This is a single byte command. A lamp receiving this will automatically move to the pre-set home position. The command does not need to be maintained while the lamp moves to home.

DATA_RECORD_BUTTON (Hex 0D)

This is a single byte command. The first time a lamp receives this command it will enter record mode and start monitoring all movement and lamp switching information. Recording will continue until the command is received again when it will stop recording. As with most of the button commands it is essential this command is just sent once. Confirmation that the command has been received can be obtained by reading the lamp status byte described below.

DATA_PLAY_BUTTON (Hex 0E)

This is a single byte command. The first time this is received a lamp will start playing back any movement / lamp switching activities which were recorded using the record function above. This will continue until the command is received again or the lamp receives a move command (DATA_PAN_JOYSTICK or DATA_TILT_JOYSTICK).

DATA_HOME_LP (Hex 0F)

This is a single byte command which activates when the home button is pressed and held for 5 seconds (Home Long Press). This is used to store a new home position. A lamp receiving this command will store the current position as the value to move to when the home button is pressed normally. Note that a lamp can only receive up to 10 bytes at a time. A panel's transmit sequence is the modified receiving lamp address followed by data commands then the CRC. The CRC is formed by the sum of all the commands + the lamp address value – note however that the address value used in the CRC is the unmodified value (Bit 7 clear).

DATA_PAN_POSITION (Hex 18)

This is a three-byte command. Following the DATA_PAN_POSITION command two data bytes specify the position to which the lamp must move. The bearing resolution is 0.1 degrees. The value is sent LSB first with the first byte representing the lower position command bits. The MSB (sent last) lower 4 bits represents the remaining value. The position value is centred on 2048 (Binary 1000 0000 0000) so a value of 2048 would make the lamp move to the dead ahead position. An increasing value represents a clockwise motion with a resolution of 0.1 degrees. A value of 2058 would therefore represent 1 degree clockwise (2058 = 2048 + 10 – but resolution is 0.1 degrees so a value 10 = 1 degree). Values below 2048 represent anticlockwise motion so a value of 1048 would represent an angle 100 degrees anticlockwise of centre.

DATA_TILT_POSITION (Hex 19)

This is a three-byte command. Following the DATA_TILT_POSITION command two data bytes specify the position to which the lamp must move. The bearing resolution is 0.1 degrees. The value is sent LSB first with the first byte representing the lower position command bits. The MSB (sent last) lower 4 bits represents the remaining value. The position value is centred on 2048 (Binary 1000 0000 0000) so a value of 2048 would make the lamp move to the dead ahead position. An increasing value represents tilting up with a resolution of 0.1 degrees. A value of 2058 would therefore represent 1 degree up from dead ahead ($2058 = 2048 + 10$ – but resolution is 0.1 degrees so a value $10 = 1$ degree). Values below 2048 represent tilting down so a value of 1748 would represent an angle 30 degrees down from centre.

LAMP TRANSMITTED DATA

A given lamp after it receives its normal address (Hex 110 to Hex 138) will always send the following data in this specific order. The lamp must transmit its first data byte (pan position) within 1mS of receiving its standard address and the gaps between successive bytes must be less than 1mS.

Lamp TX Byte 1 – Pan position LSB
Lamp TX Byte 2 – Pan position MSB
Lamp TX Byte 3 – Tilt position LSB
Lamp TX Byte 4 – Tilt position MSB
Lamp TX Byte 5 – Lamp status
Lamp TX Byte 6 – CRC

Each byte is described below

Pan Position

This is a 12-bit value with lamp pointing straight ahead being a value of 2048 and the value increasing as the lamp rotates clockwise as viewed from above. The system has a resolution of 0.1 degrees so 90 degrees clockwise from centre would be a value of 2948 ($2048 + 900$).

Tilt position

This is a 12-bit value with lamp horizontal being a value of 2048 and the value increasing as the lamp beam points up. This has a resolution of 0.1 degrees.

Lamp Status

This is an 8-bit value with each bit representing a specific status aspect. The bit functions are listed below; -

Bit 0 - Lamp on
Bit 1 - Pan Limit reached
Bit 2 - Tilt Limit reached
Bit 3 - Lamp Recording
Bit 4 - Lamp Playing
Bit 5 - Lamp Overheated
Bit 6 - Lamp moving to home
Bit 7 - Reserved

The bits are all true logic so if the lamp is switched on, bit 0 will be high.

CRC

The CRC is a simple data checking system. Basically, this is just the sum of the lamps address and bytes above. The value is radix to 8 bits. If the lamp address was 0 (bus address value 16) and the pan and tilt were both at centre and the lamp was switched on and all other status bits were 0 the values would be Hex 110, 80, 80, 01. This would give a CRC value of 11.

Each lamp connected to the bus will always send the data sequence above after it detects its address on the bus. This is basically broadcast information which will be picked up by any panel whose lamp address value matches the currently transmitting lamp address. In this way a panel, which can access more than one lamp, will always update to reflect the status of the currently selected lamp more or less instantly.

EXTERNAL INTERFACE TO LAMPS

Interfacing to FBUS is simple. Any external interface must act as a slave and only send data when given an address slot. The address of an external interface can be any of the panel addresses providing these are not in use by other panels connected to the bus. To receive data from a lamp simply wait for the specific lamps address to be present on the bus then load the next six bytes which will comprise the lamps transmitted data as described above. A detailed description of transmitting and receiving is described below.

TRANSMITTING TO A LAMP

Basically, any sending device mimics a control panel. The full range of panel transmit commands, as described above, can be employed. Data can be sent to any lamp on the system. Two transmit examples are listed below.

EXAMPLE 1

Sending a lamp on/off command using panel 0 address and sending to lamp address 0. Note that the lamp will change switched state each time this command is sent therefore this should only be sent once.

1. Wait for panel address 0 (Hex 100) to be received from the bus.
2. Transmit lamp 0 address (Hex 110) within 1mS. Lamp address 0 is physical address 16 (Hex 10). When a panel sends to a lamp bit 8 is set (hex 100).
3. Send DATA_LAMP_BUTTON Command (Hex value 0A) within 1mS.
4. Send CRC value, in this case Hex 110 + Hex 0A = 11A after radix to 8 bits = 1A. This completes the transmission

EXAMPLE 2

Sending a half speed pan clockwise command using panel 1 address and sending to lamp address 6. – Note that in this example the lamp will continue to pan as long as the command is repeated.

1. Wait for panel address 1 (Hex 101) to be transmitted by the master.
2. Transmit lamp 6 address (Hex 16) within 1mS. Lamp address 6 is physical address 22 (Hex 16).
3. Send DATA_PAN_JOYSTICK Command (Hex value 01) within 1mS.

4. Send pan value half speed = $128 + (64/2) = \text{Hex A0}$ within 1mS.
5. Send CRC value, in this case Hex 116 + Hex 01 + Hex A0 = 1D7 after radix to 8 bits = B7.
6. This completes the transmission

RECEIVING FROM A LAMP

Lamps broadcast data sequentially. There is no need to actively request data to be sent, just wait for the lamps address with bit 7 set to be present on the bus and load the next six bytes. An example is given below; -

EXAMPLE

Obtain lamp number 2 pan position.

1. Listen to the data bus and wait for value Hex 112. (Lamp addresses start at hex 10 so lamp 2 is value 12. Addresses always have bit 8 set so total value is Hex 112).
2. Load the next six bytes from the bus.
3. If desired check the last of the six bytes which is the CRC.
4. Read the two bytes which will be a value centred on 2048 increasing for clockwise from centre and decreasing for anticlockwise. This is lamp number 2 current pan position.

FBUS Speed Control Assembly Status LED Operation

Overview

The FBUS motor control card has a status LED near the centre of the card (labelled 'STATUS'). This has a number of functions as detailed below.

SOFTWARE VERSION

When power is applied to the speed control card the status LED will flash green. The number of flashes corresponds to the software version.

FBUS NORMAL OPERATION

When the system is operating from FBUS the status LED will illuminate static green. When a valid FBUS data signal is received the LED will switch off momentarily to indicate data reception. If data is continuous the LED will flash green slowly.

DMX NORMAL OPERATION

When the system is operating from DMX the status indicator will flash green slowly when DMX data is present. If no DMX data is present the LED will be static green.

OPERATION DURING FAULTS

During faults normal status LED operation is overridden. The status LED will flash red a number of times with the number of flashes corresponding to the specific fault. If there are multiple faults the LED will flash accordingly with a gap between each fault flash sequence. Fault details are provided below with the number of flashes indicated on the left.

1. Pan Limit. – Either of the pan limit switches operated. Note that this may not actually be a fault. The LED will flash when a limit switch is operated under normal circumstances i.e. the lamp is at the limit of travel. This will also indicate when a variable limit is reached.
2. Tilt Limit. – Either of the tilt limit switches operated. Note that this may not actually be a fault. The LED will flash when a limit switch is operated under normal circumstances i.e. the lamp is at the limit of travel. This will also indicate when a variable limit is reached.
3. Pan motor over current. – The pan motor is taking excessive current. The motor will be disabled for a period when this occurs. Fault indication will remain until power is removed or the fault is corrected.
4. Tilt motor over current. – The tilt motor is taking excessive current. The motor will be disabled for a period when this occurs. Fault indication will remain until power is removed or the fault is corrected.
5. Focus motor over current. – The focus motor is taking excessive current. The motor will be disabled for a period when this occurs. Fault indication will remain until power is removed or the fault is corrected.
6. FBUS interface over current. – The speed control card supplies 24VDC to the remote-control panels. This fault indicates the 24VDC output is taking excessive current. The FBUS supply output will switch off. To restore this output, remove the supply from the speed control card for a period.
7. Anti-condensation heater output over current. – The 24VDC anti condensation heater output is taking excessive current. The heater output will switch off. To restore this output, remove the supply from the speed control card for a period.
8. Limit Switch Error. Some lamp types do not use all or some limit switches. If an invalid limit switch input is detected it is probable the speed control card is set to the wrong product or there is a wiring error.
9. Datum Error. The start-up datum system has not completed correctly.
10. Product type not set or corrupt. The product type has not been set, has been set incorrectly or is corrupt.
11. Supply voltage out of tolerance. The 24V supply is outside the range 18-30V.

FBUS CONTROL INSTALLATION AND OPERATION.

OVERVIEW

FBUS Control facilitates control of up to 12 searchlights from a PC. The system communicates to Francis Searchlights FBUS data system using one or more FBUS Interface units. Communication between the PC and FBUS interface can be RS485, RS422, USB (VCP) or UDP.

SOFTWARE INSTALL

Open the FBUS Control ZIP file and click 'Setup'. Windows should provide prompts to complete the installation.

CONFIGURATION

Start FBUS Control and press the SETTINGS button. The window below should display.

FBUS CONTROL SETTINGS

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☒ USE SERIAL PORT ☐ USE UDP ☐ ENABLE FOCUS POSITION

SELECT COM PORT ☒ COMMON INTERFACE ☐ ENABLE STATUS BUTTON

COM1
COM3
COM9
COM4

FBUS INTERFACE IP

192.168.1.209

☐ ENABLE DUAL HEAD

REFRESH RATE LAMPS

200 1

Find Port OK Cancel

COMMUNICATION SETTINGS

Settings must be configured to suit the application. For systems where FBUS Control communicates with the FBUS Interface via a serial link (RS422, RS485 or USB), the USE SERIAL PORT tick box should be checked. The desired com port can now be selected. To find the correct com port, set the FBUS interface to the correct communication protocol and set the data rate to 9600K. Connect the data cable. Press the FIND PORT button. A message box should display the port number relating to the FBUS interface and the correct port will be set in the SELECT COM PORT text box. For systems using UDP Communications (Ethernet / internet) the USE UDP checkbox should be set. When using UDP, FBUS control can operate in two ways. For systems where all lamps are controlled from the same FBUS data system, the COMMON INTERFACE check box should be set. With this configuration the system will communicate to one FBUS interface. The second mode facilitates communication with lamps in different locations using a number of FBUS interfaces with independent IP Addresses. For this mode the COMMON INTERFACE tick box should be cleared. The SETTINGS window will now change as detailed overleaf; -

FBUS CONTROL SETTINGS

V 4-00 30/06/20

☒ USE SERIAL PORT ☐ USE UDP ☐ ENABLE FOCUS POSITION

SELECT COM PORT ☐ COMMON INTERFACE ☐ ENABLE STATUS BUTTON

COM1
COM3
COM9
COM4

LAMP BUTTON No FBUS INTERFACE IP FBUS LAMP No

1 192.168.1.209 0

☐ ENABLE DUAL HEAD

REFRESH RATE LAMPS

200 1

Find Port OK Cancel

The new settings allow each lamp to communicate to a different FBUS Interface with an independent IP address. It is also possible for the system to control a number of lamps on one interface and more lamps on another interface. The IP address of the interface relating to each lamp should be entered in the FBUS INTERFACE IP box and the lamp No to be controlled on a given FBUS system to be entered into the FBUS LAMP No box. The LAMP BUTTON No indicates the lamp button corresponding to the settings displayed. For example, suppose a three-lamp system with two lamps connected to one FBUS interface (IP address 000.000.000.001) and a third lamp connected to a different FBUS interface (IP address of 000.000.000.002). To configure the system set LAMP BUTTON No to 1. Enter 000.000.000.001 for the IP address. Set FBUS LAMP No to 0. Change LAMP BUTTON No to 2 and set IP address to 000.000.000.001. Set FBUS LAMP No to 1. Now set LAMP BUTTON No to 3 and enter IP address 000.000.000.002. Set FBUS LAMP No to 0. This system will control three searchlights the first two being connected to an FBUS interface at location A. The third lamp is controlled from a separate FBUS interface at location B.

OTHER SETTINGS

LAMPS

This should be set to the total number of lamps to be controlled. Once the settings window closes a number of lamp buttons will appear on the main window relating to the LAMPS Setting. Note that for single lamp systems LAMPS should be set to one. For a single lamp there will not be any lamp buttons as there is only one selection possible.

REFRESH RATE

This controls the rate at which data packets are sent from FBUS Control. The value is in Milliseconds and must be set to suite the network conditions.

ENABLE FOCUS POSITION

Some lamp types provide a value relating to the lamps Focus. Setting this checkbox displays the Focus setting in the main window.

ENABLE STATUS BUTTON

For all new systems this should be set. Its inclusion is just for compatibility with legacy systems.

ENABLE DUAL HEAD

Some searchlights have dual heads with 2 separate lamp units. Setting this box display buttons for control of the second head.

Once all settings are complete close the settings window using the OK button. If settings are valid the software will restart with the new settings applied.

OPERATION

FBUS Control is very simple to use. The controls are detailed below; -

LAMP X Buttons (OPTION)

For systems which control just one lamp, the NUMBER OF LAMPS setting in the SETTINGS window should have been set to one. If this is the case, there will not be lamp buttons.

For systems with more than one lamp, the desired lamp should be selected with the appropriate LAMP X button. The button will change colour indicating lamp selection. All subsequent commands will be directed to the selected lamp and all displayed information will pertain to the selected lamp.

LAMP ON / OFF Buttons

These switch the lamp on and off. The 'LAMP ON' button will illuminate red to indicate when the lamp is switched on. If the DUAL HEAD option in SETTINGS is set there will be lamp on off button for each lamp head.

If the currently selected lamp is switched on or off from a different control station the lamp on the LAMP ON button will change to indicate the current lamp status.

FOCUS

When this button is selected with the mouse the lamp focus will operate adjusting the lamps beam width as long as the left mouse button is held down over the button. If the DUAL HEAD option in SETTINGS is set there will be two focus buttons.

HOME

If a valid home position has been set, pressing the home button will cause the lamp to drive to the home position. The home button will turn red while the lamp is moving.

If another control station sets the lamp to home, the home button will turn red while the lamp is moving to home.

PLAY

The FBUS system can store and recall sequences of lamp motion and lamp on / off switching. Pressing the play button will start playing back a pre recorded sequence. The play button will turn red when a sequence is playing.

If another control station switches the lamp to play the button will turn red.

SET HOME

This button sets the current lamp position as the home position. The lamp will move to this position when the Home button is pressed.

RECORD

Pressing Record begins a record sequence. Lamp movements and lamp on off switching will be stored while the record system is active. Pressing Record again finishes the record sequence. Note that when Record is pressed a message box will appear asking the user to confirm the record command. This is included to prevent accidental over writing of previously recorded sequences. The record button will turn red while recording is active.

If a different control station initiates recording the record button will turn red.

VIRTUAL JOYSTICK

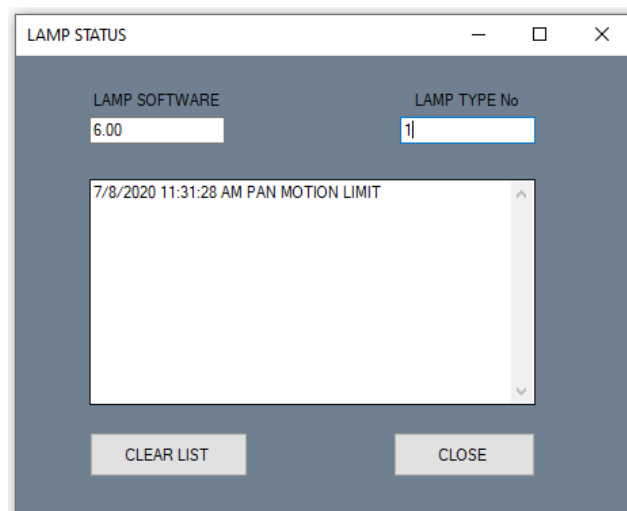
The virtual joystick is the dark grey circle near the bottom left of the FBUS Control window. The virtual joystick facilitates lamp pan and tilt movement. To move the lamp up (Tilt up) move the mouse over the yellow dot at the centre of the virtual joystick. Press and hold the left mouse button and move the yellow dot up from centre. The lamp will start to tilt up. The speed of tilt is proportional to the yellow spot distance from the centre of the joystick area. To make the lamp tilt down move the yellow dot down. To make the lamp pan left or right use the same procedure but move the yellow dot left or right. Moving the dot diagonally will cause both axes to operate together.

POSITION VALUES

The position window displays the currently selected lamps position. The values for pan and tilt are both +/- referenced from mid centre. The display values are in degrees with a resolution of 0.1 degrees. The selected lamp can be commanded to move to a specified position using the up / down buttons adjacent to the pan and tilt angle displays. When the angle is adjusted locally the GO button will highlight. Once the desired position is set press the GO button. The lamp will drive to the position entered.

STATUS

Pressing the Status button brings up the LAMP STATUS window below; -



The LAMP STATUS window lists any events or faults relating to the selected lamp. This can be useful for fault diagnosis. The list can be cleared allowing all events after a given time to be reported. The LAMP STATUS window also displays the currently selected lamps software version and lamp type No

FBUS INTERFACE UNIT (if supplied)

OVERVIEW

Francis Searchlights FBUS data system facilitates control of up to 30 searchlights from multiple control stations. To provide the required control response whilst maintaining a low data rate for extended transmission distance, the FBUS data system involves precisely timed control signals.

The FBUS interface offers a simplified communication interface to the FBUS data system over a number of different physical layer communication standards and data rates. The system also facilitates long range communications over LAN / Internet.

When used with Francis searchlights FBUS Control software the FBUS interface can control networks of lamps over local communication systems or globally via the internet.

POWER / FBUS CONNECTION

The FBUS interface obtains a supply from the FBUS data system, no external power supply is required. The interface connects to the four wire FBUS system like any FBUS system component. The four-wire interface provides 24V supply and RS485 communications with FBUS.

EXTERNAL INTERFACE AND CONNECTIONS

The FBUS interface supports RS422 (4 wire), RS485 (2 wire), USB (VCP) and UDP.

Connections are detailed below; -

RS485

0 Common 0V

+ Data +

- Data –

RS422

0 Common 0V

Out + Data + out from interface

Out - Data – out from interface

In + Data + into interface

In - Data – into interface

USB

Type B Socket

Ethernet (UDP)

RJ45

OPERATOR INTERFACE

Four buttons control a simple menu system with a 2-line LCD display. A given menu item is selected with the SEL (select) button. If the menu item has an adjustable parameter this can be altered using the up and down arrow keys. The revised parameter is stored using the ENT (enter) button. A list of the menu items is provided below; -

MENU ITEMS

DEFAULT DISPLAY

The default display will be active from switch on until the select button is pressed. The default display has no adjustable parameters. The display indicates the FBUS status and currently selected lamp status.

SET PANEL ADDR

FBUS interface functions like a standard control panel on the FBUS system as such it must have a panel address. The panel address must not be set to the same value as any other panel on the system. Panel addresses start at 0 and go up to 15. Panel addresses should be sequential and start from zero. Once set pressing ENT stores the address.

SET LAMP ADDRESS

The interface unit has menu items (described below) which send commands directly to a given lamp. The default display described above displays data from a given lamp. The set lamp address item is used to define the 'given lamp' number. Note that this setting does not alter the interface operation with external data relating to communication with different lamps. A command to the interface will send data to the lamp number specified in the data packet.

SET COMMS TYPE

Selects the physical layer communication system for the external interface. Options are RS485, RS422, USB (VCP) and UDP.

SET DATA RATE

Selects the data rate for the external interface. Note that data rate adjustment is not allowed for UDP. When using the interface with FBUS Control software the data rate must be set to 9600 Baud.

DATA CHECKING

Used to enable or disable received data checking for the external interface. Switching data checking off can be useful during external communication system development. This does not inhibit CRC transmission or FBUS data checking.

SWITCH LAMP

A function included principally to aid external interface development and verify correct FBUS / lamp operation. Use the arrow keys to select lamp on or lamp off from line 2 of the display. Pressing ENT will send the on or off command to the currently selected lamp (see set lamp address).

SET PAN ANGLE

For system development and testing, this command sends a move to pan position command to the currently selected lamp. The pan angle is set using the arrow keys. Pressing ENT will move the lamp to the displayed angle.

SET TILT ANGLE

For system development and testing, this command sends a move to tilt position command to the currently selected lamp. The tilt angle is set using the arrow keys. Pressing ENT will move the lamp to the displayed angle.

FOCUS

For system development and testing, this function is not implemented on all searchlights. Focus displays the current focus position with a value of 0-100. A value of 50 should represent the most focused beam with the beam diverging above and below 50. Note that the value will ascend from 0-100 then reset back to 0. Pressing the arrow up button will operate the focus motor.

FAULTS+LIMITS

Displays any faults or limit switch activation relating to the selected lamp. Multiple faults will be displayed sequentially.

LAMP SOFTWARE

Displays the currently selected lamp software version.

LAMP TYPE No

Displays the lamp type number. FBUS Lamp control cards are generic and are programmed to the correct lamp type during lamp assembly. This setting facilitates verification of the lamp type setting.

EXT COMMS DATA

Included to aid external interface development. The display bottom line will show any valid received commands preceded by the lamp number to which the command is sent. The system also indicates data errors.

FBUS SUPPLY

This just indicates the FBUS supply voltage. FBUS operates at 24V. Values above 30 or below 18 indicate something is wrong.

NOTE – The remaining menu items can only be selected when communications is set to UDP.

REMOTE ADDRESS (UDP Only)

A diagnostic tool to display the IP address of the last remote system to communicate with the FBUS Interface.

The following menu items will select once the system has read the Ethernet interface parameters.

IP ADDR (UDP Only)

This displays the interface units IP address. To change the IP address press ENT. Note that the system must use static IP addressing.

GATEWAY ADDRESS (UDP Only)

This is a diagnostic tool to display IP address of the gateway if applicable.

EXTERNAL DATA INTERFACE – RECEIVED COMMANDS

External data must send command data packets with between four and seven bytes including the CRC.

The system uses standard 8-bit data transfer with 1 start bit and 1 stop bit. Data is sent least significant bit (LSB) first.

All command packets must start with a sync byte. The sync byte value is 0xFF. The next byte is the lamp address. The lamp address is a value between 0x90 and 0xA8.

Lamp 0 address would therefore be sent as 0x90. The lamp address indicates to which lamp on the system the remaining data is to be directed.

The next byte is the command. Some commands have subsequent data bytes. After the command (and data where applicable) a CRC is sent. All commands are detailed below; -

DATA_LAMP_BUTTON (0x0A)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Switches the lamp state from on to off or off to on.

DATA_FOCUS BUTTON (0x0B)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). operates the focus motor momentarily. To keep the focus motor running the command must be sent repeatedly. For systems where the data refresh rate is low see FOCUS_ON Command below.

DATA_MOVE_TO_HOME (0x0C)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Lamp automatically moves to the home position. If a home position has not been defined the home position will be straight ahead with the lamp horizontal.

DATA_RECORD (0x0D)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). The lamp will start recording motion and lamp on / off data when this code is received.

DATA_PLAY (0x0E)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). The lamp will start playing back a previously recorded sequence when this code is received.

DATA_STORE_HOME (0x 0F)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Stores the lamp current pan and tilt position values and will move to these values when the DATA_MOVE_TO_HOME command is issued.

DATA_LAMP2_BUTTON (0x12)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Switches the lamp second head state (if fitted) from on to off or off to on.

DATA_FOCUS2 BUTTON (0x13)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). operates the head 2 focus motor momentarily (if fitted). To keep the focus motor running the command must be sent repeatedly. For systems where the data refresh rate is low see FOCUS_HEAD2_ON Command below.

DATA_PAN_CLOCKWISE (0x14)

Five-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, speed, CRC) Pans the lamp clockwise at a speed proportional to the commanded value. The speed value is between 0 and 127. Value 0 stops pan motion and cancels the command. Increasing values make the lamp move progressively faster. Transmitting codes 0xFF 0x90 0x14 0x7F would move lamp 0 full speed clockwise. Note that this command will remain active until cancelled by sending the command with a 0-speed value.

DATA_PAN_ANTICLOCKWISE (0x15)

Five-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, speed, CRC) Pans the lamp anticlockwise at a speed proportional to the commanded value. The speed value is between 0 and 127. Value 0 stops pan motion and cancels the command. Increasing values make the lamp move progressively faster. Transmitting codes Hex 0xFF 0x90 0x15 0x7F would move lamp 0 full speed anticlockwise. Note that this command will remain active until cancelled by sending the command with a 0-speed value.

DATA_TILT_DOWN (0x16)

Five-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, speed, CRC) Tilts the lamp down at a speed proportional to the commanded value. The speed value is between 0 and 127. Value 0 stops pan motion and cancels the command. Increasing values make the lamp move progressively faster. Transmitting codes Hex 0xFF 0x92 0x16 0x7F would move lamp 2 down at full speed. Note that this command will remain active until cancelled by sending the command with a 0-speed value.

DATA_TILT_UP (0x17)

Five-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, speed, CRC) Tilts the lamp up at a speed proportional to the commanded value. The speed value is between 0 and 127. Value 0 stops pan motion and cancels the command. Increasing values make the lamp move progressively faster. Transmitting codes Hex 0xFF 0x92 0x17 0x7F would move lamp 2 up at full speed. Note that this command will remain active until cancelled by sending the command with a 0-speed value.

DATA_MOVE_TO_PAN_POSITION (0x18)

Six-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, Pan LSB, Pan MSB, CRC). Commands the selected lamp to move to a specified pan position.

The position value is centred on a value of 2048. Values below 2048 represent negative angles, values above 2048 represent positive values. The resolution is 0.1 degrees.

A value of 2148 would represent + 10.0 degrees. ($2148 - 2048 = 100$).

A value of 1948 would represent -10.0 degrees ($1948 - 2048 = -100$).

Sending data 0xFF, 0x90, 0x00, 0x08, 0x17 would transmit a command to move to position 0.0 degrees.

DATA_MOVE_TO_TILT_POSITION (0x19)

Six-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, Tilt LSB, Tilt MSB, CRC). Commands the selected lamp to move to a specified tilt position.

The position value is centred on 2048. Values below 2048 represent negative angles, values above 2048 represent positive values. The resolution is 0.1 degrees.

A value of 2148 would represent + 10.0 degrees. ($2148 - 2048 = 100$).

A value of 1948 would represent -10.0 degrees ($1948 - 2048 = -100$).

Sending data 0xFF, 0x90, 0x00, 0x08, 0x17 would transmit a command to move to position 0.0 degrees

DATA_LAMP_ON (0x1A)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). The lamp will switch on when this code is received.

DATA_LAMP_OFF (0x1B)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). The lamp will switch off when this code is received.

DATA_LAMP_HEAD2_ON (0x1C)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). If fitted the lamp head 2 will switch on when this code is received.

DATA_LAMP_HEAD2_OFF (0x1D)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). If fitted the lamp head2 will switch off when this code is received.

DATA_PAN_AND_TILT (0x32)

Five bytes (Sync, Lamp address, Pan command, Tilt command, CRC).

Drives the lamp pan and tilt motors at speeds / directions specified by the command values. The command values are centred on a value of 128 which represents a stop command. For the pan command, values above 128 will cause clockwise movement with the speed increasing as the value increases to a maximum of 0xFE. Values below 128 will cause anticlockwise movement with the speed increasing as the value reduces, maximum speed will be 01. For the tilt command, values above 128 will cause the lamp to tilt up. The speed will increase as the value increases up to a maximum of 0xFE. Values below 128 will cause the lamp to tilt down with the speed increasing as the value reduces to a minimum of 01.

Note that these commands are maintained. Sending a command once will cause motion to start at the specified speed. This will continue until a command is sent with a zero (128) speed value.

DATA_POSITION (0x33)

Seven-bytes (Sync, Lamp address, Pan low, Pan high, Tilt low, Tilt high, CRC).

This commands the selected lamp to move to a given position with both pan and tilt positions specified. The pan and tilt position value format are the same as for the DATA_MOVE_TO_PAN_POSITION command.

DATA_REQUEST_LAMP_STATUS (0x34)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). When the interface receives this command there is a 10mS delay then the interface will switch to transmit and send 13 bytes as detailed below.

1. Sync (FF)
2. Lamp Address with bit 7 set - range 0x90-0xA8
3. Pan Position LSB (Same format as pan position command above)
4. Pan Position MSB
5. Tilt Position LSB (Same format as tilt position command above)
6. Tilt Position MSB
7. Lamp Status

- Bit 0 - Lamp on
- Bit 1 - Pan Limit
- Bit 2 - Tilt Limit
- Bit 3 - Lamp Recording
- Bit 4 - Lamp Playing
- Bit 5 - Lamp head 2 on
- Bit 6 - Lamp moving to home

8. Focus position - Value between 0 and 100 - Minimum beam width at value 50.

9. Fault Status 1

- Bit 0 - Pan motor current high.
- Bit 1 - Tilt motor current high.
- Bit 2 - Focus motor current high.
- Bit 3 - FBUS +24V out current high.
- Bit 4 - Heater current high.

10. Fault Status 2

- Bit 0 - Limit switch error.
- Bit 1 - Datum error.
- Bit 2 - Lamp type invalid.
- Bit 3 - Supply voltage out of tolerance.

11. Lamp software version.

12. Lamp type No.

13. CRC

DATA_FOCUS_ON (0x35)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Sets the focus motor running. Focus will continue to operate until a DATA_FOCUS_OFF command is received. This command is included to allow systems which have a low refresh rate to control the focus motor.

DATA_FOCUS_OFF (0x36)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Stops the focus motor. Used to cancel the DATA_FOCUS_ON command. This command is included to allow systems which have a low refresh rate to control the focus motor.

DATA_FOCUS_HEAD2_ON (0x37)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Sets the head 2 focus motor running (when fitted). Focus will continue to operate until a DATA_FOCUS_HEAD2_OFF command is received. This command is included to allow systems which have a low refresh rate to control the focus motor.

DATA_FOCUS_HEAD2_OFF (0x38)

Four-byte command (Sync, Lamp address, command, CRC). Stops the head2 focus motor (when fitted). Used to cancel the DATA_FOCUS_HEAD2_ON command. This command is included to allow systems which have a low refresh rate to control the focus motor.

ERROR CONTROL CRC

Error control is implemented with a CRC following each data packet. The CRC is radix to 7 bits giving a value between 0 and 127. The CRC is simply the addition of all packets data values including the address and start byte (0xFF). For example, a command to run lamp 0 focus motor would be 0xFF, 0x90, 0x0B. The addition of these values give 0x19A. The CRC would therefore be this value radix to 7 bits to give a value of 0x1A. This value is sent as the last byte of the packet.

DATA TIMING

Data packets can be sent up to 10 times per second. Each packet starts with value 0xFF. The remaining bytes should follow immediately. The whole packet must be received within 30mS. A packet lasting longer than 30mS will be rejected.

There is no minimum packet send rate.

When the FBUS interface receives the DATA_REQUEST_LAMP_STATUS command there is a 2-30mS delay after which the FBUS interface switches to transmit and outputs 13 data bytes in direct succession. After the last byte has been sent the interface will switch back to receive.

7- Fault Finding

All fault finding must be conducted by a competent person or qualified Electrical Engineer.

Please refer to the following table for the troubleshooting of Xenon lamps.

Fault	Cause	Remedy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrong Polarity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamp incorrectly fitted Faulty wiring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anode (large electrode) must always be on top in vertical burning position Check polarity, transpose connections if necessary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cap overheated Cap temperature above 230°C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty contacts Cooling equipment defective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check terminals, tighten or renew Check cooling equipment and replace if necessary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arc unsteady 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamp operated outside current control range Magnetic stabilisation for horizontal operation defective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct current setting Check magnetic stabilisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulb draws in air 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crack in graded seal caused by overheated cap Maximum cap temperature 230°C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check terminals - tighten or renew
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glass erosion on fused quartz bulb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamp operated outside current control range Lamp service life exceeded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct current setting Check meter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrodes damaged Premature blackening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current ripple too high Auxiliary mirror incorrectly adjusted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have power supply inspected Adjust auxiliary mirror
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asymmetrical blackening of lamp (in horizontal burning position) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamp operated too long in same position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn lamp through 180° after half service life

Failure of Lamp to ignite

In the event of the lamp failing to light the following steps should be taken:

- 1) Check that the supply is connected to the input of the PSU and check all connections as per the wiring diagram. On operation if the lamp does not light, switch off supply and check all fuses;
- 2) Check the igniter inside the searchlight. On your command get an operator to switch on the light for approximately 2 seconds. During this time listen for any noise (cracking or hissing) coming from within. If this arcing is heard switch off the supply. Remove the searchlight body to expose the two supply leads from the PSU enclosure to the lamp. Using a dry cloth wipe these leads to remove any dust, moisture or condensation that may have formed around the inside of the barrel. Replace the body, ensuring the screws are securely fastened, and perform the check again, listening for the cracking. If the lamp still fails to ignite, switch off at the supply and replace the lamp in accordance with the safety procedures within the manual and the manufacturer information.

Any further tests to be carried out with regards to lamp failure must be conducted by a competent electrical engineer and should not be carried out in an explosive atmosphere.

- 3) Before a xenon lamp will ignite, the electrically insulated gas between the electrodes must be ionised. This is done by the ignitor which produces a high frequency voltage (up to 14,000 volts or higher). Switching the lamp on activates the ignitor. A cracking or hissing noise should be heard. The ignitor is housed within the searchlight head. If found to be faulty return to Francis Searchlights Ltd for evaluation and repair.

Failure of Remote Focus

Causes:

- 1) Power not supplied;
- 2) Faulty connections;
- 3) Failed motor;

Remedy:

- 1) Check voltage at supply and the output from the control board in the searchlight. If no supply present fault is at customer supply or speed controller board. If power is present, see remedy 2;
- 2) Check all wiring connections on motor in accordance with the wiring diagram. If found to be correct, see remedy 3;
- 3) Remove the focus motor and apply 24v DC directly across terminals. If motor does not rotate the unit has failed. A new focus motor should be fitted.

8 - Maintenance and Servicing

In order to prolong the service life and performance of your searchlight, the following maintenance guidelines are recommended:

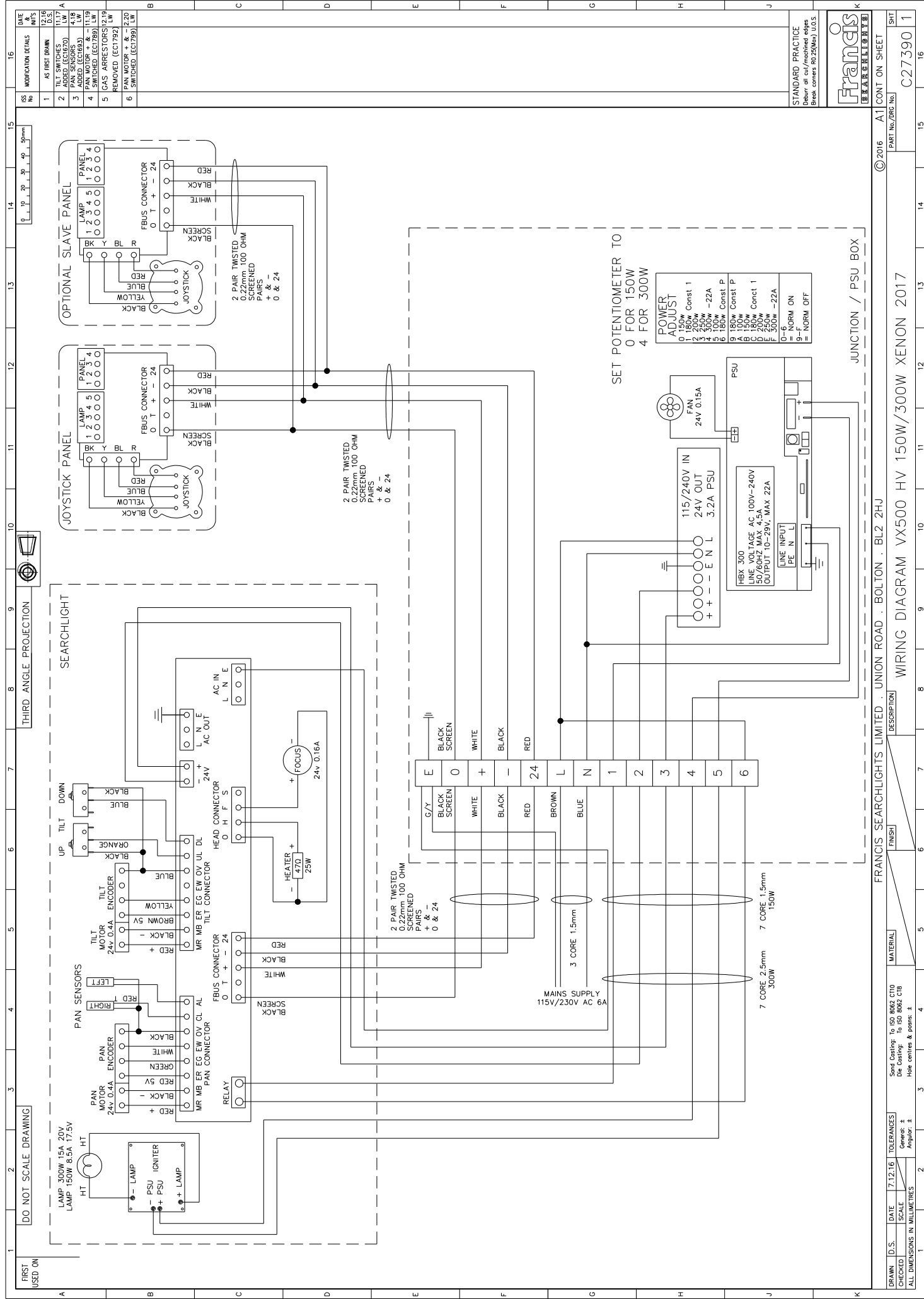
- Maintenance checks should be conducted before every voyage or at least every three months;
- Before checking, disconnect the equipment from the supply;
- Visually inspect the condition of the equipment;
- Any major or minor structural damage should be rectified immediately in order to reduce sympathetic wear;
- After inspection it may be necessary to clean the inside of the searchlight. The following procedure should be adhered to:
- Remove the upper casting by removing the five M8 socket bolts with the dubo washer on the underneath of the searchlight,
- Clean the front glass inside and out using a proprietary glass cleaner;
- Clean the reflector if required;
- Check earth point for conductivity;
- It is advisable to check all seals and gaskets for signs of degradation. Renew if necessary;
- The searchlight is fitted with a breather unit. This ensures a steady airflow in order to prevent any vacuum forming within the barrel.
- Upon completing all maintenance requirements, the searchlight should be tested for full working order (approximately 20 minutes).

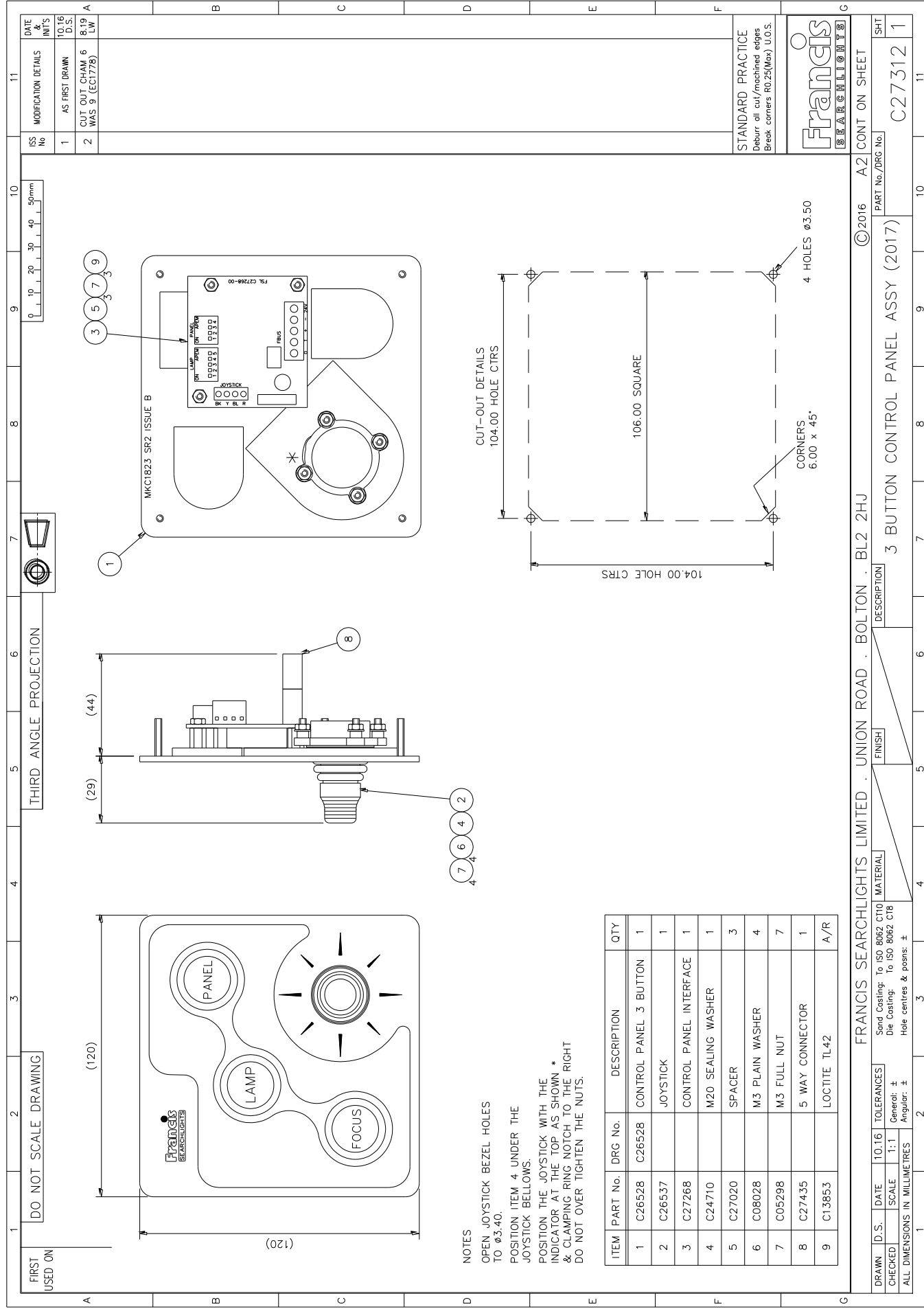
If in any doubt as to the correct servicing procedures to adopt, please contact your distributor/agent or the manufacturer who will be able to advise the best course of action for your product.

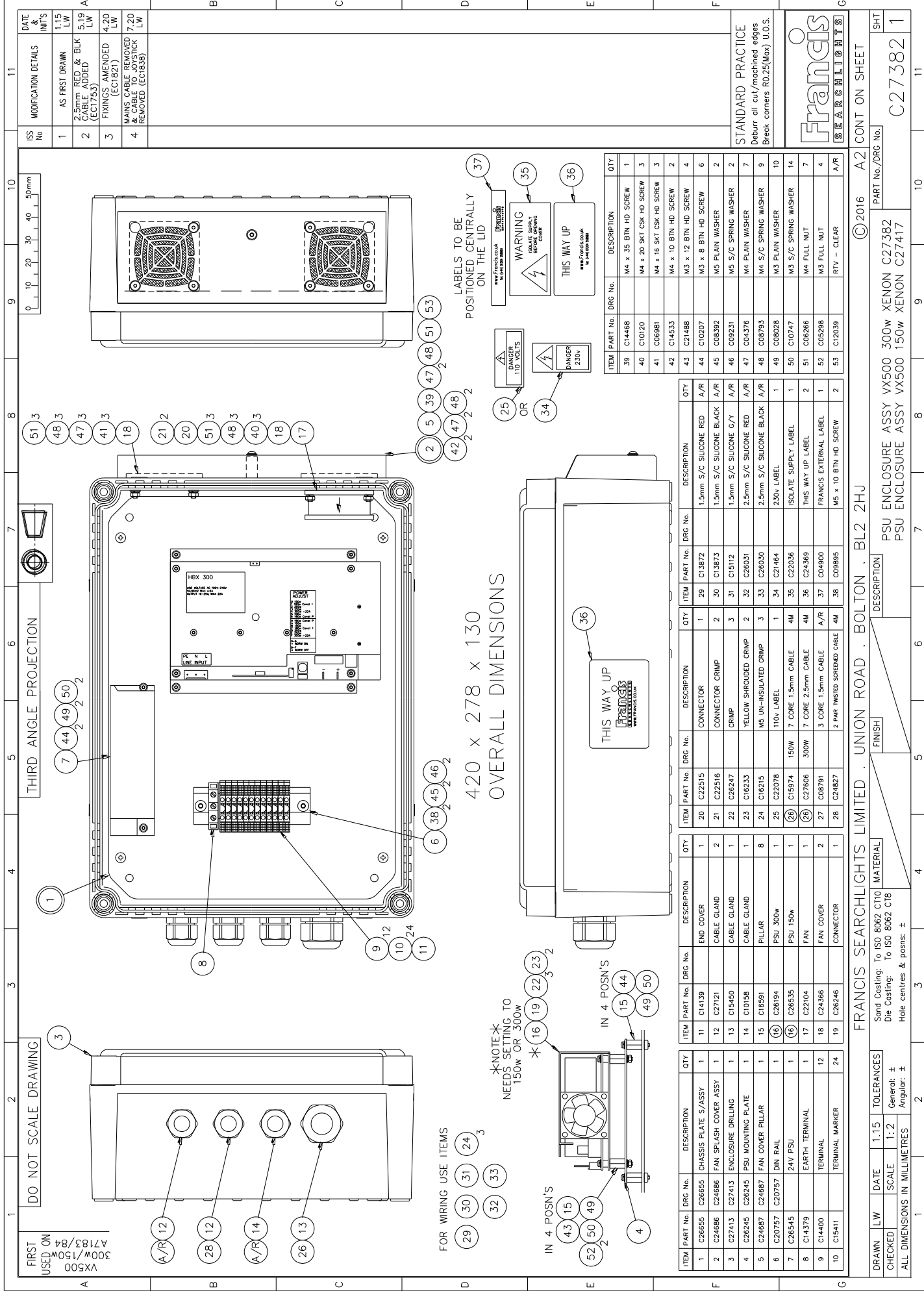
9 - Wiring Diagrams and General Assembly

Drawing Number	Description
A7180	A7183 / A7184 VX500RC G A
C27390	Wiring Diagram
C27312	Joystick Panel Assembly
C27382	Junction Box Assembly

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ISS No	MODIFICATION DETAILS	DATE & INIT'S
1	AS FIRST DRAWN	1.15 LW
2	2.50mm RED & BLK CABLE ADDED (EC1753)	5.19 LW
3	FIXINGS AMENDED (EC1821)	4.20 LW
4	MAINS CABLE REMOVED & CABLE TO JOYSTICK REMOVED (EC1838)	7.20 LW

1	1.15 LW
2	5.19 LW
3	4.20 LW
4	7.20 LW

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PSU ENCLOSURE ASSY VX500 300W XENON C27382										
PSU ENCLOSURE ASSY VX500 150W XENON C27417										

10 - Spare Parts List

The following spare parts can be ordered directly from the manufacturer:

Part Number	Description
<u>Searchlight Head</u>	
D21908	300w Xenon Lamp
D8151	150w Xenon Lamp
C26195-00	Igniter
C26139-00	Front Glass
C26184-00	Front Glass Gasket
C26183-00	Sealing Strip Gasket
C26475-00	Mounting Base Gasket
C23808-00	Base 'O' Ring
C28025-01	24v Motor – Focus Motor Assembly
C23802-00	Reflector
C22268-01	Breather Assembly
C28654-01	Tilt Motor Assembly
C28300-01	Pan Motor Sub Assembly
C27288-00	Resistor (Heater)
C26843-00	Pulley Belt
C27189-01	Speed Controller PCB
C26542-00	Waterproof Cover
C27650-00	Tilt Micro Switch
C25022-00	Proximity Switch (Pan)
C22040-00	Magnet
<u>Junction Box</u>	
C26194-01	PSU (300w)
C26535-01	PSU (150w)
C22104-00	Fan
C26545-00	24v PSU Converter
<u>Joystick Panel</u>	
C26537-00	Joystick
C27268-00	Joystick Controller PCB

In order to prolong the life and performance of your product, we recommend that you only specify Francis Searchlights spare parts. This will ensure that any warranties on your equipment will not be invalidated.

When ordering spare parts, please contact the Sales Department at Francis Searchlights Ltd. Please quote searchlight model and serial number at all times. This will enable a fast response to your spares' requirements.