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## Installation and Operation Guide Model ISP74 Intelligent Strobe Power Supply

### Safety First

This document provides all the necessary information to allow your Whelen product to be properly and safely installed. Before beginning the installation and/or operation of your new product, the installation technician and operator must read this manual completely. Important information is contained herein that could prevent serious injury or damage.

- **Proper installation of this product requires the installer to have a good understanding of automotive electronics, systems and procedures.**
- **If mounting this product requires drilling holes, the installer MUST be sure that no vehicle components or other vital parts could be damaged by the drilling process. Check both sides of the mounting surface before drilling begins. Also de-burr any holes and remove any metal shards or remnants. Install grommets into all wire passage holes.**
- **If this product is mounted with tape or Velcro™, clean the mounting surface with a 50/50 mix of isopropyl alcohol and water and dry thoroughly.**
- **Do not install this product or route any wires in the deployment area of your air bag. Equipment mounted or located in the air bag deployment area will damage or reduce the effectiveness of the air bag, or become a projectile that could cause serious personal injury or death. Refer to your vehicle owners manual for the air bag deployment area. The User/Installer assumes full responsibility to determine proper mounting location, based on providing ultimate safety to all passengers inside the vehicle.**
- **For this product to operate at optimum efficiency, a good electrical connection to chassis ground must be made. The recommended procedure requires the product ground wire to be connected directly to the NEGATIVE (-) battery post.**
- **If this product uses a remote device to activate or control this product, make sure that this control is located in an area that allows both the vehicle and the control to be operated safely in any driving condition.**
- **Do not attempt to activate or control this device in a hazardous driving situation.**
- **It is recommended that these instructions be stored in a safe place and referred to when performing maintenance and/or reinstallation of this product.**
- **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE PRODUCT OR VEHICLE AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY TO YOU AND YOUR PASSENGERS!**

This ISP74 Intelligent Strobe Power Supply can be installed in many different types of vehicles. The guidelines for the installation of this product are written so that no matter what vehicle is being used, the installation and operation of the ISP74 will be simple and straight forward.

## Section 1: Selecting a mounting location

A good choice for a mounting area would be a trunk or similar compartment. However, due to the wide variety of vehicles onto which the ISP74 can be installed, this is not always possible. The following guidelines will help the installer select an acceptable alternative:

- **The ISP74 should be mounted on a metal surface to aid heat dissipation. Be sure that this surface is not one that either generates or is exposed to excessive heat during normal operation of the vehicle.**
- **Do not select a location where the ISP74 will be exposed to potential damage from any unsecured or loose equipment in the vehicle.**
- **Be sure the area selected will not allow the ISP74 to be exposed to water.**
- **When routing the ISP74's wires, it is important to choose a path that will keep the wires away from excessive heat and from any vehicle equipment that could compromise the integrity of the wires (ex. trunk lids, door jams, etc.).**
- **Be sure your mounting location does not block the cooling fan in the rear of the unit. (Fig. 1)**
- **When the best mounting location has been determined, securely fasten the ISP74 to it's mounting surface using the supplied hardware.**

**IMPORTANT!** All customer supplied wires, that connect to the positive (+) terminal of the battery, must be sized to supply at least 125% of the maximum operating current, and fused "at the battery" to carry the load.

**WARNING!** When extending the communication wires (BLUE & GREY), use either the Whelen 25ft cable (P/N 46-9641638-250) or similar "twisted pair" wires.

**Caution:**As it will be necessary to drill holes into the mounting surface, the installer **MUST** be sure that no vehicle components or other vital parts could be damaged by the drilling process. Check both sides of the mounting surface before drilling begins.

## Section 2: Operating Instructions:

The ISP74 has been designed to emulate the operations of four different types of power supplies:

**Alternating Outlets** . . . . . Alt. 2X2  
**Simultaneous Outlets (by pairs)** . . . . . Simul. 2X2  
**Simultaneous Outlets** . . . . . Simul. 2X1X1  
**S.C. (Serial Communication)**. . . . . Custom

Select the desired operational mode by configuring dip switches 1, 2 & 5, located on the front panel of the power supply. The use of dip switches 3 & 4 is explained in the "Hi-Lo Power" section.

The following will explain how to place the ISP74 into each of these respective modes, as well as outline the operational procedures for each mode.

### Emulation Modes

#### Mode 1: Alternating Outlets (default configuration)

##### **Dip Switches**

Dip Switch configuration for Alternating Outlet-mode:

**Dip Switch 1 - OFF**

**Dip Switch 2 - OFF**

**Dip Switch 5 - OFF**

##### **Control Wires**

In this configuration, applying +12VDC to the control wires (using customer supplied switches) will have the following results:

**Control Wire #1 = Outlets 1 & 2 enabled**

**Control Wire #2 = Outlets 3 & 4 enabled**

**Control Wire #3 = All Outlets enabled**

**Control Wire #4 = (See Section 3:Hi/Lo Power)**

**Flash Patterns:** See Section 4.

#### Mode 2: Simultaneous Outlet Mode

##### **Dip Switches**

Dip Switch configuration for Simultaneous Outlet-mode:

**Dip Switch 1 - ON**

**Dip Switch 2 - OFF**

**Dip Switch 5 - OFF**

##### **Control Wires**

In this configuration, applying +12VDC to the control wires (using customer supplied switches) will have the following results:

**Control Wire #1 = Outlets 1 & 3 enabled**

**Control Wire #2 = Outlets 2 & 4 enabled**

**Control Wire #3 = All Outlets enabled**

**Control Wire #4 = See Section 3: Hi/Lo Power**

**Flash Patterns:** See Section 4.

### **Mode 3: Simultaneous Mode**

#### ***Dip Switches***

Dip switch configuration for Simultaneous -Mode:

- Dip Switch 1 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 2 - ON**
- Dip Switch 5 - OFF**

#### ***Control Wires***

In this configuration, applying +12VDC to the control wires (using customer supplied switches) will have the following results:

- Control Wire #1 = Outlets 1 & 3 enabled**
- Control Wire #2 = Outlet 2 enabled**
- Control Wire #3 = Outlet 4 enabled**
- Control Wire #4 = See Section 3: Hi/Lo Power**

**Flash Patterns:** See Section 4.

### **Mode 4: S.C. (Serial Communication) Mode**

**NOTE:** When the ISP74 is configured for S.C. mode, it is important to understand that the connections and operational procedures used are quite different from any of the other modes. In S.C. mode, Comet Flash is the only available pattern.

#### ***Dip Switches***

S.C. emulation is accomplished by placing Dip Switch 5 in the ON position. At this point, the remaining Dip Switches (1 thru 4) are used to configure the address of the ISP74 for use in a S.C. system. The addressing properties function as follows:

#### **To Configure Address 1:**

- Dip Switch 1 - ON**
- Dip Switch 2 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 3 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 4 - OFF**

#### **To Configure Address 3:**

- Dip Switch 1 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 2 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 3 - ON**
- Dip Switch 4 - OFF**

#### **To Configure Address 2:**

- Dip Switch 1 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 2 - ON**
- Dip Switch 3 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 4 - OFF**

#### **To Configure Address 4:**

- Dip Switch 1 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 2 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 3 - OFF**
- Dip Switch 4 - ON**

### ***Control Wires***

In this configuration, control wires 1, 2, 3 & 4 are not used to enable outlets or control Hi/Lo power activation, as with the previous modes. Outlet control and Hi/Lo power activation is handled by the S.C. Multi-Purpose Controller.

### **Section 3: Hi/Lo Power**

Hi/Lo power activation and functionality can be configured in any of 4 available modes, depending upon how Dip Switches 3 & 4 are positioned. Table 2 on Page 4 outlines each of the 4 configurations and their attributes. **NOTE:** In S.C. emulation mode, Hi/Lo power activation is controlled with an S.C. Multi-Purpose Controller.

### **Section 4: Flash Patterns**

The ISP74 can generate up to 16 flash patterns by activating the 4 Pattern Control wires, either individually or in combination. **NOTE:** in S.C. mode, Comet Flash is the only available pattern. Table 1 on page 4 outlines all of the available patterns and the wire activations needed to produce them.

### **Section 5: Diagnostix™ (Optional)**

The optional Diagnostix™ display allows the operator to confirm proper operation of not only the 4 outlets on the ISP74, but of the strobe light and strobe cable connected to these outlets as well. Each LED indicator on the Diagnostix™ display, provides diagnostic information for one outlet. For example; LED #1 monitors Outlet #1, etc. The LED's appearance indicates the condition of it's corresponding outlet. Refer to Table 3 on Page 4.

