

White Mixing

Application Note

Introduction

Within the Pharos System, there are various ways to control white, dynamic white and RGB White fixtures. This AppNote will show the Generic fixtures to download from the Online Fixture library to allow the control type. Most specific fixtures will used the standard or balanced mode.

White

White

There are two fixture profile options for White control, LED - White and Conventional. These both allow direct control of the level of the single white channel, but are rendered differently on the Layout for Simulation.

Fixtures:

- LED White 8 bit
- · LED White 16 bit
- · Conventional 8 bit
- · Conventional 16 bit

RGBW

The standard RGBW profile will control the white channel as the inverse of the saturation of the chosen colour. The RGB levels will decrease to match the saturation. This produces the best colour output, though doesn't allow all 4 channels to be active at once.

Fixtures:

- · LED RGBW 8 bit
- · LED RGBW 16 bit

RGBW Split

The RGBW Split profile will create a fixture with an RGB element and a White element. This allows direct control of the RGB levels and the White level, meaning that you could set all 4 channels to full. The fixture on the plan does, however, show two separate elements.

To set the levels individually, in Timeline Mode, select the fixture in the fixture browser on the left hand side and expand it using the plus (+) button. This will give you access to the RGB and White elements.

Fixtures:

- LED RGBW 8 bit Split
- LED RGBW 16 bit Split

RGBW Additive

The RGBW Additive profile will perform the same as the standard RGBW profile, but the RGB levels are not reduced by the saturation, meaning when White is selected for the fixture, all 4 channels will be on at full.

Fixtures:

- · LED RGBW 8 bit Additive
- · LED RGBW 16 bit Additive



Dynamic White

2-White

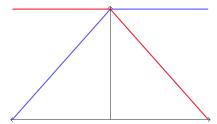
When working with a 2 white fixture (Warm White, Cool White or Cool White, Warm White), the default behaviour is to have both channels at full at a colour temperature setting of 128, and have one colour fade out towards 0 or 255.

Fixtures: • LED - Warm/Cool White 8 bit

• LED - WwCwl 8 bit

· LED - Warm/Cool White 16 bit

- · LED WwCwl 16 bit
- LED IWwCw 8 bit
- · LED IWwCw 16 bit
- · LED ICwWw 8 bit
- · LED ICwWw 16 bit
- LED CwWw 8 bit
- LED CwWw 16 bit
- · LED CwWwl 8 bit
- · LED CwWwl 16 bit



3-White

Three channel dynamic white fixtures have a Warm White, Neutral White and Cool White channel, which are generally arranged as wWnWcW or cWnWwW.

There are three ways to adjust the output levels based upon the colour temperature setting:

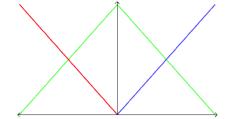
- Balanced
- Additive
- Subtractive

Balanced

The balanced option ensures that only one channel is ever on in full, and the Colour Temperature changing will transition between the three channels.

Fixtures:

- · LED WwNwCw 8 bit balanced
- LED WwNwCw 16 bit balanced
- LED WwNwCwl 8 bit balanced
- · LED WwNwCwl 16 bit balanced
- LED IWwNwCw 8 bit balanced
- · LED IWwNwCw 16 bit balanced
- LED ICwNwWw 8 bit balanced
- LED ICwNwWw 16 bit balanced
- LED CwNwWw 8 bit balanced
- LED CwNwWw 16 bit balanced
- LED CwNwWwl 8 bit balanced
 LED CwNwWwl 16 bit balanced



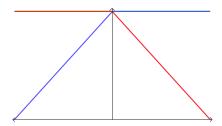


Additive

The Additive option sets the Neutral White to full, and adds the Warm White or Cool White according to the Colour Temperature level.

Fixtures:

- · LED WwNwCw 8 bit additive
- · LED WwNwCw 16 bit additive
- LED WwNwCwl 8 bit additive
- LED WwNwCwl 16 bit additive
- LED IWwNwCw 8 bit additive
- LED IWwNwCw 16 bit additive
- LED ICwNwWw 8 bit additive
- · LED ICwNwWw 16 bit additive
- LED CwNwWw 8 bit additive
- LED CwNwWw 16 bit additive
- · LED CwNwWwl 8 bit additive
- · LED CwNwWwl 16 bit additive



Subtractive

The Subtractive option sets all channels to full and reduces the Cool White as the Colour Temperature gets warmer and reduces the Warm White as the Colour Temperature gets cooler.

Fixtures:

- · LED WwNwCw 8 bit subtractive
- LED WwNwCw 16 bit subtractive
- · LED WwNwCwl 8 bit subtractive
- LED WwNwCwl 16 bit subtractive
- LED IWwNwCw 8 bit subtractive
- LED IWwNwCw 16 bit subtractive
- LED ICwNwWw 8 bit subtractive
 LED ICwNwWw 16 bit subtractive
- LED CwNwWw 8 bit subtractive
- LED CwNwWw 16 bit subtractive
- LED CwNwWwl 8 bit subtractive
- LED CwNwWwl 16 bit subtractive

RGB with Dynamic White

2-White

When a 2-White fixture is combined with an RGB fixture to get an RGBwWcW or RGBcWwW, by default the fixture will use Balanced mode, Additive mode is available as well.

Balanced

If the white mode is not set, the White will be set by the inverse of the saturation of the RGB colour (as with the RGBW fixture), and the relative levels of the Whites is set by the Colour Temperature setting.

Fixtures:

- · LED RGBWwCw 8 bit balanced
- LED RGBWwCw 16 bit balanced
- LED RGBCwWw 8 bit balanced
- LED RGBCwWw 16 bit balanced



Additive

The Additive option will combine the 2-White functionality with the RGBW Additive functionality. Adjusting the saturation of the RGB colour will change the brightness of the White, but not adjust the RGB levels. The Colour Temperature setting will adjust the relative levels of the White channels in the same way.

Fixtures:

- LED RGBWwCw 8 bit additive
- · LED RGBWwCw 16 bit additive
- LED RGBCwWw 8 bit additive
- · LED RGBCwWw 16 bit additive

3-White

Balanced

In Balanced Mode, the White will be scaled up as the Saturation of the RGB colour is decreased, and the RGB levels will be reduced accordingly.

Fixtures:

- · LED RGBWwNwCw 8 bit balanced
- · LED RGBWwNwCw 16 bit balanced
- · LED RGBCwNwWw 8 bit balanced
- LED RGBCwNwWw 16 bit balanced

Additive

In Additive Mode, the White will be scaled up as the Saturation of the RGB colour is decreased.

Fixtures:

- · LED RGBWwNwCw 8 bit additive
- LED RGBWwNwCw 16 bit additive
- LED RGBCwNwWw 8 bit additive
- · LED RGBCwNwWw 16 bit additive

Subtractive

In Subtractive mode, the White will be scaled up as the Saturation of the RGB colour is decreased, and the RGB levels will be reduced accordingly.

Fixtures:

- LED RGBWwNwCw 8 bit subtractive
- LED RGBWwNwCw 16 bit subtractive
- LED RGBCwNwWw 8 bit subtractive
- · LED RGBCwNwWw 16 bit subtractive

Further Information

For more information about custom fixture personalities, please see the Creating Custom Fixtures AppNote. If you need any further information, please contact Pharos Support.