

# 8-Channel Forward Phase Dimmer Installation Guide



## Introduction

The Control4® 8-Channel Forward Phase Dimmer (C4-DIN-8FPD-E) controls up to eight loads from one module in the Control4 system. It installs in a panelized backbox using typical wiring standards and communicates to the Control4 system using an Ethernet connection.

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## Specifications and supported fixtures

Model number	C4-DIN-8FPD-E	
Power requirements	100-120VAC, 50/60 Hz	
Lines in (circuits)	1 or 2	
Power consumption	5W	
Supported load types	Incandescent, halogen, magnetic (iron core) low-voltage transformer (MLV)*, fluorescent, compact fluorescent, LED, motor	
Control communications	Ethernet	
Module load ratings in Control4 panel		
	120V	
Module max with two lines in	3200W	
Line 1 in max	1920W	
Line 2 in max	1920W	
Module max with one line in	1920W	
Module load ratings in standard DIN rail panel		
	120V	
Module max with two lines in	1920W	
Line 1 in max	1000W	
Line 2 in max	1000W	
Module max with one line in	1920W	
Individual channel load ratings		
		120V
Incandescent, tungsten, halogen, MLV	Max dimmable	1000W
	Max non-dimmable	500W
	Min (except MLV)	4.5W
	Min (MLV)	18W*

Fluorescent, CFL	Max dimmable	500W
	Max non-dimmable	250W
	Min	4.5W
LED	Max dimmable	200W
	Max non-dimmable	200W
	Min (except MLV)	4.5W
	Min (with MLV trans.)	18W*
Motor	Max dimmable	N/A
	Max non-dimmable	1/8 HP
	Min	N/A
*Important! When dimming MLV loads, each transformer must be loaded to at least 50% of its maximum load.		
Connections		
Line voltage push terminals	16 (Line 1, Line 1 Neutral, Earth Ground, Line 1 Out, Line 2 Neutral, Line 2, Loads 1-8, Aux In, Aux Out)	
Recommended wiring size	One 26 AWG to 12 AWG (0.12 mm <sup>2</sup> to 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> ) per terminal	
RJ-45	2 ports—1 Ethernet in, 1 Ethernet passthrough	
Environmental		
Operational temperature	32°F to 104°F (0°C - 40°C)	
Humidity	5% to 95% non-condensing	
Storage	-4°F to 158°F (-20°C to 70°C)	
Heat dissipation	175 BTU/hr (51W)	
Dimensions		
H × W × D	8.6 × 4.5 × 2.2" (219 × 115 × 57 mm)	
DIN module width	12M	
Weight	2.7 lbs (1.2 kg)	
Shipping weight	3.2 lbs (1.4 kg)	

## Warnings and considerations

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**Warning!** Turn OFF electrical power to all circuit breakers feeding into the panel before installing or servicing this product. Improper use or installation can cause SERIOUS INJURY, DEATH, or LOSS/DAMAGE OF PROPERTY.
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**Attention !** Coupez le courant électrique pour tous les disjoncteurs d'alimentation dans le panneau avant d'installer ou de réparer ce produit. Une mauvaise utilisation ou installation peut entraîner des blessures graves, décès, ou perte / dommages à la propriété.
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**Warning!** This device must be protected by a circuit breaker (20A max).  
**Attention !** Cet appareil doit être protégé par un disjoncteur (20A max).
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**Warning!** DO NOT rely solely upon the device's contact with a metal panel for adequate grounding. Use the device's ground terminal to make a secure connection to the safety ground of the electrical system.  
**Attention !** NE COMPTEZ PAS uniquement au contact de l'appareil avec un panneau métallique de mise à la terre. Utilisez la borne de mise à la terre de l'appareil pour d'établir une connexion sécurisée au système électrique.

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**Important!** This device must be installed by a licensed electrician in accordance with all national and local electrical codes.
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**Important!** The panel used with this device is air cooled. Install the panel in a location where the vented cover is not blocked. At least 12 inches (30 cm) clearance is required away from the front of the panel. Some local codes may require as much as 30 inches (76 cm) clearance.
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**Important!** When dimming MLV loads, each transformer must be loaded to at least 50% of its maximum load.

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**Important!** Only install this device indoors.
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**Important!** Using this product in a manner other than outlined in this document voids your warranty. Further, Control4 is NOT liable for any damage incurred with the misuse of this product.
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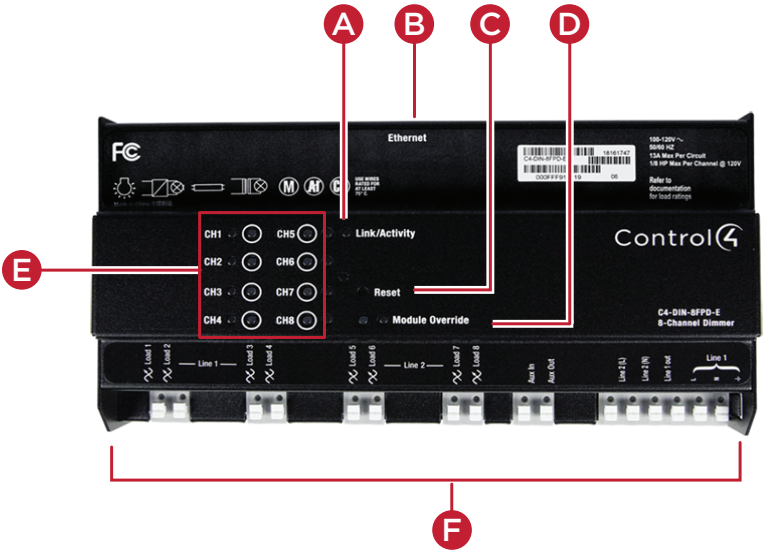
**Important!** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Control4 could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
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**Important!** When using AFCI breakers, refer to the Control4 Knowledgebase Article “Arc Fault Breaker Recommendations and Troubleshooting.pdf”
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**Important!** 10/100 Ethernet port can only be used to chain together a total of six Control4 panelized devices in the same panel.

## Features

Figure 1: Front view



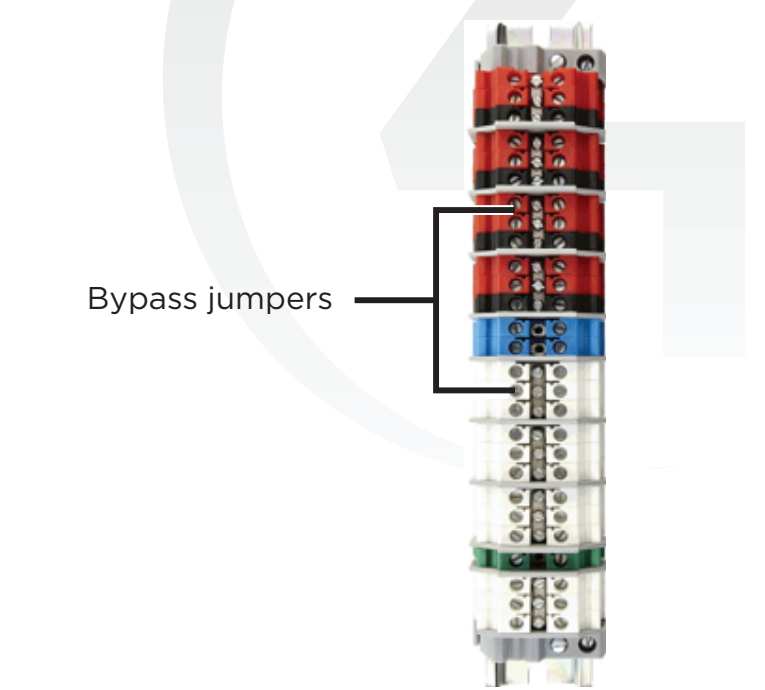
- A Link/Activity LED
- B Ethernet RJ-45 ports (2)
- C Reset button (recessed)
- D Module status LED and Module Override button
- E Channel status buttons and LEDs
- F Line voltage terminals

## Installing the dimmer

### Preparing to install the dimmer

- Use Composer Pro to add the 8-Channel Forward Phase Dimmer to a project, define its location in a panel, and print the Panel, Module, and/or Load Schedule Reports. See the *Composer Pro User Guide* ([ctrl4.co/cpro-ug](http://ctrl4.co/cpro-ug)) for details.
- Install the panel following the instructions in the *5-Slot and 2-Slot Panel Installation Guide* ([ctrl4.co/panelinstall](http://ctrl4.co/panelinstall)).
- Install and wire the terminal block for the 8-Channel Forward Phase Dimmer (C4-DIN-8FPD-E) following the instructions in the *Terminal Block Installation Guide* ([ctrl4.co/blockinstall](http://ctrl4.co/blockinstall)) and in the location defined by the Composer Pro Panel Reports.
- Verify that all bypass jumpers are securely installed in the terminal block assemblies. Each 8-Channel Dimmer Terminal Block assembly should have four bypass jumpers installed, connecting each black terminal block to four red terminal blocks, and connecting each set of five white terminal bocks together.

Figure 2: Terminal block bypass jumpers



- Turn on the circuit breaker(s) feeding the terminal block. Verify that the circuit breaker(s) do not trip. If a breaker trips, do not proceed with installation until the problem has been resolved.
  - Turn off the circuit breakers for all lines coming into the panel.
  - Remove the two bypass jumpers that connect each black terminal to four red terminals by unscrewing all five screws in each bypass jumper until the entire bypass jumper can be pulled out.
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**Caution!** Store the bypass jumper for possible later use. The bypass jumper should be reinstalled any time the load will be serviced. Test the circuit with the jumper installed prior to removing the jumper again. Damage to the module caused by miswiring is not covered by the warranty.  
**Attention !** Conservez le cavalier pour un usage ultérieur. Le cavalier devra être réinstallé à tout moment pour effectuer un entretien. Veuillez évaluer le circuit avec le cavalier en place avant de le retirer à nouveau. Un dommage au module engendré par un mauvais branchement n'est pas couvert par la garantie de Control 4.

### Before you install in a third-party panel

- Install the third-party panel according to the third-party instructions.
- Install the panel in a well-ventilated area.

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**Caution!** Test all wiring for short circuits before installing the module. Damage to the module caused by miswiring is not covered by the Control4 warranty.  
**Attention !** Testez tout le câblage pour les courts-circuits avant d'installer le module. Un dommage au module engendré par un mauvais branchement n'est pas couvert par la garantie de Control 4.
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**Important!** These modules generate heat! Installing the 8-Channel Forward Phase Dimmer in a standard DIN Rail panel requires derating of the modules per the load ratings above. For best results, a ventilated DIN rail panel should be used.

Installing the module in a Control4 panel

The dimmer should be installed in the panel next to the previously installed dimmer terminal block. The location of the device in the panel is defined by the Composer Pro Panel Report.

- 1 With the gray press terminals on the left side of the dimmer, hold the dimmer upright and angle it to the left so that the left side of the module fits onto the rail in the panel (see Figure 3).


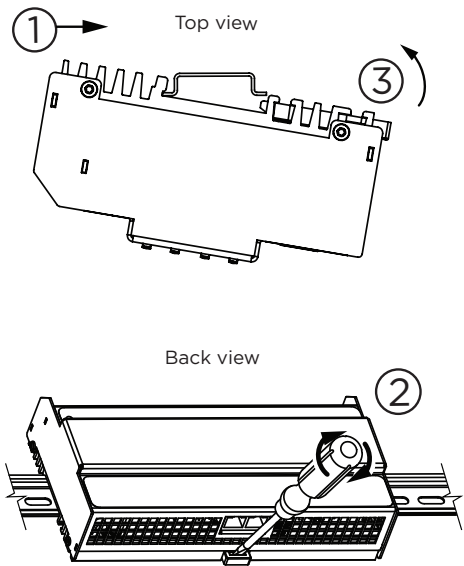

 **Note:** The dimmer installs with the line voltage connector on the left side and the Ethernet ports on the right side.


Figure 3: Snap on the dimmer—Control4 panels



- 2 With the left side already in place, use a flat blade screwdriver to move the latch.
- 3 While pressing forward on the right side of the dimmer, release the latch to secure it onto the rail.

 **Note:** To remove the module, use a flat blade screwdriver to move the latch, pull it out from the right side, and remove it from the left side.

- 4 Wire the module according to the wiring diagrams in the *8-Channel Dimmer Wiring Guide* ([ctrl4.co/8chdim-wg](http://ctrl4.co/8chdim-wg)) and the reports from Composer Pro.

 **Note:** All wires between the terminal block and the dimmer must use the same gauge wire as the field wiring connected to the terminal block.

- 5 At the terminal block side, strip the wires 0.35 in (9 mm) and tighten to 7 lb-in (0.8 Nm).
- 6 At the module side, strip the wires 0.4 in (10 mm) and insert into the push block terminal.
- 7 On the right side of the dimmer, connect the Ethernet cable to one of the RJ-45 ports. (The second port can be used to daisy-chain to another 10/100 Ethernet device).
- 8 Install the other modules in the panel as defined in their respective installation guides and the Panel Reports from Composer Pro.
- 9 Turn the circuit breakers back on and test all connected loads by pressing the **Channel Override** buttons.

Installing the module horizontally in a third-party panel

Third-party DIN rails can be mounted in any orientation; however, these instructions assume a horizontal orientation.

- 1 With the gray press terminals facing down, hold the dimmer lengthwise and angle it down so that the bottom side of the module fits onto the rail (see Figure 4).


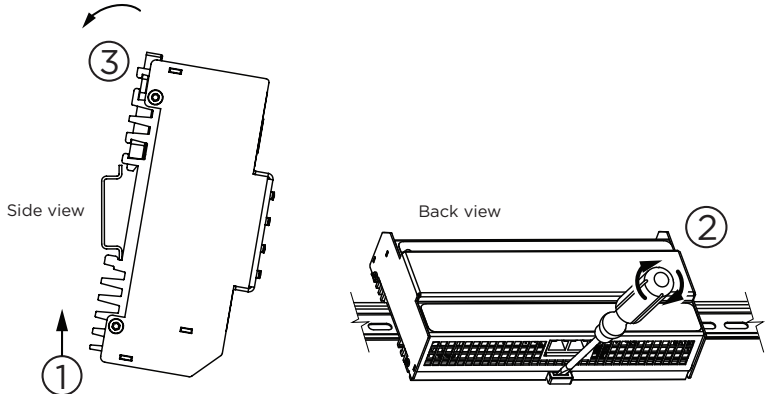

 **Note:** The dimmer installs with the line voltage connectors facing down and the Ethernet ports facing up.

Figure 4: Snap the dimmer—third party panels



- 2 With the bottom side already in place, use a flat blade screwdriver to move the latch.
- 3 While rotating it upward, release the latch to secure it onto the rail.

 **Note:** To remove the module, use a flat blade screwdriver to move the latch, pull it out from the top, and remove it from the bottom rail.

- 4 Wire the module according to the wiring diagram in the *8-Channel Dimmer Wiring Guide* ([ctrl4.co/8chdim-wg](http://ctrl4.co/8chdim-wg)) and the reports from Composer Pro.
- 5 Strip the wires 0.4 in (10 mm) and insert into the push block terminal.
- 6 On the top of the dimmer, connect the Ethernet cable to one of the RJ-45 ports. (The second port can be used to daisy-chain to another 10/100 Ethernet device).
- 7 Install the other modules in the panel as defined in their respective installation guides and the panel reports from Composer Pro.
- 8 Turn the circuit breakers back on and test all connected loads by pressing the **Channel Override** buttons.

Wiring diagrams

The wiring diagrams show the wiring details for Control4 8-Channel Dimmers. Refer to the *8-Channel Dimmer Wiring Guide* ([ctrl4.co/8chdim-wg](http://ctrl4.co/8chdim-wg)) to view those diagrams.

Additional resources

The following resources are available for more support.

- Control4 Knowledgebase and forums
- Control4 Technical Support
- Control4 website at [www.control4.com](http://www.control4.com)
- Composer Pro documentation in various formats available at [ctrl4.co/docs](http://ctrl4.co/docs)

Regulatory/Safety Information

To review regulatory information for your Control4 products, see [ctrl4.co/reg](http://ctrl4.co/reg).

Patent information

Applicable patents are available at [ctrl4.co/patents](http://ctrl4.co/patents).

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