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Introduction: DALI standard

History

The agreement by the lighting industry to adopt a common protocol for digital addressable control of luminaires has opened up a virtually unlimited number of options for regulating artificial lighting in all applications. This common protocol is the DALI protocol (Digital Addressable Lighting Interface), which has now been internationally standardised through the IEC.

With the right choice of individual DALI components an extremely wide range of requirements can be met, from operating the lighting system from a simple light switch to lighting management systems for entire office complexes with thousands of light sources. The new standardisation means that there are no longer any restrictions on the application of this technology. Any light source, including incandescent lamps, fluorescent lamps, high-intensity discharge lamps and even LEDs, can be controlled irrespective of whether they are installed in an office, a restaurant or a street light.

The DALI system is based on simplicity of operation. However the demands on electrical system designers and electricians have increased enormously.

The purpose of this technical manual is to describe how the DALI system components offered by Tridonic operate and illustrate their functionality by looking at how they can be used in actual practice.

DALI stands for “Digital Addressable Lighting Interface” and is an interface protocol for digital communication between electronic lighting equipment (electronic ballasts, transformers, etc.).

The DALI standard was developed by Tridonic together with renowned manufacturers of operating and control equipment. Today, these manufacturers belong to the DALI Activity Group which promotes the use of DALI and safeguards its further development.

The DALI standard was defined in EN 60929 Annex E until 2009 but is now defined in IEC 62386. This standard also describes the differences between the various types of device. As a result, long-term compatibility among manufacturers is guaranteed and the DALI standard is ensured a secure future. In addition, compatibility between products from different manufacturers is supported by a test procedure standardised by the DALI Activity Group. All products that carry the logo of the DALI Activity Group have successfully passed this standardised test. Tridonic products meet these requirements in full.

Features of DALI

Simplified Installation	Power lines and control lines can be laid together in the same cable. The wiring may be in series, in a star arrangement or in mixed form.
No polarity	There is no need to worry about the polarity (+/-) of the DALI control line.
Stable dimming function	All the luminaires receive the same interference-free digital signal and therefore the same dimmer value.
Distributed intelligence	DALI uses a system of distributed intelligence; multiple controllers (e.g. DALI GC) communicate with intelligent ballasts. Each controller operates as a “master” and controls communication on the control line. Ballasts react only as “slaves” at the request of the “master”. Certain parameters are stored directly in the DALI unit (e.g. scene values, group address).
Status feedback	Status reports can be issued by the DALI units. Information on faulty lamps for example can therefore be transferred directly to a higher-ranking system.
Flexibility	Group assignment is set up by means of parameters and not by hard wiring. Lighting scene values are stored in the DALI unit.
Logarithmic dimming curve	The dimming curve is matched to the sensitivity of the eye.

Technical features of a DALI circuit

Maximum no. of DALI groups	16
Maximum no. of DALI scenes	16
DALI voltage	9.5 V - 22.5 V, typically 16 V
DALI system current	Max. 250 mA (depending on the installed DALI power supply)
Data transfer rate	1200 baud
Maximum cable length	The maximum cable length depends on the maximum permitted voltage drop along the DALI cable; this is defined as 2 V max. This corresponds to a maximum cable length of 300 m for a line cross-section of 1.5 mm ² .

⚠ CAUTION!

When the maximum cable length is calculated the contact resistance must also be taken into account.

- ▶ A voltage drop of 2 V must not be exceeded!

Scene and group concept

DALI scenes

With DALI it is possible to store 16 different lighting scenarios in each DALI unit so that predefined lighting moods can be called up for a room (for example the "presentation" scene in a conference room, or a "morning" scene in a wellness centre). The values of the 16 scenes are stored in the control gear. As soon as the unit receives the command "Go to scene 1" for example it fades up or down to the value stored in memory. The cross-fade time for the scene call is also stored in the unit and can be set in steps between 0.7 and 90.5 seconds with the "Fade Time" parameter.

Figure: Examples of light scenes



"Daytime showroom" scene



"Night-time showroom" scene

DALI groups

With DALI it is possible to define 16 groups in a DALI circuit.

A group is a meaningful collection of luminaires. Group assignment can be edited in DALI. It is possible for one DALI unit to belong to several groups. This reduces the amount of wiring needed and greatly increases flexibility compared with non-addressable systems because in these systems the groupings are hard-wired.

Positioning of DALI

DALI is not a new system for building control such as LON, KNX and other building management systems but a useful addition for the practical application of lighting controllers. DALI provides ideal support for building control systems and enables each light source to be individually addressed. Even small installations in which a building control system would not be economical need not forego the convenience of digital technology. DALI can be used in such installations as an independent lighting management system.

Digital technology has taken over from analogue technology in lighting control systems because of the universal application of DALI units and their reliable control.

Overview of DALI controllers and DALI control gear

DALI controllers of comfortDIM product series

The unique comfortDIM concept is the basis for extremely user-friendly lighting solutions with enormous flexibility for future expansion. It uses the DALI protocol (Digital Addressable Lighting Interface). This is a standardised protocol that ensures maximum investment protection and future-proofing. It also guarantees security of planning and high levels of flexibility even after set-up.

Table: Functional overview comfortDIM

	DALI GC DALI SC	DALI MC	DALI TOUCH- PANEL 02	DALI SQM	x-touch- PANEL 02	DALI MSensor 02
Manual group / scene control Groups and scenes can be easily switched and dimmed with the group and scene control modules.	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Multi-functional control These control modules ensure maximum flexibility. The inputs and buttons can be freely programmed for a wide range of functions.		✓	✓			
Automatic scene control (sequence) Predefined lighting scenes can be easily combined into a self-executing sequence.		✓		✓	✓	
Automatic color control (sequence) Predefined light colours can be easily combined into a self-executing sequence.					✓	
Time-controlled daily processes (scheduler) Predefined scenes, sequences or colours can be controlled or recalled via a real-time clock.					✓	
Automatic daylight and presence control DALI lighting controls supplemented with a sensor module enable energy-efficient solutions to be provided.						✓
Remote control of the DALI circuit Functions can be controlled from an infrared remote control.						✓
Convenient operation and programming Simple set-up of the DALI circuit and convenient operation of the control functions.					✓	

DALI controllers of comfortDIM product series

Convenient configuration with a PC DALI systems can be easily configured by means of an interface module and PC software. Even complex systems can be easily set up.		✓	✓			✓
Manual color temperature control Tunable white devices can be controlled.			✓		✓	

DALI power supply DALI PS / DALI PS1 / DALI PS2



DALI PS, DALI PS1 and DALI PS2 are DALI power supply modules with a rated current of 200 mA (240 mA in the case of DALI PS2). The modules differ in their casing design; DALI PS and DALI PS2 are suitable for installation in switching cabinets; DALI PS1 is suitable for installation in suspended ceilings or cavities.

DALI group controllers DALI GC / GC-A



Two lighting groups can be controlled with the group controller (ON/OFF/DIM). Set-up (addressing) and assignment to the DALI groups can be performed by means of a simple switch sequence. In the case of the GC-A version, configuration via the switches is disabled to prevent unintentional reprogramming. The compact design enables the unit to be installed in a standard switch box.

DALI scene controllers DALI SC / SC-A



DALI controllers of comfortDIM product series

The scene controller enables four lighting scenes to be programmed and recalled. In the case of the SC-A version, configuration via the switches is disabled to prevent unintentional reprogramming. The compact design enables the unit to be installed in a standard switch box.

DALI multicontrollerDALI MC



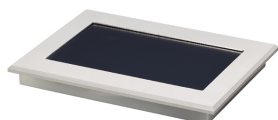
DALI MC has 4 inputs, the functions of which can be freely edited. Via the settable switching modes (short, long press; toggle; relay mode) a maximum of two options can be assigned to each input, of which one function can be activated in each case. Customer-specific programming is possible via the masterCONFIGURATOR (see Reference list) configuration software. The compact design enables the unit to be installed in a standard switch box.

DALI TOUCHPANEL



The DALI TOUCHPANEL 02 has selectable control panel functions for manual control of DALI lighting groups and DALI lighting scenes. Customer-specific programming is possible via the masterCONFIGURATOR (since version 2.6) (see Reference list) .

DALI x/e-touchPANEL 02



The x/e-touchPANEL 02 with its 7 inch colour touch screen is a lighting management system for up to 128 DALI units. The x/e-touchPANEL 02 contains user-friendly application software with a mode optimised for RGB colour lighting management.

DALI sequencer module DALI-SQM



The sequencer module sends broadcast-addressed scene calls at user-defined intervals (up to 16 different scenes). The factory-setting is that a sequence comprises 8 scenes. When the last scene is reached the cycle starts again from the beginning.

DALI MSensor 02



The DALI MSensor 02 is a DALI-based sensor with ambient light control and presence detection. The DALI MSensor 02 also has a receiver for infrared remote control. There are versions for installation in luminaires, ceilings and boxes and also for surface mounting.

DALI RC and IR smart Controller



These two remote controls extend the functionality of the DALI MSensor 02.

With the user-friendly DALI RC remote control it is also possible to perform all the basic functions of the DALI MSensor 02.

DALI USB



The DALI USB interface module enables the DALI installation to be set up and parametrised with the aid of a PC. Tridonic offers therefore the software masterCONFIGURATOR (see Reference list) to make it easier to put even complex DALI installations into operation.

DALI RS232 Interface PS/S



The DALI RS232 Interface PS/S combines a DALI interface module and a power supply module in one and the same device. The rated current of the power supply is 240 mA. Via the RS232 interface it is possible to put the DALI system into operation and to set its parameters. During normal operation the interface can be used for service purposes. The RS232 interface is accessed via an RJ45 socket. An optional connecting cable from the RJ45 socket to an RS232 plug is available as an accessory.

Additional adapters (to USB for example) are available from various manufacturers.

DALI interface modules

DALI DSI / DSI II



The DALI DSI converter converts DALI commands into DSI signals so that DSI-based units can be integrated in DALI lighting control systems.

DALI Somfy animeo interface



With this interface Somfy animeo IB+ motor controllers can be integrated in the DALI circuit. The DALI Somfy animeo interface can control up to four blinds independently. The blind positions (height and angle) are stored like lighting scenes. The lighting and the blind positions can be stored under one and the same scene.

DALI 3-RM-C



The DALI-3-RM-C relay module controller enables up to 3 standard contactors (24 V DC) to be controlled so that different loads can be switched via DALI commands.

DALI RM



The DALI RM relay module controller enables a contactor (12/24 V_{DC} or 230V_{AC}) to be controlled so that different loads can be switched via DALI commands.

DALI devices

Electronic LED control gear

LCAU 2x020/0048 L0x0 one4all



LCAU 2x020/0048 L0x0 one4all control gear is digital dimmable electronic control gear for PREMIUM modules (SLE and DLE). LCAU 2x020/0048 L0x0 one4all control gear offers control options via DALI, DSI and switchDIM. The control gear supports DALI Device Type 8 for tunable white. Colours can be set via xy coordinates or via the colour temperature. There are 16 scenes (predefined colour temperatures) preprogrammed in the control gear. These can be reprogrammed with the aid of the masterCONFIGURATOR.

LCAI ECO one4all, C003. K350



The LED control gear in the LCAI ECO one4all series are dimmable constant current devices with adjustable output currents. There are built-in versions (Linear and Compact) and remote versions (Compact with tool-less strain relief). LCAI ECO one4all has the option of control via DALI, DSI or switchDIM and automatically adjusts to the control signal. The control gear has various functions that can be set via DALI. Details can be found in the product data sheet or in the manual.

LED control gear C003



LED control gear C003 has three independent output channels for dimming light emitting diodes with 24 V.

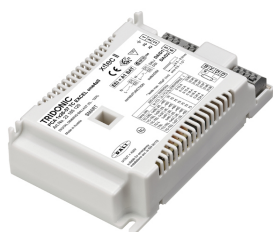
LED control gear K350



LED control gear K350 is a constant current device for 350 mA LEDs and has three independent output channels.

Electronic Fluorescent control gear

PCA EXCEL one4all xitec II



PCA EXCEL one4all Ip xitec II and PCA ECO Ip xitec II are digital dimmable electronic control gear for fluorescent lamps. PCA EXCEL one4all Ip xitec II has the option of control via DALI, DSI, switchDIM or SMART and automatically adjusts to the control signal.

It also has a large number of intelligent functions and is therefore suitable for a wide range of applications. PCA ECO Ip xitec II has the option of control via DALI, DSI, switchDIM and SMART and is designed for use in building management systems.

PCA ECO Ip xitec II



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PCA ECO Ip xitec II has the option of control via DALI, DSI, switchDIM and SMART and is designed for use in building management systems.

Electronic HID control gear

PCIS outdoor DIM B011



Very durable HID ballasts designed for outdoor applications. The Interface of the PCIS outdoor DIM B011 ballasts enables DALI, DSI and StepDIM functionality. Depending on the used lamp these ballasts can dim down to 40% to save energy. Fixed output HID ballast with DALI / DSI interface.

Electronic transformers

TE one4all



The TE one4all is an electronic safety transformer for low-voltage halogen lamps. It enables low-voltage halogen lamps to be integrated directly in the DALI circuit and can also fade them up and down.

TE-DC 2 one4all



The TE DC 2 one4all is an electronic safety transformer for low-voltage halogen lamps. It enables low-voltage halogen lamps to be integrated directly in the DALI circuit and can also fade them up and down.

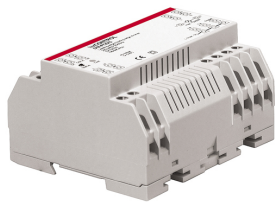
Phase dimmers

DALI PCD 300 one4all



DALI PCD 300 one4all is a digital leading-edge and trailing-edge phase dimmer for ceiling installation. They enable equipment such as electronic or magnetic transformers for low-voltage halogen lamps or incandescent lamps to be integrated in a DALI system.
Connected load for DALI PCD 300 one4all: 30 VA – 300 VA.

DALI PCD/S



DALI PCD/S is a digital leading-edge and trailing-edge phase dimmer for mounting in switching cabinets. They enable equipment such as electronic or magnetic transformers for low-voltage halogen lamps or incandescent lamps to be integrated in a DALI system.
Connected load for DALI PCD/S: 40 VA – 1000 VA.

LED and Fluorescent control gear for emergency lighting

EM PRO EZ-3



LED emergency control gear for a wide range of fluorescent lamps with DALI interface and automatic test function.

EM powerLED PRO EZ-3 1-2W



Maintained LED emergency control gear 1 – 2W with DALI interface and automatic test function.

EM powerLED PRO EZ-3 4W

Non-maintained LED emergency control gear 4W with DALI interface and automatic test function.

Miscellaneous

DALI Repeater



The DALI Repeater is an amplifier module for refreshing the DALI signal. With the DALI Repeater it is possible to increase the maximum length of the DALI control line from 300 m to 600 m.

comfortDIM product series in detail

This chapter provides details of the various comfortDIM products. The topics covered here include functions, connections and programming. For further information on the products please refer to the data sheets and the installation instructions.

DALI power supply

DALI PS / PS1/ PS2



DALI PS, DALI PS1 and DALI PS2 are DALI power supply modules with a rated current of 200 mA or 240 mA (DALI PS2). The modules differ in their casing design; DALI PS and DALI PS2 are suitable for installation in switching cabinets; DALI PS1 is suitable for installation in suspended ceilings or cavities.

The interface of a DALI ballast needs a maximum of 2 mA; for 64 individual addresses this means a current of 128 mA. The remaining 72 mA (or 112 mA in the case of DALI PS2) can be used for supplying DALI control modules without their own power supply (DALI GC, DALI SC etc.).

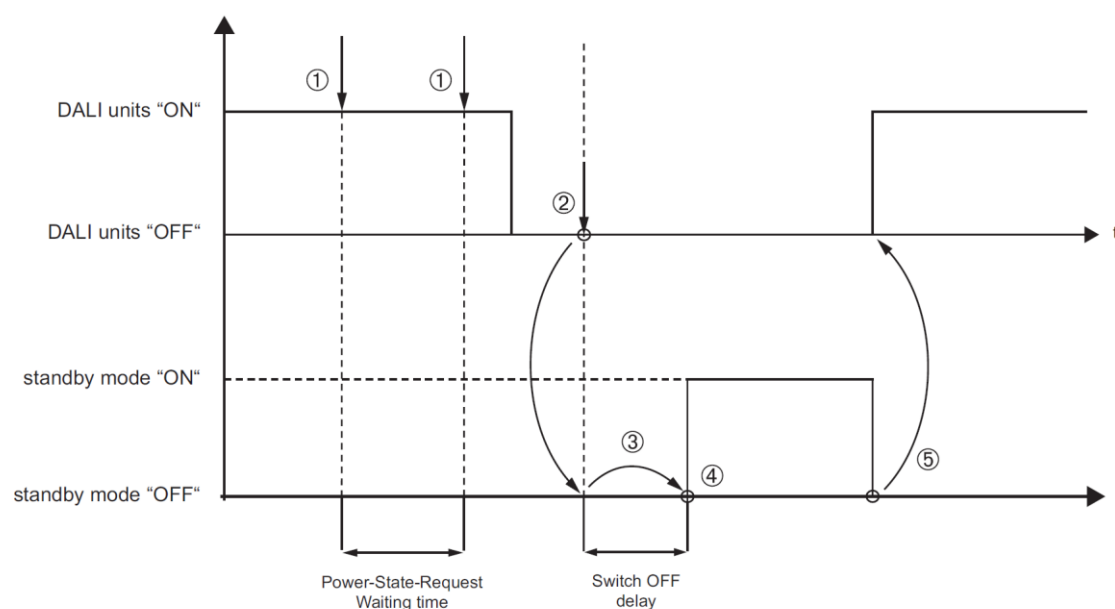
DALI PS2 Standby



DALI PS2 Standby also has a built-in relay contact. To reduce standby losses, the built-in relay disconnects the ballasts from the power supply as soon as all the luminaires have been switched off.

As soon as the DALI PS2 Standby detects that all the luminaires have been switched off it changes to standby mode after a user-definable delay and controls a built-in relay. With the aid of this relay the connected units can be disconnected from the power supply via a contactor. Only the DALI control modules are then still in the DALI circuit. As soon as a DALI control module sends a "Light ON" command the DALI PS2 Standby reverts to normal operating mode and connects the units back to the power supply. The parameters of the DALI PS2 Standby, such as delay, monitoring interval etc. can be set using the masterCONFIGURATOR configuration software (V1.12 or higher) (see Reference list).

Figure: Delay and monitoring intervals



(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Status request for the units from the DALI PS2 Standby	Power Supply detects all units off	Switch-off delay expires (parameter: Switch off delay)	Power Supply switches to standby mode (relay is opened)	"ON" command from a control module; Power Supply leaves standby mode (relay closes)

DALI group controllers: DALI GC & GC-A

Description



DALI-GC is a module that enables dimming commands to be sent to two groups (groups A and B) on the DALI circuit. Any standard momentary switch can be connected to the module. Its compact design means that DALI-GC can be installed together with the standard momentary switches in a flush-mounted box, so set-up of the DALI circuit can be decentralised. Either individual switches or UP/DOWN switches can be used for controlling the groups. The controlled groups are set on a rotary switch on the module.

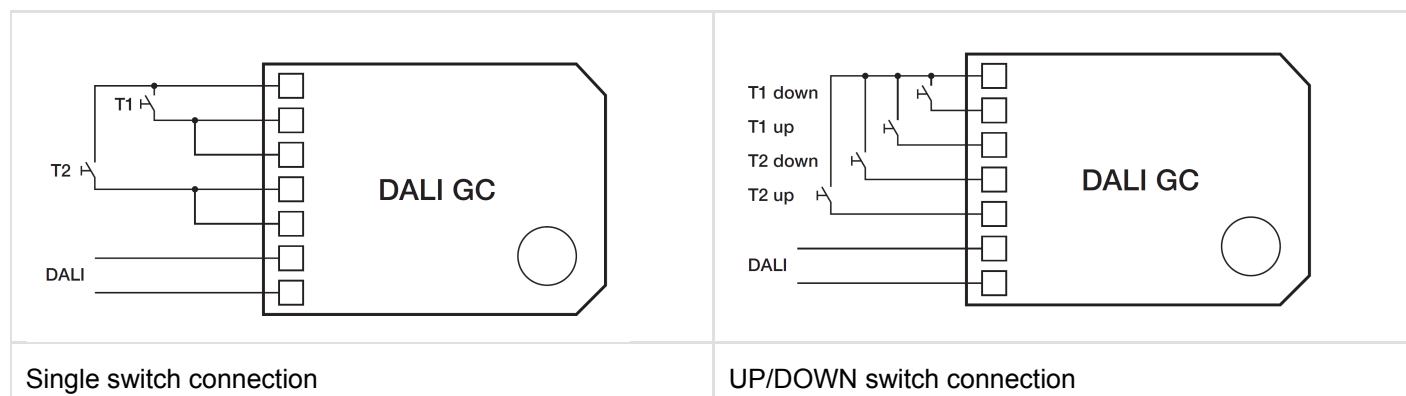
The DALI GC module is multi-master-compatible so several control modules can be used in a DALI circuit. It is also possible to address and group simple DALI circuits with the aid of DALI-GC.

DALI-GC-A is similar to DALI-GC. The only difference is that the programming mode is not activated in DALI-GC-A. This prevents the DALI units from being reprogrammed unintentionally via the switches.

Connection

The DALI-GC switch module is connected directly to the DALI control line and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 6 mA). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity. Either single momentary switches or UP/DOWN momentary switches can be used for controlling a group. If a single switch is used the UP/DOWN connections are simply connected in parallel. It is also possible to operate the two groups (A and B) with different types of momentary switch; for example group A with UP/DOWN switches and group B with a single switch.

Figure: DALI-GC momentary switch connection



⚠ CAUTION!

The DALI circuit is not SELV. This means that the switches and cabling must be suitable for mains voltage.

- ▶ The connection leads between the momentary switches and the DALI-GC must not be lengthened!

Basic functions**Switch group on**

- ▶ Connect standard momentary switch (single switch or double switch) to the DALI GC
- ▶ Press single momentary switch or UP button of double momentary switch briefly
 - Luminaires will be dimmed to maximum
 - Group is switched on

Switch group off

- ▶ Press single momentary switch or UP button of double momentary switch
 - Luminaires will be switched off
 - Group is switched off

Dimm groups

- ▶ Hold down single momentary switch or UP/DOWN button of double momentary switch
 - Luminaires will be switched on (if they were switched off before)
 - Luminaires will be dimmed

Overview of switch functions

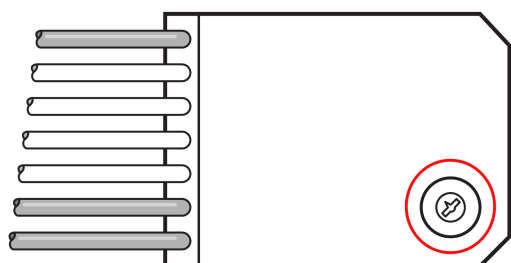
Table: Momentary switch functions double momentary switch

Depress time UP button	Depress time DOWN button	Function
40 to 300 ms		On to max
	40 to 300 ms	Off
> 300 ms	> 300 ms	On (if necessary) / dim

Table: Momentary switch functions single switch

Depress time single switch	Function
40 to 300 ms	On to max / Off
> 300 ms	On (if necessary) / dim

Group assignment



A rotary switch on the back of the module is used for group assignment. The switch setting shown corresponds to group A. Group B is the group immediately following group A.

Table: Group assignment

Rotary switch setting	Group switch 1	Group switch 2
0	Broadcast	1
1	1	2
2	2	3
3...9	3...9	4...10
A...F	10...15	11...16

Example:

Rotary switch setting = 3, therefore:

Switch 1 = group 3, switch 2 = group 4

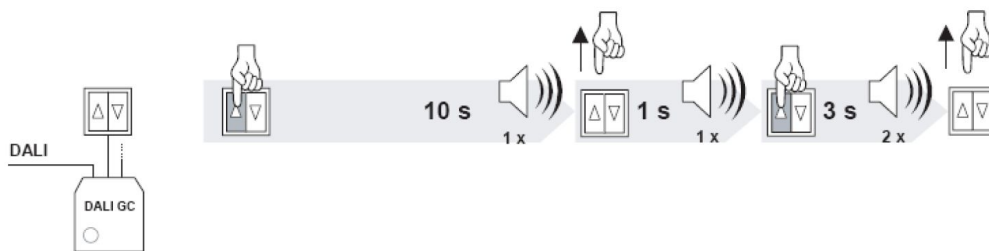
Programming

With the DALI-GC it is also possible to address and configure simple DALI installations. The programming mode is not integrated in DALI-GC-A so there is no chance of reprogramming the DALI units by mistake via the momentary switches.

Start programming mode without deletion of addresses (expansion of the system)

- ▶ Connect standard momentary switch to DALI GC
- ▶ Choose a button and hold down (>10 s)
→ A beep will sound
- ▶ Release button briefly (1s)
→ A beep will sound again
- ▶ Hold button down (1s)
→ Two beeps will sound
- ▶ Release button
→ Device switches to programming mode
→ Current settings (group assignment) won't be deleted

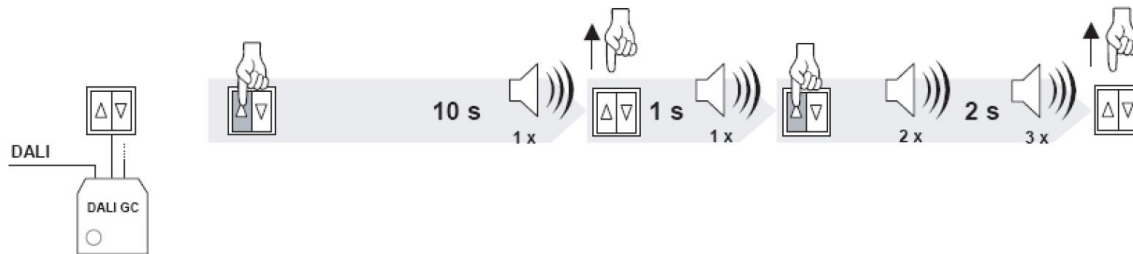
Figure: Programming mode without deleting the addresses



Start programming mode with deletion of addresses (new installation)

- ▶ Connect standard momentary switch to DALI GC
- ▶ Choose a button and hold down (>10 s)
→ A beep will sound
- ▶ Release button briefly (1s)
→ A beep will sound again
- ▶ Hold button down (>3s)
→ Two beeps will sound (after 1s)
→ Three more beeps will sound (after 3s)
- ▶ Release button
→ Device switches to programming mode
→ Current settings (group assignment) will be deleted

Figure: Programming mode with deletion of addresses



NOTICE

In programming mode the system first searches for available DALI devices in the DALI circuit. The devices are addressed as follows:

- ▶ In programming mode with deletion all devices will be automatically addressed
- ▶ In programming mode without deletion only newly detected devices are addressed

During the search operation all the detected luminaires are faded to maximum. When the search has been completed one luminaire (the one selected) will remain at maximum and all the others will be faded to the lowest value.

Selecting luminaires

To attach a luminaire to a group, the luminaire must be selected first.

- ▶ Choose a button of the momentary switch
- ▶ Press button briefly to select a luminaire
 - Selected luminaire is faded to maximum
 - All other luminaires are dimmed to minimum
- ▶ Press button again to select another luminaire

NOTICE

A single luminaire can contain more than one device. If this is the case all devices in the luminaire must be selected separately.

The luminaires are selected in the sequence in which they are found. When you come to the last luminaire in the sequence, the next one selected will be the first luminaire in the sequence again. A selected luminaire can now be assigned to a group.

Assigning a selected luminaire to a group

If a luminaire is assigned to a certain group it reacts to fade commands that come from momentary switches of the same group. The group assigned can be stored in the selected DALI device.

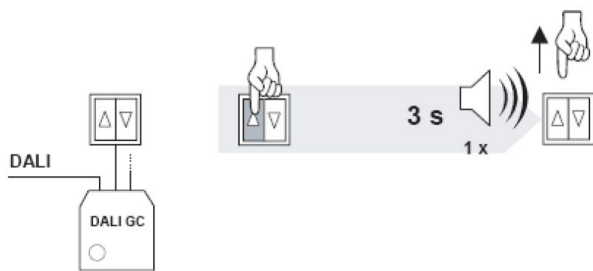
- ▶ Make sure that the right luminaire is selected

DALI group controllers: DALI GC & GC-A

- ▶ Choose a button that is assigned to the right group
- ▶ Hold button down (>3s)
 - A beep will sound
 - The group assigned will be stored in the DALI device
 - Luminaire will react to fade commands coming from the chosen button

The group assigned to a switch (rotary switch setting) can be stored in the selected DALI device by pressing the appropriate momentary switch (for longer than 3 seconds; you will hear a beep). This means that the luminaire will then react to fade commands from this momentary switch.

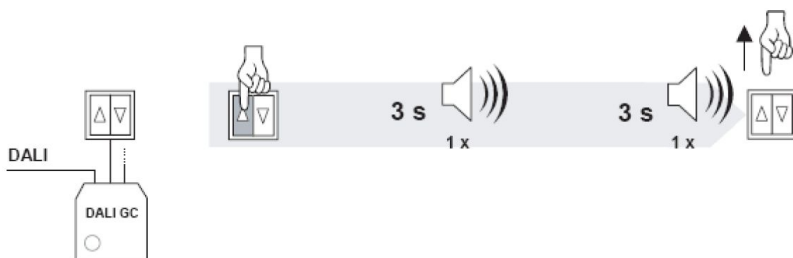
Figure: Group assignment



Removing a luminaire from a group

- ▶ Make sure that the right luminaire is selected
- ▶ Choose a button that is assigned to the right group
- ▶ Hold button down (>6s)
 - First beep will sound (after 3s)
 - Second beep will sound (after another 3s)
 - The group assigned of the button will be deleted
 - Luminaire will not react anymore to fade commands coming from the chosen button

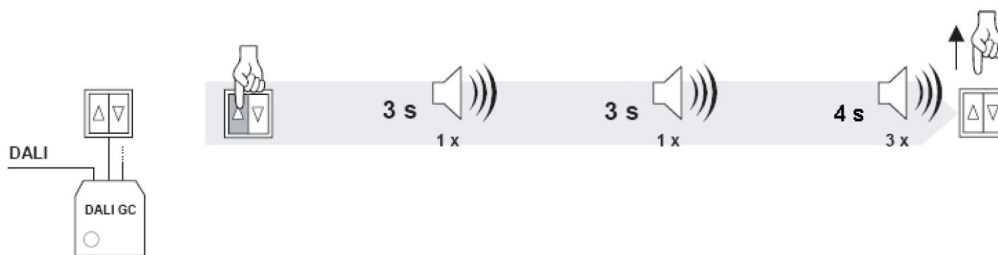
Figure: Removing a luminaire from a group



Finish programming mode

- ▶ Hold button down (>9s)
 - First beep will sound (after 3s)
 - Second beep will sound (after another 3s)
 - Third beep will sound (after another 3s)
- ▶ Release button
 - Programming mode is finished
 - All buttons in the system are back in their normal state

Figure: Finish programming mode



Example: Multiple independent small offices on the same DALI line

Requirement

- ▶ On/off switching via switches
- ▶ Dimming of two groups (window luminaires and corridor luminaires)

Figure: Overview of a small office set-up (left room A / right room B)

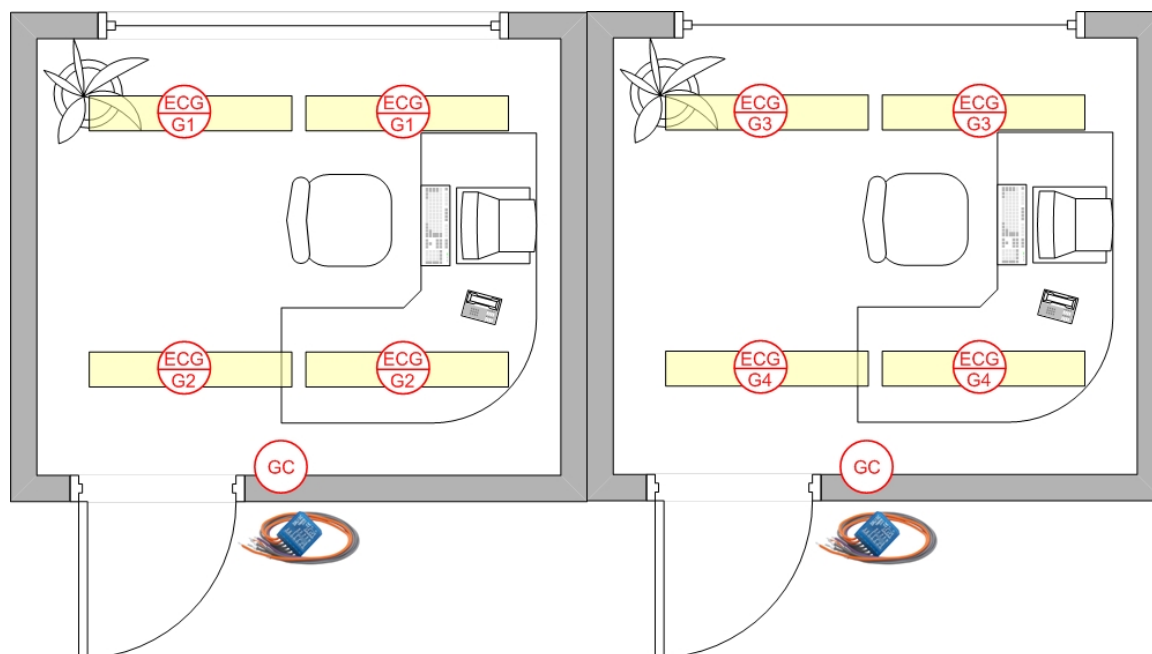
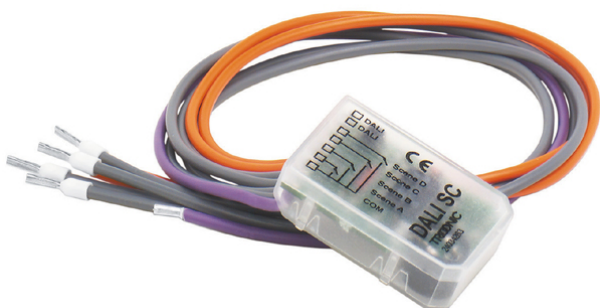


Table: DALI-GC assignment

	Room A	Room B
Window group	Group 1	Group 3
Corridor group	Group 2	Group 4
DALI-GC	Rotary switch setting 1 (Groups 1+2): Group 1 => Switch for window row Group 2 => Switch for corridor row	Rotary switch setting 3 (Groups 3+4): Group 3 => Switch for window row Group 4 => Switch for corridor row

DALI scene controllers: DALI-SC & SC-A

Description



DALI-SC is a module that enables scene selection commands for up to four scenes (A, B, C, D) to be sent to the DALI circuit. Any standard momentary switch can be connected to the module. Its compact design means that DALI-SC can be installed together with the standard momentary switches in a flush-mounted box, so set-up of the DALI circuit can be decentralised.

The scenes are set on a rotary switch on the module.

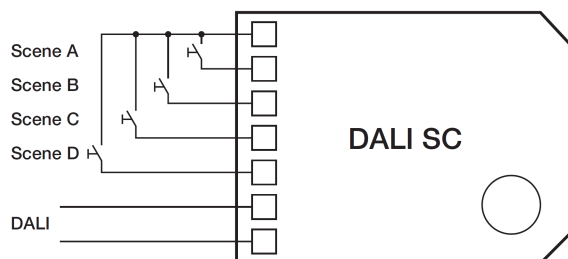
The DALI SC module is multi-master-compatible so several control modules can be used in a DALI circuit.

DALI-SC-A is similar to DALI-SC. The only difference is that the programming mode is not activated in DALI-SC-A. This prevents the DALI units from being reprogrammed unintentionally via the momentary switches.

Connection

The DALI-SC scene module is connected directly to the DALI circuit and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 6 mA). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity.

Figure: DALI-SC switch connection



⚠ CAUTION!

The connection leads between the momentary switches and the DALI-SC must not be lengthened. The DALI circuit is not SELV. This means that the switches and cabling must be suitable for mains voltage.

Basic functions

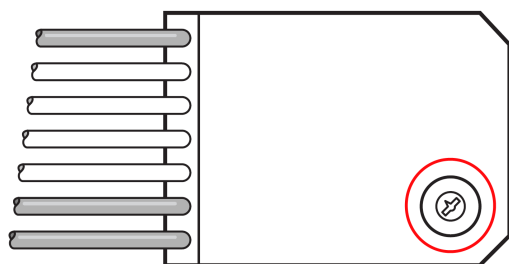
- ▶ Press momentary switch briefly
 - The scene which is assigned to the momentary switch will be retrieved

A scene is assigned to each of the four momentary switches. The scene selections are broadcast to all the luminaires on the DALI circuit.

Table: Switch function

Switch depression	Function
40 ms...1 s	Selection of the scene assigned to the switch

Scene assignment



A rotary switch on the back of the module is used for scene assignment. The switch setting shown corresponds to scene A. Scenes B, C and D immediately follow scene A.

Table: Scene assignment

Rotary switch setting	Scene switch 1	Scene switch 4	Scene switch 3	Scene switch 4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	3	4	5
3	3	4	5	6
4...9	4...9	5...10	6...11	7...12
A...F	10...15	11...16	12...1	13...2
0	16	1	2	3

Example:

Switch setting = 3, therefore:

Switch 1 = scene 3, switch 2 = scene 4, switch 3 = scene 5, switch 4 = scene 6

Programming

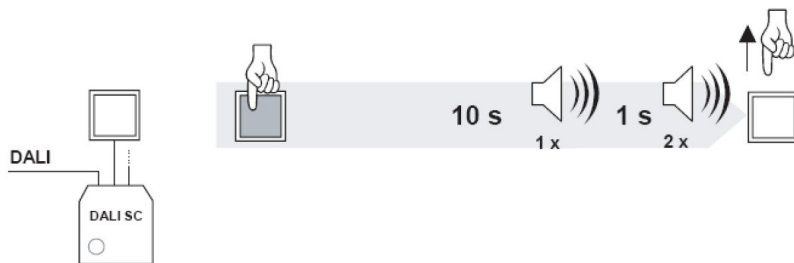
Save scene

- ▶ Hold down momentary switch (>10s)
 - A beep will sound
- ▶ Press momentary switch (1s)
 - Current light value of all luminaires will be stored as scene value
 - Scene number of the momentary switch will be assigned to the scene
 - Scene can be activated with the chosen momentary switch

NOTICE

The light value can be changed with any DALI control (e.g. DALI GC).
The programming mode is not integrated in DALI-SC-A so there is no chance of reprogramming the DALI units by mistake via the switches.

Figure: Scene assignment



Example: Conference room

Requirement

- ▶ On/off switching via switches
- ▶ Dimming of two groups (linear luminaires and low-voltage halogen spotlights)
- ▶ Retrieval of user-defined lighting scenes (e.g. the presentation scene)

Figure: Overview of a conference room set-up

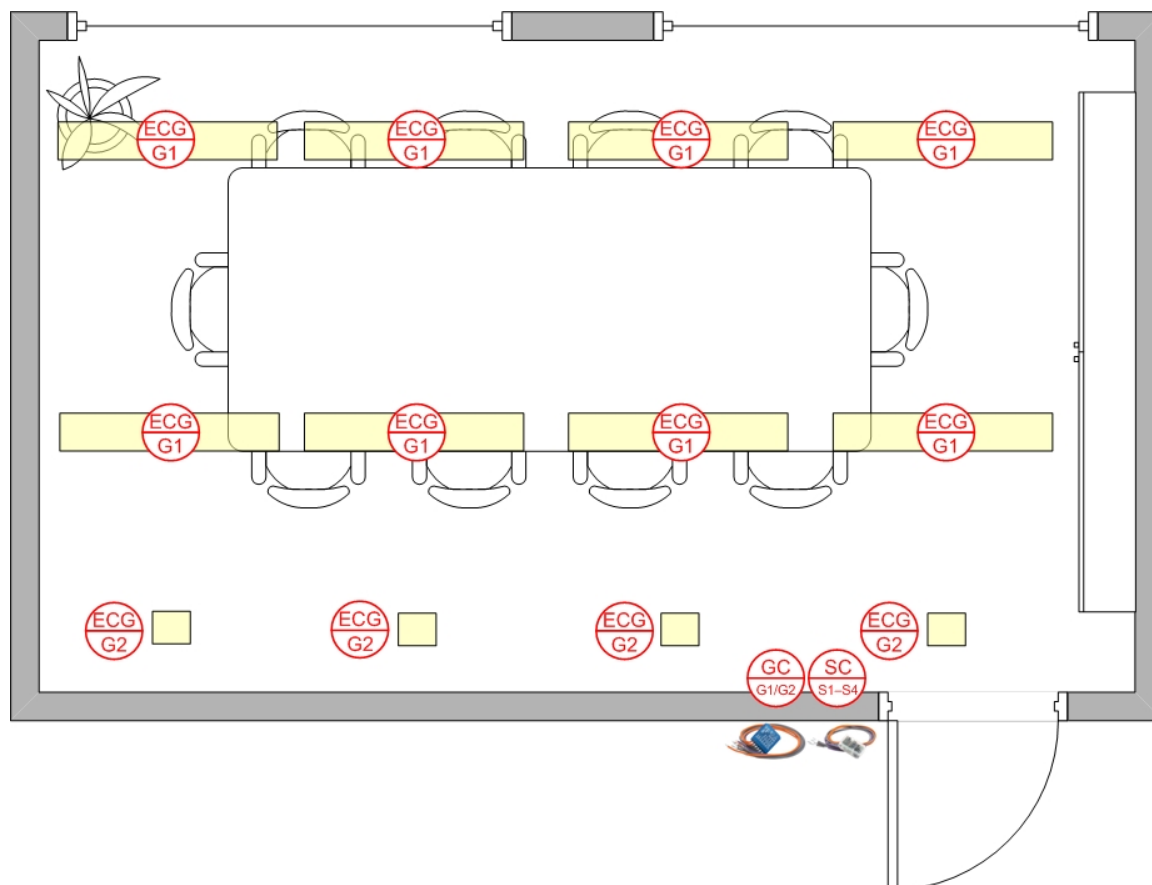


Table: DALI-GC and SC assignment

	Conference room
Linear luminaires	Group 1
Halogen spotlights	Group 2
DALI-GC	Rotary switch setting 1 (Groups 1+2): Group 1 => Switch for linear luminaires Group 2 => Switch for halogen spotlights
DALI-SC	Rotary switch setting 1 (Scenes 1-4): Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100% Scene 3 => Presentation Scene 4 => Meeting

DALI multi controller: DALI MC

Description



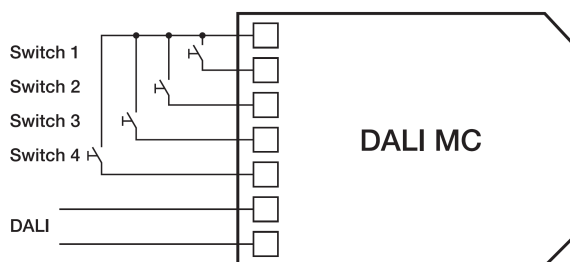
The DALI MC is a multifunctional control module for the DALI circuit. It has four independent inputs with freely configurable functions. Any standard switches compatible with mains voltage can be connected to the module. It is also possible to control the inputs of the DALI MC via relays.

There is also the option of providing a power supply monitoring system with the DALI MC. When the power supply returns a predefined lighting status is retrieved by the DALI MC. Its compact design means that the DALI MC can be installed together with standard switches in a flush-mounted box. The DALI circuit can therefore be decentralised.

The four inputs are configured by means of masterCONFIGURATOR (see Reference list).

The DALI MC module is multi-master-compatible so several control modules can be used in a DALI circuit.

Connection



The DALI MC switch module is connected directly to the DALI control line and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 6 mA). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity.

⚠ CAUTION!

The connection leads between the switch or button and the DALI MC must not be longer than 50 cm.
The DALI circuit is not SELV. This means that the switches and cabling must be suitable for mains voltage.

Function

The behaviour of each of the four inputs can be defined with the aid of the masterCONFIGURATOR software. Possible settings are:

The input functions as

- ▶ a push to make switch
- ▶ a standard switch
- ▶ a changeover switch
- ▶ a stairwell switch
- ▶ a push to make switch that calls up a predefined sequence of DALI commands (macro)

In addition to defining the function you can set further parameters to select the destination address for which the function is intended (broadcast, group or individual address) and the type of DALI command to be performed.

Example: On/off switch

Destination address	Group 1
Function	Switch
DALI command	“Recall max. Level” when switched on and “OFF” when switched off

Configuration by masterCONFIGURATOR

The masterCONFIGURATOR has its own separate documentation (see Reference list).

Table: Explanation of parameters for functions

Function	Description
1) Push-button: short or long = 1 * command X	Briefly pressing or holding down the push-button will send command X one time.
2) Push-button: short = 1 * command X, long = 1 * command X then 1 * command Y	» Briefly pressing the push-button will send command X one time. » Holding down the push-button will send command X once, and then command Y once.
3) Push-button: short = 1 * command X, long = 1 * command X then repeatedly command Y	» Briefly pressing the push-button will send command X one time. » Holding down the push-button will send command X once, and then command Y repeatedly.
4) Push-button: short = 1 * command X, long = repeatedly command Y	» Briefly pressing the push-button will send command X one time. » Holding down the push-button will repeatedly send command Y.
5) Push-button (toggle): short or long = toggle between command X and Y	Briefly pressing or holding down the push-button will alternate between sending commands X and Y.
6) Push-button (toggle): short or long = toggle between command X and Y, lighting-based	Briefly pressing or holding down the push-button will alternate between sending commands X and Y. The command sent in each case depends on the status of the lighting: » If the lighting was previously switched off, command X is sent. » If the lighting was previously switched on, command Y is sent.
7) Push-button (dimming key): short = toggle between command X and Y, long = dimming, lighting-based	SwitchDIM mode » Briefly pressing on the dimming key will alternate between sending commands X and Y. The command sent in each case depends on the status of the lighting. » If the lighting was previously switched off, command X is sent. » If the lighting was previously switched on, command Y is sent. Holding down the dimmer switch dims or brightens the lighting.
8) Switch: close = command X, open = command Y	» When the switch is closed, command X is sent. » When the switch is opened, command Y is sent.
9) Changeover switch: close = command X, open = command Y, lighting-based	Each time the switch is pressed, the commands X and Y are sent in alternating order. The command sent in each case depends on the status of the lighting: » If the lighting was previously switched off, command X is sent. » If the lighting was previously switched on, command Y is sent.

10) Stairwell function: close = command X, start run-on time, run-on time elapsed = command Y	If the push-button is pressed, command X is sent and the run-on time starts. Once the run-on time has elapsed, command Y is sent.
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Table: Macro description

Macro	Description
Macro 1: Go home	Delayed light off (slow fade down)
Macro 2: MSensor automatic	Lighting control for the selected DALI MSensor is activated
Macro 3: Sequential scene recall	The next scene is called up each time button connected to the input is pressed. At the end of the sequence the process starts again from the beginning.
Macro 4: Dynamic scene	Pressing the button calls up a sequence of four scenes. The cross-fade time and dwell time can be freely defined for each scene.
Macro 5: DALI-Reset	Reset for the defined devices. As an option all the DALI addresses can be deleted
Macro 6: e-Power ON Level	Sets the Power ON Level of the DALI ballast to the predefined value. DALI devices that do not support this function ignore the command
Macro 7: PCA compatibility	Sets the "PCA compatibility" parameter in PCA EXCEL Ip devices of generation xitec I to the predefined value. DALI devices that do not support this function ignore the command
Macro 8: User-defined DALI commands	This macro executes a COT file that can be created by the user.

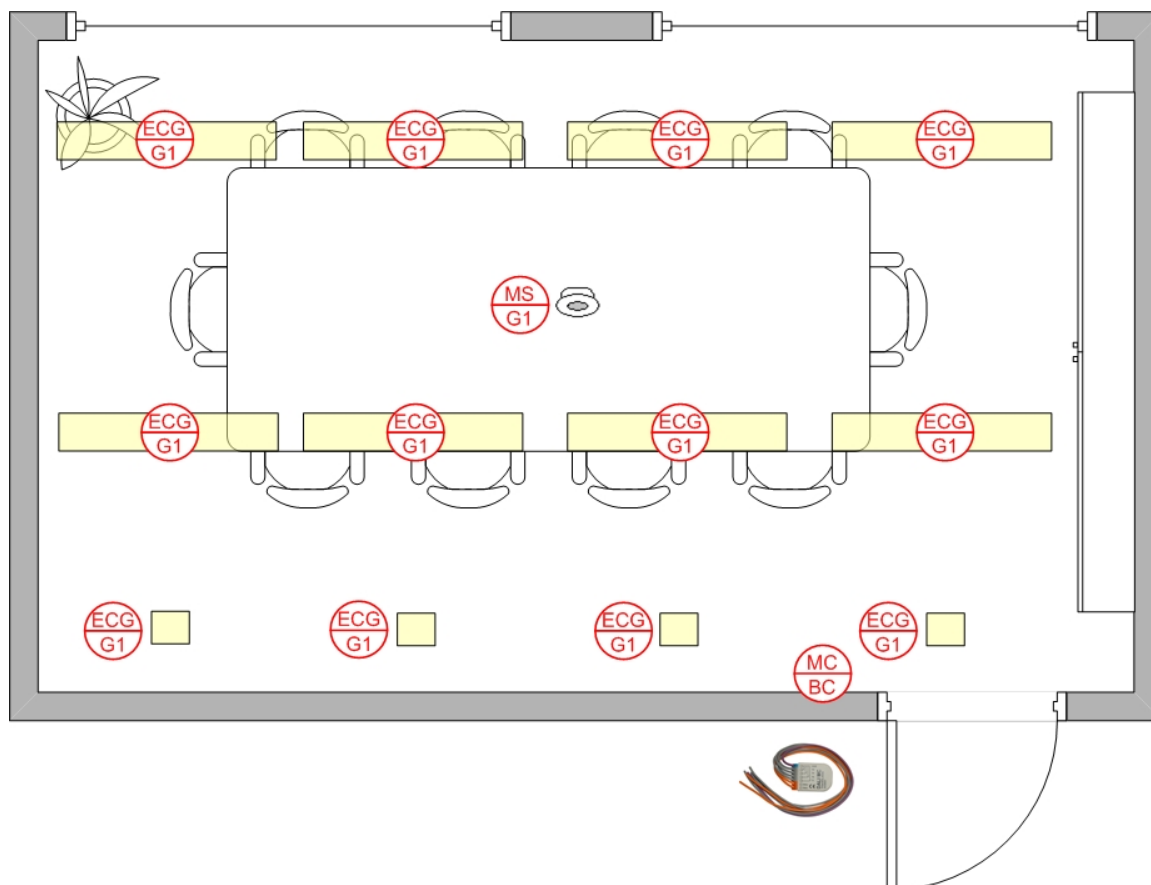
For an explanation of the commands see Appendix / Important DALI parameters and DALI commands.

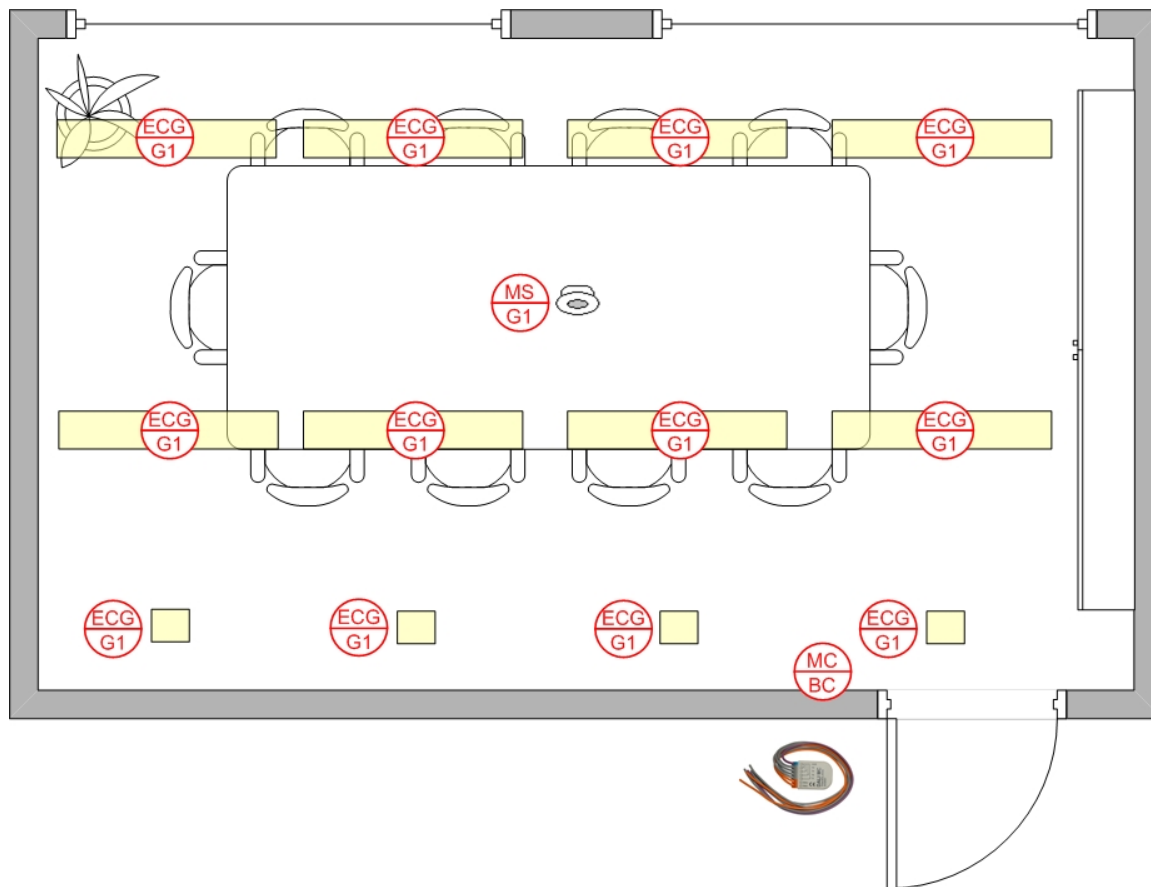
Default setting

The DALI MC has the following factory default input settings:

Table 3: Default settings

	Input 1	Input 2	Input 3	Input 4
Destination address	Broadcast	Broadcast	Broadcast	Broadcast
Function	Button: CmdX on press, repeats CmdY on long press	Button: CmdX on press, repeats CmdY on long press	Button: sends CmdX	Macro 2: MSensor automatic
CmdX	RECALL MAX	OFF	RECALL SCENE 1	-
CmdY	STEP UP	STEP DOWN	-	-





Example: Conference room with DALI MSensor and DALI MC

Requirement

- ▶ Switch on via momentary switch
- ▶ Switch off via motion detector (off-only function)
- ▶ Daylight-dependent control of illuminance
- ▶ Retrieval of user-defined lighting scenes (e.g. the presentation scene)

Figure: Overview of a conference room set-up

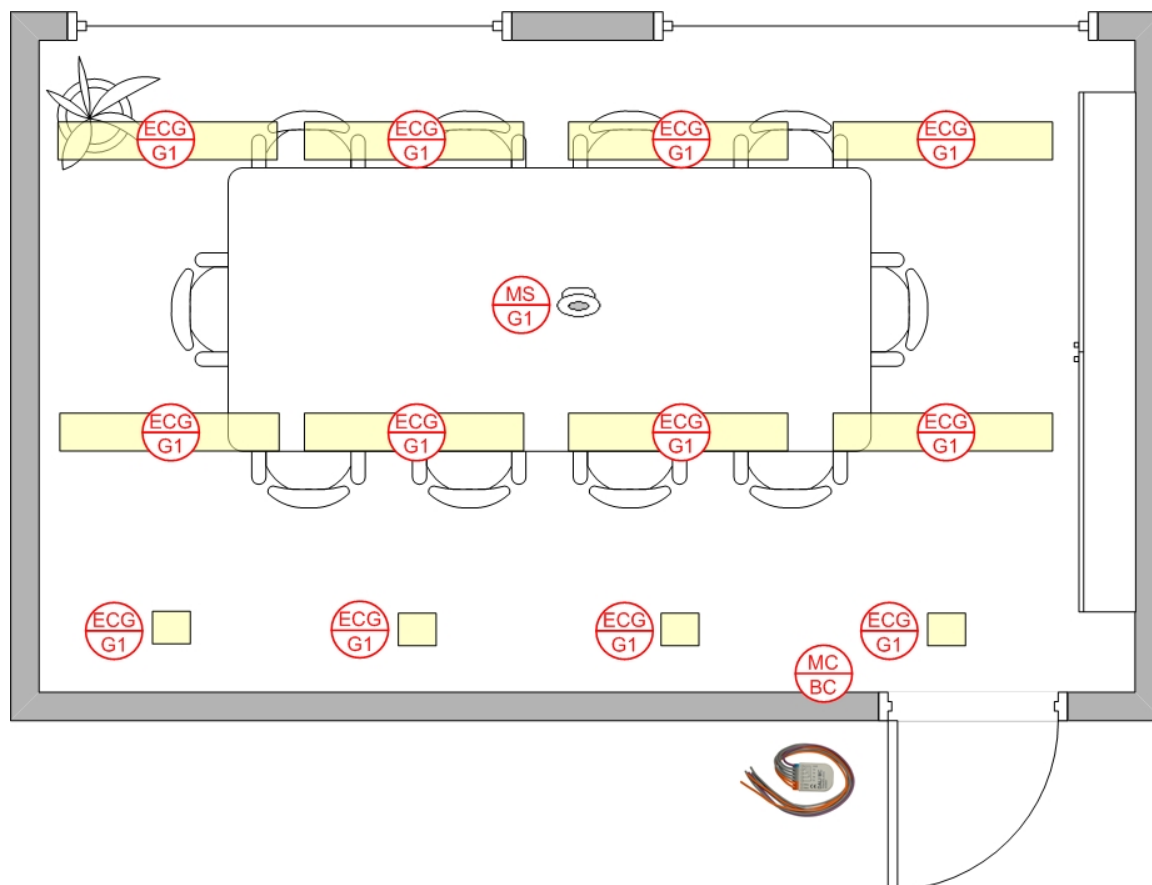


Table: Assignment of DALI MSensor and DALI MC

Controls	Assignment
DALI MSensor	Luminaire group: Group 1 Rotary switch setting 1 (Groups 1):
DALI MC	Input 1: Destination address: Broadcast Function: Macro 2: MSensor automatic Inputs 2-4: Destination address: Broadcast Function: Button Command: Go to Scene 1-3

DALI TOUCHPANEL 02

Description



The DALI-TOUCHPANEL 02 is a multi-functional device for the DALI circuit. It combines the functions of DALI-GC and DALI-SC in a single module and has six freely definable buttons. The six buttons are configured using the masterCONFIGURATOR (since V2.6) (see Reference list).

The following configurations are possible:

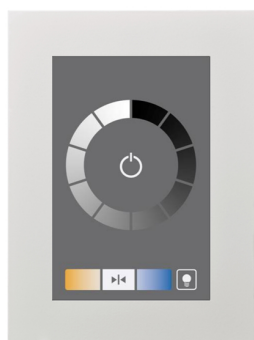
- ▶ On/off switching of individual addresses, groups or broadcast
- ▶ Up/down fading of individual addresses, groups or broadcast
- ▶ Scene selections

The DALI TOUCHPANEL 02 offers a high degree of design flexibility. The user interface can be customized with interchangeable layout cards.



The DALI TOUCHPANEL 02 is multi-master-compatible, which means that several control modules can be installed in parallel in a DALI system.

Via the software masterCONFIGURATOR (since V2.6) it is possible to configure the panel for tunable white applications. The layout is configurable to control individual addresses, groups or broadcast.



Connection

The DALI TOUCHPANEL 02 is connected directly to the DALI circuit and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 6 mA in normal operation and 10 mA in service mode). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity.

Basic functions

Figure: Button assignments of the factory layout

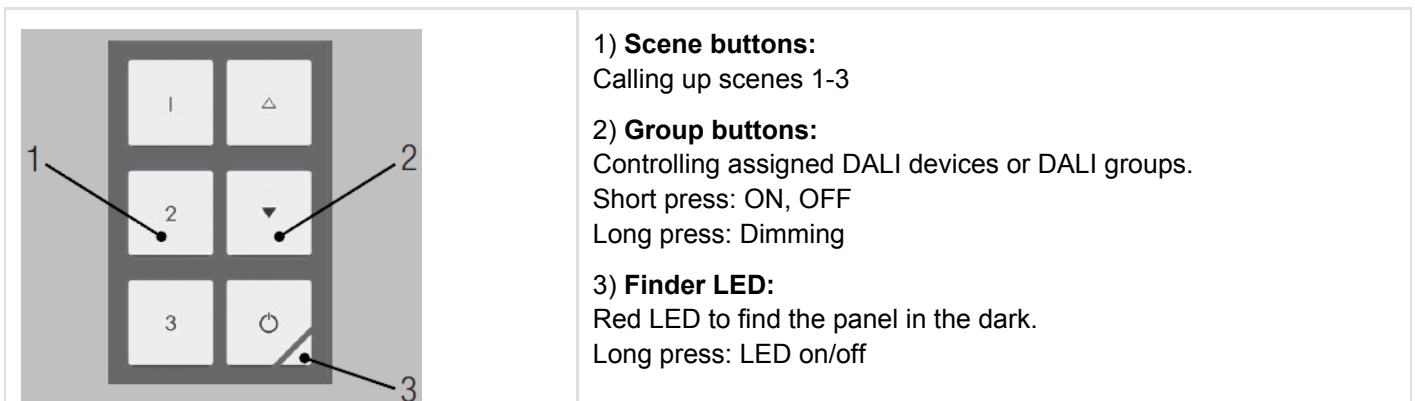
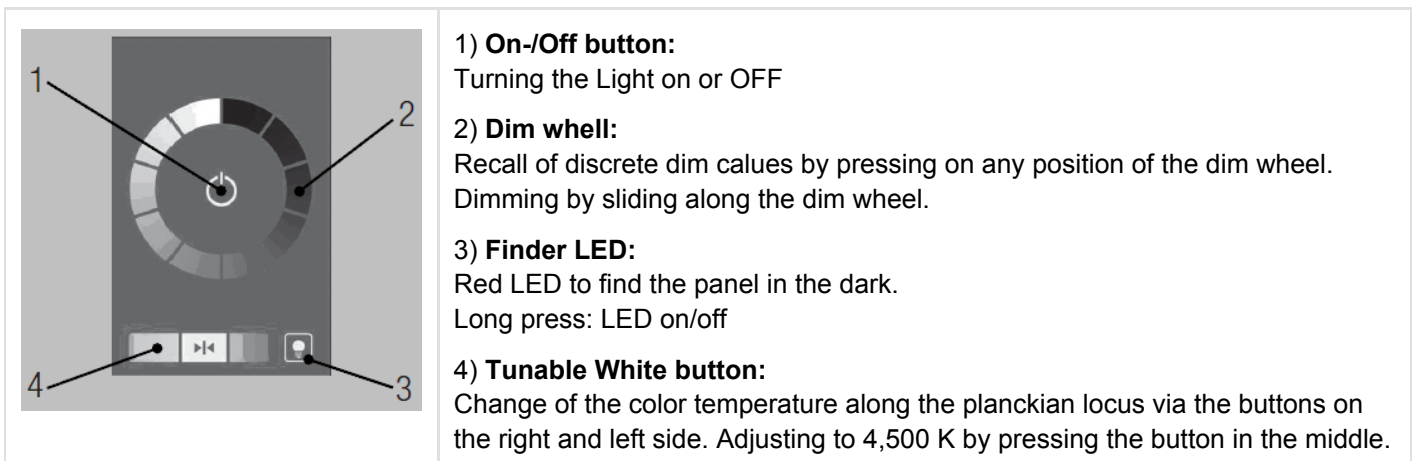


Figure: Button assignments of the tunable white layout



Configuration by software

The masterCONFIGURATOR (since V2.6) software can be used to assign each of the buttons on the DALI-TOUCHPANEL 02. The DALI circuit can also be configured with the masterCONFIGURATOR (addressing, grouping, etc.). In addition to the masterCONFIGURATOR (since V2.6) software you will need a DALI USB for the connection between the computer and the DALI circuit.

The masterCONFIGURATOR has its own separate documentation (see Reference list).

Table: Parameters for the dimming mode

Dimming mode selection	Short press	Long press
Toggle ON/OFF	Toggles between the selected ON command and OFF command	
Dim up only	Ignored	On (if necessary) / fade up
Dim up and on for short press	Perform the selected ON command	On (if necessary) / fade up
Dim down only	Ignored	Fade down
Dim down and off for short press	Perform the selected OFF command	Fade down
Toggle up/down	Ignored	Toggle between fade up and fade down
Toggle up/down and on/off for short press	Toggles between the selected ON command and OFF command	Toggle between fade up and fade down

NOTICE

Selecting ON or OFF in dimming mode not only allows you to switch the lighting on or off, you can also select which specific command for ON or OFF will be sent. ON and OFF are therefore variables.

Example: Configuring the scene 1 button

Logical address	Broadcast
Dimming mode	toggle ON/OFF
ON/OFF command	ON command: "Go to scene 1" / OFF command: "Go to scene 1"

Each time the button is pressed the command "Go to scene 1" is sent.

Example: Conference room Requirement**Requirements**

- ▶ On/off switching at the door
- ▶ Dimming of all the lights (broadcast) at the control panel near the window
- ▶ Retrieval of user-defined lighting scenes (e.g. the presentation scene) at the control panel near the window

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DALI TOUCHPANEL 02

Figure: Overview of a conference room set-up

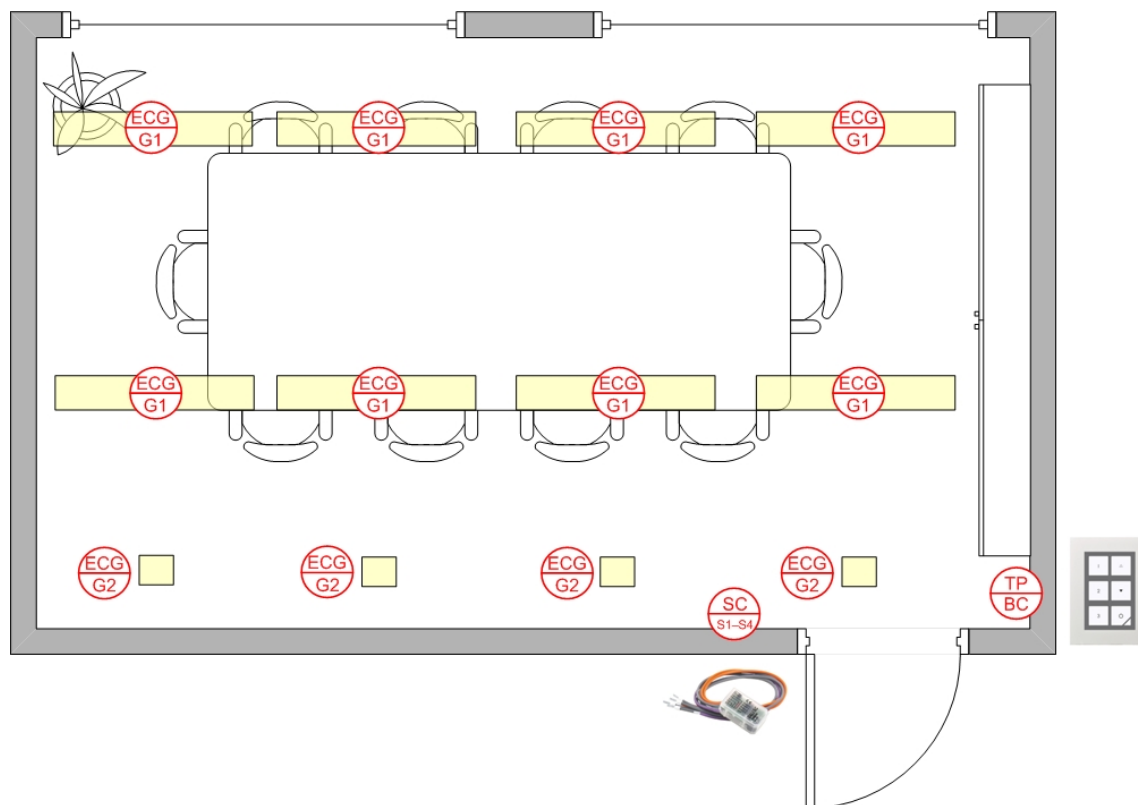


Table: DALI-SC and TOUCHPANEL assignment

	Conference room
Linear luminaires	Group 1
Halogen spotlights	Group 2
DALI-SC (control panel near door)	Rotary switch position 1 (scene 1-4): Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100% Scenes 3 and 4 => not used
DALI-TOUCHPANEL (control panel near window)	Touchpanel layout 1: Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100% Scene 3 => Presentation Up button => Fade up both groups Down button => Fade down both groups OFF button => Switch off the lighting

DALI x/e-touchPANEL 02

Basic, Colour, Plug Operating Modes

Design and functions

In the Basic, Colour and Plug operating mode the x/e-touchPANEL is an operating device and controller for DALI lighting systems. The x-touch software that is controlled using a colour touch-screen is integrated into the x/e-touchPANEL. It is possible to use it in combination with comfortDIM series controllers.

The x-touch software provides the following functions:

- ▶ Operating modes
 - » Basic for white light applications
 - » Colour for RGBW applications
 - » Plug for simple RGBW applications with preconfigured operating devices where the addressing is already set using coded connectors
- ▶ Configuration of
 - » 16 scenes
 - » 99 light sources
 - » 7 time-controlled schedules
 - » 1 calendar-controlled schedule list
 - » DT 8 (Tunable White)
- ▶ Real-time clock/calendar
- ▶ Configuration of the buttons for manual call-up
- ▶ Design of the buttons for manual call-up
- ▶ Manual switching and dimming
- ▶ Frame light and adjustable display light
- ▶ Communication via interfaces:
 - » USB
 - » Ethernet (TCP/IP)

Table: Properties x/e-touchPANEL

Property	x/e-touchPANEL
Number of DALI lines	2
Connection	Maximum 128 DALI operating devices
Bus supply	External
Interfaces	USB, Ethernet
Frame light	yes
Display light	Always ON or automatically dimmed 2 min. after last activation.

x-touch software

The following explanations will help you understand the x-touch software.

Tale: Designation x-touch software

Designation	Meaning
Operating device	DALI operating device
Group (G)	The x-touch software communicates with the operating devices (max. 64 per DALI line) via groups (max. 16). A group can be switched and dimmed individually. Groups can also include EM, HID, LV, INC, CONF, LED or Somfy operating devices.
Zone (Z)	Zones are only used in the Colour operating mode. One zone consists of four predefined groups representing the colours red, green, blue and white.
Scene (S)	A scene is used to save a lighting situation defined by the setting of one or several groups.
Sequence (SQ)	Several scenes are saved in a time-specific order in a sequence.
Day plan (SDL)	One or several sequences and/or scenes are saved in a time-specific order in a schedule. A schedule starts automatically every 24 hours at a preset time of the day.
Week plan (SDLL)	Each schedule is assigned to one weekday. In this way, a schedule list is created for the calendar-controlled, uninterruptible automation of lighting situations.
Scheduler	When Scheduler is activated, it appears in the Home menu and enables a sequence, schedule list and schedule to be controlled manually (Start, Pause, Stop and Off).

Basic operating mode

Typical application examples for the Basic operating mode are rooms where mostly white light is used, e.g. public rooms, production halls, restaurants and hotels.

You can define a maximum of

- ▶ 16 groups with a total of 128 devices
- ▶ 16 scenes
- ▶ 99 sequences
- ▶ 7 schedules
- ▶ 1 schedule list

Colour operating mode

All colours of the RGB colour space are the result of the addition of the basic colours red, green and blue (RGB). For a better representation of white light an additional white light source is used (RGBW colour mixing). The colour control of a lighting system is performed in the Colour operating mode. The Colour operating mode is different from the standard Basic operating mode with respect to the grouping of the operating devices.

In the x-touch software, each RGB-/RGBW operating device is assigned to the colour scale (red, green, blue, white) of a zone. Four zones with 4 colour scales are available. The colour scale of a zone corresponds to a group. In the Home menu, the white light can be switched and dimmed via groups 1 to 4.

The table shows the assignment of the 16 groups to the four colours of the individual zones. Zone assignment is automatically controlled by the software.

	W(hite)	R(ed)	G(reen)	B(lue)
Zone 1	1	5	6	7
Zone 2	2	8	9	10
Zone 3	3	11	12	13
Zone 4	4	14	15	16

Typical application examples for the Colour operating mode are rooms where mainly RGBW operating devices are used to implement freely design colour changes and colour effects, e.g. in shop windows, bars and exhibition spaces.

You can define a maximum of

- ▶ 4 zones with the 4 colours red, green, blue and white with a total of 128 devices
- ▶ 16 scenes for white light
- ▶ 8 colour scenes
- ▶ 99 sequences
- ▶ 7 schedules
- ▶ 1 schedule list

Plug operating mode

With the Plug operating mode only one zone is used with the groups 1-4. The groups represent the colours red, green, blue and white. The assignment to a group is done via a connector on the operating device. The classification into scenes is not possible.

Emergency Operating Mode

Design and functions

Up to 120 DALI emergency units can be controlled and monitored with the x/e-touchPANEL in Emergency operating mode. In addition, the emergency lighting tests prescribed in the relevant standards can be performed automatically. The test results are recorded in a log file for verification.

The x/e-touchPANEL with a colour touch-screen provides the following functions for operating the emergency units:

- ▶ Addressing and grouping
- ▶ Identification
- ▶ Manual tests
- ▶ Time-controlled function and duration tests
- ▶ User-friendly software

A frame light is integrated in the x/e-touchPANEL. It supports the status line of the system.

Use with Emergency operating mode

The x/e-touchPANEL in Emergency operating mode may only be used for controlling the emergency lighting of single battery powered emergency lighting systems. It can control a maximum of 120 emergency units.

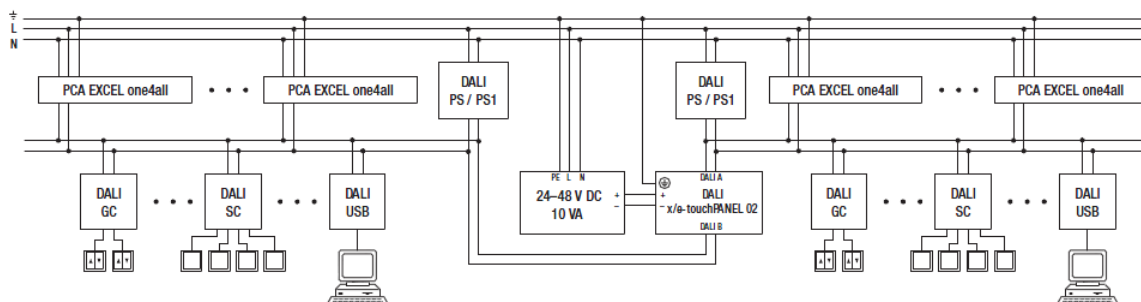
Only the following emergency lighting modules may be connected:

- ▶ EM PRO
- ▶ EM powerLED PRO

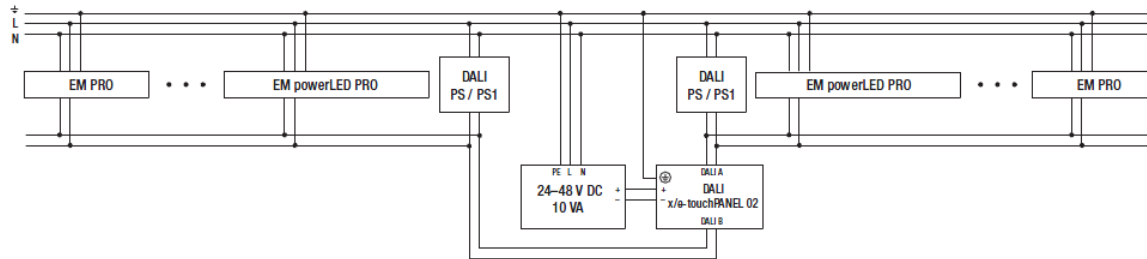
Connection

The x/e-touchPANEL 02 is directly connected to the DALI circuit. The DALI x/e-touchPANEL02 has a current draw of 2 mA in the DALI circuit. The unit must be connected to the ac power supply via the supplied power supply unit.

Wiring diagram. Basic, Colour, Plug Operating Modes



Wiring diagram: Emergency Operating Mode



NOTICE

For more information on x-touchBOX and x-touchPANEL see the relevant operating instructions and data sheets (see Reference list).

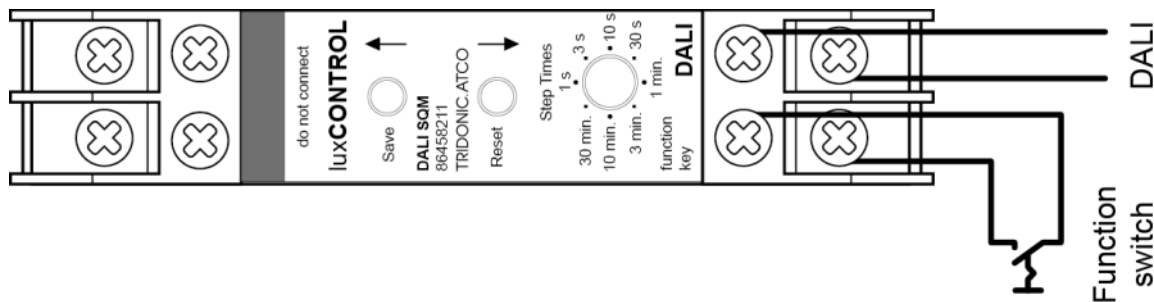
DALI sequencer module: DALI SQM

Description



The SQM sequencer module enables a predefined time-controlled sequence to run automatically. The DALI SQM constantly sends DALI signals with the set “step time”. These are broadcast-addressed scene calls. DALI scenes 0 to 15 can be called up. The end scene, after which scene 0 is called up again, can be programmed and set to DALI scene 7 on delivery. This means that a sequence of eight scenes is recalled.

Connection



The DALI SQM is connected directly to the DALI circuit and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 9 mA). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity.

Basic functions

Start sequence DALI SQM

- ▶ Connect a floating contact / switch
- ▶ Press switch
 - Sequence is started

Set delay time

- ▶ Turn rotary switch to desired position (shortest time: 1 second, longest time: 30 minutes)

Set number of scenes in the sequence

- ▶ Press UP button to increase number of scenes in the sequence by one
- ▶ Press DOWN button to decrease number of scenen in the sequence by one
- ▶ Hold DOWN button down to save number of scenes

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By default 8 scenes are preset. A maximum of 16 scenes can be set.

Switch off light

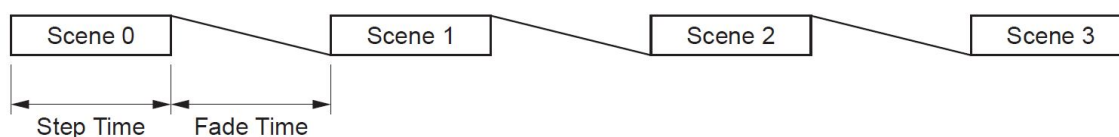
- ▶ Hold DOWN button down to switch off the connected luminaires

The DALI SQM is activated via a floating contact. When the contact is closed the module is active and continually sends DALI scene calls. The delay time between the scene calls (step time) can be set on a rotary switch on the module (shortest time 1 second, longest time 30 minutes). A switch on the module allows you to select the scene after which the sequence starts from the beginning again. The brightness values for the different scenes are set with the DALI GC and SC or via the masterCONFIGURATOR.

Cross-fade the DALI SQM

Cross-fading from scene to scene is determined by the fade time of the DALI ballasts. The range is from 0.7 seconds to 90.5 seconds and is set via the masterCONFIGURATOR software. For more information on setting the fade time please refer to the operating instructions for the masterCONFIGURATOR (see Reference list).

Figure: DALI SQM cross-fade



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If the step time is less than the fade time the next scene will be selected even if the scene has not been completed.

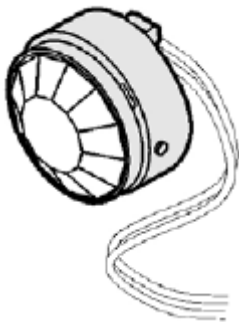
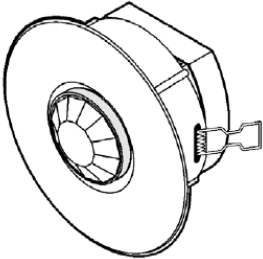
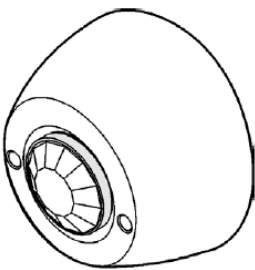
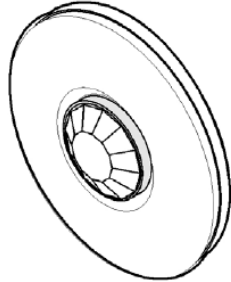
DALI MSensor 02

Description

The DALI MSensor 02 is a digital controller in the comfortDIM product range that can be used to control the control gear of a DALI group collectively. The sensor combines three functions in one control device:

- ▶ Constant light control
- ▶ Presence-based control
- ▶ Remote control

The DALI MSensor 02 is available in four different housing designs:

			
Fitted in luminaire	Recessed into ceiling	Surface-mounted	Box-mounted

The DALI MSensor 02 is designed for the following principal applications:

- ▶ Individual offices
- ▶ Open-plan offices
- ▶ Training/presentation rooms
- ▶ Corridors, passageways and garages

The DALI MSensor 02 either controls all the units on the DALI circuit or a DALI group. The DALI MSensor 02 is Multi-master compatible, i.e. it can be used in conjunction with other DALI controllers in the comfortDIM product range. This allows the DALI MSensor 02 to be addressed and grouped in the same way as DALI control gear and makes it easy to configure the system.

The DALI MSensors 02 is configured in the masterCONFIGURATOR software (V2.02. or later) (see Reference list).

Connection

The DALI MSensor 02 is connected directly to the DALI circuit and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 6 mA). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity.

Functions

The DALI MSensor 02 has the following functions and user interfaces:

- ▶ Constant light control by means of ambient light sensor
- ▶ Presence-based control by means of PIR motion sensor or presence detector
- ▶ Remote control via an infrared input for two different IR remote controls

Individual office rooms

Requirements

- ▶ Switch on and switch off by means of momentary-action switch
- ▶ Switch off by means of motion sensor
- ▶ Ambient light control of illuminance

Figure: Overview of individual office rooms

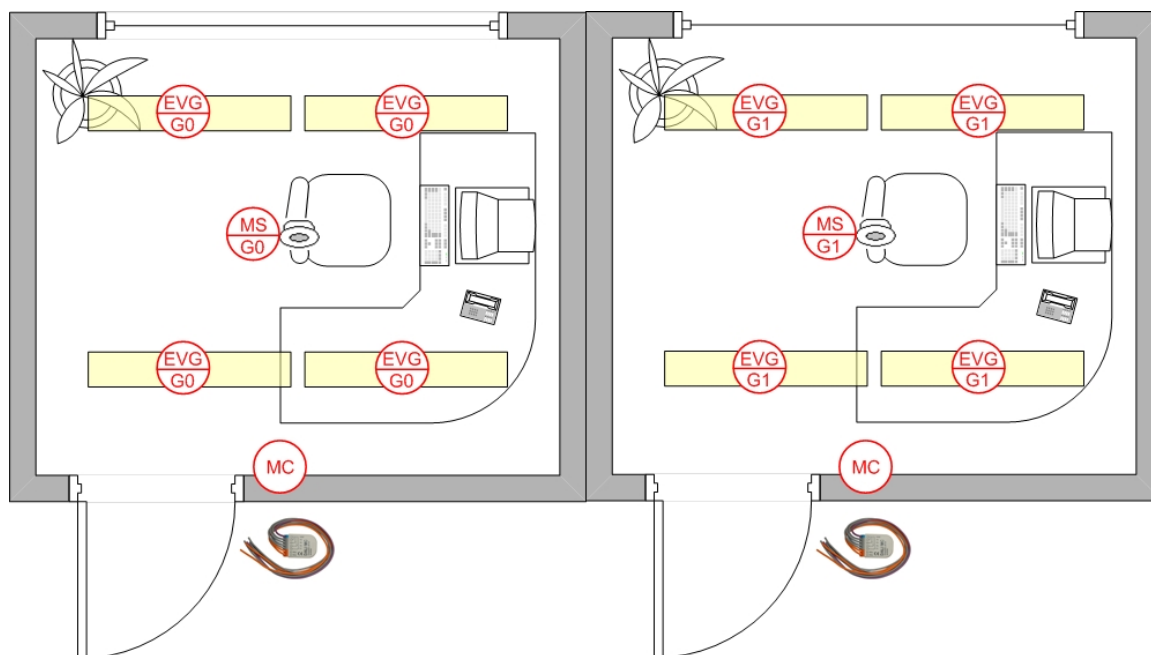


Table: Grouping/configuration

	Room A	Room B
MSensor	Group 0 (switch position 1) Configuration: Scene 0: Automatic control	Group 1 (switch position 2) Configuration: Scene 1: Automatic control
DALI MC	The DALI MC is used to switch on light control and to switch off the lighting » Activation of light control with scene recall » Switch off with OFF Configuration of input 1: Target: Group 0 Function: Momentary-action switch Command X: Recall scene 0 Configuration of input 2: Target: Group 0 Function: Momentary-action switch Command X: OFF	The DALI MC is used to switch on light control and to switch off the lighting » Activation of light control with scene recall » Switch off with OFF Configuration of input 1: Target: Group 1 Function: Momentary-action switch Command X: Recall scene 1 Configuration of input 2: Target: Group 1 Function: Momentary-action switch Command X: OFF

Corridor

Requirements

- ▶ Switch on and switch off using motion sensor
- ▶ Ambient light control of illuminance
- ▶ Corridor and staircase are separately controlled

Figure: Overview of a corridor set-up

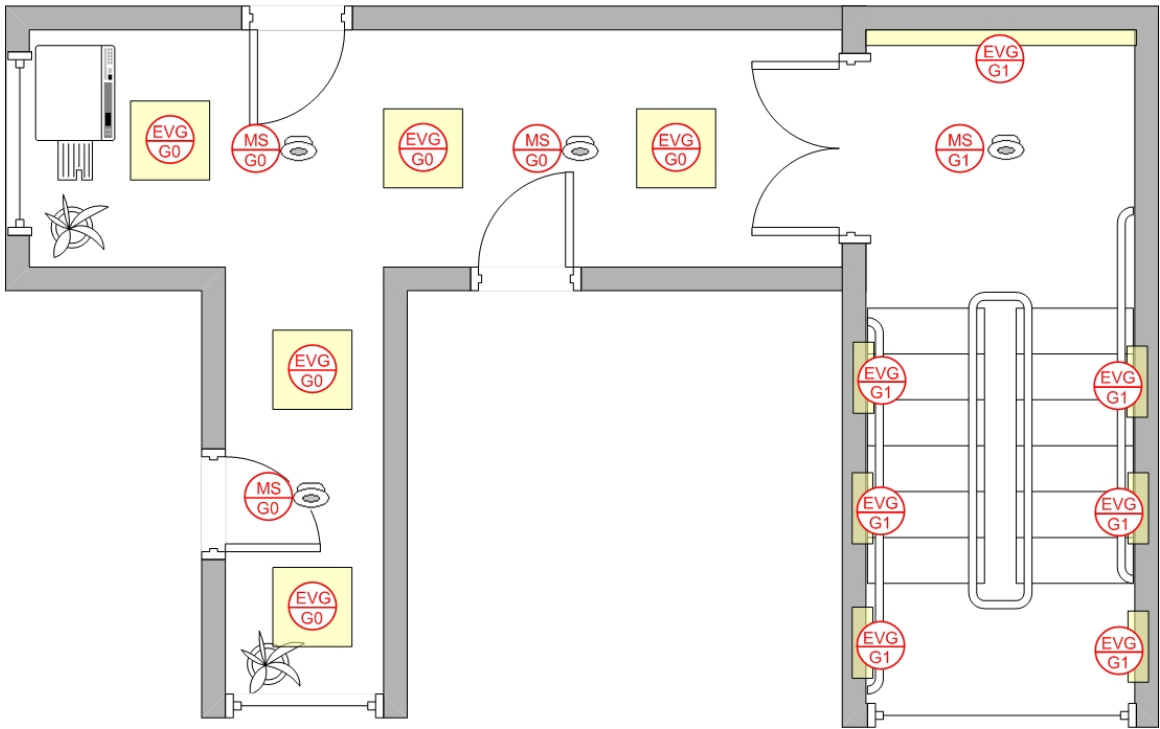


Table: Grouping

	Corridor	Staircase
MSensor	Group 0 (switch position 1)	Group 1 (switch position 2)

NOTICE

In order to enlarge the presence detection area, several DALI MSensors 02 are installed in the corridor. All these sensors must be assigned to the same luminaire group. If there are multiple DALI MSensors 02 in a group, light control behaves as follows:

- the light value is raised until it is no longer less than the setpoint value at any of the sensors.

DALI USB



The DALI USB is used as an interface between a standard computer (PC) with a USB port and the DALI circuit. It enables complex DALI installations to be addressed and programmed via configuration tools such as masterCONFIGURATOR.

Connection

The DALI USB is connected directly to the DALI circuit and does not need a separate power supply. It is powered via the DALI circuit (current draw = 6 mA). It can be connected to the DALI circuit with either polarity.

Designing a DALI application

This section is intended to simplify the planning and configuration of DALI installations. Using examples from the Application Guide it discusses the typical requirements of a DALI system and the special features of Tridonic products. The following two aspects deserve special attention when designing a DALI application.

- ▶ The conceptual aspect: What characteristics must the application have? Should there be daylight-dependent control? Are special lighting scenes or colour applications required? ...
- ▶ The technical aspect: What is possible with DALI? What are the limitations of DALI and how do these affect the application? ...

In most cases, the prime consideration will be the conceptual aspect. What are the characteristics of the lighting application and what requirements and criteria should they meet? You will then consider the technical aspect and attempt to find the right products to meet these criteria.

The technical aspect of the DALI installation is closely associated with the planning process.

The key to a successful DALI installation starts with the installation plan. The installation plan should contain the following points:

- ▶ The position of all the DALI devices (including the device type and device name)
- ▶ The grouping of the DALI devices
- ▶ The DALI short address (optional); in some installations it makes sense to define the address at the planning stage
- ▶ The wiring of the DALI circuit including the junction boxes (if there are multiple DALI circuits it is best to colour code them)
- ▶ The cable lengths for each DALI circuit

Conventional wiring or DALI

If a requirement profile calls for flexible lighting control in which the assignment of the luminaires and control gear can be changed this must be defined in every detail before the installation phase. For conventional lighting management (without DALI) planners have to take into account all the possible lighting control options before work actually commences. Conventional planning would provide for multiple control lines per room section to cover all the possible options.

With DALI all the lighting control options remain open even after the installation is complete and changes are needed to a particular control variant (planning security). There are no additional costs for multiple control lines or rewiring control lines. The decision to opt for DALI or a conventional control system depends on the functionality required and the flexibility with which the lighting system is to be controlled.

Design considerations

A number of points deserve special attention when designing a DALI application.

- ▶ Maximum of 64 DALI devices per DALI circuit
- ▶ Maximum of 16 DALI groups per DALI circuit

- ▶ Maximum of 16 DALI scenes per DALI circuit
- ▶ The current on the DALI circuit must not exceed the maximum current of the power supply (DALI PS/PS1 = 200mA or DALI PS2 = 240mA).
- ▶ The maximum cable length depends on the maximum permitted voltage drop along the DALI cable; this is defined as 2 V max. This corresponds to a maximum cable length of 300 m for a line cross-section of 1.5 mm²; contact resistance must also be taken into account. A voltage drop of 2V must not be exceeded.
- ▶ The recommended minimum cable cross-section is 1.5 mm²

Current draw of the DALI circuit

Each device in the DALI circuit consumes current via the DALI circuit. The total current draw on the DALI circuit must not exceed the maximum current of the DALI power supply.

To determine the current draw of a DALI circuit both the current draw of the DALI devices and the current draw of the DALI controllers must be taken into consideration. The current draw of a DALI device is defined in the DALI standard as 2 mA. The current draw of the individual DALI controllers (ComfortDIM devices) is shown in the relevant data sheets.

It is important that the current draw of the DALI circuit does not exceed the maximum current of the power supply. In the case of DALI-PS and DALI-PS1 this is 200 mA.

Example: DALI circuit with 24 dimmable ballasts (PCA EXCEL), 3 DALI-GC and 3 DALI-SC

Current draw of the individual DALI components (from the data sheet):

- ▶ Dimmable ballasts (PCA EXCEL) = 2 mA
- ▶ Group controllers (DALI-GC) = 6 mA
- ▶ Scene controllers (DALI-SC) = 6 mA

Total current = Σ Current draw of DALI devices + Σ Current draw of DALI controllers

Total current = 24 x ballasts + 3 x DALI GC + 3 x DALI SC

Total current = 24 x 2 mA + 3 x 6 mA + 3 x 6 mA = 84 mA

Maximum cable length

The maximum cable length depends on the maximum permitted voltage drop along the DALI cable; this is defined as 2 V max. Typically, this requirement is safely met for a cable length of 300 m and a cable cross-section of 1.5 mm². Additional voltage drops at terminal points must be taken into consideration. For cross-sections smaller than 1.5 mm² the maximum cable length is reduced accordingly.

Calculating the voltage drop

The formula for calculating the voltage drop is as follows:

$U_V = \frac{2 \cdot l \cdot I}{\gamma \cdot S}$	U_V	Voltage drop in V
	I	Current in A (0.25 A)
	S	Cross section in mm ²
	l	Cable length in m
	γ	Electrical conductivity in m / (Ω mm ²), for copper cable: 56 m / (Ω mm ²)

NOTICE

The maximum current of 250 mA must be used for calculating the voltage drop.

Example: DALI circuit with a cable length of 300 m and a cable cross-section of 1.5 mm²

$$U_V = \frac{2 \cdot l \cdot I}{\gamma \cdot S} = \frac{2 \cdot 300m \cdot 0.25A}{56 \cdot 1.5mm^2} = 1,786V$$

Exact result:

This example shows that:

- ▶ for a cable length of 300 m the voltage drop along the cable is 1.786 V
- ▶ a further voltage drop of 0.214 V is available for terminal points (contact resistance)

Rule of thumb:

As it is somewhat tricky to calculate the cable length based on the voltage drop the rule of thumb is as follows:

- ▶ If a cross-section of 1.5 mm² is used, the maximum cable length is 300 m.
- ▶ If a smaller cross-section is used the possible cable length is reduced accordingly.

NOTICE

Tridonic recommends always using a cable cross-section of 1,5 mm² for DALI control lines.

Wiring

The following points must be considered:

Figure: Typical texture of used wires



- ▶ DALI systems are installed using conventional wiring material for line voltage.
- ▶ Two wires are needed for the DALI control circuit.
- ▶ The line voltage and bus line may be routed in the same cable. This corresponds to a 5-core cable (L, N, PE, DA, DA)

NOTICE

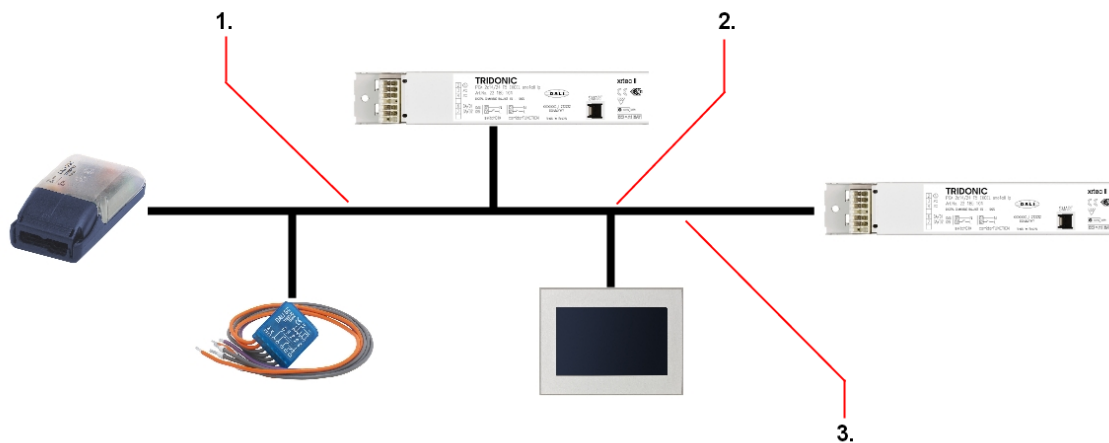
According to DIN VDE 0100/T520/Part 6, main circuits and associated auxiliary circuits may be laid together even if the auxiliary circuits carry a lower voltage than the main circuits. Make sure to use cable designed to take the maximum operating voltage.

Figure: Different polarity of DALI lines



- ▶ There is no need to worry about the polarity of the DALI line.
- ▶ The DALI signal is not SELV. The installation instructions for low voltage therefore apply
- ▶ There are no special network topology requirements (star and mixed networking are permitted)

Figure: Maximum values of DALI lines



(1)	(2)	(3)
Maximum current: $I < I_{\text{Powersupply}}$	Maximum voltage drop: $U_v = 2 \text{ V}$	Maximum line length: $L = 300 \text{ m}$

The maximum length of the DALI line is 300 m (for a cable cross-section of 1.5 mm^2). For smaller cross-sections the length is reduced accordingly.

The voltage drop along the DALI control line must not exceed 2 V.

Sample applications

Conference room



Application

Conference room for about 10 people

Requirement

The lighting in the room consists of 6 linear luminaires and 2 LED downlights. The requirements for control are as follows:

- ▶ The luminaire should be switched and controlled at either of two control points.
- ▶ There should be a section of different lighting scenarios (e.g. presentation)
- ▶ The luminaires must be capable of being dimmed

Solution with DALI GC and DALI SC

The room is divided into two groups, one for the LED downlights and the other for the linear luminaires. There are two switching points available.

One by the door for switching the lighting on and off. This is implemented with a DALI SC with the scenes “Lighting on” and “Lighting off”. The second by the window is implemented with a DALI SC and a DALI GC and enables any of four scenes to be retrieved and both luminaire groups to be individually dimmed.

Figure: Installation for conference room without wiring

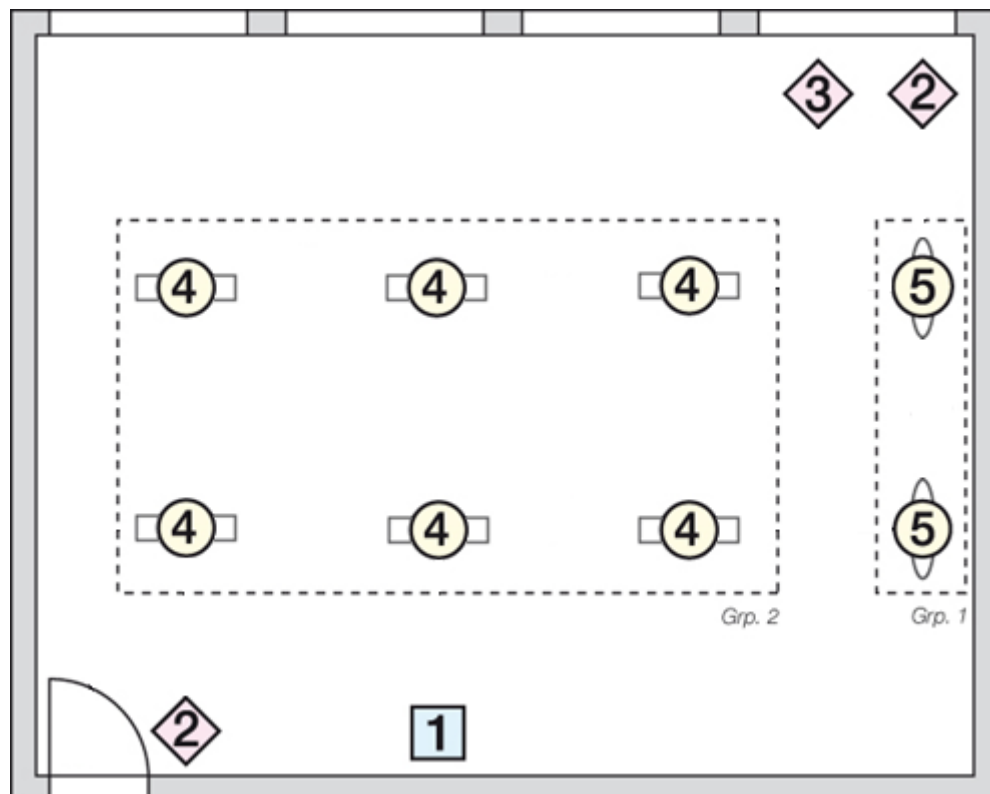


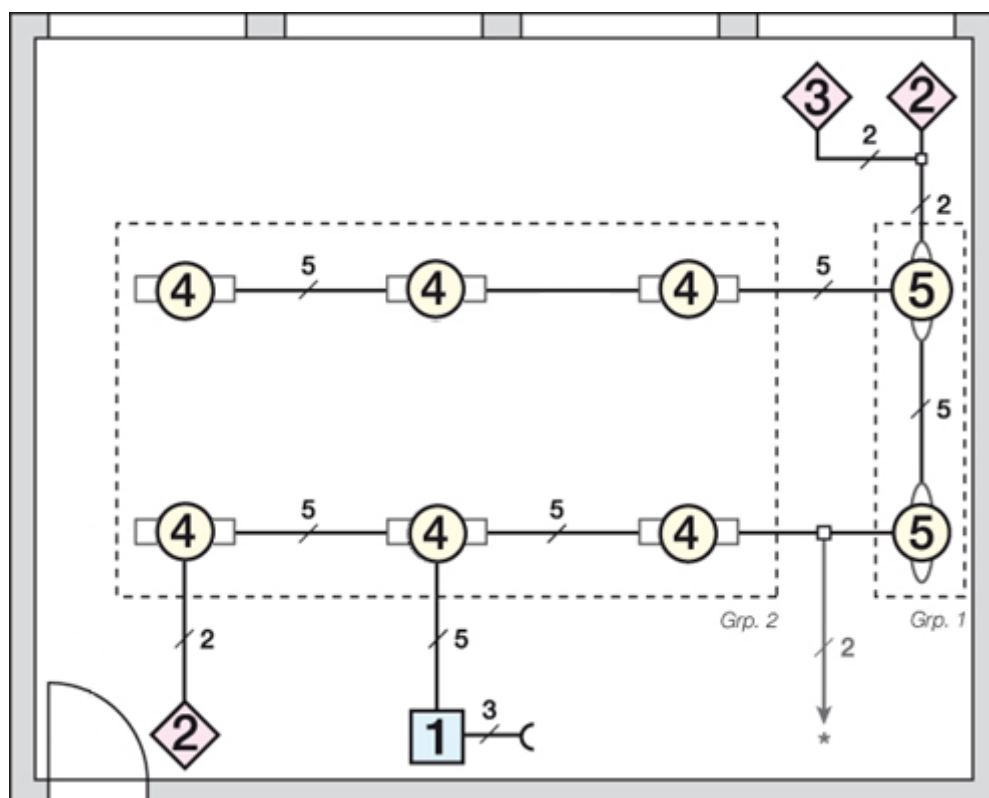
Table: Parts list

Pos.	Qty		Article name
1	1	DALI power supply	DALI PS / PS1
2	2	DALI scene controller	DALI SC
3	1	DALI group controller	DALI GC
4	6	DALI ECG for linear luminaire	PCA EXCEL one4all xitec II
5	2	DALI LED control gear for LED downlights	LCAI ECO one4all

Table: DALI checklist

DALI condition	Planned/present	
Maximum of 64 DALI ECGs	8 DALI devices	✓
Maximum of 16 groups	2 groups	✓
Maximum of 16 scenes	4 scenes	✓
DALI circuit current < Rated power supply current	34 mA	✓
Line length < 300 m (for 1.5mm ²)	approx. 20m	✓
5 wires to each luminaire	5 x 1.5mm ²	✓
DALI control gear in luminaire	Tridonic PCA EXCEL one4all xitec II	✓

Figure: Installation for Conference room with wiring



Grouping

The luminaires can be grouped in either of two ways. With the DALI GC itself or with the masterCONFIGURATOR configuration software (see Reference list).

Table: Grouping

	Conference room
Downlights	Group 1
Linear luminaires	Group 2
DALI GC	Switch position = 1 (Group 1+2): Group 1 => Switch for downlights Group 2 => Switch for linear luminaires

Scene assignment

Scenes are called up from two locations. Directly next to the door there is a double switch for switching the light on and off. The control point next to the screen can also be used to switch the light on and off. In addition, two further user-defined scenes (e.g. presentation) can be called up.

Here too the scenes can be set up in two ways, with the DALI SC or with the masterCONFIGURATOR configuration software (see Reference list).

Table: Scene assignment

	Control point near door	Control point near screen
DALI SC	Switch position = 1 (Scenes 1-4): Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100% Scenes 3 and 4 not wired	Switch position = 1 (Scenes 1-4): Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100% Scene 3 => Presentation Scene 4 => Meeting

Open-plan office



Application

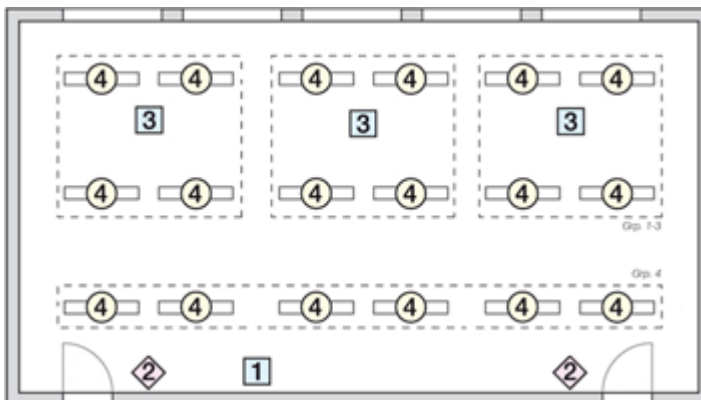
Office with 6 workstations plus cabinets.
Each desk has 2 workstations.

Requirement

The lighting consists of 3 rows of luminaires, 2 rows above the workstations and 1 in the walkway and cabinet area.
The requirements for control are as follows:

- ▶ On/off switching via motion sensors
- ▶ Daylight-dependent control of illuminance
- ▶ Manual control via DALI TOUCHPANEL

Figure: Installation for Open-plan office without wiring



Solution with DALI MSensor 02

The room is divided into 4 groups, 3 for the workstation islands and 1 for walkway and cabinet area lighting. The 3 groups for the workstation islands are each controlled with a DALI MSensor 02. The fourth group is controlled with 3 DALI MSensor 02 (increased presence detection area).

Each workstation island and the walkway lighting is independently controlled (presence detection and ambient light control).

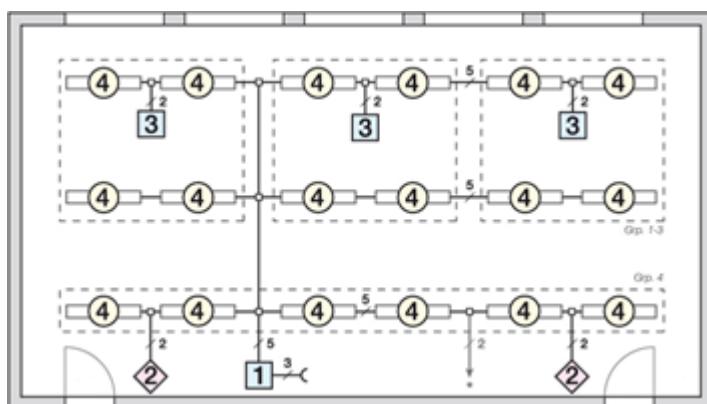
Table: Parts list

Pos.	Qty		Article name
1	1	DALI power supply	DALI PS / PS1
2	2	DALI touchpanel	DALI TOUCHPANEL 02
3	3	DALI MSensor 02	DALI MSensor 02 (5DPI 41 rc)
4	18	DALI control gear for linear luminaires	PCA EXCEL one4all xitec II

Table: DALI checklist

DALI condition	Planned / present	
Maximum of 64 DALI ECGs	18 DALI devices	✓
Maximum of 16 groups	4 groups	✓
Maximum of 16 scenes		✓
DALI circuit current < Rated power supply current	66 mA	✓
Line length < 300 m (for 1.5mm ²)	approx. 50 m	✓
5 wires to each luminaire	5 x 1.5mm ²	✓
DALI ECG in luminaire	Tridonic PCA EXCEL one4all xitec II	✓

Figure: Installation for open-plan office with wiring



Grouping

The luminaires can be grouped in either of two ways. With the DALI RC (see DALI MSensor 02 operating instructions) or with the masterCONFIGURATOR software (see Reference list).

Table: Grouping

	Workstation island 1	Workstation island 2	Workstation island 3	Walkway / cabinet lighting
Luminaires	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
DALI MSensor 02	Rotary switch position = 1 Luminaire group 1	Rotary switch position = 2 Luminaire group 2	Rotary switch position = 3 Luminaire group 3	

Start-up

There are various ways of putting a DALI application into operation. Some of the comfortDIM products have the option of putting small (single-room) applications directly into operation. One of these products is the DALI GC.

With the DALI x-touchPANEL it is easy to set up the parameters even for medium-size applications.

For information on how these products can be used to set the parameters of a DALI circuit, please refer to Section 3 of this manual or to the operating instructions for the relevant product.

For large DALI applications the simplest way to set up the DALI circuit is to use the masterCONFIGURATOR software. These two programs can be downloaded free of charge from the homepage at www.tridonic.com. In addition the DALI USB is needed for connecting the DALI circuit to a computer.

Before you get started

Before starting the set-up process, make sure the DALI ballasts are connected to the power supply and to the DALI circuit. If there is more than one DALI circuit you should also check that the ballasts are connected to the right DALI circuit.

- ▶ Are all the ballasts connected to the power supply?
Check the power connection by switching on the circuit breaker. All the DALI ballasts should go to the "Power-On-Level" (factory setting 100%)
- ▶ Are all the ballasts connected to the (right) DALI circuit?
There are various ways of testing the circuit. You can test the installation with a DALI GC set to Broadcast. The GC is used here to activate the DALI circuit and check whether all the devices in the DALI circuit switch on.

If masterCONFIGURATOR is used for setting up the DALI installation there is also the option of checking whether all the ballasts are connected to the right DALI circuit.

Sample set-up for a conference room

This section uses the example of the conference room from Chapter 4 to show how a DALI application can be put into operation with the aid of masterCONFIGURATOR in six easy steps.

The conference room contains 8 DALI luminaires, two DALI SC units, one DALI GC unit and one DALI Power Supply. The rotary switches on the DALI SC and GC have already been set to the correct position during installation. The luminaires are connected to the power supply and to the DALI circuit.

Solution with DALI GC and DALI SC

The room is divided into two groups, one for the low-voltage halogen downlights and the other for the linear luminaires. There are two switching points available.

One by the door for switching the lighting on and off. This is implemented with a DALI SC with the scenes “Lighting on” and “Lighting off”. The second by the window is implemented with a DALI-SC and a DALI-GC and enables any of four scenes to be retrieved and both luminaire groups to be individually dimmed.

Figure: Installation for conference room without wiring

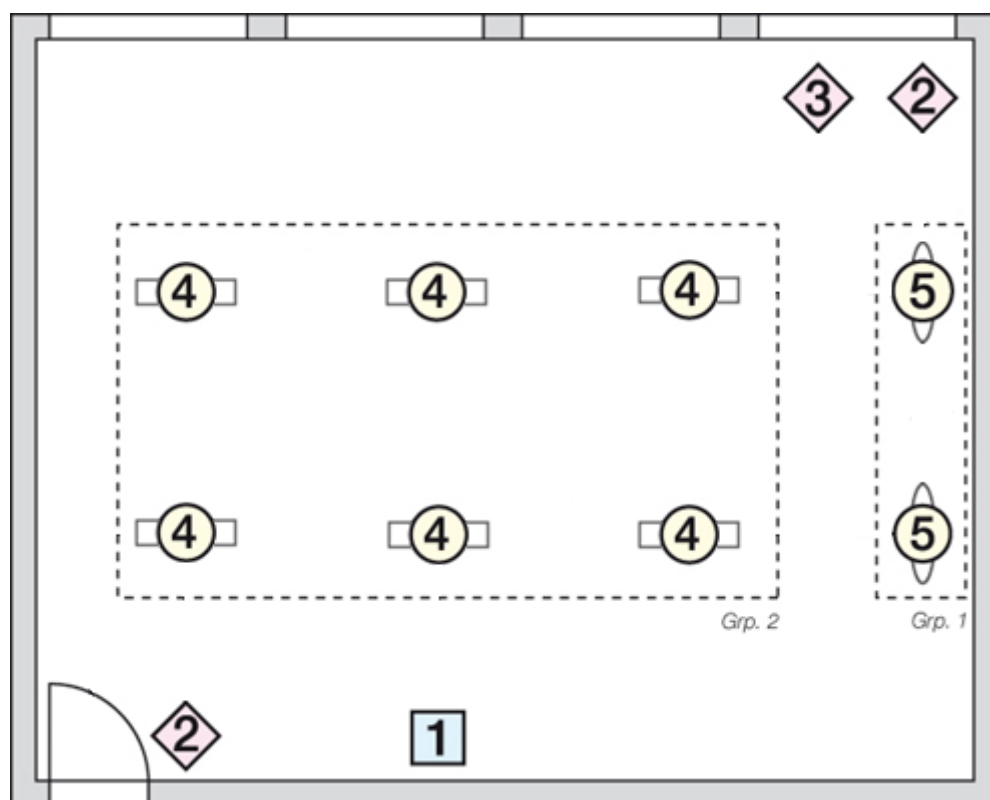


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5	2	DALI LED control gear for LED downlights	LCAI ECO one4all
6	1	DALI emergency control gear for linear luminaire	EM PRO
7	1	DALI emergency control gear for emergency sign	EM powerLED PRO

Table: Grouping

	Conference room
Downlights	Group 1
Linear luminaires	Group 2
DALI GC	Switch position = 1 (Group 1+2): Group 1 => Switch for downlights Group 2 => Switch for linear luminaires

Scene assignment

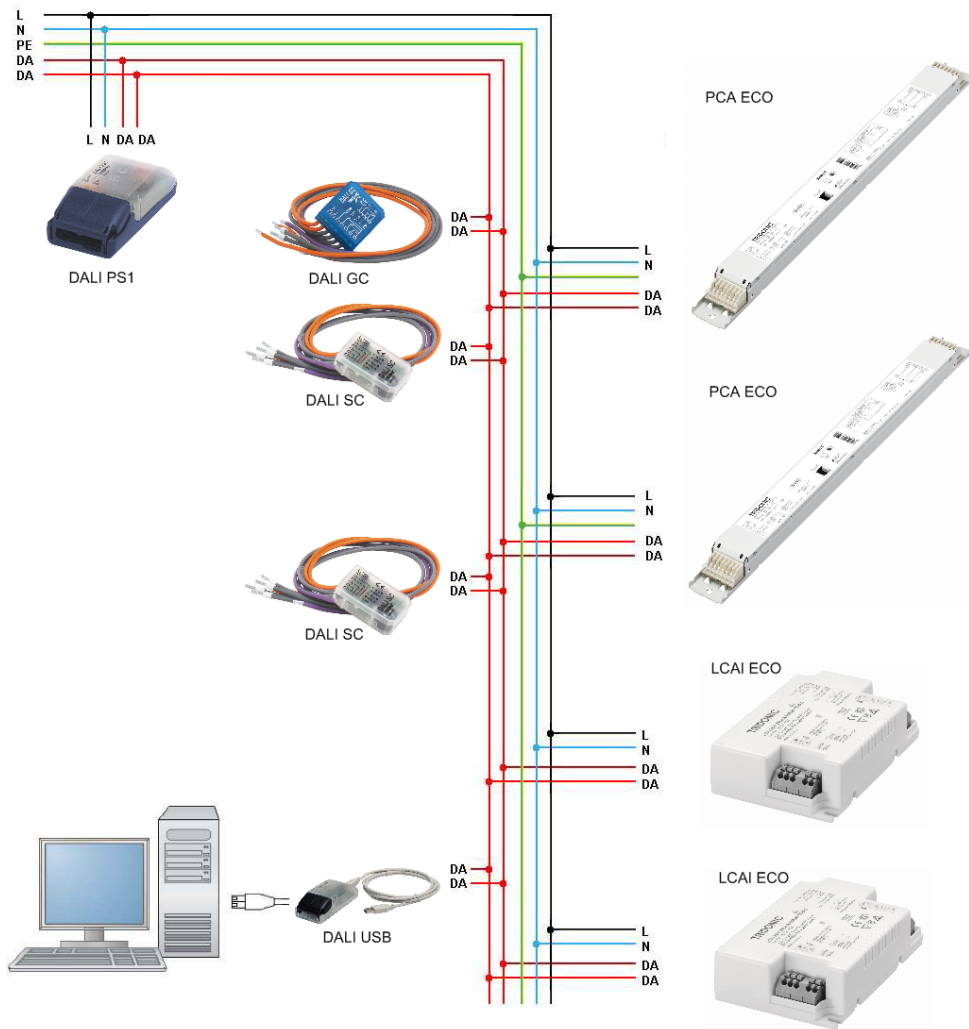
Scenes are called up from two locations. Directly next to the door there is a double switch for switching the light on and off. The control point next to the screen can also be used to switch the light on and off. In addition, two further user-defined scenes (e.g. presentation) can be called up.

	Control point near door	Control point near screen
DALI SC	Switch position = 1 (Scenes 1-4): Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100 % Scenes 3 and 4 not wired	Switch position = 1 (Scenes 1-4): Scene 1 => Light off Scene 2 => Light 100 % Scene 3 => Presentation Scene 4 => Meeting

Installation

The DALI circuit is installed using standard installation material for mains voltage. The mains voltage and DALI line may be routed in the same cable. There is therefore no need for a separate bus line, but one can be used if required.

Figure: Wiring diagram



DALI USB is needed only for set-up with masterCONFIGURATOR and can then be removed.

Installing and connecting DALI GC

Standard switches can be used for installing DALI GC. DALI GC is installed directly in a flush-mounted box, underneath or behind the light switch. Power is supplied to DALI GC via the bus line. It must not be connected to the ac power supply. The switches are connected directly to DALI GC (floating make contacts).

- ▶ Turn rotary switch to position 1
 - Group 1 is assigned to Switch T1
 - Group 2 is assigned to Switch T2

Figure: Up and down switch connections (left) and single switch connection (right)

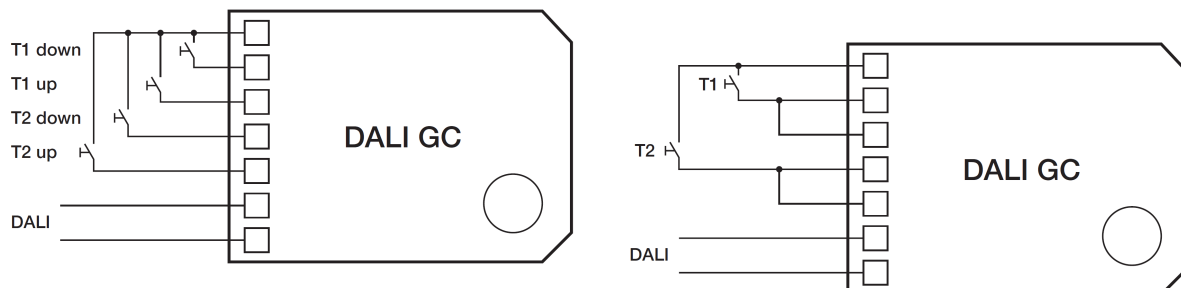
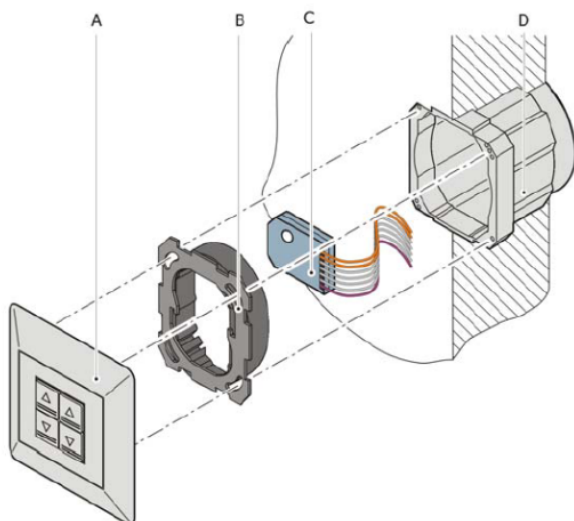
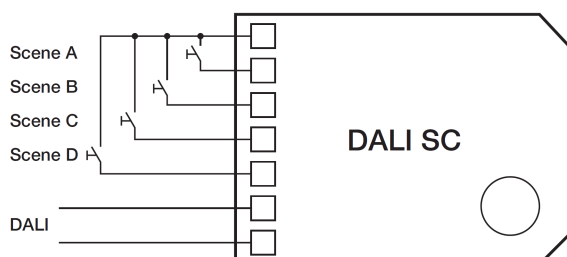


Figure: Installing a DALI GC (A, B switch module; C DALI GC; D flush-mounted box)



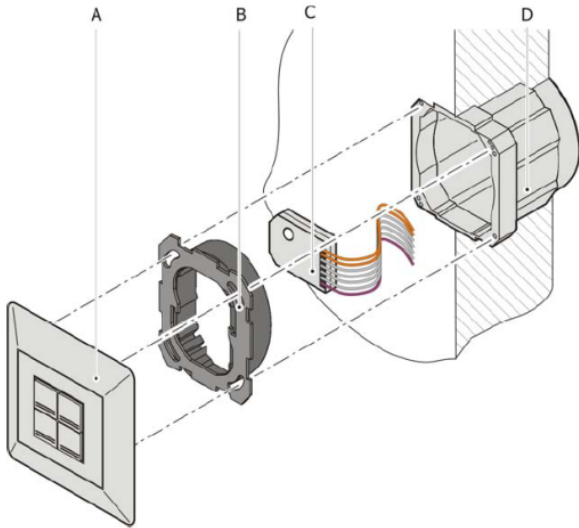
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- Turn the rotary switches on the two DALI SCs to position 1.
→ Scene 1, 2, 3 and 4 are assigned to Switch T1, T2, T3 and T4

Figure: Installing a DALI SC (A, B switch module; C DALI SC; D flush-mounted box)



Setting up without software

An application with two DALI SCs and one DALI GC enables the installation to be set up without software.

Step 1: Enter programming mode on the DALI GC (new installation)

DALI GC switches to programming mode and addresses the DALI ballasts.

After the addressing cycle the DALI ballast with the first address is switched to 100%, and all the others to the "Min. Level" parameter

Step 2: Grouping the luminaires with the aid of DALI GC

Select the first luminaire => assign the right group to the selected luminaire

Select the next luminaire => assign the right group to the selected luminaire

This process is repeated until all eight luminaires have been assigned to the 2 groups.

Step 3: Exiting the DALI GC programming mode

Step 4: Saving the scene values

Fade the two DALI groups to the required brightness value of scene 1 and save the value by pressing scene button 1 for 10 seconds. Repeat this procedure for the other scenes.

When you have completed these four steps the set-up process is complete and the system is ready for use.

What are the limits of manual set-up?

With manual set-up it is possible to put small applications into operation. As the systems increase in size, so the set-up process becomes more and more complex. It is therefore best to use masterCONFIGURATOR (see Reference list) to put these systems into operation.

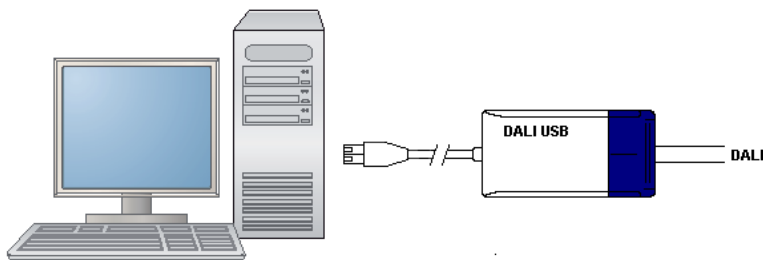
Manual set-up is not as flexible as set-up using a software tool. For example, a scene can only be set to the same value for an entire group (e.g. Group 1: 80% and Group 2: 20%). It is not possible to set different scene values within a group. Systems with DALI control modules such as DALI MC and DALI TOUCHPANEL can only be set up with the aid of a software tool.

Setting up with masterCONFIGURATOR

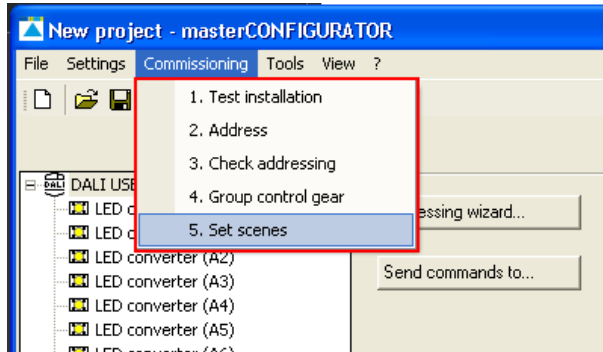
The masterCONFIGURATOR enables the wiring of the DALI circuit to be tested, the devices to be addressed and the group and scene settings to be completed, all in 5 easy steps. The masterCONFIGURATOR has its own separate documentation (see Reference list).

Preparation

Before you can start setting up with masterCONFIGURATOR the DALI circuit must be linked to the computer via a DALI USB.



Open the masterCONFIGURATOR to view the main window of the masterCONFIGURATOR. You can access all the parameterisation and configuration options from this program window. Some options open further windows.

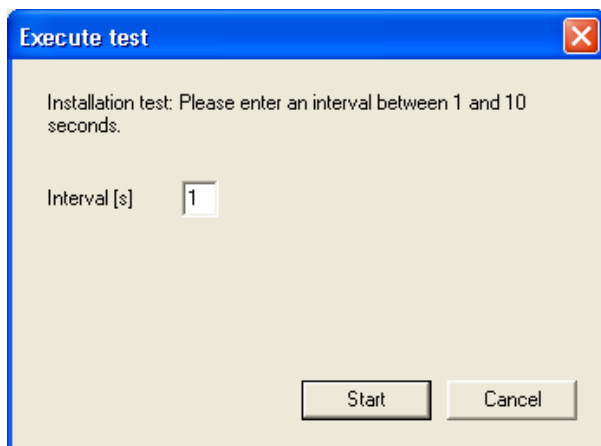


Step 1: Testing the wiring

This step checks that the wiring is correct for the installation.

After the test has been started the DALI commands "Recall min. Level" and "Recall max. Level" are sent alternately to all the devices in the DALI circuit, causing the connected devices to flash.

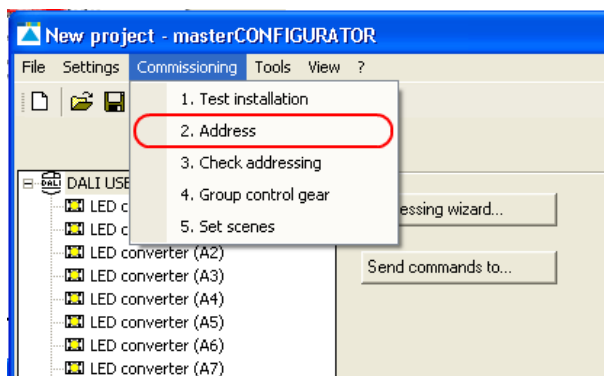
This test determines whether communication is working properly in the DALI circuit and whether all the devices in the DALI circuit are connected.



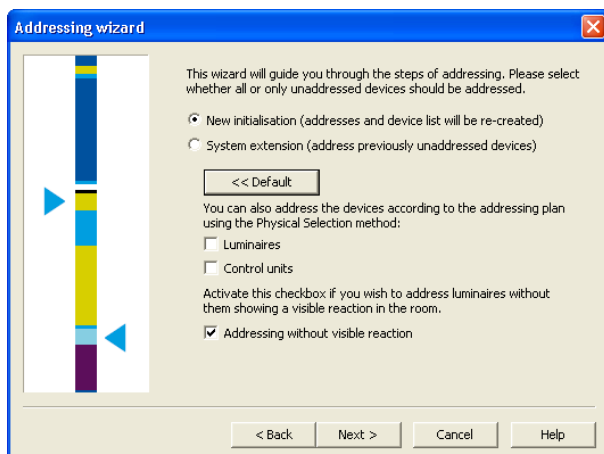
- ▶ Select “Start Test”
→The 8 DALI luminaires start to flash, which means that installation has been successfully completed.
- ▶ Pressing the button again cancels the test

Step 2: Finding devices

- ▶ Start the Addressing Wizard



- ▶ Select “System extension” or “new initialisation”



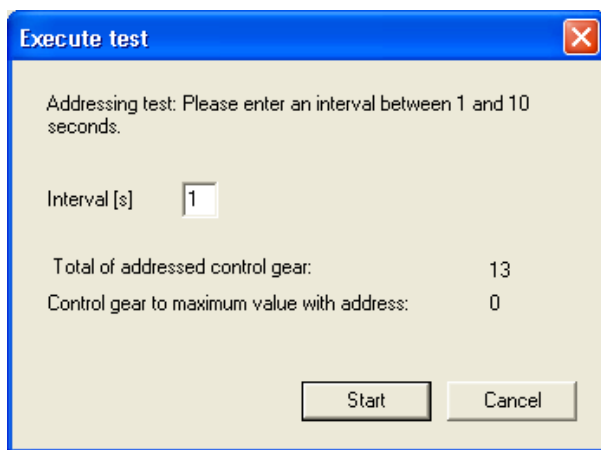
- ▶ Select “new initialisation”
- ▶ Press “Next” to start the addressing process

Step 3: Testing the addresses

Testing the addresses involves the devices being switched on one after the other with all the other devices switched off.

The process is repeated when the last address is reached.

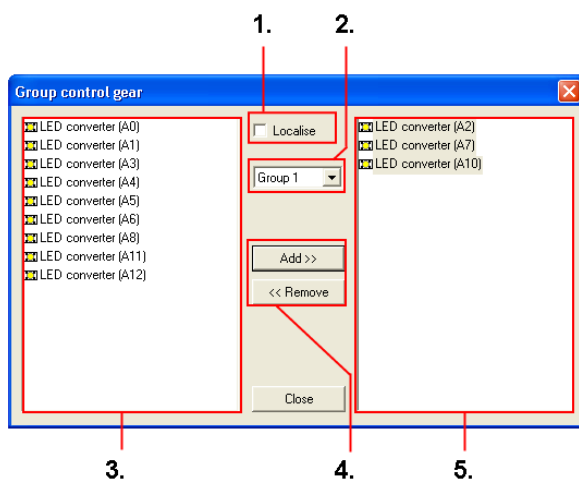
This function can be used to check whether the addresses are assigned as required.



Step 4: Grouping the devices

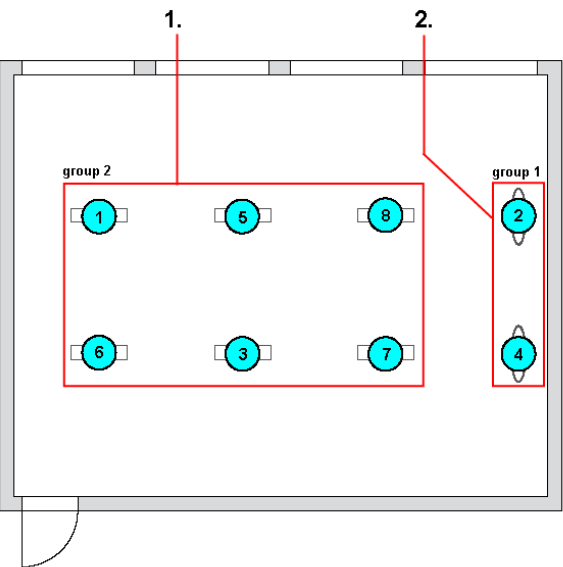
In this step the various ballasts are assigned to the DALI groups.

- ▶ Chose and highlight relevant device
- ▶ Click "Add >>" to add device to the group
- ▶ If necessary: Click "<< Remove" to remove device from group again



(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Show selection: The highlighted luminaire is switched to 100%, the others to the minimum fade value	Group selection: Selection of the DALI group	Device container: Available DALI devices	Add/remove: Adds the highlighted device to the group or removes it.	Group container: Overview of the devices assigned to the group

- ▶ We assign the two downlights to Group 1 and the linear luminaires to Group 2
- ▶ Ticking the “Show selection” checkbox causes the luminaire highlighted in masterCONFIGURATOR to light up and enables the luminaires to be easily assigned to the DALI groups
→ During addressing the luminaires received the DALI addresses entered in the circles for example (random addressing)



(1)	(2)
Linear Luminaires: Drag luminaires with addresses 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Group 2	Downlights: Drag the luminaires with addresses 2 and 4 to Group 1

Step 5: Assigning scenes

Group	Value	Group	Value
Group 0	34 %	Group 8	MASK %
Group 1	10 %	Group 9	MASK %
Group 2	100 %	Group 10	MASK %
Group 3	24 %	Group 11	MASK %
Group 4	MASK %	Group 12	MASK %
Group 5	MASK %	Group 13	MASK %
Group 6	MASK %	Group 14	MASK %
Group 7	MASK %	Group 15	MASK %

In the “Assign scenes” step dimming values for the various DALI groups can be assigned to the 16 DALI scenes of the DALI circuit. Clicking on the “Assign scene” button transfers the values to the relevant ballasts.

- ▶ Setting parameters:
 - Scene 1: Group 1 = 0 %, Group 2 = 0 %
 - Scene 2: Group 1 = 100 %, Group 2 = 100 %
 - Scene 3: Group 1 = 50 %, Group 2 = 20 %
 - Scene 4: Group 1 = 10 %, Group 2 = 10 %
- ▶ and then press “Assign scenes”

This concludes the process of setting parameters for the application. Detailed informationen about the masterCONFIGURATOR can be found in the manual of the tool (see Reference list).

Figure: Example scenes



Maintenance and troubleshooting

Failure of a DALI ballast

DALI is based to a large extent on distributed intelligence, which means that the addresses and parameters such as group assignment and scene values are stored in the DALI ballasts. If a ballast fails, these parameters must be reset in the replacement ballast. DALI ballasts straight from the factory are not programmed with any addresses, group assignments or scene values.

The simplest option is to use masterCONFIGURATOR:

- ▶ Replace the faulty ballast with a new ballast
- ▶ Address the ballast with the function “System expansion” or “Only address new (not yet addressed) devices”. The lowest free DALI short address is automatically assigned to the new DALI ballast. Since there is an address missing in the circuit (that of the faulty ballast), it is automatically given the address of the old ballast. If several devices are faulty their replacements are randomly assigned the free addresses.
- ▶ Reprogram the group assignments and scene values.

Exceeding the maximum cable length or short-circuits in the DALI circuit

There are certain points that deserve special attention when designing a DALI application. These include the limit on the current in the DALI circuit and the limit on the cable length due to the maximum permissible voltage drop on the DALI line.

What happens if these limits are exceeded?

The system does not then behave as it should and some strange phenomena occur.

For example:

- ▶ DALI devices react to broadcast commands but cannot be found during addressing
- ▶ Not all the DALI devices connected to the DALI circuit are found.
- ▶ Different numbers of devices are found at successive addressing processes.
- ▶ The devices do not react reliably to DALI commands.

The commonest problems in a DALI installation result from the maximum voltage drop in the circuit being exceeded and from a short-circuit somewhere on the DALI line. But how is the voltage drop in the DALI circuit measured?

Measuring the voltage drop in a DALI circuit

Proceed as follows:

- ▶ Check that all the DALI devices are functioning properly.
- ▶ Make sure there is no communication on the DALI line.
- ▶ Measure the voltage at the DALI power supply.
 - » The value must be between 11.5 V and 22.5 V; a typical value is 16 V.
 - » A much lower value may indicate a short-circuit.
- ▶ Measure the voltage at the DALI device furthest from the DALI power supply.
 - » The value must be between 9.5 V and 20.5 V.
 - » A much lower value indicates that there is a short-circuit somewhere.
- ▶ Create a short-circuit between DA and DA at the DALI device furthest from the DALI power supply.
- ▶ Measure the voltage at the DALI power supply.
 - » The value that you measure is the DALI voltage drop.
 - » This value must not be higher than 2 V.
 - » If it is higher than 2 V, check whether any of the following have occurred:
 - » The DALI line is too long (more than 300 m at 1.5 mm²)
 - » The cross-section is too small
 - » High contact resistance
 - » The value must be brought down below 2 V.
- ▶ Remove the short-circuit between DA and DA on the DALI device furthest from the DALI power supply.

Possible solution: DALI Repeater

If the voltage drop is greater than 2 V, a possible solution is to use a DALI Repeater

A DALI Repeater is not the right answer in every situation; its use depends to a large extent on the wiring. First, the wiring of the DALI circuit must be checked. This solution should only be used if no other solution is practical. Above all, you must find out why the system has not been working properly up to now. Make sure that you will not be faced with the same problem again.

A DALI Repeater can help

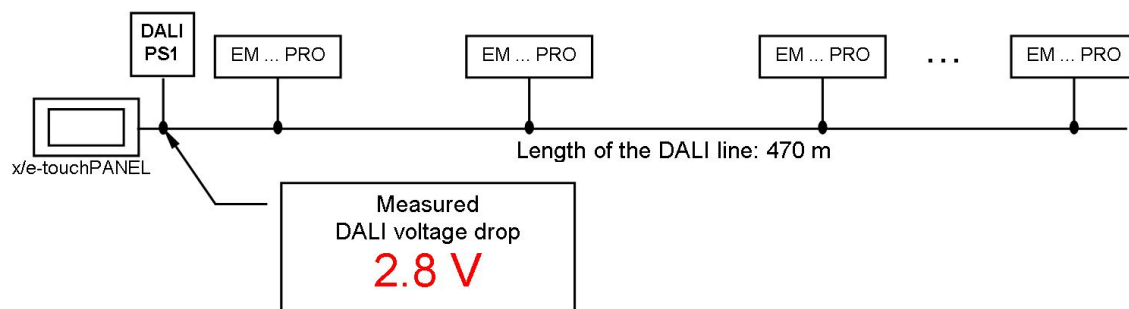
- ▶ If the DALI cable is longer than 300 m with a cross-section of 1.5 mm².
- ▶ If the cross-section is too small.

CAUTION

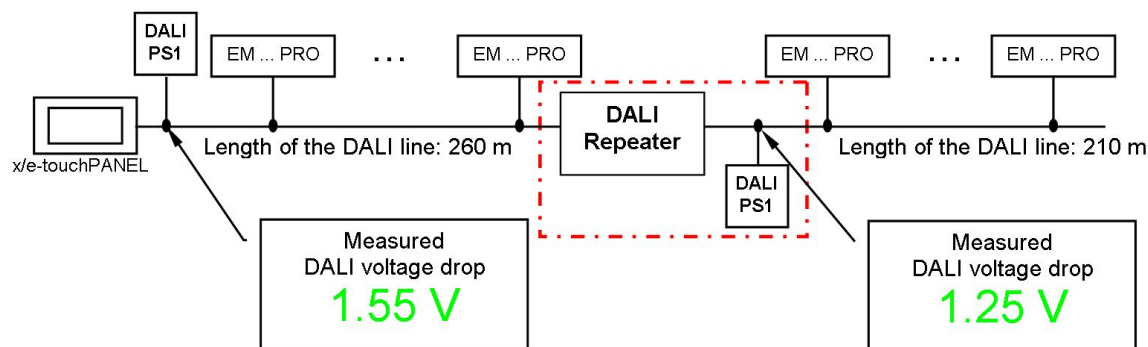
Please read the data sheet carefully before using a DALI repeater.

Example: DALI circuit with a voltage drop greater than 2 V

In this example the DALI voltage drop is well above the limit of 2 V. The DALI line is too long. It is 470 m instead of the permitted 300 m.

**Example: Two DALI circuits with a voltage drop less than 2 V**

The DALI circuit is divided into two when a DALI repeater is used. The two circuits are now both below the maximum permitted DALI voltage drop of 2 V. The voltage drop must be measured in both circuits (at the two DALI power supplies). Two additional components are required – a DALI PS and a DALI repeater.



Double addressing problem at set-up

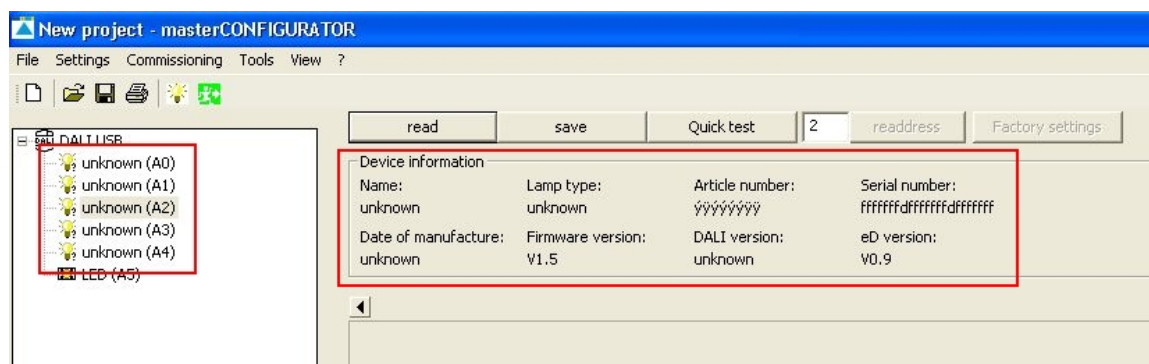
In rare cases more than one DALI device may have the same short address. If a DALI command is sent to such a short address the devices will react simultaneously. It will not be possible to address just one device; all the devices with the same short address will always react together. It will not be possible to get the correct response from these devices.

What can cause double addressing problems?

- ▶ The problem may occur very rarely as a result of the normal addressing algorithm.
- ▶ DALI lines that have already been addressed are connected to one another.
- ▶ A faulty DALI device is replaced with a device that has already been addressed.

After addressing, the number of addressed devices is shown. This number (DALI short addresses) must be the same as the number of connected devices. If there are fewer addresses than connected devices the DALI circuit must be re-addressed.

masterCONFIGURATOR provides a way of identifying any double addressing problems. It shows if a device does not send back a clear response. Unknown devices or false device information also indicate double addressing or a faulty device.



If double addressing has occurred the DALI circuit must be readdressed (select the option “new installation”). This action deletes all existing addressed and reassigns them.

Annex

Technical features of a DALI circuit

- ▶ Maximum no. of DALI units: 64
- ▶ Maximum no. of DALI groups: 16
- ▶ Maximum no. of DALI scenes: 16
- ▶ DALI voltage: 9.5 V – 22.5 V, typically 16 V
- ▶ DALI system current: Max. 250 mA (depending on the installed DALI power supply)
- ▶ Data transfer rate: 1200 baud
- ▶ Maximum cable length: The maximum cable length depends on the maximum permitted voltage drop along the DALI cable; this is defined as 2 V max. This corresponds to a maximum cable length of 300 m for a line cross-section of 1.5 mm².

CAUTION!

When calculating the maximum cable length the contact resistance must also be taken into account.

- ▶ A voltage drop of 2V must not be exceeded.

Important DALI parameters and DALI commands

Table: Important DALI ballast parameters

DALI parameter	Description
Actual Level	Current brightness value of the ballast
Maximum Level	Maximum brightness value – this value cannot be exceeded when fading up
Minimum Level	Minimum brightness value – this value cannot be undershot when fading down
Power ON Level	Brightness value to which the DALI ballast switches when the power supply is switched on.
System Failure Level	Brightness value to which the DALI ballast switches when a fault is detected in the DALI circuit (e.g. interruption or short-circuit on the DALI line)
Fade Time	Time in seconds for fading from the current brightness value to the new brightness value (for DAP commands and scene calls)
Fade Rate	Fade steps per second that are performed in response to an indirect fade command (Up and Down commands)
Scene registers 1-16	These registers are where the brightness values for the individual scenes are stored.
Group register	This register is where the group assignment of the DALI ballast is stored.

Table: Important DALI commands

DALI command	Description
Light level (DAP)	Recalls the light value specified in the command. (The Fade Time parameter is used as the cross-fade time) DAP 0 means: Switch off the light in the cross-fade time set in the Fade Time parameter
Off	Instantly switches the light off (no fade time)
Up	Increases the light value for 200 ms by the fade steps defined in the Fade Rate parameter. When the light value reaches the value defined in the Maximum Level parameter it remains at this value.
Down	Reduces the light value for 200 ms by the dimming steps defined in the Fade Rate parameter. When the light value reaches the value defined in the Minimum Level parameter it remains at this value.
Step up	Increases the light value by one step
Step down	Reduces the light value by one step
On and Step up	Switches the light to the Minimum Level if the device was already off. If the device is on, the light value is increased by one step.
Step down and off	Reduces the light value by one step. When the device reaches the Minimum Level it is switched off.
Recall MIN Level	Calls up the Minimum Level light value (no cross-fade time)
Recall MAX Level	Calls up the Maximum Level light value (no cross-fade time)
Go to scene X	Calls up lighting scene "X". (The Fade Time parameter is used as the cross-fade time)

Current draw of the comfortDIM products in the DALI circuit

Table: comfortDIM current draw

Category	comfortDIM device	DALI current draw
Manual control unit	DALI GC	6 mA
	DALI GC-A	6 mA
	DALI SC	6 mA
	DALI SC-A	6 mA
	DALI MC	6 mA
	DALI TOUCHPANEL 02	6 mA
Sensors	DALI MSensor 02 5DPI 41f	6 mA
	DALI MSensor 02 5DPI 41rc	6 mA
	DALI MSensor 02 5DPI 41w	6 mA
	DALI MSensor 02 5DPI 41rs	6 mA
Sequencers	DALI SQM	9 mA
	x/e-touchPANEL 02	2 mA (per DALI circuit)
Signal converters	DALI DSI	16 mA
	DALI DSI II	2 mA
	DALI Somfy animeo Interface	6 mA
Relays	DALI RM	12 mA
	DALI 3 RM-C	2 mA
Amplifiers	DALI Repeater	6 mA
PC links	DALI USB	6 mA
	DALI SCI	6 mA
	DALI SCI II	6 mA
DALI ballasts		2 mA

Table: Overview DALI power supply

Category	comfortDIM device	DALI rated current
Power supply	DALI PS	200 mA
	DALI PS1	200 mA
	DALI PS2	240 mA
	DALI PS2 Standby	240 mA
	DALI RS232 Interface PS/S	240 mA

DALI MSensor 02 broadcast commands and luminaire group commands

DALI command	Broadcast commands	Luminaire group commands
Light level (DAP)	Light level is called up => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	Light level is called up => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
OFF	off	off
UP	Can be set using masterCONFIGURATOR Factory setting: Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	Can be set using masterCONFIGURATOR Factory setting: Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
DOWN		
STEP UP	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
STEP DOWN	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
ON AND STEP UP	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
STEP DOWN AND OFF	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	Dimming light level => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
RECALL MIN LEVEL	MIN LEVEL is called up => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)	MIN LEVEL is called up => Lighting control is temporarily disabled (static operation)
RECALL MAX LEVEL	Can be set using masterCONFIGURATOR Factory setting: MAX LEVEL is called up => Lighting control temporarily disabled (static operation)	Can be set using masterCONFIGURATOR Factory setting: MAX LEVEL is called up => Lighting control temporarily disabled (static operation)

GO TO SCENE X	<p>Can be set using masterCONFIGURATOR</p> <p>Factory setting: Calling up Scenes 0-14 => Lighting control temporarily disabled (static operation) Calling up Scene 15 => Lighting control is enabled (automatic operation)</p>	<p>Can be set using masterCONFIGURATOR</p> <p>Factory setting: Calling up Scenes 0-14 => Lighting control temporarily disabled (static operation) Calling up Scene 15 => Lighting control is enabled (automatic operation)</p>
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