



# ***i96e-3000+***

**A Brain Transplant for your Colortran iSeries e Racks**



The i96e-3000+ is a next-generation retrofit electronics package designed specifically for any vintage Colortran iSeries e Racks.

The i96e-3000+ will replace the aging control electronics of the existing dimmer rack making system replacement unnecessary. This ETL Listed, full-featured state-of-the-art unit provides a low-cost digital interface to any of today's modern lighting communication protocols.



Designed to install in minutes with only basic hand tools, this elegant package has been designed for longevity and reliability with the end user in mind. An intuitive LCD user interface combined with a single modular design makes the i96e-3000+ extremely user-friendly and easily serviceable. USB-C Tech Port and Face panel LED's permit easy firmware upgrades and operational status indication.



Full-featured, hi-resolution dimming with a lightning-fast response. An environmentally and financially responsible solution that installs in a matter of minutes!

- Replaces the old OEM Colortran iSeries e Rack electronic card cage with new "next generation" control electronics.
- Upgrade any vintage Colortran iSeries e Rack in minutes.
- Processor reverse compatibility with all existing OEM Colortran iSeries e Racks.
- Modular design with a single "plug-in" module.
- Compatible with OEM dimmer rack wiring for fast easy installation.
- USB-C Bootloader permits ease of onsite firmware upgrades.
- 96 High-resolution digital outputs with individual dimmer profile selection.
- Dual opto-isolated DMX512 inputs.
- Optional Ethernet node supports a wide range of communication protocols.
- Analog and dedicated dry contact BMS inputs for interface with HVAC, security, and fire alarms.
- "Load Shed" inputs for power management and photocell interface.
- LCD user interface for ease of setup and monitoring. Site programmable via a user-friendly, intuitive, and self-prompting menu structure. No laptop computer or special software is required!
- Optional dimmer rack thermal shutdown protection if installed.
- Removable memory dongle permits remote/off-site backup of configuration data and fast "swapping" of Processor modules. ease of future firmware upgrades.



Colortran i96 Series Dimming Rack



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# i96e-3000+ SPECIFICATIONS

## 1.0 i96e-3000+

i96e-3000+ is a direct retrofit kit specifically designed for facilities with existing COLORTRAN i SERIES e Dimmer Rack(s) requiring new, reliable, and cost-effective control electronics.

i96e-3000+ is designed to upgrade existing dimmer installations to current dimming technology with options equaling or exceeding those of most new dimming systems.

i96e-3000+ has been designed with pin-to-pin compatibility with OEM factory wiring for ease of installation. Facilities can upgrade to this state-of-the-art technology in minutes with basic hand tools. The i96e-3000+ is ETL-listed and complies fully with UL 508 and CSA 22.2 safety approvals. Engineered with both the installer and end-user in mind, the i96e-3000+ incorporates the following features:

- 1.1 An LCD user interface for ease of setup and monitoring. All programming shall be via a user-friendly, intuitive, and self-prompting menu structure. No PC or special software will be required.
- 1.2 The modular design of the unit shall make any potential service requirements fast and easy with no requirement for an on-site service call. The i96e-3000+ shall have only one plug-in control module. This single control module shall contain all ancillary control electronics for the dimmer rack.
- 1.3 Dimmer control outputs shall be designed for precise and reliable control of the existing COLORTRAN i SERIES e RACK(S) dimmer modules. It shall never be necessary to adjust ramp circuits for proper dimmer output.
- 1.4 The i96e-3000+ shall accept dual independent DMX512 as digital data protocol inputs allowing industry-wide compatibility with modern control consoles. Both DMX inputs shall be independently opto-isolated from all other control circuitry, as well as from the DMX output ports. An internal protocol manager shall allow priority management or merging of both DMX inputs.
- 1.5 An optional Ethernet node shall support a wide range of communication protocols. Automatic recognition will permit interface to the most popular lighting control protocols. It shall not be necessary to assign protocol.
- 1.6 An infrared LED link shall be provided on the control module face panel. This interface will permit hard copy printouts of all programmed data via an optional handheld infrared printer.
- 1.7 Rack thermal protection shall be employed via a mechanical relay interface to the existing COLORTRAN i SERIES e RACK(S) OEM thermal sensors. An active stage one over-temp input shall illuminate a red warning LED, while a stage two over-temp input shall cause an immediate disconnect of all dimmer control outputs (Stage Two Optionally installed).

## 2.0 ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE

Control electronics shall be contained in one plug-in tray and shall provide the following features:

- 2.1 The i96e-3000+ control electronics shall be capable of controlling up to 96 dimmers in the COLORTRAN i SERIES e RACK(S) dimmer cabinet.
- 2.2 The DMX512 input ports shall accept two independent sources of DMX512 data protocol simultaneously from the system control console(s) or architectural control unit(s). The DMX inputs shall comply with USITT DMX512-A (ANSI E1.11 - 2008), the standard protocol for digital data control.
- 2.3 It shall be possible to assign (patch) any dimmer control signal to any module position in the cabinet, thereby allowing dimmer modules of any rating to be used in the same cabinet.
- 2.4 The i96e-3000+ control electronics shall be able to "back up" all system configuration data. All data shall be protected from power failure by EEPROM for a minimum of 100 years.
- 2.5 The i96e-3000+ shall contain a removable memory dongle to facilitate remote or offsite backup of all system configurations and ease of future firmware upgrades. Control module swaps will be easy and fast with no loss of rack programming or system parameters.
- 2.6 The ECU module shall accept up to 4 (four) analog inputs with the ability to be assigned to any of the 96 dimmer outputs in the system. Each analog input shall be selectable as either "Normal" mode (0-10VDC input) for dimmed applications or "Load Shed" mode (5VDC trigger) for power management interface to building management systems (BMS). The analog inputs shall function in a pile-on or HTP mode with the DMX control signal.
- 2.7 Dedicated dry contact inputs shall be provided for BMS, HVAC, security, and fire alarms. Active security input shall "flash" any programmed dimmer outputs to a selectable level at a rate of 1Hz. Active fire alarm input shall bring any preprogrammed dimmers to a selectable level and override all incoming control data.
- 2.8 Each dimmer in the dimmer cabinet shall be capable of being assigned one of four dimmer curves: incandescent square law curve, direct curve, linear curve, or non-dim (adjustable threshold with 5% hysteresis).

- 2.9 The face of the control module shall include an LCD display and momentary push buttons for function selection, parameter setting, and feature monitoring. All programming shall be via a user-friendly, intuitive, and self-prompting menu structure. It shall not be necessary to use a PC or any external programming device to configure or set up any function of the i96e-3000+.
- 2.10 The i96e-3000+ control module shall employ the "system-on-a-chip" advanced digital electronic technology. Such electronic circuitry shall permit real-time signal monitoring and status LED indication to allow easy setup and remote troubleshooting. The i96e-3000+ shall permit configuration/monitoring of the following within the COLORTRAN i SERIES e RACK(S) dimmer rack:
  1. **DIM TEST** Test the dimmer outputs one at a time, or all at once.
  2. **MONITOR** View the control level of each dimmer output.
  3. **ADDRESS** Set the DMX start address.
  4. **DMX MODE** Configure the mode of the on-board DMX protocol manager.
  5. **2 RM SET** Set the 2 Room assignment for each of the dimmer outputs.
  6. **DMXA TRM** Enable or disable termination on the DMX A input.
  7. **DMXB TRM** Enable or disable termination on the DMX B input.
  8. **DMX O/P** Configure the on-board DMX protocol manager for Offset or Patch mode.
  9. **DMXA PAT** Patch the 96 dimmer (PWM) outputs to any DMX A input channel.
  10. **DMXB PAT** Patch the 96 dimmer (PWM) outputs to any DMX B input channel.
  11. **SH TIME** Set the DMX status hold time from 0 to 99 minutes or infinite.
  12. **DC PATCH** Configure the dimmer to channel patch for the dimmer rack.
  13. **DIM CURV** Configure the dimmer curve for each output.
  14. **ND-LEVEL** Set the non-dim trigger level threshold for each output.
  15. **ANA MODE** Configure the analog inputs for normal or load shed mode.
  16. **ANA PAT** Patch the analog inputs to any combination of control channels.
  17. **ANA TEST** View the control level for each of the analog inputs.
  18. **ANA BLOC** Enable or disable the analog inputs when DMX is being received.
  19. **STANDBY** Enable or disable the power savings standby mode.
  20. **S-ALARM** Select the level and control channels triggered by the security alarm input.
  21. **F-ALARM** Select the level and control channels triggered by the fire alarm input.
  22. **Ø-PATCH** Set the zero-cross phase reference for each dimmer control output circuit.
  23. **POLARITY** Display the PWM output polarity the system is set for.
  24. **LINE V** View the RMS line voltage for each power phase.
  25. **LINE F** View the line frequency of phase A.
  26. **CTL TEMP** View the temperature of the microcontroller.
  27. **RTIME** View the total run time of the microcontroller.
  28. **HARD-KEY** View the microcontroller's unique six-character hard-key code.
  29. **SERIAL#** View the microcontroller's unique six-character silicone serial number.
  30. **VERSION** View the microcontroller's firmware version.
  31. **RESTORE** Restore parameters saved in the EEPROM memory module.
  32. **BACKUP** Backup parameters and save them in the EEPROM memory module.
  33. **PRINTOUT** Print various system configuration settings using a handheld infrared printer.
  34. **DEFAULTS** Set various system configuration settings to the factory default.
  35. **LCD VIEW** Adjust the contrast of the LCD Display for optimum viewing.

- 2.11 The i96e-3000+ control module shall include a green LED indicator for power supply and microprocessor status. The LED, when illuminated, shall indicate normal operation, and when flashing shall indicate a hardware fault. A power supply or power failure shall cause the LED to extinguish.
- 2.12 The i96e-3000+ control module shall include three green LED's for phase detection and two yellow LED's for data receive indication. Loss of accurate phase detect signal and/or invalid DMX512 data shall cause the corresponding LED to extinguish.
- 2.13 The i96e-3000+ control module shall include two red LED's for active alarm status or dimmer rack over temperature. Active inputs shall cause the corresponding LED to illuminate.
- 2.14 A reset push-button shall be included on the face of the module. Resetting the unit, whether by the reset button or power-up shall not affect any stored parameters or presets, and dimmer outputs shall automatically return to their former status without any noticeable change.
- 2.15 It shall be possible to "Lock" and "Unlock" the programming keypad of the i96e-3000+ ECU module to protect all programmed system data.
- 2.16 The i96e-3000+ shall incorporate fan control circuitry designed to allow for an additional five (5) minutes of air evacuation from the dimmer cabinet with a loss of input control signal.
- 2.17 All printed circuit boards (PCB's) shall be FR4/G10 with a UL 94V-0 Flame Class Rating.
- 2.18 The entire assembly shall be ETL-listed and comply fully with UL 508 and CSA 22.2 safety approval standards.

Specifications subject to change without notice.

Model	Application
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