DMX REFERENCE

Electro Storm CS15

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1 About this manual

This document describes the Electro Storm CS15 by Aputure. It was compiled from the GDTF file Aputure_Electro_Storm_CS15_105948.gdtf from the GDTF-Share library.

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The DMX modes, the channel functions and the technical data are given as the GDTF file states them. Installation, operation from the device's control panel, service and safety instructions are described in the manufacturer's original user manual, which takes precedence over this document.

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Safety notices are marked with signal words according to the severity of the hazard: DANGER – an imminent hazard that will result in death or serious injury; WARNING – a potential hazard that could result in death or serious injury; CAUTION – a potential hazard that could result in minor injury or property damage; NOTE – additional information for correct and safe use.

> **NOTE** This product is designed for stage and effect lighting. It is not suitable for household room illumination.

2 Quick reference

Parameter	Value
Weight	18 kg

DMX modes

Mode	Channels	Units in one universe	First start addresses
Mode 12	23	22	1, 24, 47, 70, …

No light? Check these channels

- Mode 12: CH 1 Dimmer above 0; CH 15 Strobe Speed at 0–17 “No Effect”


Read the manual before use


Do not stare into the light


Indoor use only

3 Safety instructions



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Indoor use only

⚠ WARNING

- This device is intended for professional use. Installation, connection, setup and maintenance must be carried out only by suitably qualified persons who have read this manual.
- Use the device only for its intended purpose and as described in this manual.
- Do not open the housing and do not modify or tamper with the device. Refer all repairs to an authorized service center.
- Do not use the device if its housing, power or data cable, or a connector is damaged, if the device has been dropped, or if liquid or a foreign object has entered it. In such a case, have it checked by a service center.
- Disconnect the device from the power supply before cleaning, maintenance or any work on the connections.
- After moving the device from a cold to a warm environment, let it reach room temperature before switching it on to prevent condensation inside.
- The device is not a toy; keep it out of the reach of children.

⚠ WARNING

- This device is designed for indoor use only. Protect it from rain, splashing water, moisture and dust, and do not place containers with liquids on it.
- Do not operate the device in high humidity, near water, or where condensation can form on it.

⚠ CAUTION

- This device emits intense light. Do not look directly into the light source or the beam at close range; doing so may damage your eyes.
- Do not aim the beam at the eyes of people or animals at close range, and do not view the light source through optical instruments (binoculars, camera lenses).
- Do not aim the beam at flammable or heat-sensitive materials at close range.

⚠ CAUTION

- Strobe and fast flashing light effects can trigger epileptic seizures in susceptible people (photosensitive epilepsy) and can cause nausea or disorientation.
- Inform the audience and performers in advance that strobe effects will be used, for example with a notice at the entrance, and do not use them longer than necessary.

⚠ **WARNING**

- The moving parts of the device (for example the head or arms) can move quickly and unexpectedly at any time – after power-on, during a reset, or on a command from the controller.
- Keep yourself and any objects out of the range of movement. While the device is switched on, do not touch the moving parts, move them by hand, or obstruct their movement; this can cause injury (pinching) and damage the drive.
- Do not carry the device by its moving parts. If the device has a transport lock, engage it before transport and release it before switching on.

4 Installation

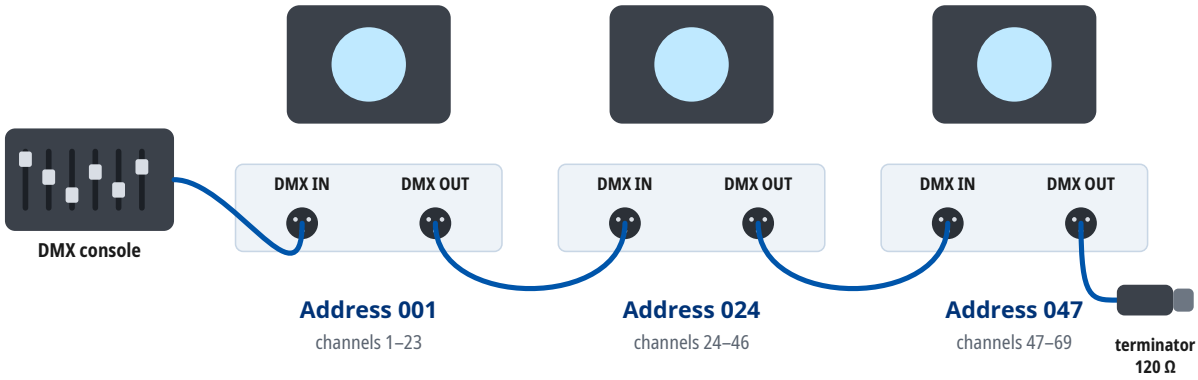
⚠ **WARNING**

- Rigging must be carried out only by qualified persons in accordance with applicable regulations, in particular those for work at height.
- The supporting structure and fixings must safely carry the weight of all suspended devices; verify their load capacity in advance.
- Weight of the device: 18 kg.
- Use suitable mounting hardware (for example truss clamps) and tighten all screw connections properly.
- Always secure the suspended device against falling with a safety cable of adequate load capacity, routed through a fixed point of the device and around the supporting structure.
- During installation and removal, keep people out of the area below the work position.
- Regularly inspect the fixings and the safety cable for damage, corrosion and loosening.

5 Connections

- Use shielded cable designed for DMX512 with an impedance of 110 Ω. Ordinary microphone cable is not suitable for DMX, especially over longer distances.
- Connect the devices in a daisy chain: connect the DMX OUT of one device to the DMX IN of the next. Do not split the line with Y-cables or wire it in a star; the line may be split only with a DMX splitter.
- Connect the shield to pin 1 only. Do not connect the shield (ground) to the metal shell of the connector; this can cause short circuits or erratic behavior.
- XLR pin assignment: pin 1 – shield (ground), pin 2 – Data- (Data Complement), pin 3 – Data+ (Data True). On 5-pin connectors, pins 4 and 5 are not connected; a 5-pin connector can be connected to a 3-pin one with a cable adapter.
- Terminate the end of the line (for impedance matching): plug an XLR connector with a 120 Ω, ¼ W resistor between pins 2 and 3 into the DMX OUT of the last device. This reduces the risk of erratic behavior.
- Connect no more than 32 devices to one DMX line. For more devices or longer runs, use a DMX splitter or booster.

DMX line



Mode 12: every unit occupies 23 channels from its address. At most 32 units on one line; for more units or longer runs use a DMX splitter. A 120 Ω terminator closes the last DMX OUT.

6 Operation

Setting the DMX address

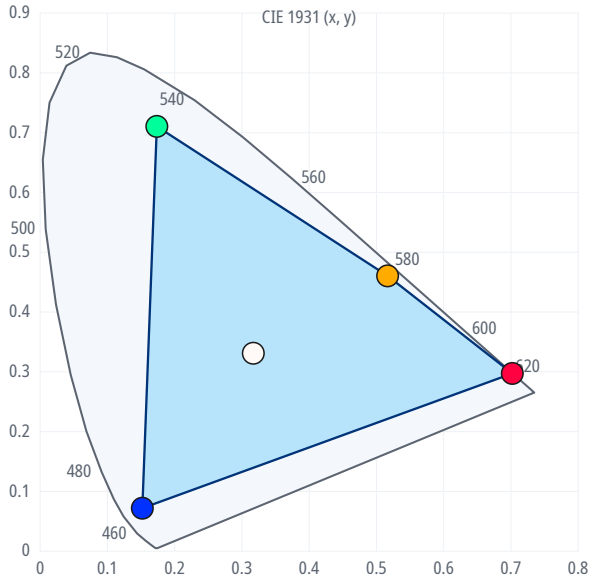
- The device occupies as many consecutive channels in the DMX universe as the selected DMX mode uses, starting at the set start address.
- Number of channels occupied in the DMX mode “Mode 12”: 23.
- Choose start addresses so that the channels of individual devices do not overlap and the last occupied channel does not exceed 512. Devices with the same start address and mode respond identically.
- For several devices in a row in the DMX mode “Mode 12”, you can use, for example, the start addresses 1, 24, 47, 70.
- The DMX mode set on the device must match the fixture profile (personality) used in the controller.

7 Functions at a glance

Functions in each DMX mode

	Mode 12 23 channels
Pan / Tilt	18, 20
Dimmer	1
Shutter / strobe	15
Color mixing	9, 11, 13
Color temperature	3
Zoom	16

LED colors and the colors they mix



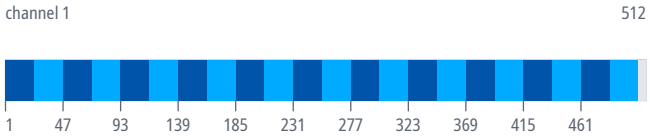
LED	x	y	nm
Red	0.702	0.297	626
Green	0.173	0.711	527
Blue	0.152	0.072	452
White	0.317	0.331	
Amber	0.517	0.461	

The shaded area holds the colors the LEDs can mix; the dots are the LED colors the GDTF file states.

8 DMX channels

Units in one DMX universe

Mode 12
23 channels



up to 22 units
last address 484

Start addresses of 20 units in the mode “Mode 12”

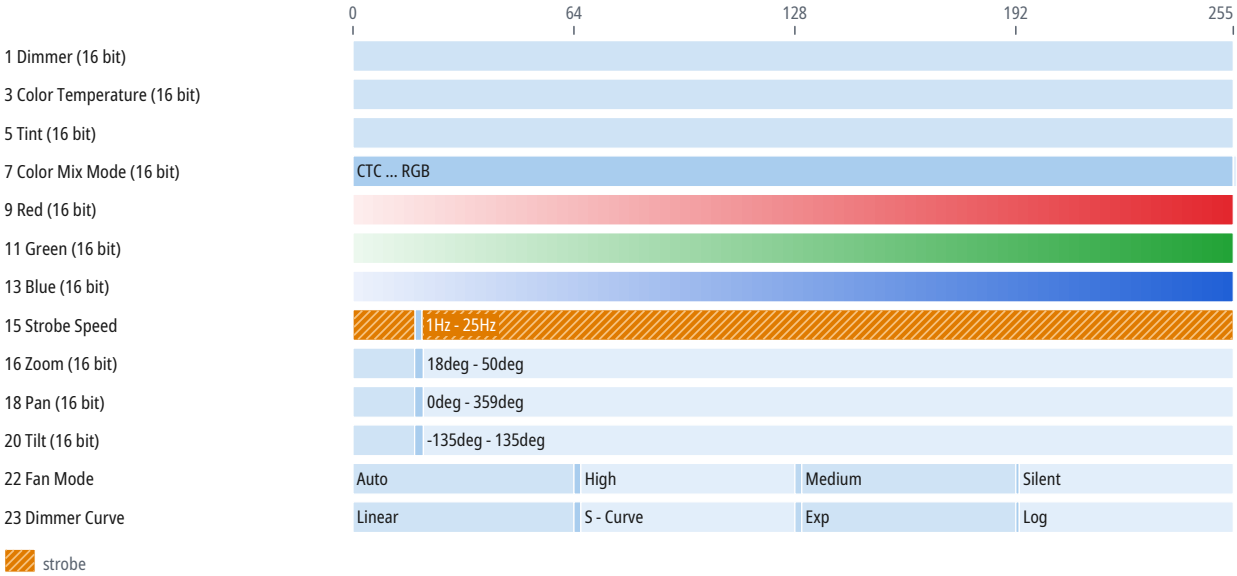
Unit	Start address	Unit	Start address	Unit	Start address	Unit	Start address
1	1	6	116	11	231	16	346
2	24	7	139	12	254	17	369
3	47	8	162	13	277	18	392
4	70	9	185	14	300	19	415
5	93	10	208	15	323	20	438

Mode 12

16-bit parameters use two channels, coarse and fine: value = 256 × coarse value + fine value.

If the device receives DMX in this mode but gives no light, check these channels: CH 1 Dimmer above 0; CH 15 Strobe Speed at 0–17 “No Effect”. The GDTF file gives these values for a console's Highlight function: CH 1 Dimmer 255.

Channel functions at a glance



CH	Function	DMX	Description
1	Dimmer	0–255	
2	Dimmer Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 1
3	Color Temperature	0–255	
4	Color Temperature Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 3
5	Tint	0–255	

CH	Function	DMX	Description
6	Tint Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 5
7	Color Mix Mode	0–255	CTC ... RGB
		255	RGB
8	Color Mix Mode Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 7
9	Red	0–255	
10	Red Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 9
11	Green	0–255	
12	Green Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 11
13	Blue	0–255	
14	Blue Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 13
15	Strobe Speed	0–17	No Effect
		18–19	No Effect ... 1Hz - 25Hz
		20–255	1Hz - 25Hz
16	Zoom	0–17	No Effect
		17–20	No Effect ... 18deg - 50deg
		20–255	18deg - 50deg
17	Zoom Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 16
18	Pan	0–17	No Effect
		17–20	No Effect ... 0deg - 359deg
		20–255	0deg - 359deg
19	Pan Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 18
20	Tilt	0–17	No Effect
		17–20	No Effect ... -135deg - 135deg
		20–255	-135deg - 135deg
21	Tilt Fine	0–255	Fine adjustment of CH 20
22	Fan Mode	0–63	Auto
		64–65	Auto ... High
		66–127	High
		128–129	High ... Medium
		130–191	Medium
		192	Medium ... Silent
		193–255	Silent
23	Dimmer Curve	0–63	Linear
		64–65	Linear ... S - Curve
		66–127	S - Curve
		128–129	S - Curve ... Exp
		130–191	Exp
		192	Exp ... Log
		193–255	Log

9 Technical specifications

Parameter	Value
Weight	18 kg
Operating temperature	-20 to 45 °C

10 Maintenance and cleaning

- Before cleaning and maintenance, switch the device off, disconnect it from the power supply and let it cool down.
- Clean the housing with a soft, dry or slightly damp cloth. Do not use solvents, abrasive cleaners or pressure washers, and make sure no liquid gets into the device.
- Clean optical parts (lenses, front glass), if the device has any, with a soft lint-free cloth and a cleaner intended for optics or glass.
- Regularly inspect the housing, cables, connectors and fixings. Have damaged parts replaced by a service center.
- How often to clean depends on the environment; dust, smoke and fog make the device dirty much faster.

11 Troubleshooting

Problem	Remedy
The device does not switch on	Check the supply voltage, the cables and the fuse, if the device has one.
The device does not respond to DMX	Check the start address, the selected DMX mode and whether it matches the profile in the controller, the cable connection to DMX IN, and the controller output (universe).
The device behaves erratically or flickers	Check the terminator at the end of the line, the condition and wiring of the cables (shield on pin 1 only), the number of devices on the line (32 at most), and that the line is not split without a splitter.
Only some devices on the line respond	Check the cable and connectors between the last working and the first non-working device, and make sure all devices on the line are switched on.
Devices respond to the wrong channels or affect each other	Check that the addresses do not overlap and that the DMX mode on the devices matches the patch in the controller.
The device or the connected load does not light up although it receives DMX	Check the values of the dimmer, shutter and strobe channels against the DMX channel table. For the DMX modes for which the sources state it, the chapter DMX channels gives under the mode's heading which channels must be open.
Movement is reversed	Check whether Pan/Tilt inversion is enabled in the device menu or in the controller.
Moving parts do not reach the correct position after power-on or transport	Switch the device off and on again to reset the position, and make sure the transport lock, if any, is released. If this does not help, contact a service center.
Movement is jerky	Check the value of the Pan/Tilt speed channel, if the device has one, and the stability of the DMX signal.

12 Disposal

The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol on the product, in the manual or on the packaging means that the product must not be disposed of with unsorted household waste at the end of its life.

Take the end-of-life equipment to a collection point, for example a municipal collection site or a retailer. Proper disposal enables materials to be recycled and helps prevent possible negative effects on the environment and human health.

Follow the regulations applicable in your country; in the Czech Republic, take-back is governed by Act No. 542/2020 Coll., on End-of-Life Products.

Recycle the packaging materials according to their type.