ADFM-8A
Two-Wire Fluorescent Multi-way Architectural Dimmer

SPECIFICATIONS

Voltage ............................................................... 120VAC, 60Hz
Maximum Load Rating .......................................................... 8A
Minimum Load Rating ...................................................... 0.33A
Narrow Dimmer:
Load (Multi-way) ....................................................Fluorescent
For use with specific Advance Mark 10
Powerline, Lutron Tu-Wire, and Osram/Sylvania
Quicktronic Powersense dimming ballasts
Environment ..................................................... Indoor use only
Operating Temperature ............................0-25°C (32-77°F)
Humidity ...................................... 93% RH, non-condensing
Electrical Supply Wire Requirement:
Minimum temperature rating ..........................75°C (167°F)
Tools Needed....................... Insulated Screwdriver, Wire Strippers

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DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

The ADFM-8A Fluorescent Architectural Dimmer is designed to replace a standard light switch or dimmer. To dim the connected load move the slider down; to brighten the connected load move the slider up. Press the top of the ON/OFF button to turn the connected load ON. Press the bottom until it clicks to turn OFF. The load will turn back ON to the preset light level.

Caution:
- Use only with dimming ballasts shown on the "List of Compatible Ballasts" on the other side of this page.
- To reduce the risk of overheating and possible damage to other equipment, do not install to control a receptacle, a motor-operated appliance, or a transformer-supplied appliance.

Important Notes
1. Only one dimmer can be used in a 3-way circuit.
2. It is normal for the dimmer to feel warm to the touch during operation.
3. Protect the dimmer from dust and dirt when painting or spackling.
4. Check new installations for short circuits prior to installing the dimmer.
   - Disconnect power to the circuit by removing the fuse or turning the circuit breakers OFF
   - Install a switch instead of the dimmer. Turn the switch to the ON position
   - Restore power to the circuit. If the circuit breaker trips, a short is present.
   - Operate the switch. If the light fails to turn ON and OFF with the switch, the wiring may be incorrect.
   - Correct wiring if necessary and retest.
   - Install the dimmer only after the light operates properly with the switch.
5. To ensure full lamp life and optimum dimmer performance, the lamp must be operated at full intensity for 100 hours prior to dimming. Refer to individual lamp manufacturers for more information.

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Break-off fins are found on both sides of the dimmer’s strap under the plastic end caps. In some multi-gang applications some of these fins may need to be removed to accommodate the size of the wallbox. In some multi-gang cases due to load requirements derating is not an option therefore the fins must remain attached and the dimmers will be installed in a larger wallbox. As shown in Figure 10, when necessary to remove fins use pliers to bend each section up and down until it breaks off.

Fig 1: Multi-Gang Installation

INSTALLATION AND WIRING

WARNING

Disconnect power to the wall switch box by turning OFF the circuit breaker or removing the fuse from the circuit before installing the ADFM-8A, replacing lamps, or doing any electrical work.

1. Prepare the switch box
   After the power is turned OFF at the circuit breaker box, remove the existing wall plate and mounting screws. Pull the old switch out from the wall box.

2. Identify the type of circuit
   You may connect the ADFM-8A to a single pole or multi-way circuit. If you are unable to clearly identify some or all of the wires mentioned in this manual, you should consult with a qualified electrician.

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In a 3-way circuit (Fig. 3) two traveler wires connect to both switches. Another wire provides power from the circuit box to one of the switches. A wire connects from one switch to the load. A ground wire may also be connected to a ground terminal on the old switches.

**Caution** – For your safety: Connecting a proper ground wire to the dimmer provides protection against electrical shock in the event of certain fault conditions. If a proper ground is not available, consult with a qualified electrician before continuing installation.

3. Prepare the Wires
   Tag the wires currently connected to the existing switch so that they can be identified later. Disconnect the wires. Make sure the insulation is stripped off of the wires to expose their copper cores to the length indicated by the "Strip Gage" in Fig. 4 (approx. ½ inch).

4. Wire the dimmer
   Connect the wires to the flying leads on the ADFM-8A dimmer(s) as indicated in either step 4a or 4b.

4a. Single Pole Circuit: Wiring one ADFM-8A (Fig. 5)
   - Connect the green or non-insulated (copper) GROUND wire from the circuit to the green wire on the dimmer.
   - Connect the power wire from the circuit (HOT) to the black wire on the dimmer.
   - Connect the lamp power (LOAD) to the appropriate red wire on the dimmer (See Fig. 5).
   - The remaining red wire is not used in a single pole circuit.

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Fig. 5: Single Pole Wiring

4b. 3-way wiring (Fig. 6)
- Note: Only one dimmer can be used in a 3-way circuit.
- Connect the green or non-insulated (copper) GROUND wire from the circuit to the green wire on the dimmer.
- Connect the power wire from the circuit (HOT) to the black wire on the dimmer.
- Connect one of the red wires on the dimmer to one of the wires removed from the switch.
- Connect the remaining red wire on the dimmer to the remaining wire removed from the switch.

Fig. 6: Multi-way Wiring

5. Remove the center part of the wallplate by placing a small flat head screwdriver into one of the four slots located at the top and bottom of the wallplate. Gently twist a half turn until the plate pops off.

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6. **For single gang installations**, put all the new switches into their wall boxes. Position the dimmer with the slider above the ON/OFF button. Use the captive screws on the mounting strap to secure the switches to their wall boxes. Continue to step 7.

**For multi-gang installations**, select the appropriate mounting configuration and install into the wallbox as explained in the multi-gang installation sections.

7. Restore power to the circuit. Turn ON the breaker or replace the fuse.

8. Attach the wallplates.

**MULTI-GANG INSTALLATION – FINS ARE NOT REMOVED**

Multiple controls can be installed in a common wallbox or a series of interconnected wallboxes. When ganging any combination of narrow and wide controls, place all narrow controls on one end and all wide controls on the other end.

Note: A 3-gang installation of narrow dimmers is shown in Fig. 9. Follow the same steps for any combination of narrow and wide dimmers.

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MULTI-GANG INSTALLATION - FINS ARE REMOVED

Multiple controls can be installed in a common wallbox or a series of inter-connected wallboxes. When ganging any combination of narrow and wide controls, place all narrow controls on one end and all wide controls on the other end.

Note: A 3-gang installation of narrow dimmers is shown in Fig 11. Follow the same steps for any combination of narrow and wide dimmers. Before removing fins take into consideration derating requirements.

2. Remove End Caps between adjacent dimmers (2 screws for each End Cap). Keep these screws.
3. With the slider positioned above the ON/OFF button, install the dimmer in the wall box using the captive screws attached to the strap.
4. Attach the large couplers between the dimmers with the screws that were removed in step 2.
5. Tighten the captive screws, insert the label per instructions in the Wallplate Labeling section, attach the wallplate, and restore power to the circuit.

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2. Remove the end cap (2 screws for each end cap) and break the fins between adjacent dimmers.

3. With the slider positioned above the ON/OFF button, install the dimmer in the wallbox using the captive screws attached to the strap.

4. Attach the small couplers between the dimmers with the screws that were removed in step 2.

5. Tighten the captive screws, insert the label per instructions in the Wallplate Labeling section, attach the wallplate, and restore power to the circuit.

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WALLPLATE LABELING

The wallplates contain a label holding slot. A 0.33” x 1.5” label can be printed from an Avery® standard template: Divider tab inserts 8-Tabs or equivalent.

Install the label following these steps:
1. Disconnect power to the circuit by removing the fuse or turning the circuit breakers OFF.
2. Remove the wallplate by placing a small flat head screwdriver into one of the four slots located at the top and bottom of the wallplate. Gently twist a half turn until the plate pops off.
3. Slide the label in from the back side of the wallplate.

SETUP

The dimmer may need to be calibrated to accommodate low end trim requirements variations in ballasts. When the slider is set to the lowest dimming level (all the way to the bottom) if the connected load turns OFF, you can calibrate the dimmer. Follow these steps:
1. Disconnect power from the circuit.
2. Remove the wallplate.
3. Use a small, insulated flat-tipped screwdriver to adjust the dial located on the right side of the dimmer.
4. If the load turns OFF when the slider is at the minimum setting turn the calibration dial up to increase the brightness.
5. Replace the wallplate.
6. Turn the power back ON.

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### TROUBLESHOOTING

**Lights are flickering**
- Lamp has a bad connection.
- Check wire connection to make sure they are secured firmly.
- There may be a circuit wiring issue. You should always use a separate neutral wire for the circuit connected to the dimmer. If two 120V hots from the breaker box share the same neutral and one of them has a very large load, it could cause a voltage drop on the other hot. This can cause flickering.

**Light does not turn ON**
- Check to see if the circuit breaker or fuse has tripped.
- Check to see if the lamp is burned out.

### WARRANTY INFORMATION

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