

# American DJ® REVO III



## User Instructions

**WARNING!** Due to the magnifying type lens, please keep the lens out of contact with direct sunlight. Direct sunlight can cause heat to build up inside of the unit, which will seriously damage unit.

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### Revo III™

### General Information

**Unpacking:** Thank you for purchasing the Revo III™ by American DJ®. Every Revo III™ has been thoroughly tested and has been shipped in perfect operating condition. Carefully check the shipping carton for damage that may have occurred during shipping. If the carton appears to be damaged, carefully inspect your fixture for any damage and be sure all equipment necessary to operate the unit has arrived intact. In the event damage has been found or parts are missing, please contact our toll free customer support number for further instructions. Please do not return this unit to your dealer without contacting customer support first.

**Introduction:** The Revo III™ is a four or ten channel, DMX intelligent LED fixture. The fixture can operate in three different operating modes; stand alone, sound-active, or in a Master/Slave configuration. The Revo III™ comes with several built in programs. When used as a stand alone unit or when used in multiples linked in a master/slave configuration. *For best results use fog or special effects smoke to enhance the beams projections.*

**Customer Support:** American DJ® provides a toll free customer support line, to provide help and to answer any question should you encounter problems during your set up or initial operation. You may also visit us on the web at [www.americandj.com](http://www.americandj.com) for any comments or suggestions. Service Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

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**Warning!** To prevent or reduce the risk of electrical shock or fire, do not expose this unit to rain or moisture.

**Warning!** *This may cause severe eye damage. Avoid looking directly into the light source at all times!*



To optimize the performance of this product, please read these operating instructions carefully to familiarize yourself with the basic operations of this unit. These instructions contain important safety information regarding the use and maintenance of this unit. Please keep this manual with the unit, for future reference.

- DMX-512 Protocol Compatible (Four or Ten DMX Channels)
- RGB + White
- 3 Operating Modes - Master/Slave; Stand Alone; Sound Active
- Internal Microphone
- Digital Display for Address and Function Setting
- UC3 Controller (Not Included)
- 12 Sound Active Shows

The Revo III™ carries a 3 year (1095 days) limited warranty. Please fill out the enclosed warranty card to validate your purchase and warranty. You may also register your product online at [www.americandj.com](http://www.americandj.com). All returned service items whether under warranty or not, must be freight pre-paid and accompany a return authorization (R.A.) number. If the unit is under warranty you must provide a copy of your proof of purchase invoice. Please contact American DJ® customer support for a R.A. number.

**Caution!** There are no user serviceable parts inside this unit. Do not attempt any repairs yourself, doing so will void your manufacturer's warranty. In the unlikely event your unit may require service please contact American DJ®.

*During operation the housing may become extremely hot. Avoid touching the unit with bare hands while in use.*

*American DJ® will not accept any liability for any resulting damages caused by the non-observance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to this unit.*

***For Your Own Personal Safety, Please Read and Understand This Manual Completely Before You Attempt To Install Or Operate This Unit!***

- To reduce the risk of electrical shock or fire, do not expose this unit rain or moisture
- Do not spill water or other liquids into or on to your unit.
- Be sure that the local power outlet match that of the required voltage for your unit.
- Do not attempt to operate this unit if the power cord has been frayed or broken.
- Do not attempt to remove or break off the ground prong from the electrical cord. This prong is used to reduce the risk of electrical shock and fire in case of an internal short.
- Disconnect from main power before making any type of connection.
- Do not remove the cover under any conditions. There are no user serviceable parts inside.
- Never operate this unit when it's cover is removed.
- Always be sure to mount this unit in an area that will allow proper ventilation. Allow about 6" (15cm) between this device and a wall.
- Do not attempt to operate this unit, if it becomes damaged.
- This unit is intended for indoor use only, use of this product outdoors voids all warranties.
- Always mount this unit in safe and stable matter.
- Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the appliance.
- Cleaning -The fixture should be cleaned only as recommended by the manufacturer. See page 14 for cleaning details.
- Heat -This fixture should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- The fixture should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
  - A. Objects have fallen, or liquid has been spilled into the appliance.
  - B. The appliance has been exposed to rain or water.
  - C. The appliance does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.



**Power Supply:** Before plugging your unit in, be sure the source voltage in your area matches the required voltage for your American DJ® Revo III.™ The American DJ® Revo III™ is available in a 120v and 220v version. Because line voltage may vary from venue to venue, you should be sure your unit voltage matches the wall outlet voltage before attempting to operate you fixture. Also be sure to only use the included I.E.C. power cable supplied with the unit, this cable matches the voltage and current requirements of the unit.

**DMX-512:** DMX is short for Digital Multiplex. This is a universal protocol used by most lighting and controller manufactures as a form of communication between intelligent fixtures and controllers. A DMX controller sends DMX data instructions from the controller to the fixture. DMX data is sent as serial data that travels from fixture to fixture via the DATA “IN” and DATA “OUT” XLR terminals located on all DMX fixtures (most controllers only have a DATA “OUT” terminal).

**DMX Linking:** DMX is a language allowing all makes and models of different manufactures to be linked together and operate from a single controller, as long as all fixtures and the controller are DMX compliant. To ensure proper DMX data transmission, when using several DMX fixtures try to use the shortest cable path possible. The order in which fixtures are connected in a DMX line does not influence the DMX addressing. For example; a fixture assigned a DMX address of 1 may be placed anywhere in a DMX line, at the beginning, at the end, or anywhere in the middle. Therefore, the first fixture controlled by the controller could be the last fixture in the chain. When a fixture is assigned a DMX address of 1, the DMX controller knows to send DATA assigned to address 1 to that unit, no matter where it is located in the DMX chain.

**Data Cable (DMX Cable) Requirements (For DMX and Master/Slave Operation):**

The Revo III™ can be controlled via DMX-512 protocol. The Revo III™ can be a four or ten channel DMX unit. The DMX address is set electronically using the controls on the side panel of the unit. Your unit and your DMX controller require a standard 3-pin XLR connector for data input and data output (Figure 1). If you



Figure 1

are making your own cables, be sure to use standard two conductor

shielded cable (This cable may be purchased at almost all professional sound and lighting stores). Your cables should be made with a male and female XLR connector on either end of the cable. Also remember that DMX cable must be daisy chained and cannot be split.

**Notice:** Be sure to follow figures two and three when making your own cables. Do not use the ground lug on the XLR connector. Do not connect the cable’s shield conductor to the ground lug or allow the shield conductor to come in contact with the XLR’s outer casing. Grounding the shield could cause a short circuit and erratic behavior.

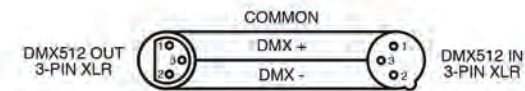


Figure 2

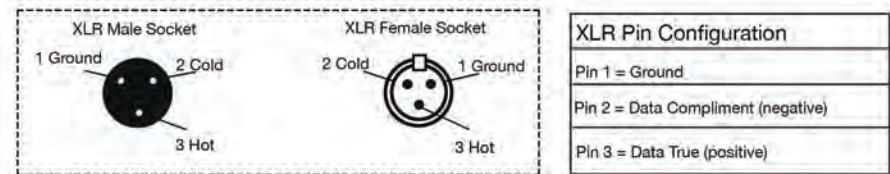


Figure 3

**Special Note: Line Termination.** When longer runs of cable are used, you may need to use a terminator on the last unit to avoid erratic behavior. A terminator is a 90-120 ohm 1/4 watt resistor which is connected between pins 2 and 3 of a male XLR connector (DATA + and DATA -). This unit is inserted in the female XLR connector of the last unit in your daisy chain to terminate the line. Using a cable terminator (ADJ part number Z-DMX/T) will decrease the possibilities of erratic behavior.



Termination reduces signal errors and avoids signal transmission problems and interference. It is always advisable to connect a DMX terminal. (Resistance 120 Ohm 1/4 W) between PIN 2 (DMX-) and PIN 3 (DMX+) of the last fixture.

Figure 4



**5-Pin XLR DMX Connectors.** Some manufactures use 5-pin XLR connectors for DATA transmission in place of 3-pin. 5-pin XLR fixtures may be implemented in a 3-pin XLR DMX line. When inserting standard 5-pin XLR connectors in to a 3-pin line a cable adaptor must be used, these adaptors are readily available at most electric stores. The chart below details a proper cable conversion.

3-Pin XLR to 5-Pin XLR Conversion		
Conductor	3-Pin XLR Female (Out)	5-Pin XLR Male (In)
Ground/Shield	Pin 1	Pin 1
Data Compliment (- signal)	Pin 2	Pin 2
Data True (+ signal)	Pin 3	Pin 3
Not Used		Pin 4 - Do Not Use
Not Used		Pin 5 - Do Not Use

### ADDR - DMX Address Setting.

1. Tap the either the MENU, UP, or DOWN buttons until "ADDR" is displayed, press ENTER.
2. "1" will now be displayed and flashing. Press the UP or DOWN buttons to find your desired address. Press ENTER to set your desired DMX address.

### CHNO - This will let you switch between 4 Channel DMX mode and 10 Channel DMX mode.

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "CHNO" is displayed, press ENTER. Either "4CH" or "10CH" will be displayed
2. Tap the UP or DOWN buttons to choose your desired DMX mode and press ENTER to confirm and exit.

### SLND - This will let you set unit as a master or slave in a master/slave configuration.

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "SLND" is displayed, press ENTER. "MSTR", "SL 1" or "SL 2" will be displayed.
2. Tap the UP or DOWN buttons until your desired setting is displayed, press ENTER to confirm and exit.

### SHOW - in this mode the unit will run in sound active show mode.

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "SHOW" is displayed, press ENTER.
2. Tap the UP or DOWN buttons to scroll through 12 sound active shows.
3. Select your desired chase by pressing the ENTER button to confirm and exit.



**BLND - Blackout or Stand by mode.**

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "BLND" is displayed, press ENTER. Either Yes or No will be displayed.
2. To activate Blackout tap the UP or DOWN buttons until Yes is displayed, press ENTER to confirm and exit. The fixture will now be in Blackout mode. To deactivate Blackout mode, select No and press Enter.

**LED - With this function you can switch the lamp on or off via the control board.**

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "LED" is displayed, press ENTER.
2. The display will show either "ON" or "OFF". Press the UP or DOWN buttons to select "ON" to switch on the LED, or "OFF" to switch off the LED.
3. Press ENTER to confirm and exit.

**IDSP - This function will reverse the display 180°.**

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "IDSP" is displayed, press ENTER.
2. Tap the UP button until "FLIP" is displayed.
3. Press ENTER, the display will show "ON/OFF".
4. Press the UP button to select "ON" to activate this function, or "OFF" to deactivate this function.
5. Press ENTER to confirm.

**FHRS - With this function you can display the running time of the unit.**

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "FHRS" is displayed, press ENTER.
2. The display shows the running time of the unit. Press MENU to exit.

**VER - Use this function to display the Software version of the unit.**

1. Tap the either the MENU button until "VER" is displayed, press ENTER.
2. The display will show the software version.



**Operating Modes:** The Revo III™ can operate in three different modes. This next section will detail the differences in the operating modes.

- **Stand alone mode -**

The unit will react to sound, chasing through the built-in programs.

- **Master/Slave mode -**

You can daisy chain up to 16 units together to get a synchronized light show without the need of an external controller. The units will react to sound chasing through the several built-in programs.

- **DMX control mode -**

This function will allow you to control each individual fixtures traits with a standard DMX-512 controller such as the Elation® Show Designer.™

**Universal DMX Control:** This function allows you to use a Elation® universal DMX-512 controller to control the chases and patterns, dimmer and strobe. A DMX controller allows you to create unique programs tailored to your individual needs.

1. The Revo III™ has four DMX channel mode and a 10 DMX channel mode. To set the channel mode see page 8. See page 13 for detailed description of the DMX traits.
2. To control your fixture in DMX mode, follow the set-up procedures on pages 5-7 as well as the set-up specifications that are included with your DMX controller.
3. Use the controller's faders to control the various DMX fixture traits.
4. This will allow you to create your own programs.
5. Follow the instruction on page 8 to set the DMX address.
6. For longer cable runs (more than a 100 feet) use a terminator on the last fixture.
7. For help operating in DMX mode consult the manual included with your DMX controller.

**Stand-Alone Operation (Sound Active Show Mode):** This mode allows a single unit or several units linked together, to run to the beat of the music.

1. Tap the MENU button until "SHOW" is displayed, and press ENTER.
2. Tap the UP or DOWN buttonS until you find your desired show,

and press ENTER.

3. The optional UC3 Controller (not included) may be used to control different functions including blackout.

**Master-Slave Operation (Sound Active):** This function will allow you to link up to 16 units together and operate without a controller. The units will be sound activated. In Master-Slave operation one unit will act as the controlling unit and the others will react to the controlling units programs. Any unit can act as a Master or as a Slave.

1. Using standard XLR microphone cables, daisy chain your units together via the XLR connector on the rear of the units. Remember the Male XLR connector is the input and the Female XLR connector is the output. The first unit in the chain (master) will use the female XLR connector only - The last unit in the chain will use the male XLR connector only. For longer cable runs we suggest a terminator at the last fixture.
2. On the Master unit find your desired show and set that show by pressing the ENTER button.
3. On the slave units tap the MENU button until "SLND" is displayed, and Press ENTER.
4. The slave units will now follow the Master unit.
5. The optional UC3 Controller (not included) may be used to control different functions including blackout.

First unplug the power. The fuse holder is located next to the power cord. Using a flat-head screw driver unscrew the fuse holder. Remove the bad fuse and replace with a new one.



**Revo III™ DMX Traits**

DMX512 Configuration					
Ch1	Ch2		Ch3		Ch4
Ch1	Ch2-8		Ch9		Ch10
Mode	Pattern	Chase	Pattern Strobe	Chase Speed	Dimmer
240-255 Stand-alone	250-255 Pattern 25	250-255 Chase 25			
	240-249 Pattern 24	240-249 Chase 24			
	230-239 Pattern 23	230-239 Chase 23			
	220-229 Pattern 22	220-229 Chase 22			
	210-219 Pattern 21	210-219 Chase 21			
	200-209 Pattern 20	200-209 Chase 20			
	190-199 Pattern 19	190-199 Chase 19			
	180-189 Pattern 18	180-189 Chase 18			
	170-179 Pattern 17	170-179 Chase 17			
	160-169 Pattern 16	160-169 Chase 16			
	150-159 Pattern 15	150-159 Chase 15			
	120-239 Chase	140-149 Pattern 14			
130-139 Pattern 13		130-139 Chase 13			
120-129 Pattern 12		120-129 Chase 12			
110-119 Pattern 11		110-119 Chase 11			
100-109 Pattern 10		100-109 Chase 10			
090-099 Pattern 09		090-099 Chase 09			
080-089 Pattern 08		080-089 Chase 08			
070-079 Pattern 07		070-079 Chase 07			
060-069 Pattern 06		060-069 Chase 06			
050-059 Pattern 05		050-059 Chase 05			
040-049 Pattern 04		040-049 Chase 04			
030-039 Pattern 03		030-039 Chase 03			
0-119 Pattern	020-029 Pattern 02	020-029 Chase 02			
	010-019 Pattern 01	010-019 Chase 01			
	000-009 Blackout	000-009 Blackout			

**Revo III™ UC3 Control**

Blackout	Blackout the unit	
Function	Strobe 1. Strobe in white color 2. Sound strobe	Chase (12 chase)
Mode	Strobe/ Sound (LED off)	Chase (LED ON)

**Revo III™ Cleaning**

**Fixture Cleaning:** Due to fog residue, smoke, and dust cleaning the internal and external optical lenses and mirror should be carried out periodically to optimize light output. Cleaning frequency depends on the environment in which the fixture operates (i.e. smoke, fog residue, dust, dew). In heavy club use we recommend cleaning on a monthly basis. Periodic cleaning will ensure longevity, and crisp output.

1. Use normal glass cleaner and a soft cloth to wipe down the outside casing.
2. Use a brush to wipe down the cooling vents and fan grill.
3. Clean the external optics and mirror with glass cleaner and a soft cloth every 20 days.
4. Clean the internal optics with glass cleaner and a soft cloth every 30-60 days.
5. Always be sure to dry all parts completely before plugging the unit back in.

**Revo III™ Trouble Shooting**

**Trouble Shooting:** Listed below are a few common problems that you may encounter, with solutions.

**No light output from the unit;**

1. Be sure you have connected your unit into a standard 120v wall outlet.
2. Be sure the external fuse has not blown. The fuse is located on the rear panel of the unit.
3. Be sure the fuse holder is completely and properly seated.

**Unit does not respond to sound;**

1. Low frequencies (bass) should cause the unit to react to sound. Tapping on the microphone, quiet or high pitched sounds may not activate the unit.



<b>Model:</b>	<b>Revo III™</b>
<b>Voltage*:</b>	120v/60Hz or 230v/50Hz
<b>Lamp:</b>	392 LEDs (140 Red, 105 Green, 84 Blue, and 63 White)
<b>Power Consumption:</b>	50W
<b>Dimensions:</b>	12.3"(L) x 12"(W) x 13.14"(H) 312mm x 306mm x 334mm
<b>Colors:</b>	RGB + White
<b>Weight:</b>	9.5 Lbs. / 4.4 kgs.
<b>Fuse:</b>	7A (120v & 230v)
<b>Duty Cycle:</b>	None
<b>DMX:</b>	4 or 10 DMX Channels
<b>Sound Active:</b>	Yes
<b>Working Position:</b>	Any Safe, Secure Position
<b>Warranty:</b>	3 Year (1095 days)

\*Voltage is preset at the factory and is not user selectable

**Please Note:** Specifications and improvements in the design of this unit and this manual are subject to change without any prior written notice.

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