

# TD93 SERIES TRAFFIC DIRECTORS



**TD93**



**TD93DLXT  
TD93DLXT-36  
TD93DLXT24**

 **WARNING!** This light utilizes high-intensity LED Lamps. DO NOT stare directly into the light while it is on, as momentary blindness and/or permanent eye damage may occur.

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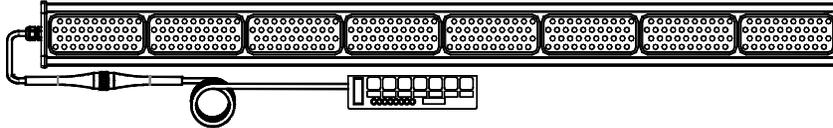


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**Please Note:** These instructions are provided as a general guideline only. Some vehicles may require special mounting, wiring, and/or weather-sealing. This is the sole responsibility of the installer. Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Inc. assumes no responsibility for the integrity of the installation for this or any of its products.

Before beginning the installation:

- Determine where the Traffic Director is to be mounted (on your lightbar, on your roof, in your rear window, etc).
- Check to see that there are no obstructions hindering the visibility of your traffic director.
- Then select a location to mount your controller. The controller must be located in a dry location out of direct sunlight, free of dirt and dust. Under the vehicle's instrument panel is usually the best choice.
- Once you have selected these locations, determine the path your cable, which connects the controller to the Traffic Director, will take. The cable should exit the left side of the Traffic Director when you are facing both the stick and the controller.



Depending upon the specific model number, the TD93 series come with either a 15', 30', 45', or 60' cable pre-installed.

The TD93DLXT series come with a short pigtail out of the side of the light that attaches to the main harness. The available lengths for the harnesses are 15', 30', 45', and 60'.

Be sure the harness attached to your Traffic Director is long enough for proper installation. **Star does not recommend "splicing in" additional cable when the supplied cable is too short.** If it is too short, you will need to order a Traffic Director with the correct length cable *pre-installed* (TD93), or you will need to order a harness of the correct length (TD93DLXT).



Because of the wide variety of mounting applications, Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Inc. assumes no responsibility for the secure mounting of this light. It is the responsibility of the installer and/or owner to ensure the lightbar is mounted securely. Check your light every time you use the vehicle to ensure that it is mounted securely.

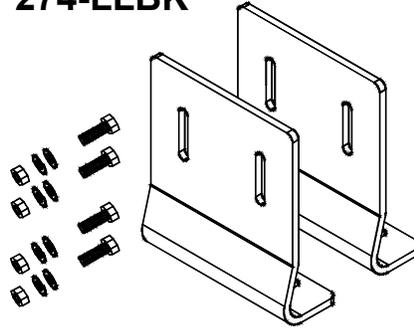
## **Mounting Instructions**

1. **Caution:** There are two vapor vent holes drilled in the bottom slot of the extrusion. Check that these holes are located at the bottom when you mount the bar.

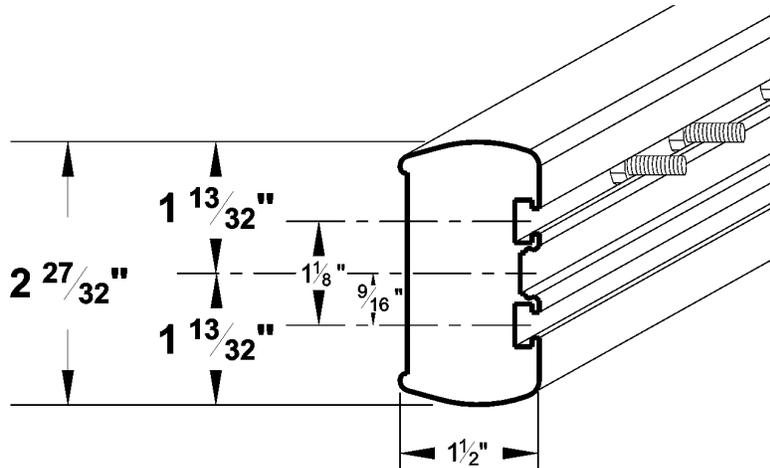
2. Each bar light assembly comes equipped with two slots along the entire length of the rear of the extrusion that will retain  $\frac{1}{4}$ " hex head bolts.

3. The 274-LLBK "L"-Bracket kit is included with each traffic director to assist in mounting it to a lightbar or other secure base.

### **274-LLBK**

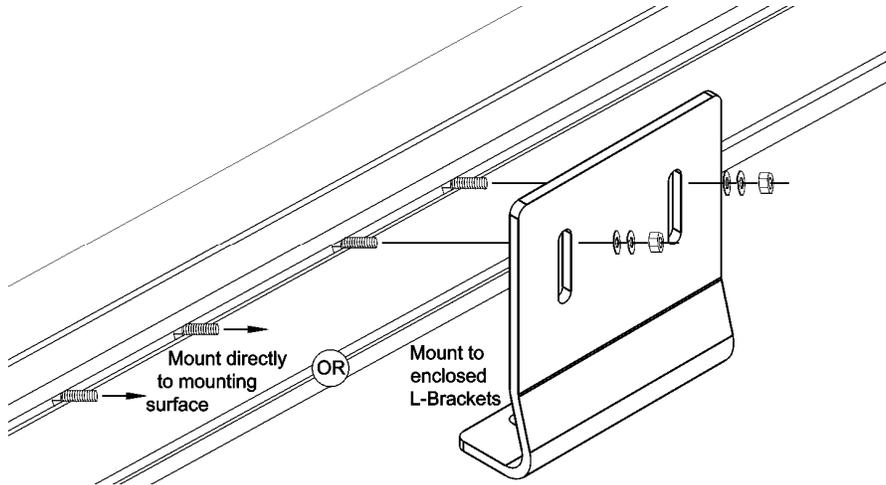


4. Also included are four  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 20 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " hex head bolts, four flat washers, four split washers, and four nuts to attach the L-Brackets to your traffic director. You can mount your traffic director directly to your vehicle using the enclosed bolts or your own  $\frac{1}{4}$ " hex head bolts. You may also use the enclosed hardware to mount the L-Brackets to your traffic director.



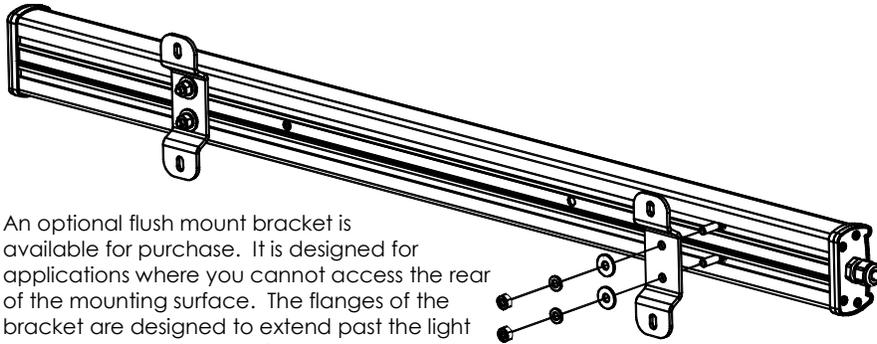
**(Mounting CONT'D)**

5. Slide the bolts to their desired location along the tracks and mount the bolts through pre-drilled holes in your vehicle or mounting bracket. Use a flat washer, split washer, and nut on the bolt. If you are using the L-brackets provided, you will need to supply appropriate bolts or other fasteners to attach the brackets to your mounting surface.



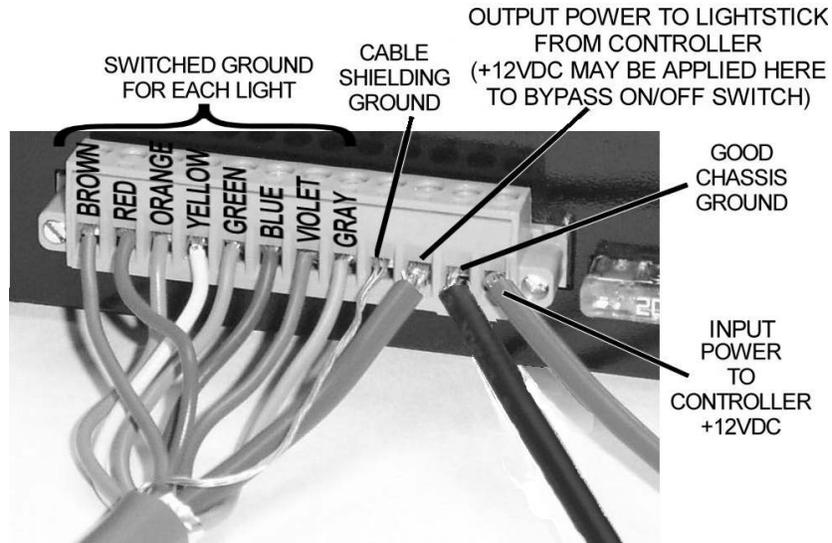
**CAUTION:** Be sure to carefully inspect and test the integrity of your mount.

**Optional 274-FMB Flush Mount Bracket**



An optional flush mount bracket is available for purchase. It is designed for applications where you cannot access the rear of the mounting surface. The flanges of the bracket are designed to extend past the light so that once the bracket is attached to the light, the bracket can be mounted to the surface using a screw suitable for your specific application (user supplied).

## Electrical Connections



**Please note: If you are connecting a TD93DLXT24 (which operates only on 24VDC) the Input Power (and bypass power) would be 24VDC in the diagram above.**

1. The cable attached to your Traffic Director should have a green connector (part #CPSS-153) attached to it. Eight colored 18 AWG wires, one bare drain wire, and a large red 12AWG wire should already be connected from the cable to the connector.
2. Connect a ground wire to the interior empty terminal on the green connector. (See diagram above) The corresponding terminal plugs into the outlet on the back of the controller and is marked **BAT-**.



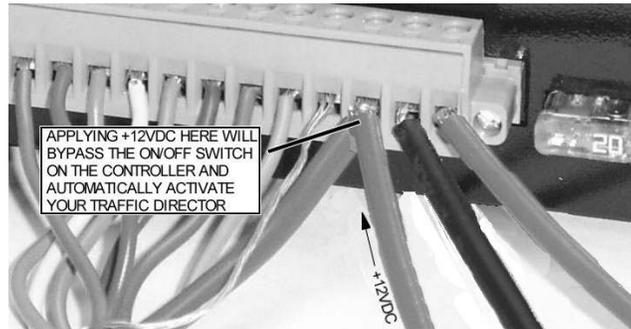
**It is imperative that you supply a ground wire to the terminal marked "BAT -" on the controller. You must not let the controller's case supply ground. Use 12 AWG wire for all power and ground connections**

3. Supply power for the unit from a **fused**, +12 VDC source (or 24VDC for the TD93DLXT24) capable of delivering at least 15 amps of current (use a 20 amp fuse). Star recommends the use of an ignition switched supply to avoid the possibility of draining the vehicle's battery should the unit be accidentally left on.
4. Connect your power supply to the terminal on the green connector that corresponds to the outlet on the back of the controller marked **BAT+**.
5. The lamp brightness will be somewhat diminished if a large voltage drop exists between the vehicle's battery and the controller. If voltage drop is a problem, use a relay to control a direct battery feed. A generic relay designed for automotive lamp service should be available from most automotive stores for this purpose. If using a relay, don't forget to **fuse the feed and signal wires** at their source, with appropriate values. It is imperative that you supply a ground wire to the terminal marked "**BAT -**" on the controller; you must **not** let the controller's case supply ground. Use 12 AWG wire for all power and ground connections.
6. Your Traffic Director should now be ready to operate.

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### **Wiring for Optional Automatic Activation**

1. The Traffic Director may also be wired to automatically bypass the TD77-2 (or TD77-2-24) controller On/Off switch and turn on through the use of an alternate power source (i.e. lightbar switch, siren switch, reverse switch, etc.).
2. When you apply +12VDC to the 12AWG wire supplying the stick with power, you will bypass the On/Off switch and activate the Traffic Director into the "Warn" pattern. **Please note: If any other lights are connected to this "bypass" circuit they will activate any time the traffic director is powered up unless they are isolated in some way (e.g. diode or relay).**



**Please note: If you are connecting a TD93DLXT24 and TD77-2-24 (which operate only on 24VDC) the bypass power would be 24VDC in the diagram above.**

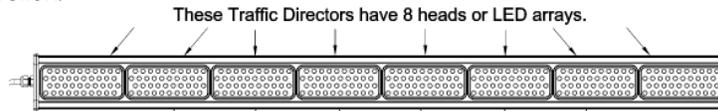
## **Jumper Settings**

The TD77-2 control box and the ULB42-TD-2 control box are identical except for the factory default setting of a jumper located inside the control box. This jumper will control the output of the two arrays on each end. The TD77-2 comes with the jumper defaulted for standard operation.



***TD77-2 or TD77-2-24***

Optionally you may wish to set the jumper so that your arrowstick operates in "Phantom" mode (*not applicable to the TD93DLXT-36*). In the "Phantom" mode, the end lights are not part of the "traffic directing" patterns. When the Alt button is pressed, both of the end lights will flash back and forth in a "warn" type display. (In the "standard" mode, the end lights will follow the normal "traffic directing" pattern you select on the control box.) If you wish to operate your traffic director in Phantom Mode, (6-head traffic directing), follow the instructions below to remove the cover and change the jumper setting. If the standard mode is acceptable, skip this section.

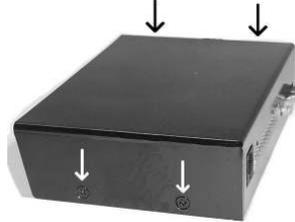


When the control box jumper is in the "Phantom Mode" setting (see diagram on next page) only the center 6 arrays will be utilized during the Left, Center Out, and Right patterns. The outer two heads or arrays will flash alternately.

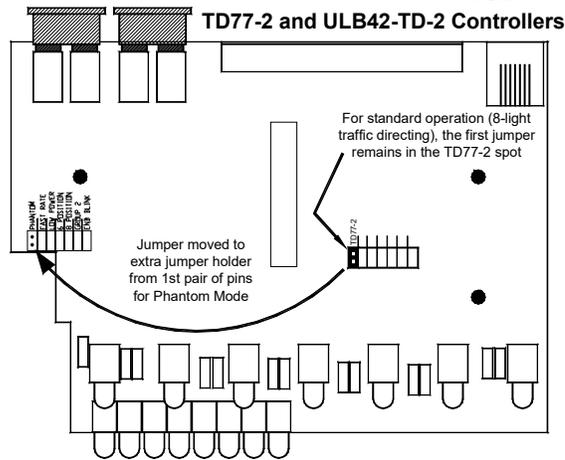
((Jumper Settings CONT'D))

### Arrow stick Control Box Cover Removal

Remove the four recessed Philip head screws (two on each side of the arrow stick control box). Remove the top cover by sliding it towards the front of the unit.



Locate the extra jumper location near the fuses. Move the jumper from the "Option" jumper location near the center of the board over to the extra jumper section. (See diagram below).



## Operation

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1. Your new traffic director is a powerful tool that can aid you in traffic control; or if used *improperly*, it could direct traffic into a *dangerous situation*.

**USE CAUTION!!!**

### TD77-2 or TD77-2-24Controller

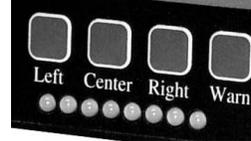
2. Operation of your Traffic Director is straightforward. The controls include an On/Off switch, four *Pattern Select* buttons, and three additional "option" buttons.



3. Turn the vehicle's ignition switch to the on or accessories position to supply power to the controller (if necessary) and press the On/Off switch on the control box. The LED display should begin to show the "Warn" pattern and the "Warn" label should glow red.

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4. Select the desired pattern (if different from the current pattern) by using any of the *Pattern Select* buttons. The **Pattern Select** buttons include *Left*, *Center*, *Right*, and *Warn*. The selected pattern label should change to red and the light output should mimic exactly the display on the controller.



5. The TD77-2 series controllers also have three "option" buttons: *Fast*, *Dim*, and *Alt*.



#### **Dim Button**

This Traffic Director has three different levels of "brightness". This allows the user the option to dim the light for nighttime operation. When the "Dim" button is pressed once the "Dim" label will change from green to red and the Traffic Director will dim slightly (50%). Pressing it a second time will change the button to orange and the traffic director will dim further (15%). Pressing it a third time will return the Traffic Director to full brightness.

#### **Alt and Fast Buttons**

**The Alt and Fast buttons have a different effect on the Left, Center Out, and Right patterns than the effect they have on the Warn pattern.**

#### **Alt Function for Left / Center Out / Right Directional Patterns**

**Note:** The options described below only apply if you have your controller in Standard Mode. If you set the jumper for Phantom Mode (as described on page 4) the Alt button will only enable or disable the two outer flashing arrays/heads and you should skip to the next page.

When your controller has the jumper set for **Standard Mode** (default), and when you have the *Left*, *Center-Out*, or *Right* pattern selected, the "Alt" button will scroll through eleven different alternate versions of that pattern. The version selected will apply to all three directional patterns and will remain selected even if the unit is powered off.

#### **7-Light Patterns (Designed for use with Traffic Directors with end arrows)**

- A. Progressive 7 - Starts with one light and consecutively adds lights to the pattern until they are all lit. The first light (usually in the shape of an arrow) will not illuminate.
- B. End Blink 7 - Same as the Progressive 7 version with the exception that the last light will double blink.
- C. Dual Light 7 - Only two lights will be lit at the same time. The two lights will "roll" in the direction of the selected pattern. The first light will not illuminate in this pattern.
- D. Progressive 7 T13 - Superfast Progressive 7 (**California Title 13 and SAE compliant \***).

#### **8-Light Patterns**

- E. Progressive 8 - Same as the 7-Light version above, except all 8 lights are used.
- F. End Blink 8 - Same as the 7-Light version above, except all 8 lights are used.
- G. Dual Light 8 - Same as the 7-Light version above, except all 8 lights are used.
- H. Progressive 8 T13 - Superfast version of Progressive 8 (**California Title 13 and SAE compliant \***)
- I. Quad Light 8 T13 - 4-Head rolling version (**California Title 13 and SAE compliant \***)
- J. Snake 8 T13 - 8-head rolling version (aka Progressive On, then Progressive Off) (**California Title 13 and SAE compliant \***)

#### **6-Light Pattern**

- K. Outer Flashing - Same as the Progressive pattern, but only uses the six center lights. The outer two light alternate quickly back and forth.

\* When used with an approved lightstick

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**Fast Function for Left / Center Out / Right Patterns**

The "Fast" button provides the user with the option to display any of the patterns (Left, Center Out, or Right) in a "faster" mode. Pressing the "Fast" button once should change the "Fast" label to red and speed up the pattern. Pressing the button again will change the "Fast" label back to green and revert the pattern to the standard speed.

**Alt and Fast Functions for Warn Pattern (Standard Mode Only)**

When the Traffic Director is in the Warn pattern, the Alt button will scroll through 10 different versions. The 10 versions differ depending upon if you have the Fast button activated or not. Review the chart below for the different versions that can be scrolled through.

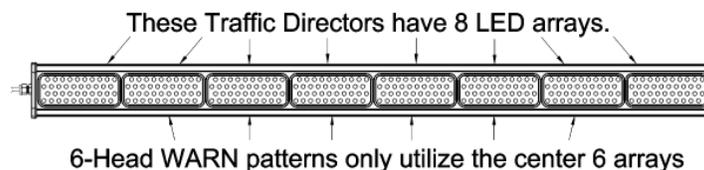
**Fast Button De-Activated**

1. 6-Head Warn Pattern
2. 6-Head Warn w/Alternating Ends
3. 8-Head Warn
4. Search Light
5. Side Band Alternate
6. Random 1
7. Random 2
8. 8-Head Warn T13
9. 8-Head X T13
10. 8-Head Jumble

**Fast Button Activated**

1. 6-Head Random 1
2. 6-Head Warn w/Alternating Ends
3. 8-Head Random 2
4. Search Lights
5. Side Band Alternate
6. Hyper Random 1
7. Hyper Random 2
8. 8-Head Warn T13
9. 8-Head X T13
10. 8-Head Jumble

T13 - California Title 13 and SAE compliant patterns when used with approved sticks



6. When using the Traffic Director, always be sure that the pattern selected is appropriate for the present hazard condition. **The potential danger in displaying an inappropriate pattern cannot be overstated.**
7. To avoid possible damage, the controller should be turned off prior to engine starting. It is possible, though not likely, to confuse the controller if the vehicle's battery is low and the engine is started with the controller running. If you notice that the controller's display shows something out of the ordinary, simply push the power switch to the off position and back on again. This should clear any fault caused by improper voltage being supplied to the unit.

Once your Traffic Director is installed, please test all the patterns, options, and alternate versions to familiarize yourself with the various patterns and the operation of the controller.



## **Replacement Parts**

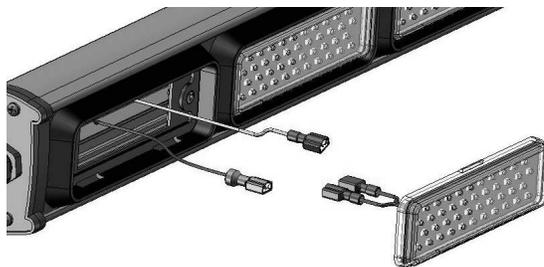
These traffic directors all use state-of-the-art light Emitting Diode (LED) technology. These lightsticks are comprised of eight segments of Ultra-Bright LEDs that are operated in a multiplexed mode to efficiently produce light output with lifetimes up to 100,000 hours. Under normal circumstances, you will not need to replace any lights in these lightsticks.

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If any of the LEDs in the TD93 do fail, please contact the factory for arrangements to have them repaired.

### **TD93DLXT and TD93DLXT24**

The TD93DLXT series are designed such that if there is a failure in one of the arrays, the array can easily be replaced without removing the lightstick from the vehicle. The replacement head is a part #TD93DLXTRH-\* or TD93DLXT24RH-\* (\*=color).



### **TD77-2 Series Controllers**

The TD77-2 controller, used with all of the traffic directors, contains two ATO "blade-type" fuses located in the back of the controller. The fuses are accessible from the rear of the controller. The 20 amp fuse controls power to the bar light assembly, while the 5 amp fuse powers the controller. If the 20-amp fuse blows the controller will continue to function normally, however, the roof lamps will not. It is important to note that under normal circumstances the only reason a fuse will blow is because there is a fault in the system. **If a fuse blows repeatedly it is a signal that something is wrong.** Do not replace a blown fuse with anything other than the same amperage rating as marked on the rear panel of the controller; doing so may damage the unit, or worse yet start a fire. Likely causes of blown fuses are improper wiring, harness damage, and/or improper bulb type.



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The manufacturer warrants this LED light against factory defects in material and workmanship for five years after the date of purchase. The owner will be responsible for returning to the Service Center any defective item(s) with the transportation costs prepaid. The manufacturer will, without charge, repair or replace *at its option*, products, or part(s), which its inspection determines to be defective. Repaired or replacement item(s) will be returned to the purchaser with transportation costs prepaid from the service point. A copy of the purchaser's receipt must be returned with the defective item(s) in order to qualify for the warranty coverage. Exclusions from this warranty include, but are not limited to, dimes, and/or the finish. This warranty shall not apply to any light, which has been altered, such that in the manufacturer's judgment, the performance or reliability has been affected, or if any damage has resulted from abnormal use or service.

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