



# **Haze Blaster 1500**



# **PFX1500H Instruction Manual**





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# User Manual PFX1500H

#### Dear Customer,

Thank you for purchasing the Perform FX PFX1500H haze machine. With decades of experience in design and production, Perform FX is one of the leading manufacturers of professional effects machines and lighting equipment.

This unit has been designed and manufactured to the highest of standards so you can be assured you have made a good investment.

For your safety and to ensure you make full use of all the PFX1500H features, please make sure you read this manual in full.

# **Important Safety Advice:**

- You must read this manual in full before commencing operation.
- The machine should be operated by a responsible and competent adult only.
- Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference.
- Heed all warnings and instructions, both in this manual and on the product.
- Carry and transport this product with care.
- Impact to this machine or dropping may result in serious mechanical failure. The machine should not be used if it has been subjected to such incident.
- Turn off and unplug this machine from the mains supply when not in use.
- This machine is not water-proof and should not be used outside.
- In the event of any liquid entering the housing, unplug immediately & contact a qualified engineer.
- You must not attempt to modify this unit
- The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for injury or damage caused as a result of not following the manual provided.

## **Protection from Electric Shock:**

- Only connect this unit to a mains socket with suitable trip and RCD protection.
- To disconnect from the mains socket, always remove by the mains plug. Do not attempt to remove by pulling the mains cable.
- Disconnect the unit from the mains supply before cleaning. Cleaning should be carried out with a soft, dry cloth
- Do not submerge or expose this machine to any liquid.
- Do not operate near exposed water or in high humidity.
- Choose a suitable route for mains cables, ensuring trip hazards are avoided and the mains cable is not at risk of being crushed.
- Do not open this unit to service. There are no user-serviceable parts inside. Any servicing or repairs should be carried out by a qualified engineer only. Any attempt to service or adapt this unit will leave your warranty void and could result in serious malfunction or injury.

#### **Protection from Fire:**

- Do not place near sources of heat or ignition.
- Do not cover or block any ventilation holes.
- Check your AC wall socket will take the power you are applying to avoid overloading the mains supply.

# **Protecting Your Machine From Damage:**

- Always install in a suitable location where vibrations to the unit are avoided.
- Check this unit matches the mains voltage and frequency before plugging it in to your mains socket.
- In the event that any object or liquid enters the machine switch off immediately, remove from mains and consult a qualified engineer.
- Should you experience any malfunction or damage to the mains cable, disconnect from the mains supply immediately and consult a qualified engineer.
- All parts should be replaced with genuine spare parts and carried out by a qualified engineer.
- Do not add liquids of any kind, especially flammable liquids to this machine or its intended fluid. Use only water based fluid, specifically designed for effects machines.
- Use high quality water-based liquid, recommended by your dealer to reduce clogging.
- During operation ensure there is sufficient fluid in the tank. Operating without fluid will damage the pump.
- If your machine fails to work disconnect immediately, remove all liquid and return in original packing to your dealer.
- Always drain the fluid and water tanks before transporting.
- Follow the cleaning and maintenance advice in this manual.
- If your machine fails to work, disconnect immediately, remove all liquid and return in original packing to your dealer.

## **Danger of Injury or Burns:**

- For operation by adults only, ensure installation is away from the reach of children.
- Never leave the machine running unattended.
- Avoid all contact with the heater.
- Never aim the nozzle directly at people.
- Use only in a well ventilated area & do not cover the machine vents. In order to guarantee adequate ventilation, allow a free air space of at least 20cm around all sides of the machine.
- Effects fluids can cause irratation and injury, handle with care and keep out of the reach of children. Avoid contact with the eyes and skin, if this occurs rinse with warm water. If ingested call a doctor immediately.

# **Before Use:**

Before commencing setup check the machine has not been damaged in transit. In the event there is any damage to the housing, cable or internal components contact your dealer immediately.

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#### **Contents Includes:**

PFX1500H Power Cable Wired timer remote control Instructions

# **Specifications:**

Code: PFX1500H

Mains Supply: 240Vac 50Hz

Power: 1500 Watts Heat Up Time: 3 min

Dimensions: 280 x 290 x 350mm

Weight: 7kg

#### **Features Include:**

- Powerful 1500 watt heater.
- 1.2L Fluid Tank.
- Uses water based haze fluid.
- Self-cleaning function.

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- Wired timer remote control.
- DMX controllability, 2 channels of control.
- Adjustable fan speed.

# **Description:**

A 1500 watt water based haze machine, with wired timer remote and DMX control.

- 1. Heater Nozzle: Smoke output, will get very hot do not touch.
- 2. Fluid Tank: Fill the fluid tank with standard fog liquid, do not spill the liquid as this could damage the electronics.
- 3. Fan: The fan help to disperse the smoke.
- 4. Control Panel: Used to control the workings of the haze machine
- 5. Remote Control: For connection of the wired timer remote control.
- 6. Power Switch: Used to turn the haze machine on and off.
- 7. Fuse Holder. If this blows once, replace if the correct size fuse, if it blows again, there may be a problem with the machine, seek professional help from an engineer.
- 8. Mains Lead: Connect this to a suitable mains supply.
- 9. Liquid Level: Fluid level reading, do not over fill.





# Set Up Menu:

- The setup menu is used to adjust the different parameters of the haze machine.
- The MENU button is used to navigate through the menu options.
- D....: Press enter, until D and a number is displayed. Use the up and down buttons to adjust the DMX address.
- F001 to F005: Press the MENU button until F0..... is displayed. Use the up and down buttons to set the fan speed. F001= lowest output and F005 is the highest.
- h001 to h005: Press the MENU button until h0..... is displayed. Use the up and down buttons to set the output level.

h001= lowest output and h005 is the highest.

• Before turning off the haze machine, run the cleaning function by setting h000 in the display.

## First Time Operation Via Menu:

- Before you start using this unit, please check there is no transportation damage, should there be any, please do not use the device and contact your dealer immediately.
- The PFX1500H is designed to be used with water based haze liquid. NEVER OIL BASED.
- Put the haze machine on a flat stable surface or hang from a suitable truss, make sure you use a safety wire.
- Make sure no one can put any body part close to the heater output
- Unscrew the Lid on the fluid bottle, fill up with a suitable haze liquid, make sure not to over fil. Then screw the plastic cap back on. Make sure the tank never runs dry during operation.
- Connect the PFX1500H to a suitable mains supply.
- There is a simple 3 button with LCD display on the back of the unit, the 3 buttons control menu, up and down.
- When you first turn on the haze machine you will need to wait for around 3 minutes for the heater to warm up. Then you will get access to the controls. The LEDs that light up the fluid tank will turn from purple to red once heated to the correct temperature. Press the menu button to scroll through options and use the up down buttons to make changes.

#### DISPLAY FUNCTION

d001-d512 DMX Address

h 0-5 Output Volume 0=off, 1=Low, 3=High

F 0-5 Fan Speed 1=Slow, 5=Fast

- Adjust settings 'h' and 'F' for output volume and fan speed.
- Before turning off the haze machine, run the cleaning function by setting h000 in the display. Turn Hazer off after 2 minutes

# **First Time Operation Wired Timer Controller:**

- Before you start using this unit, please check there is no transportation damage, should there be any, please do not use the device and contact your dealer immediately.
- The PFX1500H is designed to be used with water based haze liquid. NEVER OIL BASED.
- Put the haze machine on a flat stable surface or hang from a suitable truss, make sure you use a safety wire.
- Make sure no one can put any body part close to the heater output
- Unscrew the Lid on the fluid bottle, fill up with a suitable haze liquid, make sure not to over fil. Then screw the plastic cap back on. Make sure the tank never runs dry during operation.
- Connect the wired remote control.
- Connect the Stage PFX1500H to a suitable mains supply. Allow to warm up for about 3 minutes.
- Fan speed 'F' and Haze output 'h' must be set to zero in the menu for the remote to work.
- The ready indicator light will light up green when the hazer is ready to use.
- There is a continuous output button, which can be pressed permanently on and volume can be set at the desired level.
- When the timer button is pressed, the user then gets control over interval (0-30minutes approx.) and Rotary duration control pot (0-15 seconds approx.).
- The override button will override the continuous and timer settings.
- The cleaning function will run when all the remote buttons have been de selected. Turn Hazer off after 2 minutes

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# **First Time Operation with DMX:**

- Before you start using this unit, please check there is no transportation damage, should there be any, please do not use the device and contact your dealer immediately.
- The PFX1500H is designed to be used with water based haze fluid. NEVER OIL BASED.
- Put the haze machine on a flat stable surface. Make sure no one can put any body part close to the heater output.
- Unscrew the Lid on the fluid bottle, fill up with a suitable fog liquid, make sure not to over fil. Then screw the plastic cap back on. Make sure the tank never runs dry during operation.
- Connect a DMX controller to the DMX input socket. Terminate the output socket or connect to other DMX fixtures.
- This unit takes up two DMX channels fan speed and haze output.

# DISPLAY FUNCTION

d001-d512 DMX Address

h 0-5 Output Volume 0=off, 1=Low, 3=High

F 0-5 Fan Speed 1=Slow, 5=Fast

FLASH Shows when liquid is low

Set the DMX address in the menu, using the menu and up down buttons.

<b>DMX Channel</b>	DMX Value	Function
Channel 1	000-255	0-100% Fan Speed
Channel 2	000-255	0-100% Haze output

There is some useful DMX info at the end of this manual.

The cleaning function will run when channel 1 is set to 0.

# **Self-Cleaning Function:**

Please do not turn your unit straight off after cleaning. This machine has a self-cleaning function. This pushes air through the pump and heater to remove any residue of liquid left.

If DMX mode turn the haze output to zero, then turn the power off after about 1 minute 30 seconds.

If using the internal menu, adjust 'h' in the menu to zero, then turn power off after 1minute 30 seconds.

If using the timer remote turn the haze output pot to zero then turn off after the 1 minute 30 seconds.

#### **Maintenance:**

- Always perform the self-cleaning function after every use. This will prolong the life of the pump and heater.
- Do not allow liquid to become contaminated. Always replace the cap on the liquid container immediately after filling.
- Always empty the fluid tank after every use.
- Wipe clean the unit with a dry cloth.
- Make sure the mains cable is in impeccable condition and should be replaced when a small defect is detected.
- All other maintenance should be carried out by a qualified engineer

# DMX BASICS:

- DMX is short for "digital multiplexer", which is a universal protocol designed for the entertainment industry. It allows control of intelligent fixtures like scanners, moving heads, LED par cans, dimmer packs & effects machines etc.
- DMX allows you to control many fixture channels, normally up to 512, with varying channels from 0-255 (0-100%).
- This will give control of channels such as gobo selection, movement, colours, dimming and timing to name just a few.
- DMX is a very good system, as all this information can be sent down one cable. Used in conjunction with a DMX controller with memory, all of your channel settings can be saved and recalled easily.
- DMX was designed so that all manufacturers can use the same protocol/language to control their fixtures, allowing the end user to use any make of fixture from their DMX controller as long as both are DMX compatible, and the controller has enough channels to control the fixture that is attached.
- Fixtures have an input and output DMX socket, allowing you to connect from the controller to the first fixture then from that fixture to the next (this is often referred to as "daisy chaining").
- Sockets are normally 3 pin XLR but can be 5 pin XLR.

DMX fixtures need to have a DMX address set, this is so they can then decode the correct information from the controller. This is normally done by a digital display panel, where the address can be changed by simple up and down buttons; the address ranges from 1-512. Alternatively it may be controlled by a row of small switches, called dip switches; on this type system, the required address is then converted to a binary number.

# **DMX Connector Wiring**

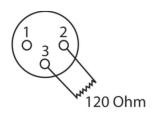
3 PIN	5 PIN
PIN 1 GND	PIN 1 GND
PIN 2 -	PIN 2 -
PIN 3 +	PIN 3 +
	PIN 4 NOT USED
	PIN 5 NOT USED

3 Pin wiring is more common, but the 5 pin configuration is often used on larger equipment. With the 5 pin configuration, not all pins are used, though it is worth checking the fixture manual, as some equipment use the extra pins for low voltage control. 5 Pin connectors are ideal so there is no confusion over mixer leads and DMX leads in larger rigs. Sending a mixers 48v phantom power down a DMX cable could damage the DMX light or fixture.

If making cables, always use suitable DMX cable and do not connect pin 1 GND to the outer casing of the connector as you might do with audio cables, as this may cause erratic behaviour from your fixture.

Do not make "Y" leads to split cables to fixtures; always use the in and out sockets or a DMX splitter, as again this may cause erratic behaviour from your fixture.

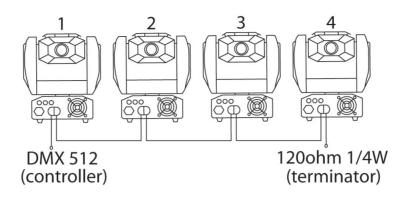
We recommend you to plug a DMX terminator into any fixture that hasn't got a DMX lead connected from the output socket to another fixture; This again is to reduce unexpected behaviour. A DMX terminator is simply a male XLR plug with 120 ohm, ¼ watt resistor soldered across pin 2 & 3.

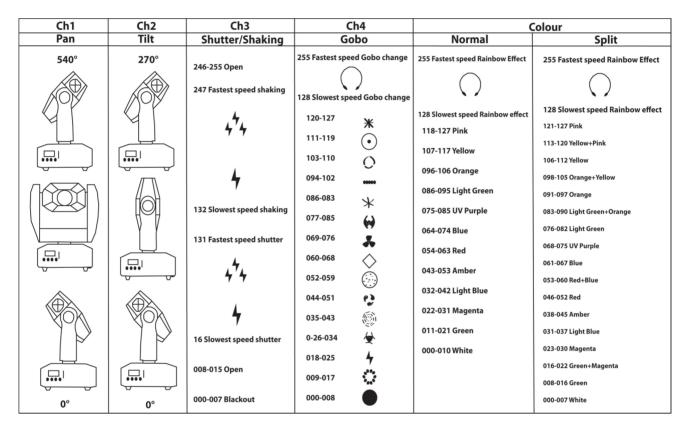






# Example of a DMX line





Each fixture takes up 5 DMX Channels (See Above)

You have a cable from the controller to the first fixture cable, then from first to second and so on. The last light then has a DMX terminator plugged in.

Fixture 1 would be set to DMX address 1

Fixture 2 would be set to DMX address 6

Fixture 3 would be set to DMX address 11

Fixture 4 would be set to DMX address 16

When setting these addresses, ensure that the fixture addresses dont overlap. You can set two fixtures to the same address as long as they have the same channel layout, they will then perform in the same way.

We recommend you to read manuals for your DMX fixture and controller in full. Some controllers tell you what each fixture address needs to be, and some equipment will need other settings changed before they will work.