Experience significant energy savings and increased lumen output vs. halogen lamps with Electronic High Intensity Discharge (HID) ballasts from Universal Lighting Technologies. Vossloh-Schwabe (VS), also a Panasonic Lighting Company, recently merged its US operation into Universal. This merger combines Vossloh’s market leading high quality electronic HID product line with Universal’s extensive offering.

There are numerous advantages of using VS electronic HID ballasts. Operating HID lamps used in HID lighting systems with electronic ballasts greatly increases system efficiency in comparison with magnetic ballasts. These ballasts are designed to provide optimal lamp performance and maximum energy savings. With enhanced capabilities to downsize the form factor of luminaire housings and reduce wiring costs, VS electronic HID ballasts lead the way to electronic solutions for HID lighting. Microprocessor controlled intelligence offers superior lamp performance and the flexibility for proprietary value-added functions. VS electronic HID ballasts cover your HID needs with products for Metal Halide Lamps ranging from 20 Watts to 210 Watts.

VS electronic HID ballasts continuously monitors lamp characteristics during operation and adjusts the lamp current to optimize performance. This guarantees controlled operation in all modes of operation. The lamp color temperature is also stabilized by using VS electronic HID ballasts due to its relatively constant output power characteristics in addition to producing flicker free lighting that usually occurs at the end of the discharge lamp’s service life. The technology enhancements of VS electronic HID ballasts, allowing very small form factors and light weight designs, has enabled new, innovative luminaire designs.
Product Overview

**Micro Series:** The introduction of the smallest eHID ballasts in the market was coordinated with the launch of the new miniaturized capsule MH lamps enabling the ultimate luminaire design flexibility. Extremely compact and aesthetically pleasing, luminaire designs are approaching the form factor and size of low voltage halogen systems.

**Mini Ballast Series:** Two ideal form factors that are used in millions of HID track light luminaires characterize the mini series of eHID ballasts. The mini-slim and mini-square units revolutionized track lighting by allowing significantly smaller and greater variety of luminaire designs while providing energy savings of 60-70% versus halogen systems.

**Standard Case “Valued-added Series”:** Millions of recessed, track-head and specialty luminaires have used the de facto industry standard enclosure since introduction. The significant energy savings and enhanced reliability of our ballasts promoted the rapid escalation of electronically ballasted MH luminaires for almost 15 years. Technological advancements have now allowed the integration of multiple, value-added functions such as: a powersource for the self-heating thermal protectors, an electronic 277V step-down transformer, and an intelligent auxiliary lighting control for back-up lighting during lamp hot restrike modes. Ideal for new, retrofit and replacement applications in recessed luminaires.

**Features and Benefits:**

- Optimum lamp performance
- Rugged, compact and lightweight design
- High power factor
- Enhanced color and CRI uniformity
- Shut-down protection
- Reduced wiring costs
- Eliminates nuisance lamp cycling at end-of-lamp life (intelligent lamp sensing capabilities)
- Constant lamp power
- Reduced lamp dropouts due to improved line voltage dip withstand
- Quiet operation
- Durable performance for various applications
- Fewer SKUs required in inventory
- Broadens design flexibility for new applications and luminaries
## eHID Product Family

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**Footnotes:**

1. "JT3" models have 120V power source for operating the heater on self-heating thermal protectors allowing dual-rated input voltage fixtures.

2. "JA3" models have same 120V power source as JT3 models, but also have an integrated auxiliary light control which drives a quartz restrike back-up lamp.

3. Exceeds EISA 2007 90% minimum ballast efficiency requirement for 150W and higher HID lamp applications.
Wiring Diagrams

120/277V with IDTP Tap

2a WIRING (with 3-wire 120V IDTP)

2b WIRING (with 4-wire 120V IDTP)

2c WIRING (with 3-wire 277V IDTP)

120/277V with Auxiliary Control + IDTP Tap

3a WIRING (with 3-wire 120V IDTP)

3b WIRING (with 4-wire 120V IDTP)

3c WIRING (with 3-wire 277V IDTP)

Notes for Wiring Diagram:
1. Connect red lead to center contact on Edison base lampholders
2. IDTP: Insulation Detector Thermal Protector
## Wiring

### Dimming Ballasts

4a WIRING (For Fixed Output)

- **RED**
- **BLUE**
- **GREEN**
- **BLACK**
- **WHITE**
- **GREY (+)**
- **PURPLE (+)**

4b WIRING (For Dimming Control)

- **RED**
- **BLUE**
- **GREEN**
- **BLACK**
- **WHITE**
- **GREY (–)**
- **PURPLE (+)**

### Dimensions

#### 1

- Temp. Testpoint
- 33.0/1.30
- 76.0/2.99
- 28.0/1.10

#### 2

- Temp. Testpoint
- 33.5/1.32
- 29.7/1.17
- 97.7/3.85
- 31.0/1.22
- 104.7/4.12

#### 3

- Temp. Testpoint
- 33.5/1.32
- 16.7/0.66
- 96.7/3.81
- 38.1/1.5
- 8-32 stud
- 50.8/2.0

#### 4

- Temp. Testpoint
- 33.5/1.35
- 90.7/3.57
- 30.1/1.19

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Application And Operating Information

General:

If the electrical current through an HID lamp is properly stabilized, an HID plasma arc with very high luminous efficiency is created in the arc tube chamber resulting in a very efficient light source. The internal pressure of the arc tube chamber rises as the arc tube temperature increases and will attain between 1 and 10 bar; thereby, defining these lamps as high-pressure HID lamps, high intensity discharge lamps or simply HID lamps. The light output and color rendition of HID lamps vary considerably depending on the lamp family (mercury, metal halide or sodium lamps).

HID lamps can only be started and operated with ballasts. Ignitors or ignition voltage characteristics are additionally required for sodium and metal halide lamps. As well as stabilizing the lamp’s operating point, ballasts also influence the lamp’s output and luminous flux, the system light output, the service life of the lamps as well as the color temperature of the light source.

Electromagnetic or electronic ballasts can be used for HID lamps, but unlike fluorescent lamps, lamp efficiency is not significantly improved by the use of electronic ballasts. However, electronic ballasts can lead to a reduction of the inherent losses and thus to an increase in system efficiency. In addition, electronic ballasts can ensure gentle lamp operation, which may increase lamp’s service life.

Electronic Ballasts for Metal Halide Lamps

Electronic ballasts are designed with all the components required to operate metal halide lamps, including ignition, power factor correction, and stable normal operation. Furthermore, they safely shutdown lamps at the end of their service life to prevent high temperatures from being generated in the luminaires that could influence the service life of the luminaire or its components. Universal Lighting Technologies also provides special electronic ballasts for additional luminaire functions such as heater power for insulation detection thermal protectors and for switching on of an auxiliary incandescent lamp for the dark phase of an HID lamp during initial warm-up or during hot-restrike cool-down mode.

Standards/Regulations

ANSI C82.14 Low-Frequency Square Wave Electronic Ballasts for Metal Halide Lamps
UL 1598 Standard for Safety-Luminaires
ANSI C82.77 Harmonic Emission Limits-Related Power Quality Requirements or Lighting Equipment
ANSI/UL 1029 Standard for Safety-High Intensity HID Lamp Ballasts
ANSI/IEEE C62.41 Surge Voltages in Low Voltage AC Power Circuits

US Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 – Telecommunications Part 18– Industrial, Scientific and Medical Devices
Application And Operating Information

Technical Specifications:

Operating voltage range

120VAC rated: 120V 277V ±10%
277VAC rated: 277V ±10%
120–277V rated: 108V–305V
120/277V rated: 108V–132V and 249V–305V

Leakage current ≤0.5mA

Hot restrike auxiliary lamp operation

In order to ensure continuous illumination even during the ignition period or in the event of a lamp drop-out due to short term power outage, an additional incandescent lamp (maximum 150W) can be used on models designated with a JA suffix.

Short circuit issues

The ballast output metal halide lamp leads are basically short-circuit-proof. However, any shorts or connections between those lamp leads to the ballast case or to safetyneutral (earth ground) will destroy the ballasts. Likewise the metal halide lamp leads shall not be connected to input power connections nor shall the auxiliary lamp leads be shorted together otherwise the ballast’s circuitry could be damaged or fail.

Provisions in the luminaire design should be implemented to prevent all lead wires but especially lamp leads from being pinched, damaged, or cut during luminaire assembly, field installation or normal service.

Mechanical Mounting:

Surface

Firm, flat, preferably metal surface required to ensure good heat transfer for long ballast service life and reliability. Avoid mounting on uneven or protruding surfaces.

Mounting Location

Electronic ballasts must be protected against moisture and heat. Outdoor applications must utilize luminaires with the appropriate weatherproof ratings depending on location. Most Universal Lighting Technologies electronic ballasts are rated “Outdoor Type 1”.

Fastening

Use mechanical means to ensure ballasts are fixed tightly to flat surfaces. Use appropriately sized screws depending on the ballast mounting slot size or spring clips to provide interference fit.

Heat transfer

If ballast is destined for installation in a luminaire, sufficient heat transfer must be ensured between the electronic ballast and the luminaire housing. Electronic ballasts should be mounted with the greatest possible clearance from heat sources or lamps. During operation, the temperature measured at the ballast’s tc point must not exceed the specified maximum value.
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Technical Specifications:

• Dimensional tolerances:
  – Case: ±1mm (±0.039”)
  – Standard lead length tolerances: +50mm (+2”) or –30mm (–1”) Micro lead length tolerances: ±15mm (±0.6”)
  – Slot width on “F” mounting tabs: 5mm (0.20”); for Mini-Square Size: 4mm (0.157”)

• Remote wiring guidelines:
  – Each lamp’s lead wires must be run in a separate conduit from the input power leads to achieve good EMI performance and maximum remote capabilities. Lamp leads shall not be bundled together, but each set of lamp leads shall be run in its own conduit.
  – Individual lamp lead wires must be used for external fixture wire extensions using wire types SF-2 (equivalent to SEW-2 or 3071) or SFF-2 (equivalent to SEWF-2 or 3070) or alternately, if approved by ULT, high voltage luminaire wire with a 18AWG conductor and a 1000VAC minimum voltage rating. Temperature rating is especially critical if the lamp lead extension wires are directly connected to lampholder terminals.
  – Maximum remote distances:
    See individual model specification sheets.
    The specified maximum remote distances are based on lamp leads run in a minimum ½” internal diameter conduit, pipe or flexible conduit. For longer remote distances contact the TES group at Universal Lighting.
  – Using service power cords (types SJ, SO, ST, SV etc.) or metal clad cable assemblies for lamp lead extension wire are not recommended as they are not compatible with the above characteristics, can cause starting problems and shall not be used unless ULT gives written approval.

Insulation clearance
Remote mounted ballasts shall be installed per National Electrical Code and local codes while also complying with wiring methods per Universal Lighting Technologies recommendations. Per UL requirements, thermal insulation shall be a minimum of 3” from any ballast surface.
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Safety Functions:

Regulatory approvals
Universal Lighting Technologies electronic HID ballasts are UL listed or UL recognized component and cUL listed for use in Canada.

Shutdown of defective lamps
In the event of a lamp failing to ignite or of a lamp with low or high operating voltages (end of lamp’s service life), the electronic ballast will switch off after a defined period of time (typically 30 minutes). The ballast will also shut-down if the lamp fails to achieve symmetrical current operation (rectification) or if lamp leads are shorted to each other. After lamp replacement, the ballast output can be reset by disconnecting (count to 10) and then reconnecting input power.

Transient input voltage
Electronic ballasts incorporate transient protection that complies with ANSI C62.41 and ANSI C82.14 test procedure and values.

Temperature Protection
To prevent excess temperatures, ballasts contain thermal protection devices or thermal sensing circuitry. A ballast will restart after it has cooled down, however, it might be necessary to briefly reset the input power after the over-temperature condition is resolved.

General guidelines
Always disconnect power to the luminaire before installation or service of the ballasts. Install to all provisions of local or National Electric Codes. The ballast case/green lead must be grounded. Dispose of any replaced ballasts or lamps properly per local environmental regulations.

Reliability and Service Life:
The electronic ballast service life is inversely proportional to the temperature of its critical internal components. Normal ballast operation shall have the temperature of the tc point less than the warranted values in the individual specification sheets.

Electrical Installation:

3-Phase connection of luminaires with electronic ballasts
Prior to operating newly installed lighting systems, please check the ballast’s rated voltage range to ensure it is appropriate for the job site input power supply voltage. The neutral power supply wire must be connected securely to all luminaires and to all ballasts. Power supply conductors must only be connected or disconnected when the circuit is not energized. The neutral conductor must never be disconnected as the first disconnected wire nor individually at the circuit panel, at a distribution wiring junction box or at the luminaire during energized power supply operation as out-of balance voltage operation can lead to serious over-voltages and subsequent ballast failures.

Power factor compensation
Luminaires with electronic ballasts do not need power factor compensation, as the typical power factor range of electronic ballasts is 95 to 99%.
Wiring

Wiring between the power supply, electronic ballasts and lamp must comply with the respective circuit diagram.

**Note:** the ballast (metal) case (using toothed washer) or provided green lead must be connected to safety-neutral (earth ground). In addition, all metal luminaire parts and metal lamp reflector/housings shall also be connected to earth ground for safety and for proper lamp starting. Metal halide luminaires must only be fitted with electrical components that are rated to withstand ignition voltages of 4kV. To ensure compliance with RFI suppression limits, input and output conductors should not be run in the same conduit as lamp conductors. Conduit size recommendations are stated in the individual ballast specification sheets or construction notes.

Lamp maintenance notice

To replace end-of-service lamps, turn-off luminaire power, remove and replace lamps then turn-on luminaire power. If power was not turned off during lamp replacement, the luminaire/ballast-input power must be reset to restart the new lamp. If the lamp or wiring is defective, the ballast will “shut-down” in 1.5 to 30 minutes depending upon the fault condition.

Supplemental IDTP wiring

The IDTP (insulation detector thermal protector) is required by UL for most recessed luminaires. This fast acting thermal protector is typically mounted on the same junction box as the electronic ballast. Special “JT” electronic ballasts provide a separate 120V power supply for the IDTP heater to allow the luminaire to be rated for both 120V and 277V operation. See the individual ballast specifications for the proper wiring procedures for JT & JA ballasts with this IDTP heater function.

**Note:** When using JT or JA ballasts on multiple lamp luminaires, only one ballast yellow or purple lead should be connected to the IDTP heater. All other ballasts’ yellow or purple leads should be capped-off. Operation of JT and JA ballasts on 208V and 240V is not recommended, as the IDTP may not function properly.

Lamp compatibility

Not all HID lamps are compatible with all electronic ballasts. Therefore, consult with Universal Lighting Technologies Technical Support or a specific lamp company regarding a certain lamp’s compatibility.

External fuse ratings

All Universal Lighting Technologies electronic HID ballasts have internal fuses for EOL protection; however, if external fuses are specified, use a 3A slow blow fuse for 20W-100W ballasts and a 5A slow blow fuse for 150W & 210W ballasts.