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# I-48

SERIES D  
EMERGENCY  
LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

### IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

#### READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. **CAUTION** – To prevent electrical shock, do not mate unit connector until installation is complete and A.C. power is supplied to the unit.
2. **CAUTION** – This fixture provides more than one power supply output source. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, disconnect both normal and emergency sources by turning off the A.C. branch circuit and by disconnecting the unit connector.
3. **CAUTION** – This is a sealed unit. The integral, high temperature Ni-Cad battery is not replaceable. Replace the entire unit when necessary and recycle or dispose of the nickel-cadmium battery properly.
4. **DO NOT USE OUTDOORS.** The **I-48** is for use with grounded, UL Listed, indoor fixtures except in heated air outlets or hazardous locations.
5. The **I-48** requires an unswitched A.C. power source of either 120 or 277 volts. Properly cap the unused A.C. lead.
6. Do not mount near gas or electric heaters.
7. The **I-48** should be mounted in locations and at heights where it will not readily be subjected to tampering by unauthorized personnel.
8. The **I-48** is suitable for mounting in the ballast compartment or on top of the fixture. For top mount, order optional mounting kit TMK-80.
9. The **I-48** will cold strike and operate *one 2'–8'* or *two 2'–4'* instant start, rapid start, U shape or circline, T8 through T12 fluorescent lamps, including energy saving and long 4 pin compact lamps for 90 minutes.
10. The **I-48** is compatible with most A.C. ballasts (including multiple lamp) as follows:  
Magnetic ballasts – either one or two lamp emergency operation.  
Electronic ballasts – one lamp emergency operation, consult Customer Service for two lamp emergency operation wiring diagrams.
11. The use of accessory equipment not recommended by the manufacturer may cause an unsafe condition.
12. Do not use this equipment for other than intended use.
13. Install in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local regulations.
14. Installation and servicing should be performed by qualified personnel.
15. Lighting fixture manufacturers, electricians, and end-users need to ensure product system compatibility before final installation.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



THIS UNIT CONTAINS A  
RECHARGEABLE NICKEL-  
CADMIUM BATTERY. PLEASE  
RECYCLE OR DISPOSE OF  
PROPERLY.

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**CAUTION:** Before installing, make certain the A.C. power is off and the I-48 unit connector is disconnected.

## 1. LAMPS OPERATED

The I-48 can be used with most 2'–8' lamps. Refer to the chart below for the type of lamp(s) operated and the number of lamps to be operated in emergency mode.

OPTION	LAMP TYPE	EMERGENCY OPERATION	*VIOLET LEADS
1	2'-4' T-8/T-12 Single & Bipin Pin	One Lamp	Connected
2	5'-8' T-8/T-12 Single & Bipin Pin	One Lamp	Disconnected
3	2'-4' T-8/T-12 Single & Bipin Pin	Two Lamp	Disconnected

\*The 6" violet leads provide the lamp selection option. The unit is shipped from the factory with the leads disconnected and capped.

## 2. MOUNTING THE I-48

Remove the ballast channel cover. Mount the I-48 in the ballast channel at least 1/2" away from the A.C. ballast(s). The I-48 may also be mounted on top of the fixture. The optional top mounting kit (Catalog No. TMK-80) may be ordered separately from Customer Service.

When battery packs are remote mounted, the remote distance can not exceed 1/2 of the distance from ballast to lamp specified by the A.C. ballast manufacturer. For example, if the A.C. ballast manufacturer recommends no more than 25' remote distance, then the battery pack should not exceed 12 1/2'. Under no circumstances should the battery pack exceed a distance of 50' from the lamp.

## 3. WIRING

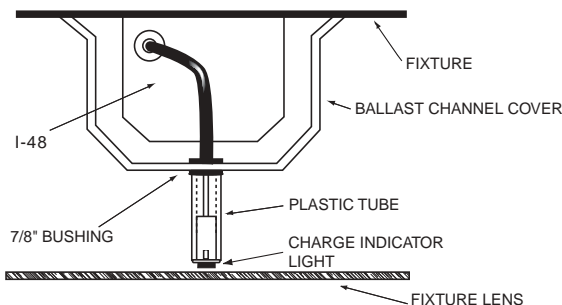
Refer to the wiring diagrams on the back page for the appropriate wiring of lamp(s) and ballast. Install in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local regulations. For additional wiring diagrams consult Customer Service.

## 4. INSTALLING THE CHARGE INDICATOR

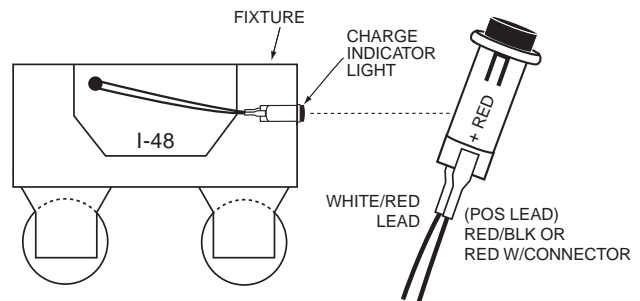
**Recessed Troffer Fixture** – Select a convenient location with proper clearance in the ballast cover and drill or punch a 7/8" hole (1/2" knockout). Insert the 7/8" bushing into the hole. Push the plastic tube through the bushing. Disconnect the leads from the LED housing and route the leads down the plastic tube. Reconnect the leads to the housing, observing proper polarity (Red/Black or Red lead w/connector to positive (+) red tab). Push the entire assembly back into the tube until the lens collar rests against the plastic tube. The plastic tube should be adjusted so that the **Charge Indicator** is within 1/4" of the fixture lens. The **Charge Indicator** must be visible after installation. Refer to *Illustration 1*.

**Strip Fixture** – Select a convenient location on the side of the fixture so the **Charge Indicator** can be seen after installation. Allow for proper clearance inside the fixture and drill or punch a 1/2" hole. Disconnect the leads from the LED housing. Push the LED housing into the 1/2" hole until it is firmly locked in place. Reconnect the leads, observing proper polarity (Red/Black or Red lead w/connector to positive (+) red tab). Refer to *Illustration 2*.

**Illustration 1 Recessed Troffer Fixture**



**Illustration 2 Strip Fixture**



OBSERVE PROPER POLARITY

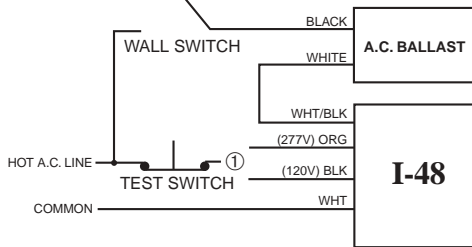
## 5. INSTALLING THE TEST SWITCH

The test switch should be mounted on the ballast channel cover of a recessed troffer, or on the side of a strip fixture, preferably adjacent to the **Charge Indicator**. Drill or punch a ½" mounting hole.

## 6. WIRING THE A.C. INPUT

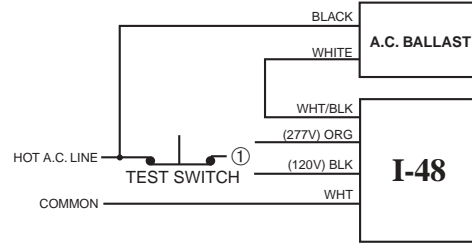
- The **I-48** and A.C. ballast **must** be on the same branch circuit.
- The **I-48** requires an **unswitched** A.C. power source of either 120 or 277 volts. Select the proper voltage lead and cap the unused lead.
- When the **I-48** is used with a switched fixture, the A.C. input to the **I-48** must be connected ahead of the fixture switch. Refer to *Illustration 3* for switched and unswitched fixture wiring diagrams.

**Illustration 3**      **Switched Fixture**



① Select proper voltage lead. Cap unused lead.

**Unswitched Fixture**



① Select proper voltage lead. Cap unused lead.

## 7. LABELS

Attach the appropriate labels adjacent to the **Test Switch** and **Charge Indicator**. Annotate Re-lamping label for lamp type and wattage. The Caution and the Re-lamping labels must be on the fixture in a readily visible location to anyone attempting to service the fixture.

## 8. COMPLETING INSTALLATION

When the installation is complete, switch the A.C. power on and join the **I-48** unit connector.

# OPERATION

**Normal Mode** – A.C. power is present. The A.C. ballast operates the fluorescent lamp(s) as intended. The **I-48** is in the standby charging mode. The **Charge Indicator** will be lit providing a visual indication that the battery is being charged.

**Emergency Mode** – The A.C. power fails. The **I-48** senses the A.C. power failure and automatically switches to the *Emergency Mode*. One or two lamps are illuminated, at reduced output, for a minimum of 90 minutes. When the A.C. power is restored, the **I-48** switches the system back to the *Normal Mode* and resumes battery charging. See page 1 of the Instruction Manual.

# TESTING & MAINTENANCE

Pressing the **Test Switch** turns off the light on the **Charge Indicator** and forces the unit into emergency mode, interrupting power to the designated A.C. ballast. The emergency lamp is now being lit by the **I-48** unit. After releasing the **Test Switch**, the fixture returns to normal operation after a momentary delay. To simulate a "BLACK OUT" use the circuit breaker to turn off A.C. power.

**Initial Testing** – Allow the unit to charge approximately 1 hour, conduct a short discharge test. Allow a 24 hour charge before conducting a one hour test.

The **I-48** is a maintenance free unit, however, periodic inspection and testing is required. NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, outlines the following schedule:

**Monthly** – Insure that the **Charge Indicator** light is illuminated. Conduct a 30 second discharge test by depressing the **Test Switch**. One lamp should operate at reduced output.

**Annually** – Insure that the **Charge Indicator** light is illuminated. Conduct a full 1½ hour discharge test. The unit should operate as intended for the duration of the test.

"Written records of testing shall be kept by the owner for inspection by the authority having jurisdiction."

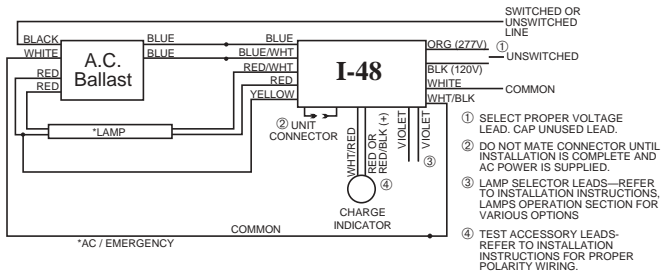
**SERVICING SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.**

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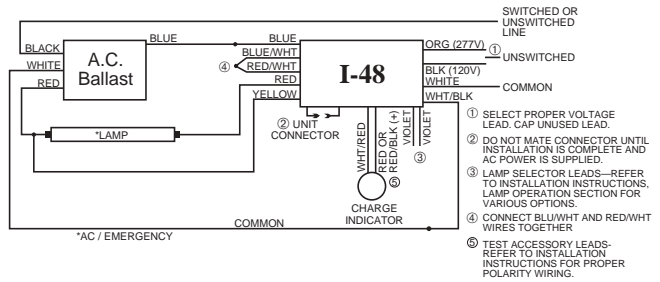
# TYPICAL WIRING DIAGRAMS

For wiring diagrams of ballasts not shown, consult our Customer Service.

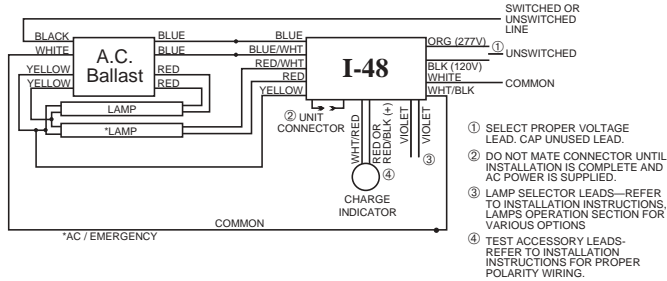
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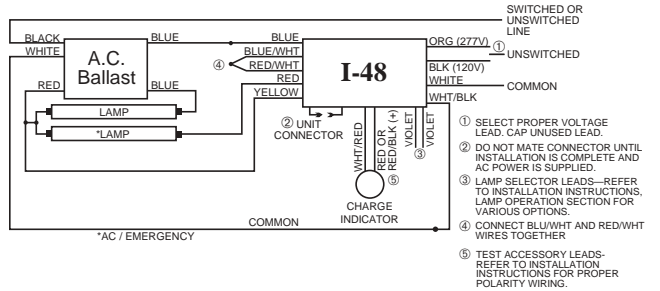
## 5. ONE LAMP INSTANT START BALLAST



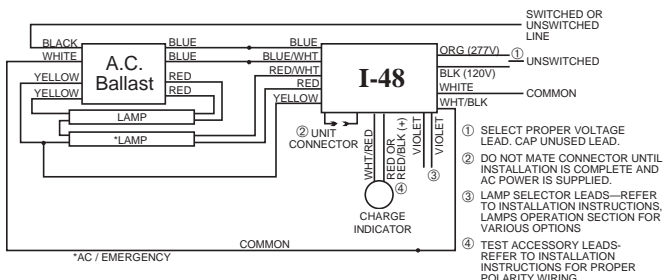
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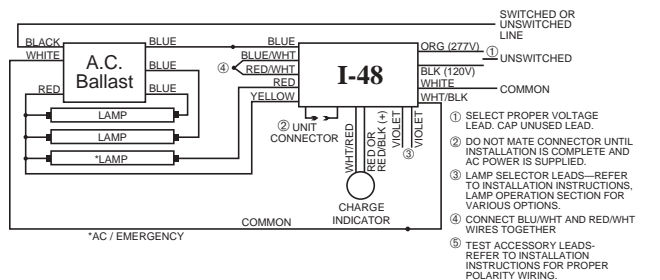
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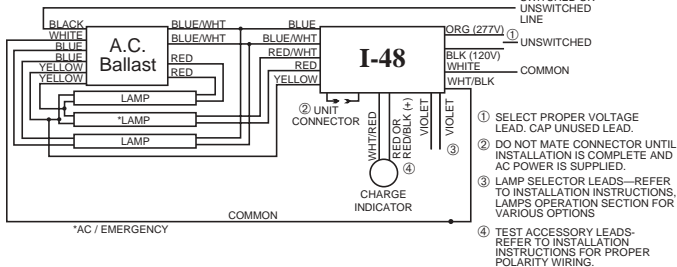
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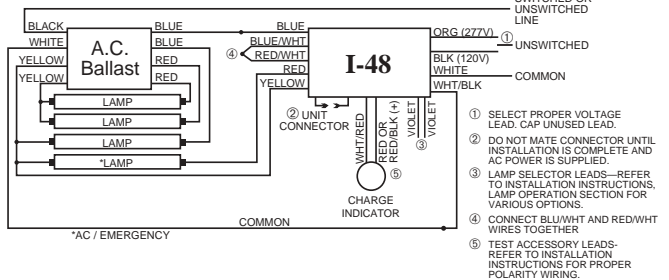
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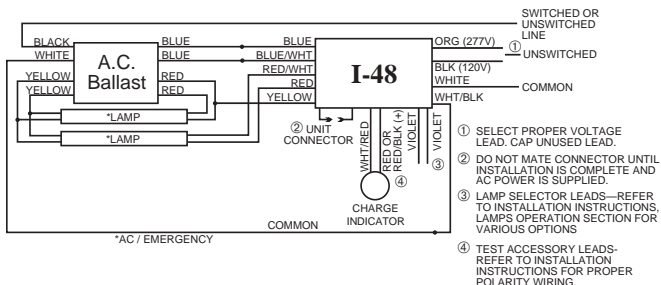
## 4. THREE LAMP RAPID START BALLAST



## 8. FOUR LAMP INSTANT START BALLAST



## 9. TWO LAMP RAPID START BALLAST W/2 LAMP EMERGENCY OPERATION



## 10. TWO LAMP INSTANT START BALLAST W/2 LAMP EMERGENCY OPERATION

