

FA-240 RANGE LIGHT WITH LED LAMPS



The FA-240 range light has been used on more leading lines than any optic in the world and it continues to set the standard in a unidirectional aid to navigation. It represents the optimum mix of high horizontal candlepower, vertical divergence to accommodate varying heights of eye of shipping, reliable output under varying environmental conditions, adaptability to different signaling requirements including wireless synchronization, simple logistics, and long service life with reduced spare parts requirements.

With the increase in development in port areas, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to distinguish the leading lights from the background lighting. Increasing the candlepower of the light and rhythmically flashing the lights give some improvement but the random nature of the flashing limits effectiveness. Synchronization of the flashing leading lights is known to greatly increase the conspicuity of the lights but it is costly to have a hardwire synchronization connection between the two lights.

To increase the conspicuity of leading lines, Automatic Power has developed the wireless UNIFLASH-III system for synchronizing FA-240 leading lights. This system receives the Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite signals and uses the decoded signal to synchronize the flashing of the leading lines. This system is a cost effective solution to synchronizing leading lines worldwide.

The FA-240 effectively addresses another common problem in designing leading lines. With its 5-15 degree vertical divergence, it is able to service a greater variation in heights of eye of mariners transiting a channel. This wide divergence also reduces the criticality of mounting and leveling of the optic and reduces the vulnerability of the optic to lamp changing and lamp variations.

The FA-240 housing is made of compression molded fiberglass which has proven to be an exceptionally durable material in the marine environment. Two silicone rubber lens O-rings provide an airtight seal. A stainless steel V-band allows easy access to the interior of the lantern. Electrical access is through 3/4" NPT threaded entries in the base of the lantern.



Now available with Automatic Power Retrofit 2x1 SE LED technology (patent pending) mounted in the same location as a lampchanger.



Shown above is the original RF-6/1x4 Retrofit with frosted diffuser and 2x1 SE LED engine with clear cover (inset).

A range of Spredlite lenses are offered to assist in selecting the degree of horizontal divergence of a range light. Coverage limited to the channel width is rarely sufficient as the range

lights are typically used to turn onto the channel as well as transit the channel. Divergence should be provided to assist in turning onto the channel.

The leading line or two-station range is the most effective lighting system for marking restricted pilotage waterways. The lights of each station are aligned when the ship is on the channel's centerline. The lights separate when the ship drifts to either side. This feature gives the pilot a "feel" for his position off the range since he can tell the direction and degree of drift. Course corrections can be evaluated immediately by

whether the lights begin to "open" or "close". The single station, "polychrome (color-sectored)" range, gives the pilot information that is limited to where he is at the current time: right, left or in the center of the channel. It may not give sufficient feedback for the pilot to determine if the ship's position is improving or worsening in order for him to make timely steering adjustments. The larger the vessel, the narrower the channel, the stronger the drift, the less effective the polychrome range.

PERFORMANCE

LAMP			FIXED INTENSITIES (Candela)			
LED	Volts	POWER	Flatlite*	3.5° Spredlite*	8° Spredlite*	30° Spredlite*
GREEN	12.0	8 W	80,000	20,820	11,400	2,950
GREEN	12.0	4 W	58,800	15,100	8,300	2,020
GREEN	12.0	2 W	31,400	8,110	4,540	1,100
RED	12.0	8 W	55,000	14,300	7,720	1,850
RED	12.0	4 W	39,600	10,300	5,550	1,330
RED	12.0	2 W	20,900	5,430	2,930	700
AMBER	12.0	8 W	27,500	7,150	3,860	850
AMBER	12.0	4 W	19,800	5,150	2,781	610
AMBER	12.0	2 W	10,450	2,710	1,056	253
WHITE	12.0	8 W	65,000	16,900	9,120	2,180
WHITE	12.0	4 W	46,800	12,100	6,500	1,560
WHITE	12.0	2 W	24,700	6,400	3,450	830

Note: *Candela measured on axis. Spredlite lens spread is total beam to 50% of intensity. Vertical Divergence 4.5 degrees to 10%. Additional performance data available at various power settings. Contact sales representative or factory for details.

TECHNICAL DATA

LENS:

Flatlight, 3.5 degree, 8 degree and 30 degree Spreddite.

LED CONTROLLER:

RF-6/2x1 SE Retrofit - 256 selectable flash rhythms, 10 levels of current to the LED array ranging from 0.3 watts to 3 watts, solar charge regulator, monitoring and communications port, synchronization terminal, and external photocell. Interchangeable with CG-6P lampchanger.

LAMPS:

2 x 1 SE LEDs array (patent pending). (Green, red, amber, clear), 3 watts max power consumption. 50,000 hrs + life

UNIFLASH® III: (Optional)

Wireless synchronization system mounted in the FA-240 housing. Extremely low power consumption averaging 2 milliamps.

MATERIALS:

Acrylic lenses. Compression molded fiberglass housing, stainless steel fittings, silicone-rubber lens gaskets.

FINISH:

Grey.

ACCESSORIES:

Rifle-type aiming sights, Leveling and aligning adjustments in the base. Flat pad on top of unit for spirit level. Detachable sunshade. TR-3 Power Supply. Radio monitoring and control.

DIMENSIONS:

Height: 16 in X 12.5 in X 24 in.

Weight: 28 pounds.

Shipping Weight: 44 pounds.

Shipping Carton: 16 in. X 27in. X 18in. (4.5 cu ft.).

