X-Cite® exacte User’s Guide

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X-Cite exacte Control Panel Software

Minimum Computer Specifications:
- 300+ MHz processor (Pentium or equivalent)
- Windows 2000 SP4 or Windows XP SP2
- 128 MB of system memory (RAM)
- 5 MB available storage for software installation
- 20 MB (minimum) for data storage
- SVGA 1024 x 768 resolution, 16 bit colour
- One available USB 1.1 port

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<td>Internal hardware failure</td>
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<td>Let system cool and restart lamp. If it goes out again, replace lamp. If new lamp continues to self-extinguish, contact Tech Support</td>
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See Section 7 for troubleshooting.
1 Introduction

The X-Cite® exacte is a revolution in fluorescence microscopy illumination. Like the previous X-Cite® illuminators, the exacte™ has the convenience of pre-aligned, long-life Intelli-Lamps®, easy installation and compatibility will all major microscope brands. With additional features such as Closed-Loop Feedback™, intensity adjustment in 1% increments, a high speed internal shutter, and a calibrated output option, the X-Cite® exacte reaches a new level of performance that makes it the ideal choice for quantitative, comparative, and live cell imaging.

Since 1982, EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division has combined next generation optical engineering, state-of-the-art electronics and fibre-optics to produce sophisticated technologies that employ light. Today EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division is a leading developer of light based systems for sectors ranging from manufacturing to bio-medicine and we are unmatched in our commitment to quality and service.

The X-Cite® exacte is a high quality product manufactured in accordance with ISO 9001, CE marked and certified to UL and CSA standards.

We suggest that you read this manual to discover all its features, and how to use them.

Thank you for choosing X-Cite®!
2 Safety

2.1 Glossary of Symbols

CAUTION - Risk of danger: consult accompanying documents

WARNING - Eye damage may result from directly viewing ultraviolet light – protective eye shielding and clothing must be used at all times.

Input/Output Signals

Input Signal

CAUTION – Hot Surface

2.2 Safety Precautions

The exacte is equipped with two safety sensors to protect the user from accidental UV exposure. In addition, please observe the following precautions during use. This series of cautions, warnings and dangers relate to the operation and maintenance of the exacte. They are also presented throughout this User’s Guide where necessary.

Warning
Eye damage may result from directly viewing the light produced by the lamp used in this product. Always use protective eyewear and turn the lamp off before removing cover.

Caution
Never look into the light emitting end of the light guide. The light could severely damage the cornea and retina of the eye if the light is observed directly. Eye shielding must be used at all times as well as clothing to protect exposed skin.
Warning
Always make sure the light guide is properly inserted into the exacte and the microscope prior to turning on power to the unit. This will minimize the risk of exposure to the UV light.

Caution!
To prevent damage/ degradation of the light guide, always allow adequate clearance at the front of the exacte unit to prevent kinking or excessive bending.

Warning
To reduce the risk of fire or shock, always replace the fuses with the same type and rating.

Warning
Disconnecting of main supply source is only possible by unplugging the power cord.

Danger
This unit contains HIGH VOLTAGE components. It is recommended that ONLY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL perform any testing or repairs described in this manual. Disconnect the AC power cord from the unit before opening the cover of this unit. All cover screws must be replaced prior to applying power to the unit, or safety of the unit will be impaired.

Monitoring the unit during manual operation
The level of UV and visible energy supplied by the exacte is sufficient to ignite flammable substances. During manual operation, the unit must be attended at all times by a qualified operator. The unit must not be left unattended while turned on. If an operator leaves the work area of the unit, the lamp power switch must be turned off.

Monitoring the unit during Automated operation
The level of UV and visible energy supplied by the exacte is sufficient to ignite flammable substances. Therefore, when the unit is operated unattended in an automated environment, an alarm function must be provided by the user to indicate a malfunction in the associated equipment used.

Warning
Hg – LAMP CONTAINS MERCURY, Manage in Accord with Disposal Laws, see: www.lamprecycle.org or 1-800-668-8752
Danger
When unpacking or installing the lamp, always wear protective clothing and a face mask. Operate lamp only in the exacte lamp housing. This prevents direct viewing of the arc and in the case of lamp bursting, contains lamp particles. In the rare instance in which a lamp bursting occurs, and the mercury content is released, the following safety precautions are recommended: All personnel should be immediately evacuated from the area to prevent inhalation of the mercury vapor. The area should be well ventilated for a minimum of 30 minutes. After the lamp housing elements have cooled, the mercury residue should be collected with the use of a special absorbing agent available from laboratory equipment suppliers.

Warning
Should this exacte unit be used in a manner not specified by EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Warning
The method in which lamps are disposed of must comply with local rules & regulations for disposal of hazardous materials. Lamps may be returned to EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division providing they are returned in its original packaging. EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division will dispose of them in the appropriate manner.

Warning
This unit is designed for bench top use only! Always ensure that the unit is operated on a hard, stable surface. This will prevent obstruction of the bottom chassis ventilation openings. Any obstruction of these openings could result in a possible over-heating condition. Do not attempt to remove or tamper with the rubber feet located on the bottom of the unit.

Caution
The lamp module’s operational life can be significantly shortened if it is handled incorrectly. Do not touch the bulb’s glass envelope or the inside surface of the reflector. Skin oils can cause the lamp module to fail prematurely.

Caution
Prior to opening the unit and handling the lamp module, allow a minimum of 5 minutes for the lamp module to cool down completely.

Caution
Any electronic equipment connected to the exacte must be comply with the requirements of EN/IEC 60950.
Cleaning:
Clean the exterior of the unit with a slightly dampened cloth and simple water/detergent solution only.
3 Getting Started

3.1 System Components

Carefully unpack the unit and accessories. Ensure that all components are present. Store the packing material for future use.

Box Contents:

1. X-Cite exacte illumination unit

2. Lamp Module, X-Cite exacte

3. Microscope Adapter (if ordered)

4. Liquid Light Guide
   (3mm x 1.5m or 3mm x 3.0m)

5. Power Cord, IEC (shielded and grounded)


7. User Guide, X-Cite exacte

8. Quick Start Guide, X-Cite exacte

9. Foot Pedal Switch Assembly

10. USB cable (A-B type)

11. Hex Key, 3mm (Lamp access cover)

If your packaged unit is missing any of the above components, call EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division at (905) 821-2600 or TOLL FREE 1-800-668-8752.

Any additional optional items purchased to customize the unit will also be present.
3.2 Front Panel

- Shutter Status LED
- Light Guide Status LED
- Light Guide port
- Power ON/OFF switch
- Lamp On Status LED
- LED display
- Mode Indicator LEDs
- Calibration Status LED
- Mode, up / down adjust buttons
- Radiometer Calibration port
- SHUTTER button - Shutter Activation
- Closed-Loop Feedback LED

![Image of the front panel with labeled parts]
3.3 Rear panel

- USB connection
- AC receptacle and fuse drawer
- TTL input for shutter
- TTL output for shutter sync
- Foot pedal input
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4 Installation/Set-up

4.1 Installing Lamp Module

Note: Review Section 2 – Safety Precautions before proceeding
1. Be sure the AC POWER cord is disconnected from the unit.
2. Remove the screw from the lamp housing side panel using the hex tool provided and remove the panel from the unit cover.

Tip: clips for holding the hex tool on the X-Cite exacte are conveniently located underneath the system housing.

3. Carefully remove the lamp module from its container, holding only the ceramic component and lamp rim.

Caution!
The lamp module’s operational life can be significantly shortened if handled incorrectly. Be sure only to handle the ceramic surfaces and the lamp rim. Do not touch the bulb’s glass envelope or the inside surface of the reflector. Skin oils can cause the lamp module to fail prematurely.

4. As illustrated below, position the lamp facing towards the front of the unit with the POWER leads facing towards you. The lamp should be aligned so that the leading edge of the reflector (lamp rim) fits into the mounting groove on the lamp holder assembly.
5. Make sure the middle of the lamp is in position to fit into the spring clamp. Slide the lamp until it snaps into the spring clamp. The leading edge of the reflector (lamp rim) should fit snugly into the lamp holder recess.

6. Locate the 4-pin Intelli-Lamp sensor connector at the rear of the lamp module and connect it to its mate located on the top of the lamp-housing wall.

**Tip:** the Intelli-Lamp connector will only attach in the correct orientation. If you are having difficulty attaching the connector, try rotating it by 180°.

**Note:** if the Intelli-Lamp connector is not installed correctly, the lamp will not strike and the “bulb” message will display when POWER is turned on to the unit.
7. Locate power connector with two leads and connect it to its mate located on the side of the lamp-housing wall.

8. Ensure the lamp anode cooling fin (bar) and lamp power lead, at the front of the lamp, are centered within the lamp holder cutout. Rotate the lamp as required.

9. Replace the lamp housing side panel and tighten the fastening screw. **Note:** if the lamp housing panel is not secured completely the lamp will not strike and the "bulb" message will display when power is turned on to the unit.

10. Replace the hex tool in the clips underneath the system for future use.
4.2 Inserting/Removing Light Guide

1. Ensure that the protective end caps are removed from both the input and output ends of the light guide prior to installation.

2. Remove plastic plug (if present) from the light guide port on the front panel of the X-Cite exacte.

3. Holding the light guide by the grey sleeve and strain relief portion only, insert the light guide into the light guide port. Push the light guide in until it seats with a second positive "click".

   Note: never grip the light guide during installation or removal in a place other than the reinforced strain relief portion of the light guide.

4. To remove the light guide, firmly grip the strain relief near the light guide retainer and pull out firmly.

   Tip: When the light guide is fully inserted, the line on the light guide insertion label will be right up against the light guide port. Also, the LED above the light guide port will illuminate green when POWER is on to the unit. If the light guide is not fully inserted the LED will illuminate red.

   Note: the shutter will not open if the light guide is not fully inserted.

Note: The X-Cite exacte is designed for use with a 3mm liquid light guide. EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division can not guarantee the performance of the X-Cite exacte if using light guides other than those supplied by EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division.

Note: the light guide has a minimum bend radius of 1.6 inches (40.6mm). Bending or coiling the light guide tighter than this radius will result in permanent damage to the light guide.
4.3 Tips to Prevent Premature Degradation of Light Guides

Liquid light guides have a typical useful life of 2-3 years in the X-Cite exacte when installed and handled properly. The formation of bubbles is one of the most common reasons for a light guide to degrade prematurely and result in a sudden reduction in illumination intensity. Bubbles form without warning, usually due to overheating and/or mechanical stress to the light guide. Below are some simple tips to avoid overheating and stressing the light guide.

1. Make sure the light guide is cooled properly during use, and prevent overheating:
   a. Always fully insert the light guide in to the X-Cite unit; this ensures contact with a heat sink to conduct heat away from the light guide.
   b. Never obstruct the air vents on the X-Cite unit. Vents are located at the rear and underside of the unit.
   c. Do not remove the rubber feet on the X-Cite unit or otherwise reduce/block the space between the bottom of the unit and benchtop. This may compromise airflow through the unit.
   d. Ensure that the air being used to ventilate the X-Cite unit is approximately "room temperature" (e.g. do not place the X-Cite unit on top of another heat-producing instrument).
   e. If a heated environmental chamber is being used for live cell imaging, make sure that the X-Cite unit and the light guide are located outside of the chamber.

2. Do not expose the light guide to extreme temperatures (above 35°C, below -5°C) for extended periods of time during use, transport or storage; this may cause degradation of the seals and allow air bubbles to form in the liquid.

3. Never kink, bend, crush, or stretch the light guide; this type of mechanical stress may cause bubbles to form in the liquid and/or damage to the outer sheath
   a. Always allow adequate clearance between the light guide port of the X-Cite unit and other objects to prevent excessive bending.
   b. Place the X-Cite unit close enough to the microscope so that there is some slack in the light guide and no sharp bends.

4. Never leave an endcap on the output end of the light guide when the other end is connected to the X-Cite unit; if the unit is turned on in this condition, the cap will overheat, melt and/or permanently discolour the quartz end of the light guide.

5. While the X-Cite unit is on but not in actual use (i.e. during sample preparation, or between timelapse time points) close the iris/shutter on the X-Cite; this reduces unnecessary UV photon load on the liquid light guide. (Using only the shutter/stop in the microscope itself protects the specimen, but energy is still passing through the light guide.)
4.4 Installing the Microscope Adapter

1. Ensure that the power is off on the X-Cite exacte unit.

2. The existing lamp housing must be removed from the microscope before the collimating adapter can be mounted. Do not discard the existing mounting hardware, since it will be used to secure the collimating adapter to the microscope.

3. Remove the collimating adapter from its packaging.

   **Note:** the collimating adapter has been set at the factory. No adjustments by the customer are required; however some adapter models are outfitted with centering set screws, for longer light path applications. Separate instructions are included with these models.

4. Insert the flange portion of the collimating adapter into the lamp port of the microscope. Using the existing hardware, tighten the screw(s) until the flange is fully secured.

   **Note:** the installation of the collimating adapter will vary with microscope models.

5. Remove the protective cap from the output end of the light guide. Insert the light guide into the input portion of the collimating adapter until it is flush with the adjustable insert. Secure the light guide to the collimating adapter by tightening the thumbscrew. Do not over tighten.

   **Note:** the light guide has a minimum bend radius of 1.6 inches (40.0mm). Bending or coiling the light guide tighter than this radius will result in permanent damage to the light guide.
5 Operation

5.1 Powering Up/Powering Down

1. Ensure that the lamp and light guide have been properly installed and that the lamp housing panel is securely fastened.
2. Plug the X-Cite exacte unit into a properly grounded AC outlet.
3. Turn on the main POWER switch “I”, located on the front panel and check the fan for airflow.
4. As soon as the LED display turns on, it will display the version of software currently programmed in the unit (i.e. R – X). Once the software version level has been indicated, the display will reset after several seconds to the next display mode.
5. The lamp will automatically turn on within 45 seconds and the LAMP indicator will illuminate. The display will flash during the warm up period for approximately 4 minutes. The display will stop flashing when the warm up period has completed. Wait until the warm up period has completed before using the unit to illuminate a specimen.
6. To power down the unit after use, set the main power located on the front panel to “0”.

Note: If the lamp is turned off, and an attempt is made to turn it back on before it has fully cooled, the "cool" message will appear on the display. The lamp will automatically re-strike when the lamp has cooled.

5.2 Quick Start: Illuminating a Specimen

When the X-Cite exacte is first powered on, the internal shutter will be in the closed position as a safety precaution and the iris will be in the 0% position. To illuminate a specimen:

1. Press and release the SHUTTER button to open the shutter (OPEN LED will turn on).
2. Use UP/DOWN buttons to adjust intensity to desired level. (See section 5.6 and 5.7 for additional information on intensity modes and adjustment).
5.3  Front Panel Button Functions

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<td>Press and release</td>
<td>Opens/closes internal shutter</td>
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<tr>
<td>MODE</td>
<td>Press and release within 1 second</td>
<td>Cycles between COARSE, FINE and HOURS mode</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Press and release after 1 second</td>
<td>Toggle between relative intensity and absolute power display modes (if unit is calibrated)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Press and release during audible alarm</td>
<td>Silences audible alarm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UP</td>
<td>Press and release</td>
<td>Increases intensity by 1 step</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Press and hold</td>
<td>Increases intensity continuously</td>
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<tr>
<td>DOWN</td>
<td>Press and release</td>
<td>Decreases intensity by 1 step</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Press and hold</td>
<td>Decreases intensity continuously</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MODE + UP</td>
<td>Hold MODE down, press and release UP (i.e. treat MODE like a “shift” key)</td>
<td>Engage/disengage Closed-Loop Feedback mode; disables UP/DOWN buttons from being used to adjust intensity</td>
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<td>LIGHT GUIDE</td>
<td>On – Green</td>
<td>The light guide is fully inserted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>On – Red</td>
<td>The light guide is not fully inserted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAMP</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>The lamp is on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>The lamp is off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OPEN</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>The shutter is open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>The shutter is closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COARSE</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>The unit is in coarse adjustment mode; LED display indicates current intensity setting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FINE</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>The unit is in fine adjustment mode; LED display indicates current intensity setting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOURS</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>The unit is in lamp hours mode; LED display indicates accumulated lamp hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAL</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>The X-Cite exacte has been successfully calibrated with Radiometer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>The X-Cite exacte is not calibrated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Blinking</td>
<td>Calibration will expire within 12 hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Closed-Loop Feedback</td>
<td>On</td>
<td>Closed-Loop Feedback is engaged</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Closed-Loop Feedback is not engaged</td>
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5.5 Display Format Reference

The formatting used on the display board is used to identify the unit of measurement (% Watts, Hours) of the value.

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5.6 Output Intensity Modes

The X-Cite exacte can be operated in two different output modes: Relative and Absolute.

**Relative Mode:**
Intensity level is adjusted and displayed as a percentage of the lamp’s current maximum output. When operating in relative mode, intensity is displayed using three digits ("XXX") on the display screen.

**Absolute Mode:**
Intensity level is calibrated in Watts, and can be adjusted and displayed in terms of the actual output power in Watts. When operated in absolute mode, intensity is displayed using four digits with a decimal point ("XX.XX") on the display screen.

NOTE: Absolute Mode is only accessible only when the X-Cite exacte has been calibrated with an X-Cite Radiometer (see section 5.10) and the CAL LED on the front panel is on.

To toggle between Relative and Absolute intensity modes in a calibrated system:

1. Ensure that the display is showing an intensity value (i.e. not in Lamp Hours Mode).
2. Press MODE and release after 1 second.

NOTE: Some rounding may occur when toggling between relative and absolute display modes, unless the iris setting is a multiple of 5% (the calibration points).
5.7 Adjusting Light Output

The X-Cite exacte includes an iris to adjust the level of illumination. Adjustments can be made in increments as small as 1% of maximum output. Since there are 100 individual intensity steps, for convenience, there is the option of adjusting in either COARSE or FINE mode.

1. Press the MODE button to select either the COARSE or FINE mode, which will be indicated by the LED’s to the right of the display.

2. Use the UP and DOWN buttons to step through the intensity settings. Size (and unit) of the step depends on whether the unit is operating in relative or absolute mode.

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<th>Step Size in RELATIVE Mode</th>
<th>Step Size in ABSOLUTE Mode</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COARSE</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>Value in Watts corresponding to 10%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FINE</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>0.01 W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5.8 Viewing Accumulated Lamp Hours

The X-Cite exacte system automatically accumulates the number of hours for which the lamp has been on, and shows this information on the LED display. The lamp hours are shown when the unit is in Lamp Hour mode.

To put the X-Cite exacte in Lamp Hour Mode, press the MODE button until the HRS LED on the front panel is illuminated. The LED display will show four digits with a flashing decimal point at the end ("XXXX."). The number shown here will be the total number of hours the lamp has been in operation.
5.9  **Closed-Loop Feedback™ (CLF)**

The X-Cite exacte is equipped with Closed-Loop Feedback™ (CLF) control to ensure that from the beginning to the end of an experiment, the illumination level remains constant. When CLF is enabled, the system will automatically compensate for any fluctuation or degradation in light intensity by adjusting the iris position. For best results, allow the lamp to warm up and stabilize to its normal operating temperature, about 30 minutes.

1. **To enable CLF:** Set the intensity to the desired level. Press and **hold** the **MODE** button, then press and **release** the **UP** button. The CLF light will turn on. (Note: **UP** must be released before **MODE**—treat **MODE** like a "shift" key).

2. **To disable CLF:** Press and hold the **MODE** button, then press and **release** the **UP** button. The CLF light will turn off.

Even over several days, the output power will be maintained within ±2% of the set point. (Set point = the output level at which CLF is enabled.) For verification of the actual output power, the variance from setpoint can be logged over time and exported as a data file (see sections 6.1.4 to 6.1.6 for additional information).

**Important Notes about CLF**

Since CLF uses the iris to make adjustments to output power, CLF can not be used if iris position is 100% open. Similarly, if the initial set point is 95%, and over a continuous multi-day experiment the iris needs to be opened to 100% to maintain constant intensity, CLF will not be able to compensate for further drops in power.

**Warning signals while CLF is engaged:**
1. If the iris reaches 95% open or more, the **CLF** LED will start to blink.
2. If the iris reaches 100% open, the **CLF** LED will blink and alarm will beep until CLF is disengaged.

**NOTE:** If setting CLF while in absolute power mode (display in Watts), check the actual iris setting first to be sure that there is room for output adjustments to be made.

**What will the display show when CLF is engaged?**
In Relative Mode:  Actual iris position (i.e. value will update as iris is adjusted in CLF)
In Absolute Mode: Output power (i.e. value will not change, since this is the set point)

**NOTE:** The intensity setting can not be changed while CLF is engaged, however, the **MODE** button can be used as usual to toggle between display modes to view hours, iris position and power set point.
5.10 Calibration/Radiometry (optional)

All X-Cite exacte units are capable of being calibrated with an X-Cite Radiometer, an optional accessory. Once calibrated, the lamp output can be set in absolute units (Watts), for easily repeatable illumination levels.

For convenience, the basic instructions for using the Radiometer with the X-Cite exacte are provided here. For full instructions and safety information, refer to the complete Radiometer User’s Guide accompanying the device.

Important Buttons and Settings (underlined settings are recommended for use in microscopy):

- **RELATIVE/ABSOLUTE** – toggles between readings in % (relative) and Watts (absolute).
- **POWER/IRRAD** – toggles between readings in W (power) and W/cm² (irradiance); scale will adjust between W and mW automatically
- **X-CITE CAL** – initiates calibration sequence

5.10.1 To Measure Output Power

1. Set the X-Cite to the desired intensity.
2. Close X-Cite shutter using **SHUTTER** button.
3. Remove light guide from microscope adapter
4. Snap the 3mm (red) light guide adapter into the top of radiometer (if not already in place).
5. Loosen thumb screw on red light guide adapter, fully insert and fasten light guide into holder.
6. Turn radiometer on using the **ON** button
7. Open X-Cite shutter, the power reading will show on the display.

5.10.2 To Calibrate the X-Cite exacte:

1. Set up the radiometer to obtain a power reading as described in section 5.10.1
2. Connect radiometer cable to port on the right side of the radiometer (under flap in rubber boot), and the port on the right side of the X-Cite exacte.
3. Press and release the **X-CITE CAL** button.
4. The X-Cite will display CAL, and the radiometer will display a moving dash (–) while the calibration sequence is running.

**WARNING:** Do not remove the light guide from Radiometer until calibration sequence is complete. While calibrating, the shutter will automatically open and close under the control of the radiometer.
5. When the calibration is complete, the **CAL** LED on the X-Cite will light up, and the X-Cite will display intensity settings in the format **XX.XX** (in Watts). **NOTE:** the shutter will be in the closed position when the calibration routine is complete.

**NOTES:**

1. For best results, allow the lamp to run at least 30 minutes before running a new calibration. As the lamp heats up and the internal burner pressure changes, lamp output will also change. For a calibration to be accurate, the lamp should be at its normal operating temperature.

2. The number of bends in the light guide, as well as their bend radii, can have an effect on light transmission. For best results, maintain the same light guide configuration/shape that is present during normal use. The lamp should be used when calibrating. If equipment is rearranged, verify (or redo) the calibration.

3. Calibrations are typically valid for about 100 hours of use. If the lamp is fairly new (<300 hours) recalibrating more often is recommended, since the lamp goes through the most dramatic changes in output during this period.

4. If in doubt:
   a. Measure the output power with the Radiometer and compare to the calibrated value on the display.
   b. Recalibrate the unit prior to any critical experiment.

**5.10.3 To Clear a Calibration**

The X-Cite *exacte* calibration will automatically be cleared under any of the following circumstances:

1. The light guide is pulled out.
2. The lamp module is replaced.
3. The calibration has been in use for more than 100 hours.
5.11  Warnings and Alarms

The X-Cite exacte is designed to detect certain conditions that may affect safe or proper functioning. These conditions are categorized as one of three “alarm types” according to the danger they pose to the operator, system or experiment:

1. Critical Safety – continuing may cause harm to the operator or equipment, alarm shall not be clearable until “Alarm Condition” is corrected
2. Function – operation may continue, but depending on specific alarm condition, functionality of unit may be limited or impossible (e.g. lamp too hot to strike)
3. Warning – warning only, operation may continue as normal

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Alarm Condition</th>
<th>Alarm</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Other Actions/Corrections</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Light guide is not inserted properly and/or removed while shutter is open or an attempt is made to open the shutter</td>
<td>LIGHT GUIDE LED turns red, “3 beep” audible alarm</td>
<td>Critical Safety</td>
<td>Shutter shall automatically close and be disabled from opening until light guide is inserted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLF is engaged with iris open at 95% or higher (i.e. limited ability to compensate for degradation)</td>
<td>Blinking CLF LED</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLF is engaged and iris has reached 100% open</td>
<td>Audible beeping, blinking CLF LED</td>
<td>Function</td>
<td>Operation in non-CLF mode will continue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>End of calibration period approaching (e.g. 12 hours left)</td>
<td>blinking CAL LED</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calibration has expired</td>
<td>CAL LED turned off</td>
<td>Function</td>
<td>Continue operating in relative intensity mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lamp failure to strike</td>
<td>Display “BULB”</td>
<td>Function</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lamp too hot to strike</td>
<td>Display “COOL”</td>
<td>Function</td>
<td>Automatically attempt to restrike lamp when cool</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shutter failure</td>
<td>Audible beeping, display “SF1”</td>
<td>Critical Safety</td>
<td>If failure to close— turn off lamp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lamp overheated</td>
<td>Display “E1”</td>
<td>Critical Safety</td>
<td>Turn off lamp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lamp self-extinguish or non-passive failure</td>
<td>Display “E6”</td>
<td>Critical Safety</td>
<td>Fan/blower shall shut off</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
5.12 Clearing Alarms

The X-Cite exacte provides an audible alarm to alert the operator of various error conditions.

To silence the audible alarm:

1. Manually: Press the front panel **MODE** button

2. Remotely:
   a. From the Graphical User Interface (GUI), by clicking the "Alarm" icon.
   b. From a PC through I/O port when the "aa\r" command is sent to the X-Cite exacte.
6 External Control

6.1 Graphical User Interface (GUI)

A Graphical User Interface (GUI) for use with the X-Cite exacte is supplied on the CD included with this User Guide. This interface will:

1. Permit computer control of all functions normally available with the front panel buttons
2. Identify any alarm condition by changing the colour of the corresponding icon
3. Display and record: real-time intensity data from the X-Cite in terms of % variance from the set-point, system parameter changes, user-defined events

6.1.1 Installation (from CD):

Note: This procedure will install both the GUI and the virtual COM port driver.

1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive. Autorun will automatically start the set-up routine. If set-up is not automatically initiated, open the “exacte” folder on the CD, and double-click “setup.exe”.
2. Follow set-up wizard instructions.
3. (Do not remove the CD) Connect the exacte to the computer’s USB port using the supplied USB cable.
4. The exacte device will be detected, select automatic installation. A security warning will appear during the driver installation twice, click Continue Anyways both times.
5. Remove the CD, the X-Cite exacte icon will automatically appear on your computer desktop.

6.1.2 Installation (from ZIP file):

Note: This procedure will install both the GUI and the virtual COM port driver.

1. Unzip files and save to a folder on your computer.
2. Double-click the file setup.exe within that folder.
3. Follow set-up wizard instructions.
4. Connect the exacte to the USB port of your computer.
5. The new hardware found wizard will appear, select No to search windows update for the software. Click Next to continue.
6. Select Install from a list or specific location (Advanced) to locate the driver and click Next.
7. Check off **Include this location in the search:** and browse to the location on your hard drive where you unzipped the files to in step 1. Click Next.

8. A security warning will appear, click on **Continue Anyways**.

9. The *exacte* has a virtual COM port for support of the X-Cite 120PC communication protocol. Another piece of hardware will be detected, follow steps 5-8 again.

10. When set-up is complete, the X-Cite *exacte* icon will automatically appear on computer desktop.

### 6.1.3 Part of the GUI

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ICON</th>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| ![Alarm](image.png) | Alarm                     | Indicates an alarm state
Click to silence audible alarm
[red when alarm is active] |
| ![Temperature](image.png) | Temperature                | Indicates lamp temperature status
[green = OK, yellow = high, red = too high] |
| ![Calibration](image.png) | Calibration                | Indicates calibration status
[green = calibrated] |
| ![Lamp Hours](image.png) | Lamp Hours                 | Indicates hours logged on lamp
[green = <2000 hours
yellow = >2000 hours
red = >2500 hours, make sure there is a spare lamp on hand] |

**Icons and Functions:**

**Status Icons**

**Function Icons**

**Data Log Icons**
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="light.png" alt="Light Guide" /></td>
<td>Indicates light guide position [green = OK, red = not fully inserted]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="shutter.png" alt="Shutter" /></td>
<td>Click to open/close shutter [note: lock front panel to use, see note #2 below]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="bars.png" alt="Intensity Bars" /></td>
<td>Right/left click to increase/decrease intensity by 1% Double click to type in a value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="clf.png" alt="Closed-Loop Feedback" /></td>
<td>Engage/disengage CLF mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="lock.png" alt="Lock/unlock" /></td>
<td>Lock/unlock the front panel controls on the unit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="lamp.png" alt="Lamp" /></td>
<td>Click to turn lamp on/off, colour indicates status [grey = off, yellow = warming up, green = ready to use, red = lamp error]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="record.png" alt="Record" /></td>
<td>Record CLF data on graph [% variance from set point]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="pause.png" alt="Pause" /></td>
<td>Pause recording data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="stop.png" alt="Stop" /></td>
<td>Stop recording data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="plot.png" alt="Plot/Event" /></td>
<td>Left-click on graph area to log an event</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:

1. Icon background colour code:
   - Green icons mean status is OK and/or the function is engaged
   - Yellow icons mean a warning, or that the system is getting ready
   - Red icons mean there is an alarm condition

2. Shutter control with GUI vs. front panel buttons: The internal shutter can be operated using either method, however for the unit to accurately monitor shutter status only one method should be used at a time. If the front panel is “unlocked” the unit assumes the front panel shutter button will be used and the shutter icon on the GUI is disabled. If the front panel is “locked” the system assumes that the GUI control will be used and the front panel shutter button is disabled.

### 6.1.4 Logging Stability Data

When in CLF mode, the signal from the feedback loop can be recorded as verification that the set-point is being maintained. Simply click on the “Record” icon to start logging data. New data points will be added every 10 seconds (or longer if acquisition interval is increased). The default 10 seconds is the shortest interval available. On the plot area, the x-axis is in minutes, y-axis is in % variance from the set point.
6.1.5 Logging Events

The Control Panel will automatically log events such as alarm conditions, calibration expiry, and CLF turning off. User-defined events or information relating to the X-Cite set-point, or experimental conditions can also be logged in the data file. To log an event:

1. Left-click on the plot area.
2. Type in the event or information, up to 100 characters.
3. Click OK. The information will be logged in the data file for the time point when the dialogue box first opened (even if it takes several time points to type in the information).

6.1.6 Exporting Logged Data

To export logged data...
1. Click on the X icon in the title bar.
2. From the drop down menu, choose “Export Data…”
3. Give the file a name, click SAVE - data will be saved in Comma Separated Values (.csv) format, which can be opened in Excel.
6.2 Shutter Control via Foot pedal

For hands-free operation, the X-Cite exacte is equipped with a foot pedal. The foot pedal is an alternative to the SHUTTER button and can only be used to open and close the internal shutter. To use the foot pedal:

1. Plug the foot pedal into the 3.5mm audio style port labeled FP on the back on the X-Cite exacte.
2. Place the foot pedal on the floor or another conveniently located flat surface.
3. Power-up the X-Cite exacte as normal, and wait for the lamp to warm up.
4. Press down on the foot pedal until it clicks to open or close the shutter.

6.3 Shutter control via TTL

For high-speed shutter activation, TTL control can also be used. The plot below shows typical timing values for the X-Cite exacte’s internal shutter when controlled by TTL. Note that these values should be used as a guide only, and that actual values will vary slightly from unit to unit.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interval</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Time (milliseconds)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>t1</td>
<td>Delay time, trigger to start of opening</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t2</td>
<td>Start of opening to 100% open</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t3</td>
<td>Minimum recommended exposure time (trigger open to trigger closed)</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t4</td>
<td>Delay time, trigger to start of close</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t5</td>
<td>Start of close to 0% open</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
TTL Signal and Shutter Status

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TTL</th>
<th>Shutter</th>
<th>Sync</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>high</td>
<td>open</td>
<td>low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>low</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>high</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TTL INPUT (BNC)
- Maximum low-level +0.8VDC
- Minimum high-level +2.0VDC
- Maximum high-level +5.5VDC
- Typical input current: 800uA

SYNC OUT (BNC)
- Maximum low-level +0.8VDC
- Minimum high-level +4.5VDC
- Maximum output current: 500uA

6.4 RS-232 Commands (via USB port)

This command list is divided into two sections. The first section contains the X-Cite 120PC command structure. The X-Cite exacte is compatible with most of the X-Cite 120PC commands, enabling use of the X-Cite exacte with existing X-Cite 120PC drivers. The second section is the expanded command set with the unique X-Cite exacte commands.

Many of the commands discussed in this section result in an acknowledgement being sent from the X-Cite exacte when the command has been received successfully by the X-Cite exacte. Otherwise, an error message is sent by the X-Cite exacte.

An acknowledgement has a packet structure as defined in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Byte</th>
<th>Alphanumeric Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>‘\r’</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

An error message has a packet structure as defined in the following table.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Byte</th>
<th>Alphanumeric Value</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>‘e’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>‘\r’</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The X-Cite exacte PC driver includes a virtual COM Port. Use this port with the following settings:
- Baud Rate: 9600
- Parity: No parity
- Data bits: 8
- Stop bits: 1
- Flow Control: None
### 6.4.1 X-Cite 120PC Command Set

Note: Commands not listed that were in the X-Cite 120PC command set have been discontinued.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Response</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connect, enables PC control of the unit.</td>
<td>“tt\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Intensity Level</td>
<td>“ii\r”</td>
<td>“x\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Where if x is:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 - intensity level of 0%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 - intensity level of 12%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 - intensity level of 25%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 - intensity level of 50%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 - intensity level of 100%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Lamp Hours</td>
<td>“hh\r”</td>
<td>“xxxx\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Software Version</td>
<td>“vv\r”</td>
<td>“xx\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>where xx is the version number of the software multiplied by 10.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Unit Status</td>
<td>“uu\r”</td>
<td>“xxx\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Where xxx is the status of the unit. The number returned is bitwise and is decoded as follows:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bit 5 - Lock Bit: 1 = front panel locked, 0 = front panel unlocked;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bit 4 - Lamp Ready Bit: 1 = lamp is ready, 0 = lamp is not ready;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bit 3 - Home Bit: 1 = fault, 0 = pass;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bit 2 - Shutter Bit: 1 = shutter is opened, 0 = shutter is closed;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bit 1 - Lamp Bit: 1 = lamp is ON, 0 = lamp is OFF;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bit 0 - Alarm Bit: 1 = alarm is ON, 0 = alarm is OFF.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set Intensity Level</td>
<td>“ix\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>where x is the desired intensity level. If x is:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 – Intensity is 0%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 – Intensity is 12%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2 – Intensity is 25%</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 – Intensity is 50%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 – Intensity is 100%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Close Shutter</td>
<td>“zz\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Shutter</td>
<td>“mm\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Turn Lamp Off</td>
<td>“ss\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Turn Lamp On</td>
<td>“bb\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
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</table>
### 6.4.2 X-Cite exacte Command Set

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<tr>
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<th>Command</th>
<th>Response</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Identify, enables the extended command set of the X-Cite exacte. The extended command set are all commands listed in this table.</td>
<td>&quot;jj\r&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;\r&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enable PC Shutter Control, enables PC control of the internal shutter via serial port commands.</td>
<td>&quot;cc\r&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;\r&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disable PC Shutter Control, disables PC control of the internal shutter via serial port commands.</td>
<td>&quot;yy\r&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;\r&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disconnect PC, disconnects all control from the PC for the X-Cite exacte.</td>
<td>&quot;xx\r&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;\r&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Unit Status.</td>
<td>&quot;uu\r&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;xxx\r&quot; where xxx is the status of the unit. The number returned is bitwise and is decoded as follows: bit 14 – CLF Engaged bit 10 – Light guide inserted bit 8 – X-Cite exacte communication mode. bit 5 - Lock Bit: 1 = front panel locked, 0 = front panel unlocked; bit 4 - Lamp Ready Bit: 1 = lamp is ready, 0 = lamp is not ready; bit 3 - Home Bit: 1 = fault, 0 = pass; bit 2 - Shutter Bit: 1 = shutter is opened, 0 = shutter is closed; bit 1 - Lamp Bit: 1 = lamp is ON, 0 = lamp is OFF; bit 0 - Alarm Bit: 1 = alarm is ON,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Command</td>
<td>Command String</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------------</td>
<td>----------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Output Power</td>
<td>“pp\r”</td>
<td>“xxxx\r” where xxxx is the output power * 100 in ASCII format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Increment Iris Setting</td>
<td>“++\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Decrement Iris Setting</td>
<td>“--\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change Output Power</td>
<td>“pxxx\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change Power Mode</td>
<td>“qq\r”</td>
<td>“\r”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Get Calibration Time</td>
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<td>“xxx\r” where xxx is the number of calibration hours remaining in ASCII format.</td>
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<td>Clear Calibration</td>
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<td>Turn CLF On</td>
<td>“kk\r”</td>
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<td>Get Unit Serial Number</td>
<td>“GSN\r”</td>
<td>“xxxx\r” where xxxx is the serial number of the unit in ASCII format.</td>
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<td>Set Intensity Level</td>
<td>“dxxx\r”</td>
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<td>Get Intensity Level</td>
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7 Troubleshooting

Service to be completed by qualified repair personnel only!

7.1 Error Codes

If the X-Cite exacte internal monitoring systems identify a problem, an error code will be generated. Definitions and recommended actions are in the following table.

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<th>Recommended Action</th>
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<td>Lamp temperature is too high</td>
<td>Check ventilation filters and outlets to ensure that no blockage exists. Restart unit and if problem persists replace lamp. If problem continues contact Tech Support. See also section 7.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>E2</td>
<td>Internal communication failure</td>
<td>Restart unit, if problem persists contact Tech Support.</td>
</tr>
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<td>E3</td>
<td>Iris failed to go to home position</td>
<td>Restart unit, if problem persists contact Tech Support</td>
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<td>E4</td>
<td>Internal hardware failure</td>
<td>Restart unit, if problem persists contact Tech Support</td>
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<td>E5</td>
<td>Failure to communicate with Intelli-Lamp</td>
<td>Check Intelli-Lamp connection and restart unit. If problem persists try another lamp, if problem still persist contact Tech Support.</td>
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<tr>
<td>E6</td>
<td>Lamp self-extinguished</td>
<td>Let system cool and restart lamp. If it goes out again, replace lamp. If new lamp continues to self-extinguish, contact Tech Support</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E7</td>
<td>Internal system error</td>
<td>Restart unit, if problem persists contact Tech Support</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bulb</td>
<td>Lamp Error</td>
<td>Lamp installed incorrectly / Lamp did not strike.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cool</td>
<td>Lamp is too hot to strike</td>
<td>The lamp will automatically strike when it has cooled to the optimum striking temperature</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alternating: old / bulb</td>
<td>Old Lamp</td>
<td>The lamp has accumulated over 2500 hours. Lamp may be near end of life.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alternating: end / bulb</td>
<td>New Lamp Required</td>
<td>The lamp has reached end of life. The lamp will not strike.</td>
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<tr>
<td>LOC</td>
<td>Front Panel Locked</td>
<td>All front panel buttons have been locked to prevent settings from being changed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SFI</td>
<td>Shutter Failure</td>
<td>The shutter has failed to return to home position. Unit should be restarted. If the error repeats, contact Tech Support.</td>
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</table>
7.2 Power Up Failure

If the unit fails to POWER up or function properly, use the following checklist to eliminate the most common causes of problems. Check that:

1. The AC POWER cord is securely plugged into a functional AC wall plug.
2. The AC POWER cord is securely plugged into the AC inlet on the rear of the unit.
3. The main AC POWER switch is in the ON position.
4. Check that the ventilation openings on both the bottom and rear of the unit are not blocked.

If the unit still does not power-up:

5. Check both main power fuses by first disconnecting the power cord. Then carefully remove the fuse drawer assembly below the AC inlet on the rear of the unit. If the fuse(s) is/are open, replace with the same type (4A, 250 V, Fast acting).

7.3 Lamp Strike Failure

If the LED display lights and the fan starts, but the lamp will not turn on, check for the following:

1. The LED display indicates the “bulb” message and the system begins to beep. This indicates that no lamp is detected. Check if the lamp has been installed correctly. Refer to Section 4.1 – Installing the Lamp Module.
2. The LED display indicates the “bulb” message after approximately 45 seconds and the system begins to beep. This indicates that the lamp has failed to strike. It may be a result of the lamp reaching end of life, or that the lamp housing panel is not secured properly in place. Press the MODE button to clear the audible alarm. Turn power off to the unit. Check that the lamp housing panel is secured properly. Wait a few minutes and turn the power on to the unit. If it still does not strike, replace the lamp.
3. The LED display indicates the “cool” message. This indicates the lamp is too hot to strike. The lamp will automatically strike when it has cooled.

7.4 Low Light Intensity

If the light intensity is too low, check that:

1. The percent iris opening is set high enough. Put the unit into COARSE Mode and press the up button to increase the iris opening. See Section 5.7 – Adjusting the Light Output.
2. There are no foreign substances on the emitting end of the light guide.
3. There are no bends, kinks, or other physical damage to the guide. Replace the light guide if there is any physical damage.
4. The lamp has been installed correctly. See section 4.1 – Installing the Lamp Module.

5. Check the microscope settings, filter cubes, ND filters, manual stops, polarizers, and position of camera port beam splitters for anything that may be blocking the light path between the X-Cite and eyepieces/camera.

   It may be necessary to replace the lamp or to replace the light guide. Contact your EXFO sales representative for information on purchasing a new lamp or light guide.

7.5 Shutter Failure

   **If the shutter does not open, check that:**
   1. The light guide is fully inserted; the LED above the light guide port will be illuminated green. The lamp is warmed-up; the display is not flashing. The iris setting is not at 0%. **Note:** If the GUI is in use, ensure that the front panel of the unit is “unlocked” when attempting to use the SHUTTER button.
   2. If the LED displays “SF1”, indicating a shutter failure. POWER down the unit, wait a few minutes and turn POWER on to the unit. If the unit displays a shutter failure again, contact your local EXFO Service Centre to have your unit serviced.

7.6 LED Display Failure

   **If the LED display does not light:**
   1. If the fan is functional, POWER down the unit, wait approximately 20 seconds then POWER it up again
   2. If the problem persists, contact your local EXFO Service Centre.

7.7 Cooling Fan Failure

   **If one or more fans do not work:**
   1. If the LED display is functional, POWER down the unit, wait approximately 20 seconds then POWER it up again
   2. If the problem persists, contact your local EXFO Service Centre.
8 Care and Maintenance

8.1 General

1. Operate the unit in a well ventilated area with at least six inches clearance at the rear of the unit for proper air flow. Do not place any objects below the unit, between the feet as this will restrict airflow through the bottom of the front face plate.

2. For safe operation, use only a grounded outlet.

3. Avoid physical shocks or jarring to the unit especially while the unit is operating. Such sudden movements reduce the lamp module life.

4. The lamp module must be operated for a minimum of 20 minutes each time it is turned on to prevent damaging the lamp. Increasing the time between turning the lamp module on and off will maximize lamp life.

5. Replace the air filter, found under the front face plate, frequently to ensure unrestricted air flow. It is recommended as a minimum that the air filter be removed and washed with a mild detergent and water every time the lamp module is replaced.

   Note: restricted airflow can cause the lamp temperature to increase above optimum temperature, significantly reducing lamp life.

6. When necessary, clean the light emitting end of the light guide using an optical cleaning solution.

7. Cleaning of unit is not required, however if cleaning is desired, disconnect the AC power cord from the unit and use only a water and simple detergent solution. Ensure that cleaning solution does not come in contact with any optical, moving mechanical or electrical parts.

8.2 Replacing the Lamp Module

The X-Cite exacte is designed to operate only with the X-Cite exacte lamp module supplied by an authorized EXFO distributor. When the lamp requires replacing, use only:

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<td>X-Cite exacte replacement lamp module</td>
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Refer to Section 4.1 for lamp module replacement instructions
Refer to Section 7 for messages regarding troubleshooting and lamp module replacement.
8.3 Replacing the External Fuses

The external (main) fuses are located in the fuse drawer which is located in the AC inlet module on the rear panel.

1. Turn off the main POWER switch and remove the AC POWER cord from the unit.
2. Gently pull out the drawer with the aid of a flat-head screwdriver.
3. Carefully lever one end of each fuse up from its retaining clip with a small flat-head screwdriver and lift it out.
4. Replace the blown fuse(s) only with the same type and rating (F5A, 250V). The rear compartment must contain two active fuses.
5. Close the fuse drawer.
6. Reconnect the AC POWER cord.

8.4 Replacing the Air Filter

The external air filter is located under the front face plate of the X-Cite exacte.

1. Turn off the main POWER switch and remove the AC POWER cord from the unit.
2. Gently slide and pull out the filter.
3. Push in the replacement filter so that it sits flat in place
9 Technical Specifications

9.1 Electrical

Power Supply: Power Factor Corrected, Universal Input

Input Voltage: 100 - 240VAC, 50/60Hz

Current: 3.5A max at 120VAC
2.0A max at 240VAC

Input Surge: 50A max. (cold start)

Protection: Power supply:
Short circuit protection
Overvoltage protection: 30-50% above nominal output
Overload protection: 110-160% of normal rating

Fuse Rating: Dual fuse system: each fuse rated at F5.0A 250V, 5x20mm type located in the AC receptacle

9.2 Environmental

Operating Conditions

Ambient Temperature: 15ºC to 40ºC

Altitude: 2000m max.

Atmospheric Pressure: 700 to 1060 hPa

Relative Humidity: 15% to 95% (non-condensing)

Installation Category: II

Pollution Degree: 2

Enclosure Rating: IPX0

Transport and Storage Conditions

Temperature: -40 to +70ºC

Relative Humidity: 10% to 100%

Atmospheric Pressure: 500 to 1060 hPa
9.3 Lamp

A - Rim of Lamp Reflector. B - Reflector. C - Back Ceramic Mount
D - Intelli-Lamp Connector. E - Power Connector

**Lamp Module**  
EXFO 200W Arc Lamp

**Lamp Module Life**  
2000 hours

**Warm Up**  
4 minutes (min)

⚠️ **CAUTION:**
Use only EXFO lamp part number 012-66000R in the X-Cite exacte unit.
9.4  Light Guide

**Light Delivery**
Flexible liquid filled light guide 1.5m or 3m in length with a core diameter of 3mm. Custom light guides are also available.

**Liquid Light Guide End Fitting**

![Liquid Light Guide Dimensions in mm](image)

**Liquid Light Guide Dimensions in mm**

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**Transport and Storage Conditions**

Temperature:  -5°C to 35°C

**Note:** Refer to section 4.3 for tips on maintaining liquid light guides in good working condition.

9.5  General

Height:  8.2" / 20.6cm
Depth:  13.3" / 33.8cm
Width:  7.1" / 18.0cm
Weight:  10.8lbs / 4.9kg

**Note:** X-Cite exacte unit dimensions only, does not include clearance at front of unit for liquid light guide.
10 Regulatory

Product Safety:

**EN/ IEC 61010-1:2001** Safety Requirements for electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use - Part 1: General Requirements

**CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1-04** Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use Part 1: General Requirements

**UL 61010-1: 2004 2nd Edition** Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use Part 1: General Requirements

IEC Equipment Class:   I
Installation Category:    II
Pollution Degree:    2

Electromagnetic Compatibility:


FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Class A Unintentional Radiators

CE Marking:

FCC Class A Digital Device or Peripheral - Information to User

NOTE

- This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

WARNING

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.

WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC)

The symbol above indicates that this product should not be disposed of along with municipal waste, that the product should be collected separately, and that a separate collection system exists for all products that contain this symbol within member states of the European Union.

- The equipment that you bought has required the extraction and use of natural resources for its production. It may contain hazardous substances that could impact health and the environment.
- In order to avoid the dissemination of those substances in our environment and to diminish the pressure on the natural resources, we encourage you to use the appropriate take-back systems. Those systems will reuse or recycle most of the materials of your end life equipment in a sound way.
- The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol indicated above invites you to use those systems.
- If you need more information on the collection, reuse and recycling systems, please contact your local or regional waste administration.
China RoHS

The following table contains substance information for the **X-Cite exacte** as required by the China RoHS regulations.

**X-Cite exacte: XCT10**

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| 表示该部件中至少有一种同质材料中有毒或危险物质含量高于SJ/T11363-2006标准的限制要求 (企业可以在该表格中对基于实际情况所标注的"X"进一步做技术上的解释。) |
11 Warranty

EXFO Life Sciences & Industrial Division warrants the original purchaser for a period of one (1) full year, calculated from the date of purchase, that the equipment sold is free from defects in material and workmanship.

In the event of a claim under this guarantee, the equipment is to be sent postage and carriage paid, including a description of the fault, to the EXFO Service Centre. Returned equipment will not be received without a Return Authorization (RA) Number, issued by the appropriate Service Centre.

In the case of damage caused by wear and tear, careless handling, neglect, by the use of force or in the case of interventions and repairs not carried out by an EXFO Service Centre, the guarantee ceases to be valid. This guarantee may not form the basis for any claims for damages, in particular not for compensation of consequential damages.

The warranty is not transferable. No warranty is extended to perishable items, such as fuses, air filters and light guides.

Any claims for units received with defects in material or workmanship must be reported to an authorized EXFO service centre within 30 days from the original date of receipt.

Replacement Bulb Warranty

If the X-Cite exacte bulb fails to strike during the warranty period of 2000 hours, the bulb will be replaced under warranty, or a credit will be applied to the purchaser’s account. In the event of a claim under this guarantee, the lamp is to be sent postage and carriage paid, including a description of the fault, to the EXFO Service Centre. Returned equipment will not be received without a Return Authorization (RA) Number, issued by the appropriate Service Centre. Lamps must be purchased from an authorized EXFO Representative or Distributor to be eligible for the warranty replacement. This warranty is non-transferable.

In the case of damage caused by careless handling, neglect, by the use of force or in the case of interventions and repairs not carried out by an EXFO Service Centre to the X-Cite exacte system, the guarantee ceases to be valid.

Returning equipment to EXFO

1. Please make a note of the problem encountered, the steps followed to isolate the problem and the result of any trouble shooting steps taken.
2. Contact the nearest EXFO Service Centre to obtain a Return Authorization Number. For your convenience, RA numbers can also be requested on-line at: http://www.exfo-lifesciences.com/x-cite/ra-request.asp
3. Follow shipping instructions provided by the service technician. The unit should be returned in its original packaging if possible. Please do not ship the unit with the lamp installed.
12 Contact Information

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Fax: (905) 821-2055
1-800-668-8752 (USA and Canada)
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12.1 Service Centres

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12.2 Replacement Parts and Accessories

Replacement lamps and light guides can be purchased directly from EXFO. For ordering and pricing information contact the inside sales department at:

x-cite@exfo.com
www.exfo-xcite.com
1-800-668-8752

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