

Micro-SeaLite

User Manual



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1. Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your new Micro-SeaLite. This product has been subjected to extensive testing and development and is widely recognized as a high quality under- and above-water light of superior design. Features that contribute to the versatility of the Micro-SeaLite include the following:

- 1) The Micro-SeaLite can operate continuously in either air or water, and can be immersed in water after burning in air.
- 2) The glass-metal seal is not disturbed during relamping, which increases reliability and eliminates the need for frequent pressure testing.
- 3) Several lamps of different voltages and wattages are available.
- 4) The standard depth rating of the Micro-SeaLite is 1,000 meters.
- 5) Standard construction is of rugged 6061-T6 aluminum.

2. Micro-SeaLite Pre- and Post-Deployment Checklist

Warning: After each deployment, carefully check to make sure the light has not flooded. It is possible for the light to partially flood and then reseal itself while underwater. Upon surfacing, the light can become internally pressurized, which may be potentially dangerous. Additionally, if the power remains on when the light has partially flooded, it is possible for electrolytic generation of an explosive mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gases. **If a light appears flooded upon removal from the water, it should be treated as potentially dangerous. Point the light away from persons and valuable equipment and verify whether or not it is internally pressurized. Make sure that the power is disconnected as soon as a flooded condition is suspected.**

Each Micro-SeaLite is shipped ready for immediate use. To ensure that the light will perform reliably, please observe the following maintenance guidelines:

- 1) Try to rinse the light with fresh water after use in salt water.
- 2) It is normal for a scale buildup to occur on the window. This can be cleaned off with vinegar. Use a non-abrasive cloth to minimize future buildup.
- 4) Check for condensation inside the port, especially after changing lamps. If any condensation is evident, see Lamp/Reflector Changing Procedure to open housing. Place the lamp/reflector inside a warm oven (at least 100 deg. C or 212 deg. F) for at least 30 minutes to bake out any moisture that

may present. If possible, purge with dry nitrogen while reassembling the light.

- 5) After each deployment, examine the power cable and rear connector for damage.

Lamp/Reflector Changing Procedure: To change the lamp, first disconnect any cable attached to the light and remove any brackets surrounding the light. Using a small flathead screwdriver (or any sharp pointed instrument), lift out the snap ring at the base of the front portion of the light (where it meets the narrow portion of the body). Gently twist off the front portion of the light from the rest of the body (it's not threaded, but there is friction due to an O-ring). Remove the O-ring between the body and the reflector.

Slide the flathead screwdriver underneath the reflector and very gently pry up on the reflector as you move the screwdriver around the circumference. The lamp/reflector is held in place by two pins, so you want to gently rock the lamp/reflector back and forth to get it out. Be careful not to cut your fingers on the edge of the reflector, as this is ground glass.

When installing the new lamp, be sure not to get any fingerprints on the surface of the lamp. Use a piece of tissue or other clean paper to hold the lamp while installing it. Fingerprints can be cleaned from the surface of the lamp with isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol. Reassemble the light in the opposite manner in which you disassembled it.

3. Electrical Requirements

It is very important to use an appropriate power supply for each particular Micro-SeaLite; factors to consider are: voltage requirements (including voltage drop over long cable lengths), current draw of the lamp, cold filament power surge, and lamp life at various voltages.

Voltage Requirements: The power supply must of course be able to supply sufficient voltage to the light, however in many cases (especially with low voltage lights), the output voltage from the power supply must be much higher than the lamp voltage. The reason for this is that a significant amount of power is lost due to the electrical resistance of the power cable. The voltage drop over a length of cable can be calculated by using the formula, $V = IR$, where V is the voltage drop, I is the current draw of the light in amps, and R is the total electrical resistance of the power cable in ohms. The current draw of a particular lamp can be calculated if the wattage and voltage of the lamp are known. The current draw is equal to the lamp wattage divided by the lamp voltage, or, **amps = watts/volts**.

For example, referring to the table of electrical resistances of various wire gauges listed below, we can calculate the voltage required to operate a 24 volt-300 watt light at 24 volts over 250 feet of 16 gauge cable. The current draw of a 24 volt-300 watt lamp operating at 24 volts is $300 \text{ watts} / 24 \text{ volts} = 12.5 \text{ amps}$. The resistance of 16 gauge wire is approximately 4 ohms/1000 feet. *Since the total path of the circuit is from the power supply to the light and back to the power supply, the total resistance of the cable is twice the length of the cable times the linear resistance*, or for this example, $R = (2 \times$

250 ft) x (4 ohms/1000 ft) = 2.0 ohms. Since $V = IR$, the voltage drop, V is equal to 12.5 amps x 2.0 ohms = 25 volts. This means that 25 volts is lost due to resistance and so the power supply will need to provide at least 49 volts to power this 24 volt-300 watt light over a 250 foot cable!

<u>Wire Gauge</u>	<u>Ohms/1000 ft (approx)</u>
20	10
18	6
16	4
14	2.5
12	1.5

Current Requirements: The current draw of a particular lamp is determined by dividing the lamp wattage by the lamp voltage. It is worthwhile to note that if high voltage (greater than 110 volts) current is being used to power the light, there is still a voltage drop over the length of cable, but the amperage is often small enough (due to the high voltage) that the voltage drop is less significant. The power supply must still provide the necessary power; a 120 volt-1000 watt generator will only power 1000 watts' worth of lights at 120 volts.

Cold Filament Surge: Upon initial power-up of the lamp, it takes a great amount of energy to heat up a cold lamp filament--up to 10 times the operational current draw for a short period. The power supply must be capable of providing not only the necessary voltage and sustained operational current draw of the lamp, but must also provide this temporary high current. Many power supplies have built-in safety foldback circuits to protect the power supply (and powered equipment) from accidental short circuits. The cold filament current surge may appear to the power supply as a direct short circuit, and so will trip the foldback circuit. It is often necessary to modify the power supply to desensitize this foldback circuit in order to allow the momentary high current necessary to heat the filament. We suggest that the power supply manufacturer's application recommendations be followed whenever applicable.

Varying Operational Voltages: The various lamps will operate at voltages other than the nominal recommended voltage, affecting lamp life and color temperature. Undervoltage will increase lamp life, while overvoltage will rapidly decrease lamp life.

Connector: The Micro-SeaLite uses a standard Subconn-type 2-pin male bulkhead connector, model BH2M. The standard connector pinouts are: Pin 1 = Power, Pin 2 = Power.

4. Electrical and Thermal Warnings

It is essential that caution is exercised whenever electricity is utilized in or near the water. AC current is certainly more dangerous, but even 12 volts DC can pose an electrocution hazard under certain circumstances. **A Ground Fault Interrupt should be used whenever high voltage lights are being utilized; when divers are in the water this is especially critical! Do not operate AC-powered lights without a GFI!** Additionally, all high voltage lights should be case grounded for safety. If a protective glass dome is broken and the light floods, a short circuit will likely occur. The current will flow to the ground reference; if the body of the light is grounded, then the short circuit will occur between the "hot" lead and the body of the light rather than the water surrounding the light.

It is also important not to burn a light in air for more than a few seconds unless that light has been specifically designed for this purpose (like the Micro-SeaLite). Most lights become quite hot under normal operation and rely on the surrounding water to provide cooling. When an underwater light is burned in air, the resulting heat buildup can pose a fire hazard. If the light is operated for testing purposes in air, be sure to let it cool down for a couple of minutes before immersing it in water. It is also a good idea to turn the light off a few seconds prior to removing it from the water. These precautions minimize the thermal shock on the pyrex dome; thermal shock is a rapid change in temperature which can cause the pyrex to crack. If a certain application requires the light to be operated in a wet/dry environment, DSPL recommends using lamps of 35 watts or less. Extreme caution must be used when handling lights burning in air due to the high operating temperatures.

5. Micro-SeaLite Quality Control Procedures

This section is included to provide an understanding of the quality control process that each Micro-SeaLite is subjected to.

After assembly is completed, each Micro-SeaLite is electrically tested with the Meg-Ohm tester to verify that the socket wire insulation is intact, and that there are no short circuits between a power lead and the metal light body. Each individual lamp is also tested for short circuit between the power leads and the lamp base. The connector is then checked to verify that it is firmly secured to the light body.

Before installing the lamp, the light is pressure tested in one of the DeepSea pressure test vessels. All Micro-SeasLites are pressure tested to their rated depth. Higher pressure test certifications are also available. After the pressure test the cowl is unscrewed from the body—this should not require undo force. The light is then test-burned in a test tank for thirty minutes. After the test burn while soaking, the light is checked for internal condensation. If there is no condensation present, the light is then prepared for shipping.

6. Troubleshooting

<u>Problem</u>	<u>Possible Cause</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
Light doesn't turn on.	Not plugged in.	Secure all connections.
	GFI tripped.	Reset GFI.
	Lamp burned out.	Change lamp (refer to Section 2).
	Cable defective.	Check continuity from one end to the other. Meg test if possible.
	Insufficient voltage.	Make sure battery is fully charged. Verify power supply is adequate (refer to Section 3).
Light flooded.	Connector loose.	See Section 7.
	Damaged O-ring.	Replace as required.
	Glass cracked or chipped.	Return to DeepSea for repair.

7. Flooded Light Repair

If the light is leaking, first suspect that there is a damaged O-ring, or that the glass port is cracked or has a chipped edge.

When looking for the source of a leak, first check if the rear connector is loose. If the connector is secure, check for a sliced or otherwise damaged O-ring; make sure the O-ring sealing surfaces are clean. If there is no apparently damaged O-ring, remove the glass dome and inspect the edge of the glass. If the edge is chipped, this is probably the source of the leak, and the dome should be replaced.

If a light is flooded and/or damaged, we recommend that the light be returned to DeepSea Power & Light for repair or replacement. DeepSea Power & Light cannot be responsible for any damage incurred during emergency field repairs. Such repairs should be undertaken only as a last resort and by qualified personnel.

Spares kits are available from DeepSea Power & Light.

8. General Notes

Do not operate any high voltage electrical equipment without using a Ground Fault Interrupt circuit for safety, especially when divers are in the water!

Do not operate a lamp at higher than recommended voltage. The lamp filament will melt with severe over-voltage, and slight over-voltage drastically reduces lamp life.

Be sure that any fingerprints are cleaned off the lamp with isopropyl alcohol before use.

9. Re-ordering and Replacement Parts List

<u>Base Model</u>	<u>Connector</u>	<u>Reflector</u>	<u>Volts/Wattage</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
MCL-1070	BH2M only		F = Flood M = Medium S = Spot	Max. wattage is 35W. See lamp matrix.	1000m rating

Micro-SeaLite Lamps (G4 bi-pin base)

12V and 24V lamps are special and are available only through DeepSea Power & Light.

	<u>Volts</u>	<u>Watts</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Color Temp</u>	<u>Lumens</u>
B4-12/12	12	12	2000	3000K	
B4-12/20	12	20	2000	3000K	
B4-12/35	12	35	2000	3000K	
B4-24/20	24	20			

10. Micro-SeaLite Specifications

MECHANICAL

Housing Material:	6061-T6 hard natural anodize with dichromate seal
Diameter: 3.77 cm (1.485 in.)	
Length:	6.73 cm (2.65 in.) without connector
Lens:	Quartz
Reflectors:	Proprietary design spot, medium flood or wide flood
Air Weight:	99 g (0.22 lbs.)
Water weight:	50 g (0.11 lbs.)
Mounts:	Collar and yoke bracket included

OPTICAL

Beam patterns (full angle measured to half power point using 12V/35W lamp):	
Wide Flood (WFL):	45 deg.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Depth Rating:	1,000 meters (3,250 feet) of seawater
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11. Terms and Conditions of Sale

No terms or conditions, other than those stated herein, whether contained in customer's purchase order or shipping forms or elsewhere, and no agreement or understanding, oral or written, in any way purporting to modify or negate these terms and conditions shall be binding on DeepSea Power & Light, Inc.

Acceptance of Orders

- A. Acceptance of binding purchase orders are subject to final written approval by DeepSea Power & Light, Inc.
- B. DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. will accept orders and bill in accordance with list prices and terms, even though incorrect list prices, discounts and terms may appear on the Purchase Order.

Terms

Upon approved credit the following terms will apply:

- A. Standard terms are net cash 30 days from date of invoice, unless otherwise specified. Invoices bear the date of shipment and are mailed from San Diego, CA within one business day of the shipment.
- B. Any portion of the Invoice amount which has not been paid within 30 days of the invoice date will accrue a monthly service charge equal to the maximum rate permitted under Section 1, Article XV of the California Constitution as amended by Proposition 2 effective November 7, 1979 (i.e., Federal Reserve discount rate plus five (5) percent per annum) commencing 31 days after the invoice date. In the event of any litigation arising out of this contract or any efforts by seller to enforce any of the terms of this contract, or to receive payment of any sum under this contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs. This contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California and venue for any dispute arising out of this contract shall be San Diego County, California.

Title and Risk of Loss

- A. Unless otherwise specified in accepted purchase order, all products are shipped F.O.B. DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. plant, San Diego, CA and title to the property passes to the buyer at the time of shipment. Buyer assumes all risk of damage to or loss or destruction of said property and no loss, injury or destruction of said property shall release buyer from the obligation to pay for this shipment.
- B. Unless otherwise specified in accepted purchase order, DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. shall have the option of partial or complete shipment of orders, and shall have the right to select the date of shipment, type of carrier, and routing of shipment on behalf of Customer. DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. will make best efforts to meet quoted shipment dates, but does not guarantee to ship products within the time quoted. DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. shall not be held responsible for any failure to make delivery of all or any part of product or nonperformance of services attributable to governmental action, strike or other labor dispute, riots, storm, flood, epidemic, fire damage to or destruction in whole or in part of products, lack of or inability to obtain raw materials, labor fuel, or supplies, or any act of God or other cause, contingency or circumstances within or without the United States not subject to DeepSea Power & Light, Inc.'s control which prevents or hinders manufacture or delivery of product or performance of services.

Termination

Purchase Orders accepted by DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. are not cancellable by Buyer unless all details are agreed upon in writing by DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. and Buyer, including Buyer's agreement to assume termination charges required by DeepSea Power & Light, Inc.

Returns

- A. No product will be accepted for return, repair or replacement without first obtaining a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number.

The following information will be required:

1. Date of Shipment
 2. Invoice Number and Sales Order Number
 3. Customer Purchase Order Number
 4. Any relevant technical data for failure description and circumstances.
- B. New, unused, undamaged, fully operational, standard stock parts may be returned for credit, only with prior written authorization, and will be subject to a \$30.00 or 15% minimum handling charge, whichever is greater. Items must have shipped from DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. no more than 30 days prior to requesting an RMA. Return freight charges shall be paid for by Customer. Non-standard or used parts are not returnable.

- C. Any return, repair or replacement shall be subject to DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. Quality Assurance acceptability.
- D. Buyer assumes all risk of damage or loss or destruction of the property which is accepted for return, repair, or replacement as provided above. It is expressly agreed that all risks of loss are borne by Buyer from and after the time of shipment from Seller to Buyer.

Notice

The technical drawings and data published in our manual, bulletins or literature is not guaranteed. It is considered sufficient technical data to allow proper identification of equipment type, size and use for ordering purposes. All drawings and measurements are approximate and not to scale. Performance and function for which the product is intended will depend upon lighting conditions, visibility, cable size and termination. Technical data is subject to change without notice. Detailed engineering information is available upon request. DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. assumes no responsibility for proper selection or installation of its products.

Fair Labor Practices

We hereby certify that products and services are produced in compliance with all applicable requirements of Sections 6, 7 and 12 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended, and of regulations and orders of the United States Department of Labor issued under Section 14 thereof. DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. complies with Executive Order 11256 prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, creed, sex, color, or national origin.

Limited Warranty

Seller warrants that the goods (except internal electronic components) sold under this contract will be free from defect in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment from the factory, if they have been properly used. Internal electronic components are warranted for 90 days from the date of shipment from the factory, if they have been properly used. This warranty will be limited to the repair or replacement of parts and the necessary labor and services required to repair the goods. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED THAT THIS WARRANTY WILL BE IN LIEU OF ALL WARRANTIES OF FITNESS AND IN LIEU OF THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY. This warranty is the exclusive and only warranty to pass with the goods under this contract. No agent, employee, or representative of the Seller has any authority to bind Seller to any information, representation, or warranty concerning the goods sold under this contract, and unless an affirmation, representation, or warranty made by an agent, employee, or representative is specifically included within this contract, it will not be enforceable by Buyer. If notice of defect is given to DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. within such 90 day or one year warranty period, the sole obligation of DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. shall be to furnish new or repaired parts free of charge in exchange for parts which have been proved defective and does not include any other costs such as the cost of removal of the defective part, installation, labor, or consequential damages of any kind, the exclusive remedy being to require DeepSea Power & Light, Inc. to furnish such new parts. Under no circumstances shall the Buyer be entitled to recover any incidental damages as that term is defined in Commercial Code §2715.