**Operating manual** 

# **Power-Tiny**



a Look Solutions product

# Set of Equipment supplied

- 1 Power-Tiny with battery pack and fluid tank 250 ml
- 1 charger
- 1 bottle of fluid 250 ml

When the order includes a radio remote, the following items are supplied additionally:

- 1 receiver with 3 pin XLR-plug
- 1 radio remote
- 1 manual "Radio remote control"

Please check whether all the products you ordered are supplied.

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## **1. Procedure of the Power-Tiny**

The **Power-Tiny** is a battery-operated, microprocessor-controlled fog generator. It is based (as most fog generators) on the vaporizer principle, i.e. a glycol fluid is evaporated and condenses into fog when leaving the fog nozzle. However, the **Power-Tiny** only heats when fog is actually needed.

Because of the sleep mode the machine uses only 1.5 milliamperes in idle status and consequently it may remain connected to the the battery for several hours with no discharging to speak of – the stanby-time is approx. 250 hours.

The following sequence produces fog:

- a) Warming up (1 second, without pumping fluid).
- b) The pump runs
- c) Pump stops but fog will be produced for another 15 seconds to get all the fluid out of the vaporizer.

# **2. Safety instructions**

## A fog machine is not a toy!

- Very hot steam escapes from the nozzle. Danger of getting burnt.
- Occasionally very hot droplets of fluid may escape when in operation. Thus never aim at persons directly and keep a minimum distance of 3 m to the nozzle.
- Never touch the nozzle when in operation. Danger of getting burnt.
- The location for the machine must be non-flammable, non-combustible and not sensitive to heat. It has to be twice as big as the machine.
- Keep a minimum distance of 60 cm to all flammable, combustible objects and objects sensitive to heat.
- Glycol is alcohol and burns with a slightly bluish, almost invisible flame. Never point the fog at strong sources of ignition like fire or pyrotechnic effects.
- Never open the machine and leave the machine unattended when connected to a power supply.
- The visibility has to be more than 2 m in rooms where people walk around.
- Only use the supplied TINY-FLUID. Different types of fluid do not generate the fog you require and destroy your fog generator.
- Do not swallow the fog fluid. Keep it away from children. In case of eye contact, rinse with a lot of water. Consult a doctor should you have accidentally swallowed some fluid.
- Spilled fluid or splashed fluid droplets can cause slip hazard. Mop up the fluid and dispose of it according to regulations. TINY-FLUID is completely water-soluble and biodegradable.
- Fog may activate smoke detectors.

Artificially-made fog can be produced in many different ways. The method used here to produce fog, with a device which works according to the vaporizer principle, is the most harmless one.

No case has so far been reported in which a sound human being has been harmed because of using our device to produce artificial fog. However, this can only be guaranteed if the professional fog generators are used accordingly, i.e. at the correct vaporization temperatures as well as with the correctly mixed fog fluid.

We, however, recommend: People with health problems or problems of the respiratory tract or with an inclination for allergies should avoid any contact with artificially-made fog.

## 3. Description of the parts



- 1: · Start button
- 2: · Fog nozzle
- 3: · Socket for charger
- 4: Battery pack (Battery with housing, PCB, fuse and connector)

- 5: · Fluid tube
- 6: · Battery connector (Speakon)
- 7: · Screws ("Rändel")
- 8: · Quick-connector for fluid tube
- 9: · Fluid tank





- 10: · Adjusting knob
- 11: · LED/Battery status display
- 12: · Socket for battery plug
- 13: · 3pin-XLR-socket

# 4. Fluid

#### 4.1 General

The **Power-Tiny** is built to be used with original Look Tiny-fluid. Use of other liquids will clogge the vaporizer and void the warranty.

Please do not use Tiny-fluid if it looks blue or green. This can clog the vaporizer!

**Note**: If the Power-Tiny will not be in use for a long period, please empty the fluid tank and pour the fluid back into the original fluid bottle despatched with the unit.

## 5. Operating the Power-Tiny

#### 5.1 Selecting the Location

The location for the Power-Tiny must

- be dry
- guarantee sufficient air supply
- have sufficient distance (at least 60 cm) from inflammable materials
- have very little vibration
- have an ambient operating temperature between 5° C and 45° C
- have a relative air humidity of less than 80%.

#### 5.2 Mounting the Power-Tiny

If the **Power-Tiny** is to be built in props or similar, make sure that a fog-free air supply is guaranteed. Too high fog concentration can condense inside the machine and can result in damages caused by moisture.

When installing the Power-Tiny make sure that

- no fog is passed back into the fog generator,
- no condensed fluid runs into the apparatus,
- no objects jut out into the fog nozzle [2]

#### 5.3 Starting up

1) Pour the TINY-FLUID into the fluid bottle and firmly lock the bottle. Plug the connecting spout of the fluid tubing into the quick connector of the fluid bottle (audiable click). Check the cleanness of the fluid bottle, so that no dirt (fluff etc.) can be sucked in by the pump. Even the smallest impurity immediately leads to clogging of the machine.

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- 2) Connect the battery pack to the machine. Therefore plug in the battery connector (Speakon) [6] into the socket [12], at the back of the machine.
- 3) Press Start-key (grey) [1] briefly.

#### 5.4 Control choices

You may control the Power-Tiny externally through the XLR socket [12].

#### 5.4.1 0 - 10 Volt (+) DC control

Connect the **Power-Tiny** to an analog desk or with the cable remote (available as an optional extra), using the XLR socket [12] at the back of the machine.

- a) Connect the cable from the desk or the cable remote into the XLR socket at the back of the machine [12].
- b) The knob on the cable remote or the fader on the analog desk will control the level of the pump.
- c) Pressing the On/Off switch at the cable remote starts the fog process.

#### 5.4.2 Control via Radio remote

A radio remote is available as an option. It will be delivered with a 3pin XLR plug.

- a) Connect the receiver of the radio remote to the machine, using the 3pin XLR socket [12] on the back of the machine.
- b) Adjust the requested pump output at the machine, turning the adjusting knob [10].
- c) Press the first button at the transmitter of the radio remote as long as you want fog to be produced (see manual "Radio remote").

#### 5.4.3 Other controls

**DMX 512**: Connect the DMX-converter (DMXit, available as an option) to the machine, using the 3pin XLR-plug [12].

Now the **Power-Tiny** can be connected to a DMX desk and can be controlled via DMX.

**Timer**: Connect the Timer (TIMEit, available as an option) to the machine, using the 3pin XLR-plug [12].

Now the wait and the fog time as well as the output can be programmed in.

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#### 5.5 Battery Status Display/Sleep mode

The yellow light-emitting diode (LED) [11] on the **Power-Tiny** indicates how strong/efficient the battery still is and/or when it must be recharged.

- 1) LED flashes slowly: Battery capacity of 15% 100 %, the battery is fully operational.
- 2) LED flashes fast: Battery capacity below 15%, the battery should be changed and/or charged.
- 3) LED lights up permanently: the battery is flat or the vaporizer is damaged
- 4) LED does not light although the battery is connected: Approx. 40 Seconds after the last fogging the **Power-Tiny** changes into the sleep mode automatically. It then only needs a current of 1.5 mA. To awake the machine press the startbutton [1].

#### 5.6 Changing the battery pack

The battery pack [4] can be changed on site, for example if one battery pack is empty and there is not enough time to recharge it.

To change the battery pack [4] unplug the battery connector [6] from the machine. Unscrew the screws [7] and disconnect machine and battery pack. Put the **Power-Tiny** on a new battery pack and fix it with the screws. Connect the battery pack to the machine.

#### 5.7 Wiring of the connector

#### 3pin XLR (analog):

Pin 1 = Ground, Pin 2 = 0-10 V + DC in, Pin 3 = 12 V + DC out, max. 50 mA

#### 6. The battery pack

The supplied battery pack is supplied with a maintenance-free 12V lead-gel accumulator which is calibrated in the best possible way with the connected loads of the **Power-Tiny**. It can be used in every position.

The connection to the **Power-Tiny** is done with a Speakon NL4FX high current plug, the connecting to the charger is done with a small connector.

# 6. The battery pack

#### 6.1 Capacity

The battery has a capacity of 12 Ah and is supplied in a charged status. A fullycharged battery can generate more than 100 fog emissions of 4-5 seconds. The permanent fogging time amounts to 10 minutes.

When used correctly, the battery holds its capacity for several years and/or some hundred charge/discharge cycles.

### 6.2 Operating and Storing

Lead-gel batteries are a very robust bank of capacitors which need little care and maintenance. However, their working life can be shortened rapidly by storing them when discharged.

**Caution**: Do not store a discharged battery! As a result, it can lose a large part of its capacity after two weeks!

### 6.3 Charging the battery

For charging the battery please use the supplied automatic charger. A discharged battery can be charged within 10 - 12 hours.

If the battery is in charge, the LED at the charger lights red. If the battery is fully charged, the LED lights green.

## 6.4 Safety Regulations

- The supplied battery can supply high discharging currents. Therefore:
  - Never short-circuit the battery.
  - Never change the cable sizes.
- Positioning of the battery
  - Make sure the battery is not placed near sources of heat,

- Should you place your battery near a source of heat, the performance of the battery will decrease the more the temperature rises.

- Using the battery in closed units
  - Don't use the battery in completely sealed casings or units.

- To prevent a blast of hydrogen leaking from the battery, the casings must be ventilated.

• Dismantling the battery

- Don't dismantle batteries as they do contain electrolytes which may damage clothing or hurt the skin. If the electrolyte comes in contact with skin or eyes, immediately rinse with water or consult a doctor.

## 6. The Battery pack

- Avoid short-circuits
  - Do not short-circuit the Speakon-cable. This will destroy the FKS-fuses.
- Keep away from fire
  - Do not expose the battery to fire or burn it. The battery might explode.

## 6.5 Technical Data

Model Output voltage Temperature range Dimensions Weight Lead-gel battery 12 V / 12Ah 5° C to 45° C 22 x 10 x 11.5 cm 4.5 kg

# 7. The Charger

#### 7.1 Operation

An automatic charger for 12 V lead-gel battery is supplied.

- Connect the charger to a power socket (100-240 V~/50Hz-60Hz).
- Connect the output line of the charger with the battery to be charged.
- Check whether the charge display (LED) lights red.
- A green lightning LED shows that the battery is fully charged.
- Disconnect the charger from the socket.
- Disconnect the battery from the charger.

# 7. The Charger

## 7.2 General Notes

- 1) If the control display lights up red permanently, this might indicate probable battery problems:
  - short circuit within the battery or in the output lines
  - the battery voltage can not reach 13,8 V (especially in the case of old batteries)
- 3) Protect the unit against rain
- 4) Use the charger exclusively for charging the **Power-Tiny** battery

## 7.3 Technical Data

Model	MPP 15 or similar
Input voltage	90 - 240 V~ / 50 Hz - 60 Hz
Output voltage	12 V = / 1000 mA
Operating temperature	0° C to +40° C
Display	< 75 mA LED lights green (battery is fully charged) < 300 mA, UB > 6 V LED lights red (battery is in charge)
Dimensions	8.75 x 5.15 x 3.4 cm
	0.75 X 5.15 X 5.4 cm

# 8. Service and Maintenance

## 8.1 The machine does not work perfectly

#### 8.1.1 There will be no fog if...

- the battery is discharged (yellow charge indicator (LED) lights up permanently, the pump automatically cuts off) => charge the battery
- the fluid tank is empty => refill the fluid tank
- the vaporizer is clogged or broken

#### 8.1.2 The yellow LED lights permanently if...

- the battery is discharged => disconnect the machine from the battery and charge the battery
- the vaporizer is clogged or broken

#### 8.2 Care and Maintenance

To ensure perfect performance of the **Power-Tiny**, you should consider the following notes:

- Make sure the fluid bottle is clean and free from small bits of dirt.
- Clean the unit from time to time, especially if you use it in a built-in state/ condition.
- If the **Power-Tiny** is not in use for a longer time, please take care that the battery is disconnected. The battery should be charged before storing.
- **PLEASE NOTE**: It is not necessary to clean the vaporizer! Cleaning with any liquid/fluid can destroy the heat exchange module!

# 9. Technical data

Procedure	Vaporizing fog generator
Power requirement	400 Watts
Voltage	12 V battery
Warm up time	1 sec
Fluid tank capacity	250 ml
Fluid consumption	10 ml/min. with continuous output
Continuous output with batte	<b>ry</b> 10 min.
Temperature control	microprocessor
Control	start button radio remote (option) XLR-remote (0 - 10 V analog) DMX 512 via converter Timer
Dimensions (L x W x H)	22.3 x 10 x 21 cm
Weight	5.6 kg
Manufactured for	Look Solutions - Fog machines made in Germany

## **10. Warranty conditions**

For the fog machine **Power-Tiny** Look' guarantee is:

- 1. Free of charge, subject to the following conditions (No. 2 6) we will repair any defect or fault in the unit if it is caused by a proven factory fault and has been advised immediately after appearance and within 24 month of delivery to the end user. Insignificant deviations of the regular production quality does not guarantee replacement rights, nor do faults or defects caused by water, by generally abnormal environment conditions or Force Majeure.
- 2. Guarantee Service will be done in the following way: Faulty parts will be repaired or replaced (our chioce) with correct parts. Faulty units have to be brought to us or our service centres or to be sent to us or our service centres at customer's expenses. The invoice and/or receipt showing the purchase date and the serial number has to come with the faulty unit, otherwise this will not be guarantee service. Replaced parts become our property.
- 3. The customer looses all rights for guarantee services, if any repairs or adjustments are done to the units by unauthorized persons and/or if spare parts are used which are nor approved by us. The right of guarantee service is also lost if fluids other than the original Look "TINY-FLUID" have been used or if units are sent to us with full fluid bottles. Also non compliance with the instructions in this manual or mistakes by incorrect handling/ treating of the machine will lead to a loss of guarantee and also any faults and damages caused by undue force.
- 4. Any freight costs arrising in connection with the guarantee services have to be born by the customer.
- 5. Guarantee services do not cause an extension of the guarantee time or the start of a new guarantee time. The warranty for replaced parts ends with the guarantee time of the whole unit.
- 6. If a defect/fault can not be repaired by us in a satisfactory time, we will, within 6 months after sale of the unit, on choice of the customer, either:
  - replace the whole unit for free or
  - refund the lesser value or
  - take back the whole unit and refund the purchase price, but not more than the usual market price at the time of the refund.
- 7. Further claims, especially for damages, losses etc. outside the unit are excluded.

Other guarantee regulations may be valid outside Germany. Please check with your dealer!

If you should send the unit for service, do not forget to remove any liquid from the fluid bottle.

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