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1 Preliminary Remarks

This User's Manual describes design, function and operation of HERMES DXD of Barco.

HERMES DXD is a multiplexer to connect each of two digital projection units alternatively to two graphical controllers. Barco's product range of digital projection units comprises projection modules of the OVERVIEW D series and of the OVERVIEW P series, the graphical controller could be an EOS or an ARGUS device. For further orientation on HERMES DXD see chapter [2 Summary](#), please!

This chapter explains the structure of the manual itself and the used typographic styles and symbols. Safety information is provided concerning the operation of systems from Barco.

1.1 How this manual is organized

This manual is divided into seven chapters:

Preliminary Remarks

explains the structure of the manual itself and the used typographic styles and symbols. Safety information is provided concerning the operation of systems from Barco.

Summary

provides a summary of the system components and characteristics.

First steps

describes the interfaces and the cabling of HERMES DXD.

Remote Control

describes cabling, protocol and addressing procedure of the remote control.

Operating Hermes DXD

describes the syntax of the commands and their consequences

Broadcast addressing mode

describes how to address all devices and the valid commands

Technical Data

provides tabular overviews about the technical details of the HERMES DXD

Numbering

Chapters, pages, figures and tables are numbered separately. Chapters are indicated by a »point syntax«, e. g. 4.2.3, pages by a »dash syntax«, e. g. 2-1, as figures and tables are, e. g. Figure 5-4.

1.2 Styles and Symbols

The typographic styles and the symbols used in this document have the following meaning:

Arial bold	Labels, menus and buttons are printed in the Arial bold font.
Condensed	Links to both other chapters of this manual and to sites in the Internet are printed condensed . In the on-line version of this manual all hyperlinks appear teal .
Courier	Names of files and parts from programs are printed in the Courier font.
Courier bold	Inputs you are supposed to do from the keyboard are printed in Courier bold font.



This arrow marks tips and notes.



If you do not heed instructions indicated by this symbol there is a risk of damage to the equipment!



If you do not heed instructions indicated by this symbol there is a risk of electrical shock and danger to personal health!

1.3 Safety Information

This section describes safety precautions which must be observed when installing a product from BARCO.

HERMES DXD is built in accordance with the requirements of the international safety standard IEC950, UL1950 and CSA C22.2 No. 950, which are the safety standards of information technology equipment including electrical business equipment.

The safety standards of information technology equipment impose important requirements on the use of safety critical components, materials and isolation, in order to protect the user or operator against the risk of electric shock and energy hazard, and having access to live parts.

Safety standards also impose limits to the internal and external temperature rises, radiation levels, mechanical stability and strength, enclosure construction and protection against risk of fire.

Simulated single fault condition testing ensures the safety of the equipment to the use even when the equipment's normal operation fails.

General safety instructions

- ▶ All the safety and operating instructions should be read before using this unit.
- ▶ The operating instructions manual should be retained for future reference.
- ▶ All warnings on the device and in the documentation manuals should be adhered to.
- ▶ All instructions for operating and use of this equipment must be followed precisely.

Installation and Service

Installation and preliminary adjustments should be performed by qualified BARCO personnel or authorized BARCO service dealers.

On Safety



Check the power rating on your outlet before connecting the devices to the wall outlet or to a power strip. Contact your facilities manager or a qualified electrician if you are not sure what type of power is supplied to your building.



The devices are designed to operate with single-phase power systems having a grounded neutral conductor. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, do not plug into any other type of power system.

A. Mains lead (AC Power cord) with CEE 7 plug:

The colors of the mains lead are colored in accordance with the following code:

Green-and-yellow:	Earth (safety earth)
Blue:	Neutral
Brown:	Line (live)



B. Power cord with ANSI 73.11 plug:

The wires of the power cord are colored in accordance with the following code:

Green/yellow:	Ground
White:	Neutral
Black:	Line (live)

- ▶ Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not locate this product where persons will walk on the cord.
- ▶ To disconnect the cord, pull it out by the plug. Never pull the cord itself.
- ▶ If an extension cord is used with this product, make sure that the total of the ampere ratings on the products plugged into the extension cord does not exceed the extension cord ampere rating. Also make sure that the total of all products plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed 15 amperes.
- ▶ Never push objects of any kind into this product through cabinet slots as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a risk of fire or electrical shock.
- ▶ Never spill liquid of any kind on the product. Should any liquid or solid object fall into the cabinet, unplug the set and have it checked by qualified service personnel before resuming operations.



Warning: Do Not Place Flammable or Combustible Materials Near Device!

BARCO products are designed and manufactured to meet the most stringent safety regulations. Exposing flammable or combustible materials into close proximity of this device could result in the spontaneous ignition of that material, resulting in a fire. For this reason, it is absolutely necessary to leave an "exclusion zone" around all external surfaces of the device whereby no flammable or combustible materials are present. The exclusion zone must be not less than 10 cm (4"). Do not cover the device with any material while the device is in operation.

Keep flammable and combustible materials away from the device at all times. Mount the device in a well ventilated area away from sources of ignition and out of direct sun light. Never expose this product to rain or excessive moisture. In the event of fire, use sand, CO₂, or dry powder fire extinguishers; never use water on an electrical fire.

Always have service performed on this product by authorized BARCO service personnel. Always insist on genuine BARCO replacement parts. Never use non-BARCO replacement parts as they may degrade the safety of this device.

Use only the power cord supplied with your device. While appearing to be similar, other power cords have not been safety tested at the factory and may not be used to power the device. For a replacement power cord, contact your dealer.

Slots and openings in the cabinet and the sides are provided for ventilation; to ensure reliable operation of the device and to protect it from overheating, these openings must not be blocked or covered. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation or enclosure unless proper ventilation is provided.

On Servicing

Do not attempt to service this device yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage potential and risk of electric shock! Refer all service to a qualified BARCO service center.

Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions since improper adjustment of the other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to normal operation.

Call for service in the following conditions :

When the power cord or plug is damaged or frayed.

- ▶ If liquid has been spilled into the device.
- ▶ If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
- ▶ If the product does not operate normally when the operating instructions are followed.
- ▶ If the product has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged;
- ▶ If the product exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.

When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used original BARCO replacement parts or authorized replacement parts which have the same characteristics as the BARCO original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in degraded performance and reliability, fire, electric shock or other hazards. Unauthorized substitutions may void warranty. Upon completion of any service or repairs to this unit, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the unit is in proper operating condition.

1.3.1 Precautions

For your own protection, observe the following safety precautions when installing your device!

- ▶ Observe all warnings and instructions printed on the devices!
- ▶ Check that the voltage and frequency of your power supply match those printed on the device label with the rated electrical values!
- ▶ Servicing not explicitly mentioned in this manual should never be carried out by unauthorized personnel!

1.3.2 Unpacking of Devices

Note advises on the packaging for unpacking!

1.3.3 Transport of Devices

Devices shall be transported in their original packaging only. Note advises on the packaging for transport!

1.3.4 Modification of Devices

Mechanical or electrical modifications others than described in this manual must not be made to the devices. Barco is not liable for damages resulting from modified devices.



Only authorized personnel should carry out other maintenance work not explicitly mentioned in this manual!

Never open the case of HERMES DXD without first disconnecting the power supply cord! Measurements and tests with the opened device may be carried out only in the factory or by specially trained personnel, due to the dangers of electrical shock.

2 Summary

This chapter gives an overview of the HERMES DXD.

2.1 Connecting the graphical controller and the projection cubes

HERMES DXD is equipped with two digital input connectors (**Digital In 1, Digital In 2**) and two digital output connectors (**Digital Out 1, Digital Out 2**).

The output connectors can be routed to any input connector, resulting in the following fields of applications:

Hermes DXD as multiplexer

The connection of the projection cubes to different types of graphical controllers via HERMES DXD allows controlling the Display Wall by different operating systems. Some cubes or the entire Display Wall can alternatively be used as Windows NT desktop or as root window (X Window system).

Redundancy

Some fields of application require the connection of the projection cubes to identical graphical controllers: In a case of malfunction of one graphical controller it is immediately switched to the other graphical controller. This redundancy guarantees a permanent availability of the Display Wall.

Splitter

It is also possible to apply one signal to both outputs and thus display the identical information on two different projection cubes.

Repeater

To increase the distance between graphical controller and projection unit, HERMES DXD can be used as a two channel repeater.

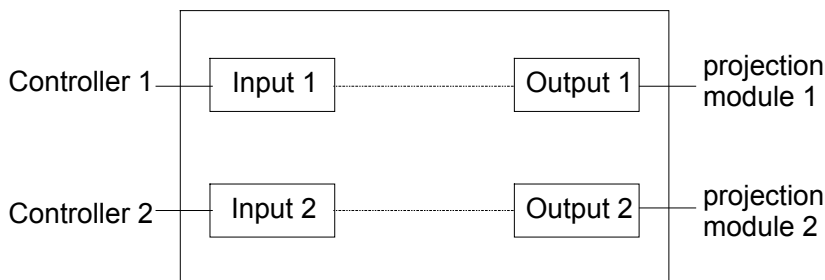


Figure 2-1
connecting Hermes DXD (schematics)

2.2 Assigning inputs to outputs

HERMES DXD is operated by means of remote control, and the inputs are routed to the output via the respective command, cf. [5.3 Switching commands](#).

The following schematics show the multiple possibilities for assigning an input to an output. For a clear arrangement, the connections which can be established in parallel are indicated by gray dashed lines.

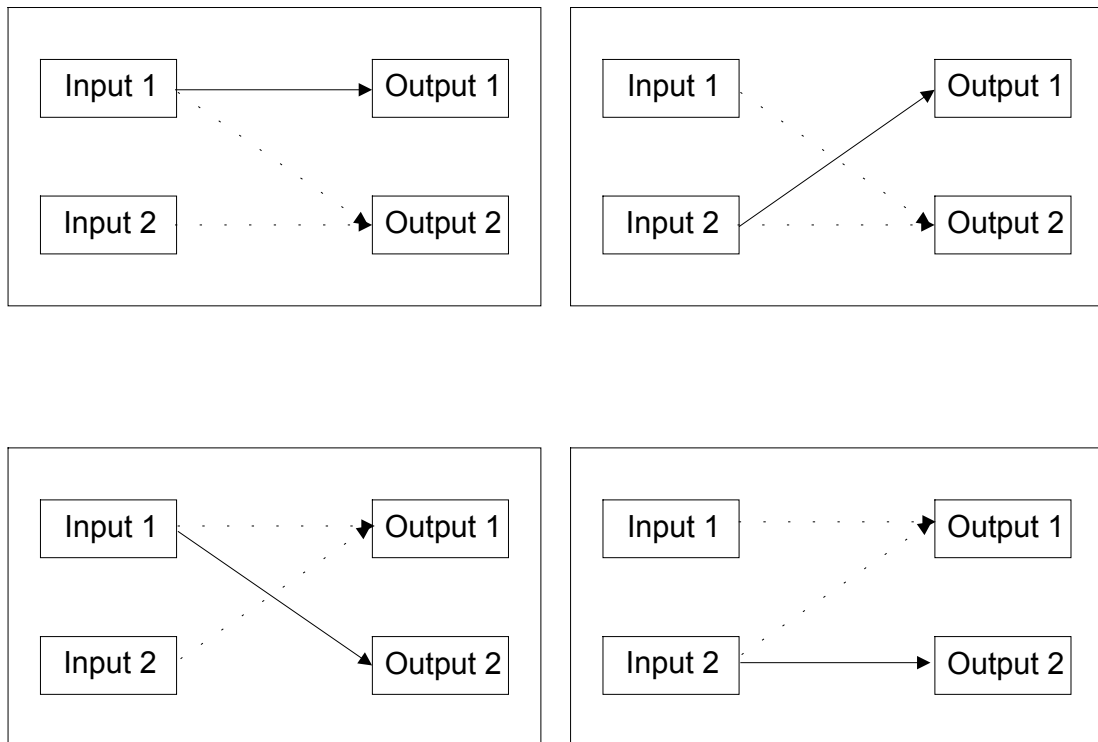


Figure 2-2
assigning inputs to output

2.3 Remote Control

HERMES DXD is controlled by a serial interface. The remote control is integrated in X Window (see [7.3.3 User's Manuals](#)) and available as application for Windows NT/2000/XP (HERMES REMOTE-CONTROL). The protocol is accessible for individual applications.

The general concept of remote control, i. e. cabling, connection settings and protocol are described separately in chapter [4 Remote Control](#).

3 Getting started

This chapter describes the control elements and interfaces of HERMES DXD as well as the cabling.

3.1 Examining



Figure 3-1
Hermes DXD

3.1.1 The Front Panel

The front panel of your HERMES DXD looks like this or similar:

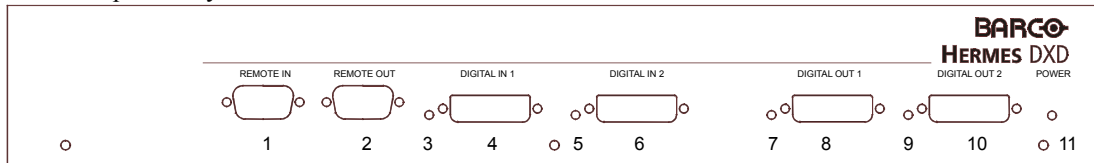


Figure 3-2
Front Panel of Hermes DXD

1	REMOTE IN
2	REMOTE OUT
3	LED: DIGITAL IN 1
4	DIGITAL IN 1
5	LED: DIGITAL IN 2
6	DIGITAL IN 2
7	LED: DIGITAL OUT 1
8	DIGITAL OUT 1
9	LED: DIGITAL OUT 2
10	DIGITAL OUT 2
11	LED: POWER

The **REMOTE IN** socket [1] is for plugging in the remote control cable coming from the previous device (or the controlling PC), the **REMOTE OUT** [2] for the cable leading to the next device.

The **DIGITAL IN 1** socket [4] is for connecting HERMES DXD with the graphic card of a graphical controller. The DVI cable is plugged in here. If a signal is applied to **DIGITAL IN 1**, the LED [3] is green, else off.

The **DIGITAL IN 2** socket [6] is for connecting HERMES DXD with the graphic card of a graphical controller. The DVI cable is plugged in here. If a signal is applied to **DIGITAL IN 2**, the LED [5] is orange, else off.

The **DIGITAL OUT 1** socket [8] is for connecting HERMES DXD with the projection unit of a Barco projection cube. If the signal of **DIGITAL IN 1** is applied to **DIGITAL OUT 1**, the LED [7] is green, if the signal of **DIGITAL IN 2** is applied to **DIGITAL OUT 1**, the LED [7] is orange.

The **DIGITAL OUT 2** socket [10] is for connecting HERMES DXD with the projection unit of a Barco projection cube. If the signal of **DIGITAL IN 1** is applied to **DIGITAL OUT 2**, the LED [9] is green, if the signal of **DIGITAL IN 2** is applied to **DIGITAL OUT 2**, the LED [9] is orange.

The LED **POWER** [11] indicates the device is switched on and operating properly. If the LED is off, HERMES DXD is switched off or the internal logic control has detected an error.



LEDs allocated to the inputs:

If they are off, there is no signal present. If there is a sync signal present, the LED is on:

Green stands for (signal present on) input (channel) 1

Orange stands for (signal present on) input (channel) 2

LEDs allocated to the outputs:

The color of the LED indicates which input (channel) is displayed:

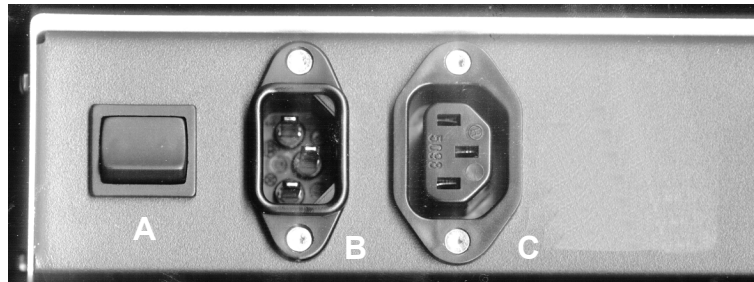
In case it is green, input 1 is displayed via the respective output

In case it is orange, input 2 is displayed via the respective output

Color LED	LED input 1	LED input 2	LED output 1	LED output 2
off	No Signal present	No Signal present		
green	Signal present	-	output 1 routed to input 1	output 2 routed to input 1
orange	-	Signal present	output 1 routed to input 2	output 2 routed to input 2

3.1.2 The Back Panel

The back panel of your HERMES DXD looks like this or similar:



A	Main Switch
B	AC In
C	AC Out

Figure 3-3

The **Main Switch** [A] is for switching HERMES DXD on and off. If the **0** is visible on top of the switch, the device is switched off, and it can be switched on by pressing the switch.

The **AC In** socket [B] is for connecting to a power supply as specified in section [7.1.2 Power Supply](#).

The **AC Out** socket [C] is for connecting further devices (of type HERMES DXD only!) to the power supply. **AC Out** is connected directly to **AC In** and is live as soon as **AC In** is connected to a power supply.



Up to max. ten HERMES DXD devices can be put on top of each other. Thus you can group the devices into towers next to each other, e. g., in the same order as the projection cubes are arranged.



To protect HERMES DXD from overheating, the air supply openings in the case must not be covered! If you group the devices into towers standing next to each other a space between the devices not less than 10 centimeter must be kept!

3.2 Native device settings (default settings)

Hermes DXD has auto switch capabilities: in case there is no signal present at the input routed to an output, the output may switch automatically to the other input. Per default, this auto switch functionality is enabled. If desired, it can be deactivated, cf. [Enabling/Disabling auto switch](#)

Having two graphic channels connected to HERMES DXD, and none of them specified as input source, the channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 1** is selected as signal for **DIGITAL OUT 1**, and the channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 2** is selected as signal for **DIGITAL OUT 2**.

If no signal is detected on the graphic channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 1**, then the graphic channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 2** is selected automatically as input for **DIGITAL OUT 1** instead, provided **auto switch** is enabled

If no signal is detected on the graphic channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 2**, then the graphic channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 1** is selected automatically as input for **DIGITAL OUT 2** instead, provided **auto switch** is enabled.

After cabling is complete you can switch on the device with the main switch on the back panel. Switching between the two graphical controllers is done by means of the remote control (see chapter [5.3 Switching commands](#)).

3.3 DDC Capability

HERMES DXD has DDC capability, i.e. it reads the timing of the connected projection module.



It is mandatory that the projection units connected to the two outputs of a Hermes DXD are all of the same type, e.g. OverView D

HERMES DXD scans the outputs to get the timing information of the connected projection modules. As soon as it gets a timing, the scan procedure is finished, and the detected timing information is stored and used for both inputs!

The graphical channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 1** and the graphical channel connected to **DIGITAL IN 2** during the boot procedure look up once the timing of the input and adjust their settings accordingly. To ensure that HERMES DXD provides the timing information already when booting the controller it is recommended to first switch on HERMES DXD, and then switch on the controller.



Hermes DXD scans the timing of the projection module whenever a connection is made. If the timing changes, e.g. a projector is disconnected and a different one connected, Hermes DXD "knows" it immediately and adjusts the information stored in DIGITAL IN 1 and DIGITAL IN 2 accordingly.

The graphic card looks up the timing information ONLY during the boot procedure. Thus replacing a projector with a different timing requires re-booting the graphical controller to get the correct settings!

3.4 Cabling

This block diagram gives an overview about the cabling of HERMES DXD

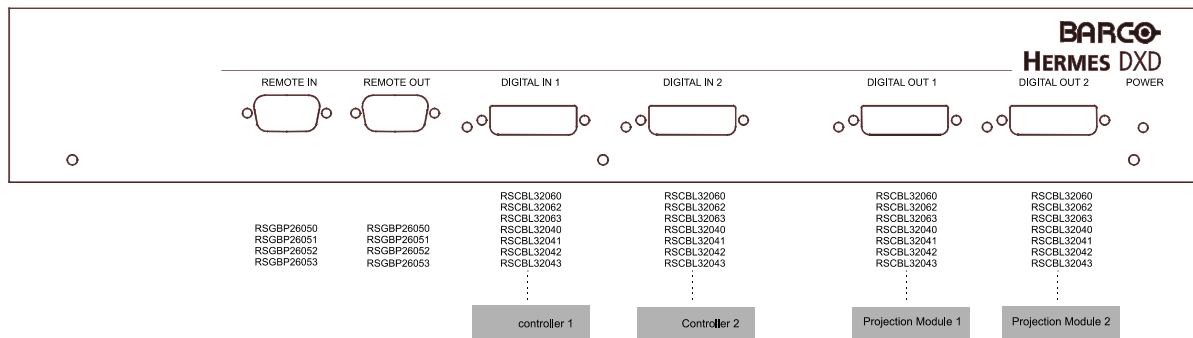


Figure 3-4
cabling Hermes DXD



The cabling must be done before switching on HERMES DXD or any other system components!



Signal cables are available in different types (fibre or copper), different interfaces (PanelLink-to-DVI, DVI-to-PanelLink, DVI-to-DVI) and different lengths. Therefore they are not included in the delivery of Hermes DXD, but can be ordered according the actual requirements, please refer to [7.3 Parts List](#)

3.4.1 Power Supply



Check the power rating on your outlet before connecting HERMES DXD to a wall outlet or to a power strip. See section [7.1.2 Power Supply](#) for the necessary technical specification. Contact your facilities manager or a qualified electrician if you are not sure what type of power is supplied to your building.



HERMES DXD is designed to operate with single-phase power systems having a grounded neutral conductor. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, do not plug into any other type of power system.

Make sure that the main switch is in the off position. Plug in the female end of the power cord into **AC In**.

HERMES DXD offers a power outlet **AC Out** for connecting another HERMES DXD. When operating more than one HERMES DXD then up to 10 devices in total may be connected in series. Thus a clear lay-out of cabling is possible.



AC Out is connected directly to **AC In** and is live as soon as **AC In** is connected to a power supply.

Only Hermes DXD devices are allowed to be plugged into the AC Out of a Hermes DXD.

3.4.2 Digital Input and Output

HERMES DXD has DVI interfaces. Depending on the type of graphical card and/or the type of projection module, the following kind of cables are required: DVI-to-DVI, DVI-to-PanelLink, PanelLink-to-DVI. The DVI-DVI cable is available as copper cable (length up to 10m) and fibre cable (length up to 100m). The DVI-to-PanelLink and the PanelLink-to-DVI adapter are exclusively available as copper cables. There are no visible differences between these two adapter. To know which is which, please have a look at the identification label on the adapter and look up the product number in the table below:

Identification label	Type of adapter
RSCBL3203x	PanelLink out to DVI in
RSCBL3205x	DVI out to PanelLink in

Plug in the cables from the two graphic channels into **DIGITAL IN 1** and **DIGITAL IN 2** and the cables connecting HERMES DXD to the digital projection units into **DIGITAL OUT 1**, **DIGITAL OUT 2**.



Figure 3-5
PanelLink-to-DVI-adapter



Figure 3-6
Digital In, DVI interface



Figure 3-7
Digital Out, DVI interface

3.4.3 Remote Control

Plug in the remote control cable coming from the previous device into **Remote In** and the cable leading to the next device into **Remote Out**. (If there are more than 20 devices a distribution panel must be used) (see [4.1 Cabling](#)).



Figure 3-8
Remote Control Cabling

3.5 Operating Hermes DXD

After the cabling is done, you can switch on your system. In order to provide the graphic cards with the correct timing, it is mandatory that HERMES DXD is switched on before booting the controller!

The projection engines can be switched on or off: the timing information is received via the data cable as soon as the connection is established.

Controlling HERMES DXD is done via RS232 Remote-Control. Either the commands are sent via a dedicated protocol (RFTP = Remote File Transfer Protocol), or via the graphical user interface of HERMES REMOTE CONTROL, a software tool to intuitively switch the required input to the desired output.

The graphical user interface is described in the user manual HERMES REMOTE CONTROL.

In this manual, the open protocol is explained.

4 Remote Control

The remote control is a system for scanning and controlling single devices of Barco Display Wall. As a certain class of devices HERMES DXD can be scanned from a central computer. By means of remote control the respective input can be switched to a desired output.

This chapter describes the basics of remote control as cabling, protocol and addressing procedure for HERMES DXD.

4.1 Cabling

A remote control system consists of three different components:

- ▶ remote control master (**RCM**)
- ▶ remote control slave (**RCS**)
- ▶ remote control connection

The **RCM** is the central computer which controls the slave devices **RCS**. All control messages are generated by the **RCM**, addressed to a certain **RCS** device and sent on. Incorrect messages are processed by a **RCS** and directed to the **RCM** without request.

All **RCS** are connected in series. Messages sent from the **RCM** are passed on by an **RCS** to the next **RCS**, and finally return to the **RCM**. The messages run in a ring.

The **RCM** must be connected to each **RCS** in series. For a clear lay-out of the cabling the different types of **RCS** should be arranged into blocks within the ring, e. g. all HERMES DXD first, then all illumination units.

4.1.1 Cabling of Hermes DXD (number of devices < 20)

The serial interface of the **RCM** (COM1) must be connected to the **Remote In** socket of the first HERMES DXD. Each following HERMES DXD (**Remote In**) is connected to the previous HERMES DXD (**Remote Out**). This kind of connection is called daisy chain.

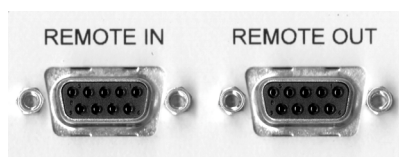


Figure 4-1
Remote Control Interfaces

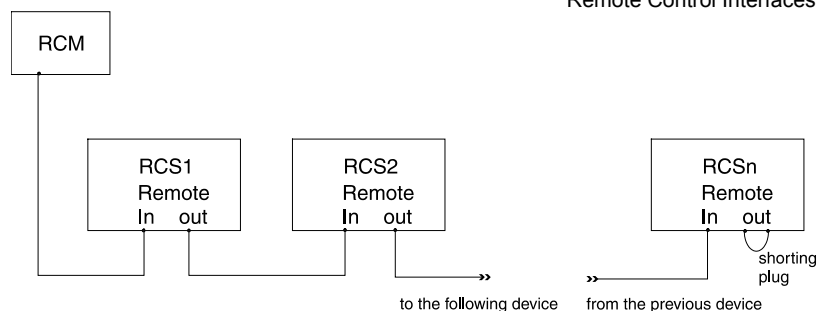


Figure 4-2
Daisy chain cabling of devices



A shorting plug must be inserted into the **REMOTE OUT** socket of the last device in order to close the ring.

If the internal logic control of a **RCS** detects an error, or if a device is switched off, the input and output of its remote control interface are short-circuited, such that all other remote control devices can still be addressed. Pay attention that during the addressing procedure all **RCS** are active, in order to prevent confusion in the addresses

4.1.2 Cabling of Hermes DXD (number of devices > 20)

If there are more than 20 devices a distribution panel has to be used. Then the cabling looks like this:

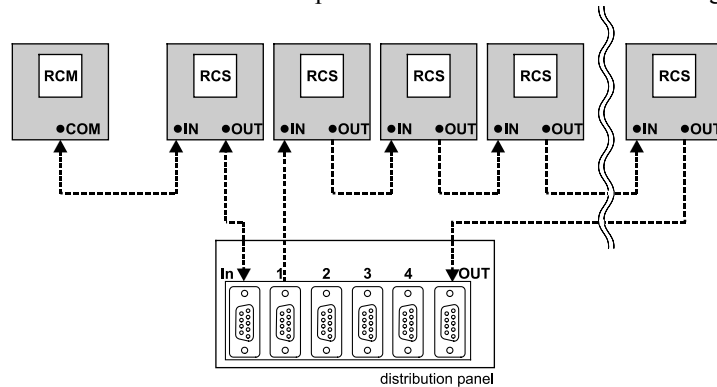


Figure 4-3
remote control cabling by use of a distribution panel

Remote control cabling is available in various lengths and with adapters for connecting to different devices. See section [7.3.2 Remote Control](#) for the parts list, please!

4.2 Definition of Protocol

4.2.1 Connection Settings

The physical medium for data transfer is based on a RS-232-C interface:

signal level	RS-232-C
baud rate	9,600 baud
data bits	8
parity bits	none
stop bits	1
max. distance	25 meters between two active members (RCS or RCM)

Table 4-1

4.2.2 Communication

The devices of HERMES DXD are numbered consecutively. A certain device is addressed by means of this number. HERMES DXD executes the received command and passes on the message until the requested device receives the command. The command returns unprocessed to the **RCM** if no HERMES DXD has been addressed.

In case a device has been addressed, and the command is valid, the command is executed, and the device sends an acknowledge **ACK** to the master.

In case a device has been addressed, and the command is invalid, the device passes the command unprocessed to the master and adds "**EP**" (**Error Protocol**) to the command.

Basically there are two kind of commands: commands which are answered by an acknowledge including a status information and commands which are passed on or answered without status.

4.2.3 Structure of Messages

The messages consists out of a **RCS**-independent and a **RCS**-dependent layer. The **RCS**-independent parts are interpreted the same by all types of devices. The **RCS**-dependent parts contain specific commands for a certain type of **RCM**: the message body.

A message has the following structure:

<STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>

These are the elements of a message in detail:

STX	The control character STX (Ctrl-B) is the beginning of a message. All previously received characters are ignored and are not sent on. (Ctrl-B is displayed as in most terminal applications.)
<TYPE>	1 byte ASCII declares the type of class of addressed RCS .
<ADDRH><ADDRL>	2 bytes ASCII decimal addresses the n-th RCS within a class of the specified type.
<Body>	type-dependent part of the message, e. g. a command
<CHKH><CHKL>	2 bytes ASCII decimal is the sum over all fields from <TYPE> to <Body> . The checksum is evaluated by the recipient.
ETX	The control character ETX (Ctrl-C) is the end of a message. (Ctrl-C is displayed as in most terminal applications.)

Table 4-2

Four different types of messages are used:

commands	RCM sends command messages to a RCS .
acknowledge	RCS sends responses to the RCM after having executed the command
responses	RCS sends responses to the RCM on request.
interrupts	RCS reports errors to the RCM without request.

Table 4-3

4.2.4 Acknowledge

The acknowledge is composed of the **command** the **RCS** has received and executed and the internal **Status Register**.

An acknowledge has the following structure:

<STX><TYPE><ADDRH><ADDRL><Body><STATH><STATL><CHKH> <CHKL><ETX>

These are the elements of an acknowledge in detail:

STX	The control character STX (Ctrl-B) is the beginning of a message. All previously received characters are ignored and are not sent on. (Ctrl-B is displayed as in most terminal applications.)
<TYPE>	1 byte ASCII declares the type of class of addressed RCS .
<ADDRH><ADDRL>	2 bytes ASCII decimal addresses the n-th RCS within a class of the specified type.
<Body>	type-dependent part of the message, e. g. a command
<STATH><STATL>	2 bytes Hexa decimal information about the internal Status Register
<CHKH><CHKL>	2 bytes ASCII decimal is the sum over all fields from <TYPE> to <STATL> . The checksum is evaluated by the Remote Control Master .
ETX	The control character ETX (Ctrl-C) is the end of a message. (Ctrl-C is displayed as in most terminal applications.)

4.2.5 Types of RCS Classes

e	OVERVIEW-ML
r	MULTIMEDIA-TERMINAL MMT-X, MMT-NT, EOS
s	MULTIMEDIA-TERMINAL MMT-S
m	AVC-BOX, DIGITAL SWITCHBOX, ANALOG INPUT BOX, HERMES D2D, HERMES V2A, HERMES DXD, HERMES VXA

Table 4-4

4.3 How to calculate the checksum

The checksum is being evaluated from the recipient to make sure that the message received has not been corrupted. The checksum is a kind of sum over all fields from **<TYPE>** to **<Body>** or **<TYPE>** to **<STATL>** respectively (Acknowledge).

The checksum is calculated by transforming each character of the message into its ASCII code. The ASCII values are added, and this sum is converted into a hex number. The checksum uses the last two digits of this hex number. If the hex number consists of non-numeric characters, these characters have to be lower case characters.

Example:

Let's consider the addressing procedure. The command for the addressing procedure is **A**.

m00Axx

xx is the checksum to be calculated. The **<TYPE>** of the message is **m**, the **<Body>** **00A**

message	m	0	0	A
ASCII code	109	48	48	65
Summing up				270
converting into a hex number				=10EH
<CHKL>				e
character has to be lower case!				
<CHKH>				0

The correct addressing message :

m00A0e

4.4 The status register

The status register stores information about which input is provided with a signal, which input is switched to which output, and if autoswitch modus is enabled or disabled.

The following lists the bits of the Status Register, the **Most Significant Bit** is the most left bit, the **Least Significant Bit** is the most right bit.

Bit Auto Switch Out2 true Out1 true Reserved Out2 target Out1 target Prsnt2 Prsnt1
 MSB ... LSB

Bit No.	Refers to	value
1	Input 1	[0]: there is no sync signal at input 1 [1]: there is a sync signal at input 1
2	Input 2	[0]: there is no sync signal at input 2 [1]: there is a sync signal at input 2
3	Output 1 (target value)	[0]: Digital input 1 is routed to output 1 (default) [1]: Digital input 2 is routed to output 1
4	Output 2 (target value)	[0]: Digital input 1 is routed to output 2 [1]: Digital input 2 is routed to output 2 (default)
5	For future use	[0]: (hard coded specified as 0)
6	Output 1 (true value)	[0]: Digital input 1 is routed to output 1 [1]: Digital input 2 is routed to output 1
7	Output 2 (true value)	[0]: Digital input 1 is routed to output 2 [1]: Digital input 2 is routed to output 2
8	Auto switch	[0]: auto switch disabled [1]: auto switch enabled (default)

5 Controlling Hermes DXD

This chapter describes the commands to control HERMES DXD, the commands and the answers/acknowledge.

5.1 Valid Commands for Hermes DXD

command	description
t	selects input from first graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 1
a	selects input from second graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 1
s	selects input from first graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 2
b	selects input from second graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 2
g	Restore default settings
h	Restore user settings
i	Save user settings
j	Enable autoswitch
k	Disable autoswitch
o	Read status register
q	Read user settings
v	Read product identification
v	Read product identification
A	assigns an address
I	calls for information

Table 5-1

5.2 Request commands

Request commands can be sent from the **RCS** to the **RCM** or vice versa. The answer of a request command does not include the status information.

Command "R": Calling for Address

Description: Request for an address.

A **RCS** that is not provided with an address will send requests for an address at regular intervals.

This message uses the command **R**. It will be received by the **RCM** and signals the need for a new addressing procedure.

Example: An **RCS** of class **m** asks for an address:

```
Message  <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
                m      0      0      R                b      f
```

Command "A": Addressing Procedure

Description: Each member of the remote control chain must have a non-ambiguous address so that functions can be specifically triggered in the individual devices. The addresses are assigned by an initial addressing message. Since all devices of a certain class have to be given a non-ambiguous address, and since at the beginning the **RCM** does not know how many devices exist, the command uses as **<ADDRH> <ADDRL>** the "00".

```
Message  <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
                m      0      0      A                0      e
```

The addressing message uses the command **A**. In the above example all **RCS** of class **m** are addressed. The first **RCS** increases the number. The resulting number is his individual address. Afterwards he calculates the new checksum and passes this modified message to the next device. Each device consequently increases the numbers before passing the message again. The last **RCS** passes the message back to the **RCM**. (The maximum number of **RCS** in a class is 98). The addressing procedure must be carried out separately for all types of **RCS** in the remote control ring.

Example: Let's consider a class of HERMES DXD consisting of 3 devices. They all have to get their non-ambiguous address by the initial addressing message. The message passed by the last **RCS** back to the **RCM** informs the **RCM** about the number of devices of this class.

	RCM	RCS1	RCS2	RCS3
passes	m00A0e			
receives		m00A0e		
passes		m01A0f		
receives			m01A0f	
passes			m02A10	
receives				m02A10
passes				m03A11
receives	m03A11			

```
Answer  <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
                m      0      3      A                1      1
```

Command "I": Calling for Information

Description: This request is about the identity number of the device and the version of the firmware.

Example: The message sent from the **RCM** to the **RCS1** about the identity number is:

Message	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
		m	0	1	I			1	7	
Answer	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
		m	0	1	I3187-01			7	8	

5.3 Switching commands



The switching commands refer exclusively to the input and output involved. The other input and the other output are not affected!

These messages are processed in a straight forward way. The control character **<STX>** and the **<TYPE>** field are passed on immediately. Each recipient analyzes the content of the **<TYPE>** field. If the type does not match (e. g. the recipient is a member of the class d) the message is passed through.

Otherwise if the type does match, the **<ADDRH><ADDRL>** fields are evaluated.

Again, if the address does not match the message is passed through. But if the address does match, and if the body contains a valid command and the checksum is correct, the command is executed, and the **RCS** sends an acknowledge to the **RCM**.

In case the body is not valid, the message is sent back to the **RCM**, and **EP** is added (**Error Protocol**).

In case the checksum is not correct, the message is sent back to the **RCM**, and **EC** is added (**Error Checksum**)

5.3.1 Switching the Digital Output 1

The **Digital Output 1** can be switched to the **Digital Input 2** or to the **Digital Input 1**.

- ▶ In case there is a signal present on the desired input, the **target routing** will be the **actual routing**.
- ▶ In case there is no signal present on the desired output, the **autoswitch** functionality determines the routing: if enabled, the output is automatically routed to the other input, and the **actual routing** then differs from the **target routing**. If disabled, the output will be non the less switched to the **target input** and the projection module will be white (no picture, since there is no input signal).

In the status register, the correlated bits **output 1 target / output 1 true** (output 2 target / output 2 true) can be compared to check the configuration.

On the device, the LEDs of the inputs indicate whether a signal is present or not, whereas the LEDs of the outputs show which signal is routed (green: input 1, orange: input 2)

Command "t": interconnection digital input 1 to digital output 1

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to switch the signal of the first input (**DIGITAL IN 1**) to the first digital output **DIGITAL OUT 1**.

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about the auto switch status (enabled or disabled) and if there is a sync signal on **DIGITAL IN 1** or not.

These conditions together determine the behavior of the **RCS**.

Example: The command **t** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m          0          2          t          4          3
```

Let's assume the first input is not provided with a signal. Depending on the status of autoswitch, **DIGITAL OUT 1** is routed to **DIGITAL IN 2** (autoswitch enabled, sync signal present on input 2), or the projection module is white.

Let's further assume: autoswitch enabled, sync signal present on input 2, output 2 routed to input 2.

Thus the status register looks like this:

Status	Auto Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0

Thus the acknowledge sent from the second RCS to the master reads:

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m          0          2          t          e          a          0          9
```

Result: The actual routing of **DIGITAL OUT 1** is different from the target routing, and the signal present on **DIGITAL INPUT 2** is displayed on the projection module connected to **DIGITAL OUT 1**. As soon as there is a signal present on **DIGITAL INPUT 1**, the routing changes to the target routing!

5.3.2 Switching the Digital Output 2

The **Digital Output 2** can be switched to the **Digital Input 2** or to the **Digital Input 1**.

- ▶ In case there is a signal present on the desired input, the **target routing** will be the **actual routing**.
- ▶ In case there is no signal present on the desired output, the **autoswitch** functionality determines the routing: if enabled, the output is automatically routed to the other input, and the **actual routing** then differs from the **target routing**. If disabled, the output will be non the less switched to the **target input** and the projection module will be white (no picture, since there is no input signal).

In the status register, the correlated bits output 2 target / output 2 true (output 1 target / output 1 true) can be compared to check the configuration.

On the device, the LEDs of the inputs indicate whether a signal is present or not, whereas the LEDs of the outputs show which input is routed (green: input 1, orange: input 2)

Command "b": interconnection digital input 2 to digital output 2

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to switch the signal of the second input (**DIGITAL IN 2**) to the second digital output **DIGITAL OUT 2**.

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about the auto switch status (enabled or disabled) and if there is a sync signal on **DIGITAL IN 2** or not.

These conditions together determine the behavior of the **RCS**.

Example: The command **b** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m      0      2      b          3      1
```

Let's assume the second input is not provided with a signal. Depending on the status of autoswitch, **DIGITAL OUT 2** is routed then to **DIGITAL IN 1** (autoswitch enabled, sync signal present on input 2), or the projection module is white.

Let's further assume: autoswitch disabled, sync signal present on input 1, output 1 routed to input 1.

Thus the status register looks like this:

Status	Auto Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1

Thus the acknowledge sent from the second RCS to the master reads:

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      b          6      d      c      b
```

Result: The actual routing of **DIGITAL OUT 2** is the target routing, but since there is no signal present on **DIGITAL INPUT 2**, the projection module connected to **DIGITAL OUT 2** is white.

Command "s": interconnection digital input 1 to digital output 2

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to switch the signal of the first input (**DIGITAL IN 1**) to the second digital output **DIGITAL OUT 2**.

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about the auto switch status (enabled or disabled) and if there is a sync signal on **DIGITAL IN 1** or not.

These conditions together determine the behavior of the **RCS**.

Example: The command **s** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m      0      2      s          4      2
```

Let's assume the first input is provided with a signal. Independent from the the status of autoswitch, **DIGITAL OUT 2** is routed then to **DIGITAL IN 1**.

Let's further assume: autoswitch disabled, sync signal present on input 2, output 1 routed to input 2.

Thus the status register looks like this:

Status	Auto	Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	0		0	1	0	0	1	0	1

Thus the acknowledge sent from the second RCS to the master reads:

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      s      2      5      a      9
```

Result: The actual routing of **DIGITAL OUT 2** is the target routing, and the signal present on **DIGITAL INPUT 1** is displayed on the projection module connected to **DIGITAL OUT 2**.

5.4 Enabling/Disabling auto switch

The auto switch functionality allows HERMES DXD to automatically connect an output to the other input if there is no longer a sync signal on the input previous connected to this output. This functionality provides redundancy (in spite of a crash, there will be signal displayed on the projection modules), but sometimes it might be useful to disable this behavior (e.g. to check if all sources connected to the input are still ok).

Per default, every HERMES DXD leaves production with the auto switch functionality enabled.

The status of the auto switch functionality can be derived from the status register.

Command “j”: Enabling auto switch

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to enable auto switch

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about the auto switch status.

Example: The command **j** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message      <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      j              3      9
```

case 1: auto switch was already enabled: nothing changes

case 2: auto switch has been disabled before and is now enabled

Since this command only affects the auto switch, the status of the inputs and outputs does not matter and are assumed 1. The assumptions are written in *italic*. Then the status register looks like this:

```
Status      Auto Switch  Out2  Out1  Reserved  Out2  Out1  Prsnt2  Prsnt1
              true      true
              1      1      1      0      1      1      1      1
```

In both cases the acknowledge sent from the **RCS** to the **RCM** is the same:

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      j      e      f      0      4
```

Result: auto switch functionality is enabled.

Command “k”: Disabling auto switch

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to disable auto switch
The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about the auto switch status.

Example: The command **k** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m      0      2      k          3      a
```

case 1: auto switch was already disabled: nothing changes

case 2: auto switch has been enabled before and is now disabled

Since this command only affects the auto switch, the status of the inputs and outputs does not matter and are assumed 1. The assumptions are written in *italics*. Then the status register looks like this:

```
Status      Auto Switch  Out2  Out1  Reserved  Out2  Out1  Prsnt2  Prsnt1
              true    true
              0      1      1      0      1      1      1      1
```

In both cases the acknowledge sent from the **RCS** to the **RCM** is the same:

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      k      6      f      d      6
```

Result: auto switch functionality is disabled.

5.4.1 Commands referring to settings

The connections of HERMES DXD (which input is connected to which output) as well as the status of the auto switch functionality make up the settings of HERMES DXD and can be saved and restored on the device.

The native configuration (factory configuration) of HERMES DXD is saved in the **default settings**. It includes the connection of **DIGITAL INPUT 1** to **DIGITAL OUTPUT 1**, the connection of **DIGITAL INPUT 2** to **DIGITAL OUTPUT 2** and **auto switch** functionality enabled.

The user can adjust these settings to her/his needs and store the desired configuration as **user settings**. If afterwards some changes were made, these changes can be re-called by applying the **user settings** again.

Command “g”: restore default settings

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to restore the default settings:

connect **DIGITAL INPUT 1** to **DIGITAL OUTPUT 1**

connect **DIGITAL INPUT 2** to **DIGITAL OUTPUT 2**

enable **auto switch**

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about status of auto switch, outputs and inputs.

Example: The command **g** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message      <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      g              3      6
```

This command affects the connections of the output and inputs while auto switch is enabled. To realize the default settings, it is mandatory then to provide a sync signal on both inputs, otherwise (due to auto switch enabled) the output connected to an input where no sync signal is present, will switch to the other input and thus not being configured as it should compared to the default settings.

```
Status      Auto Switch  Out2      Out1      Reserved  Out2      Out1      Prsnt2  Prsnt1
              1          1          0          0          1          0          1          1
```

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      g      c      b      f      b
```

Result: The configuration of HERMES DXD is set to the connections and functionalities described above, no matter whether they were the same before or different. The actual routing will be the target routing if both inputs are provided with a sync signal! In case there is no signal present on an input, the corresponding output is switched automatically to the other input, and the actual routing differs from the target routing. As soon as the default input provides a signal, the device then adjust itself to the default configuration.

Command “i”: save user settings

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to save the current configuration as user settings. These are the features to be saved:

connection of **DIGITAL OUTPUT 1**

connection of **DIGITAL OUTPUT 2**

status of **auto switch**

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about status of auto switch, outputs and inputs.

The configuration is saved on the device itself.

Example: The command **i** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m      0      2      i          3      8
```

Let's assume that there is a sync signal on **DIGITAL INPUT 1**, no sync signal on **DIGITAL INPUT 2**, and both outputs are connected to **DIGITAL INPUT 1**, **auto switch** is enabled:

Status	Auto Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m      0      2      i      8      1      a      1
```

Result: The current configuration is saved as user settings.

Command “q”: read user settings

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to read the currently saved user configuration. These are the desired information:

(target) connection of **DIGITAL OUTPUT 1**

(target) connection of **DIGITAL OUTPUT 2**

status of **auto switch**

Depending on autoswitch enabled or disabled and depending on the presence of a sync signal on the inputs in question, the true connections might differ from the target connection. That's why the user might want to read the target configuration of the saved user settings.

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about status of auto switch, outputs and inputs.

Example: The command **q** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m      0      2      q          4      0
```

Let's assume that the following routing is saved as user settings:

DIGITAL OUTPUT 1 is connected to **DIGITAL INPUT 2**

DIGITAL OUTPUT 2 is connected to **DIGITAL INPUT 1**

Autoswitch enabled

Let's further assume that there is a sync signal on **DIGITAL INPUT 1**, and no sync signal on **DIGITAL INPUT 2**.

Therefore the actual configuration differs from the target configuration (the first output is automatically switched to the second input).

Status	Auto Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Answer	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL>	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
	m		0	2	q	8	5	a	d	

Result: The status register shows the actual current configuration and the saved user settings.

Command "h": restore user settings

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to restore the configuration which is saved in the user settings. This command has impact on:

the connection of **DIGITAL INPUT 1**

the connection of **DIGITAL INPUT 2**

the status of **auto switch**

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs via the status register about status of auto switch, outputs and inputs.

Example. The command **h** is sent to the second **RCS**:

Message	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL>	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
	m		0	2	h			3	7	

Assumption: The following configuration represent the user settings: sync signal on **DIGITAL INPUT 1**, no sync signal on **DIGITAL INPUT 2**, and both outputs are connected to **DIGITAL INPUT 1**, while auto switch is disabled.

Status	Auto Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Acknowledge	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL>	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
	m		0	2	h	0	1	9	8	

Result: The user settings are restored, previous made modifications of these connections and functionalities are re-called.



Restoring configurations is an undo command.

5.5 Reading the status register

Although the information about the status register is sent back by the **RCS** as part of the acknowledge, it might be useful to ask it directly.

Command “o”: read status register

Description: Via this command the **RCM** tells the **RCS** of class **m** to read the status register.

The **RCS** executes the command and sends the acknowledge which informs about the contents of the status register.

Example: The command **o** is sent to the second **RCS**:

```
Message <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
          m          0          2          o          3          e
```

Assumption: HERMES DXD is operated in the default configuration (**DIGITAL INPUT 1** connected to **DIGITAL OUTPUT 1**, **DIGITAL INPUT 2** connected to **DIGITAL OUTPUT 2**, **auto switch** enabled)

Status	Auto Switch	Out2 true	Out1 true	Reserved	Out2 target	Out1 target	Prsnt2	Prsnt1
	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1

```
Acknowledge <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              m          0          2          o          6          b          d          6
```

Result: The status register is read and the value is sent back to the **RCM**.

5.7 Error messages

Three different kind of errors might occur:

- ▶ The body is an invalid command
- ▶ The checksum is not correct
- ▶ The device cannot be addressed (it might be switched off...)

The information sent back to the RCM about these errors does not include the status register

Error Protocol "EP"

Description: Via this answer the **RCM** is told by the **RCS** of class **m** that the body has been an invalid command.

Example: The **RCM** has sent a command x to the **RCS**.

Message	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
		m	0	2	y			4	8	

Since the command y does not exist for an **RCS** of class m, the **RCS** sends this message back to the **RCM**, adds the extension **EP** (Error Protocol), and calculates the new checksum.

Answer	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<chksm>	<ERR>	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
		m	0	2	y	48	EP	4	9	

Error Checksum "EC"

Description: Via this answer the **RCM** is told by the **RCS** of class **m** that the checksum has not been correct.

Example: The **RCM** has sent the following command:

Message	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<STATH>	<STATL	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
		m	0	2	t			3	0	

The correct checksum of the above command is 43. The **RCS** detects an checksum error, sends the command back to the **RCM** and adds the extension **EC** (Error Checksum)

Answer	<STX>	<TYPE>	<ADDRH>	<ADDRL>	<Body>	<chksm>	<ERR>	<CHKH>	<CHKL>	<ETX>
		m	0	2	t	30	EC	2	e	

6 Broadcast addressing mode

This chapter describes how all Remote Control Slaves of a class are addressed simultaneously.

6.1 Structure of message

The messages consists out of a **RCS**-independent and a **RCS**-dependent layer. The **RCS**-independent parts are interpreted the same by all types of devices. The **RCS**-dependent parts contain specific commands for a certain type of **RCM**: the message body.

A message has the following structure:

<STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>

These are the elements of a message in detail:

STX	The control character STX (Ctrl-B) is the beginning of a message. All previously received characters are ignored and are not sent on. (Ctrl-B is displayed as in most terminal applications.)
<TYPE>	1 byte ASCII upper case class code to specify broadcast addressing.
<ADDRH><ADDRL>	2 bytes ASCII decimal in broadcast addressing it is always 00
<Body>	type-dependent part of the message, e. g. a command
<CHKH><CHKL>	2 bytes ASCII decimal is the sum over all fields from <TYPE> to <Body> . The checksum is evaluated by the recipient.
ETX	The control character ETX (Ctrl-C) is the end of a message. (Ctrl-C is displayed as in most terminal applications.)

Table 6-1

6.2 Processing a command in broadcast mode

As soon as an **RCS** recognizes that the command is sent in broadcast mode (e.g. in case of HERMES DXD, the second character is an upper case **M**), it immediately starts passing the entire message to the following **RCS**. This ensures that all **RCS** of the Remote Control ring receive the command "at the same time", thus being able to execute "simultaneously" the required action.



For broadcast commands, there is no acknowledge. However, the broadcast message will loop back completed and unmodified to the RCM and may be interpreted as acknowledge.

6.3 Commands for broadcast addressing

In principle, all commands can be sent in broadcast addressing mode, however, some of the valid commands are not very useful to be sent to all of the **RCS** simultaneously.

The following table lists the commands for reasonable broadcasting addressing. For HERMES DXD it's the switching commands which are apt to be sent in broadcasting addressing.

command	description
t	selects input from first graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 1
a	selects input from second graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 1
s	selects input from first graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 2
b	selects input from second graphical controller as signal for Digital Out 2

Example: If all **RCS** of class **m** are to select the input from the second graphical controller as signal for **Digital Out 1**, the **RCM** sends the following broadcast command:

```
Syntax      <STX> <TYPE> <ADDRH> <ADDRL> <Body> <STATH> <STATL> <CHKH> <CHKL> <ETX>
              M      0      0      a              0      e
```

<TYPE> **M** (upper case, since the **RCS** are of class **m** and it is a broadcasting addressing)

<ADDRH><ADDRL> in broadcast addressing it is always **00**

The command passes all members of the Remote Control chain and is executed simultaneously by all **RCS**. It then reaches unmodified the **RCM**.

7 Technical Data

7.1 General Data

7.1.1 Dimensions

characteristic	specification
weight	2980g
W×H×D	378mm × 61mm × 304mm

Table 7-1

7.1.2 Power Supply

characteristic	specification
AC power supply	100-240V
mains frequency	50/60Hz
power consumption	max. 10W
inrush current	
110V	< 18A
230V	< 36A
outlet	Same as input

Table 7-2

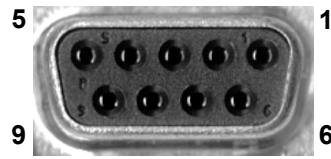
7.1.3 Operating Conditions

characteristic	specification
operating temperature	0 .. 50 degrees Celsius (32 .. 122 °F)
humidity	8 .. 80% non condensing

Table 7-3

7.2 Interfaces

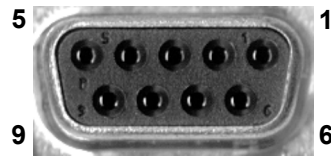
7.2.1 Remote In



1	-	6	-
2	TXD	7	-
3	RXD	8	-
4	-	9	-
5	GND		

Table 7-4

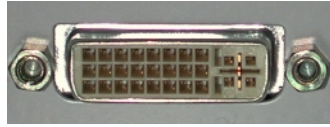
7.2.2 Remote Out



1	-	6	-
2	TXD	7	-
3	RXD	8	-
4	-	9	-
5	GND		

Table 7-5

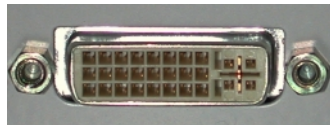
7.2.3 Digital In



Pin	Signal Assignment	Pin	Signal Assignment
1	TMDS Data 2-	13	-
2	TMDS Data 2+	14	-
3	TMDS Data 2 Shield	15	Ground (+5, Analog /V Sync)
4	-	16	-
5	-	17	TMDS Data 0-
6	DDC Clock	18	TMDS Data 0+
7	DDC Data	19	TMDS Data 0 Shield
8	-	20	-
9	TMDS Data 1-	21	-
10	TMDS Data 1+	22	TMDS Clock Shield
11	TMDS Data 1 Shield	23	TMDS Clock +
12	-	24	TMDS Clock -

Table 7-6

7.2.4 Digital Out



Pin	Signal Assignment	Pin	Signal Assignment
1	TMDS Data 2-	13	-
2	TMDS Data 2+	14	+ 5V Power
3	TMDS Data 2 Shield	15	Ground (+5, Analog /V Sync)
4	-	16	Hot Plug Detect
5	-	17	TMDS Data 0-
6	DDC Clock	18	TMDS Data 0+
7	DDC Data	19	TMDS Data 0 Shield
8	-	20	-
9	TMDS Data 1-	21	-
10	TMDS Data 1+	22	TMDS Clock Shield
11	TMDS Data 1 Shield	23	TMDS Clock +
12	-	24	TMDS Clock -

Table 7-7

7.3 Parts List

7.3.1 Hermes DXD

order no.	designation
RSAVC31870	HERMES DXD
RSCBL32060	DVI-DVI cable, copper, 2m
RSCBL32062	DVI-DVI cable, copper, 5m
RSCBL32063	DVI-DVI cable, copper, 10m
RSCBL32040	DVI-DVI cable, fibre, 10m
RSCBL32041	DVI-DVI cable, fibre, 20m
RSCBL32042	DVI-DVI cable, fibre, 50m
RSCBL32043	DVI-DVI cable, fibre, 100m
RSCBL32050	DVI-MDR26 adapter, (DVI output to PanelLink input)
RSCBL32030	MDR26-DVI adapter, (PanelLink output to DVI input))

Table 7-8

7.3.2 Remote Control

order no.	designation
RSAVC28620	Remote Tool Kit for Hermes
RSGBP26050	cable, 9m
RSGBP26051	cable, 0,2m
RSGBP26052	cable, 3,5m
RSGBP26053	cable, 5m
RSGBP26060	shortening plug

Table 7-9

7.3.3 User's Manuals

order no.	title
RSDOC3200x	User's Manual HERMES DXD
RSDOC2782x	User's Manual OVERVIEW-ML
RSDOC3030x	User's Manual OVERVIEW-MP50 and OVERVIEW-MP70
RSDOC3061x	User's Manual Eos X-Terminal
RSDOC3062x	User's Manual Eos WindowsNT/2000 Workstation
RSDOC3266x	User's Manual Argus WindowsNT/2000 Workstation
RSDOC3265x	User's Manual Argus X-Terminal

Table 7-10



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Table 7-11

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