Quick-Start Guide

BooBox Flex (FI-206s)

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE
This guide covers only a fraction of what the Flex can do. Tutorial videos and a full manual are available online.

Power Supply

Selecting your Power Supply
The Flex requires a 12 or 24 volt DC power supply. The power terminals on the terminal block are directly connected to the barrel connector, so you can also use it to supply or borrow power.

Sizing Your Power Supply
To size a supply you must calculate for the worst-case scenario. Add up the wattage for the most outputs that will be on at any one time, then add 2 watts for the Flex. Note that the Flex can’t drive more than 5 amps of current total. That equates to 60 watts at 12 volts or 120 watts at 24 volts.

Example:
- 2 watts Flex (If using ScareMaster use 5 watts)
- + 18 watts 3 x 6 watt solenoids
- + 1 watt LED Light
- = 21 watts Total - Need at least 21 watts

Solid-State Outputs

About Solid-State Outputs
Solid-state outputs are great for reliably controlling relays, solenoids, and LED lights. They cannot be used to directly control high-current, 110 volt, or contact-closure devices like a relay can. However, unlike relays, they have no moving parts that wear out over time. Use external mechanical or solid-state relays for high current or high voltage loads. This will result in a highly reliable and maintainable system.

Dimmable Outputs
Outputs 7 & 8 can be used to control the brightness of LEDs or small DC bulbs. Use DMX channels 3 & 4 on the ScareMaster for this purpose.

Solid-State Output Ratings
Each solid-state output can handle 1.5 amps of current steady, or 2.5 amps in short bursts. The total current on all outputs totalled together must not exceed 5 amps. Each output is protected from shorts and overloads.

Solid-State Output Wiring Diagrams

- **12/24 VDC DEVICE**
  - MUST BE 1.5A OR LESS (18W at 12V, 36W at 24V)
  - EXAMPLES OF DEVICES COMPATIBLE WITH SOLID-STATE OUTPUTS:
    - LED LIGHTS, SOLENOIDS, RELAYS.
    - ANY 12/24 VDC LOAD UNDER 1.5A.

- **ANY 12 OR 24 VDC DEVICE**

- **FOUR 12 OR 24 VDC DEVICES**

- **12 OR 24 VDC DEVICE > 1.5 AMPS**

- **ANY 110 VOLT LOAD**

- **12 VDC MOTOR IN FORWARD AND REVERSE**

- **FOG MACHINE**
  - USE OUR WEBSITE FOR A CABLE SO YOU DON’T HAVE TO HACK YOUR REMOTE.
  - OR
  - 1. UNPLUG FOG MACHINE
  - 2. OPEN REMOTE
  - 3. LOCATE FOG BUTTON PINS
  - 4. SOLDER WIRES TO PINS
  - 5. CONNECT AS SHOWN

- **USING A BOOBOX RELAY BOARD**

- **TO WALL OUTLET**

- **TO 12 VDC POWER SUPPLY**

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- **ADAPTER CABLE**

- **12/24 VDC COIL RELAY**

- **4 OUTPUT FI-304**

- **8 OUTPUT FI-308**

- **TO WALL OUTLET**

- **TO 12 VDC POWER SUPPLY**

- **FOG MACHINE**
  - USE ONE OF OUR AC RELAY PACKS WHEN YOU HAVE A LOT OF 110 VOLT DEVICES TO CONTROL.
**Trigger Input Wiring**

**DMX**
Master Mode (Default)
The Flex can be linked to our BooTunes or BooTunes Amped MP3 players to add more audio channels to your show. The MP3 players will automatically start and stop in sync with the Flex. The Flex will not output DMX data to control other DMX devices unless the "8 Outputs with DMX Output" model was purchased.

Slave Mode
The BooBox Flex can be setup as a DMX slave to a FlexMax or any DMX master. The master can control the Flex's outputs and audio, or trigger scenes depending on the DMX mode.

**Audio**
Connecting Speakers
The Flex audio output is designed to connect to powered speakers or external amplifiers.

Copying Audio Files to the BooBox
The recommended method to get your audio files onto the BooBox is to use our free Director software. It will copy the sounds to your BooBox or ScareMaster and ensure the file names and folder structure are correct. If you are using a Mac, or prefer to copy the files on your own, see the full manual for SD card layout details.

Programming
BooBoxes can be easily programmed with our free Director software and an SD card. The Director Connect allows you to see your work in real-time, rather than having to save the program to an SD card first. The ScareMaster is a great real-time programming option for those who don’t want to be tethered to a computer.

**Tips and Tricks**
The BooBoxes have some great features that are often left undiscovered. Below are just a few examples:

- **Ambient Resume** - Tells the Ambient scene to resume from where it left off after an input scene has finished.
- **Play All Sound Mode** - Fill a scene folder with audio files and the BooBox will play them all. Great in Ambient mode!
- **Fade on Interrupt** - If a scene is interrupted before completion it will fade out the audio before stopping.
- **Manual Playback** - Hold the PLAY button for a few seconds to select which Input scene you'd like to trigger.