

Grove EKS4 Microtec MkII Light Control Module Input Connection

Deriving input signals to the Microtec MkII Light Control Module from the
Grove EKS 4

Before you begin.

Read through and thoroughly understand the instructions before starting. The Microtec MkII Light Control Module overview available on our website provides more detailed information that may assist you when connecting and configuring your module. Specific instructions for connecting your warning light to the module outputs are also available on the Microtec web site to make the task quick and easy.

If your module is a latching (Thiess specification) unit it should be connected exactly the same as a standard unit. Ensure easy access to the front panel during crane use and beware of the time delays and latching function when performing final tests.

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These Instructions.

The following instructions detail the **input connections only** to the Microtec MkII light control module for a specific crane / computer type. For details of input connections for a different crane / computer see the specific instructions for that machine or use the "overview" for customised installations.

Reasonable care is exercised in the preparation of these instructions, but variations in machine build may impact the accuracy from time to time and are beyond our control. These instructions should be used by suitably competent personnel for guidance only.

These instructions should be read in conjunction with the Microtec MkII Light Control Module overview for detailed description of connections, specifications, and configuration.

For details of output connections to Microtec and many other types of external warning light, visit our website at www.microteceng.com.au

Preliminary.

Set up the crane and check that the crane systems are fully functional and overload cut out devices function as prescribed by the manufacturer. Check the satisfactory operation of override switches and indicators.

External Warning Light / Output Connections.

Begin by installing a suitable warning light and buzzer to the crane exterior. Microtec manufactures several versions designed for reliability & ease of use with the light control module, see our website for details. Run the connecting cable inside to the Light Control Module. There are many external warning lights available and the Light Control Module is fully compatible in the vast majority of cases. Simple connection details for the most commonly used light fittings are available at www.microteceng.com.au

Input Connections.

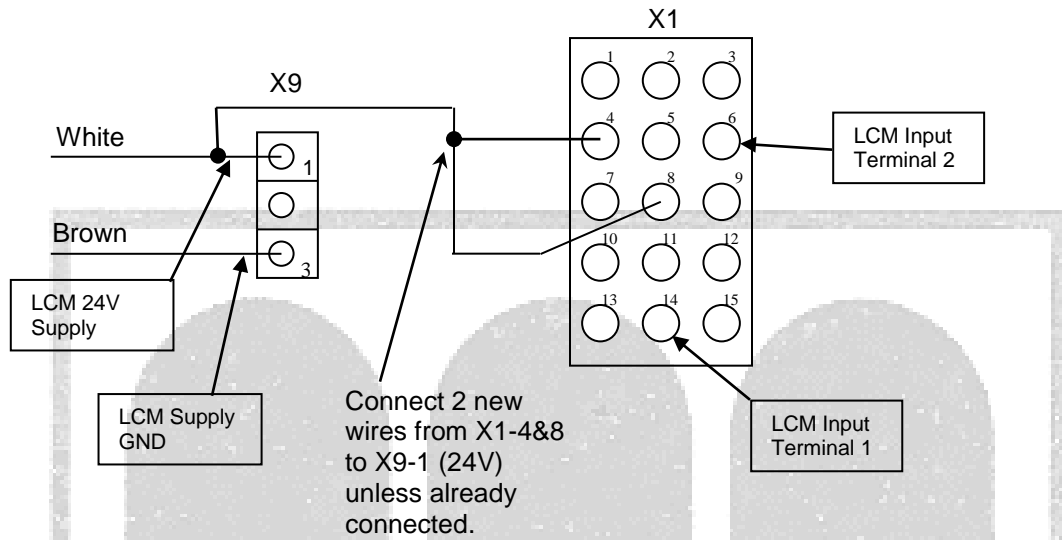
The Light Control Module requires electrical inputs from the machine to activate the outputs. Some signals that may be required are:

- 90% load or Pre Warning
- 100% load or Motion Cut
- Anti two block / overhoist alarm
- All potentially unsafe overrides

Possible connection points from which these signals may be derived are detailed in table 1. Begin by verifying the change in voltage for the given function at the prescribed connection points with a volt meter. When sure of the connections isolate or disconnect the batteries before commencing electrical work.

Table 1 Signal Connections

Light Module Input connection <i>Fig 2.</i>	Function	Connection Point, Position, Description.
1	90%	Remove the EKS4 computer from the dash and locate connector X1 on the rear panel. Connect a wire from terminal 14 of X1 to Input terminal 1 of the Light Control Module. Connect 2 new wires, one into connector X1 pin 4 and one into connector X1 pin 8. Terminate both wires to connector X9 terminal 1 (24V). These 2 new wires are unnecessary if X1 pins 4 and 8 are already terminated. (Terminal pins are available from Microtec)
2	100%	Also in the X1 connector. Connect a wire from terminal 6 of connector X1 to the Light Control Module Input terminal 2.
3	Override	Locate the override switch and remove from the panel to gain access to the terminals at the rear. With the computer powered up operate the switch and measure the terminals with a volt meter. A terminal should be found that reads 24V when the switch is turned to override. Connect a wire from this terminal to the Light Control Module Input terminal 3.
4	Not Used	Not Connected
5	Not Used	Not Connected
6	Not Used	Not Connected
24V	Supply 12 or 24V	Locate connector X9 on the rear of the EKS4 computer. Connect a wire from the X9 terminal 1 (white wire) to the Light Control Module 24V supply terminal.
GND	Supply GND	Also in the X9 connector. Connect a wire ifrom the X9 terminal 3 (brown wire) to the Light Control Module supply GND terminal.



Input sensitivity.

The input sensitivity of the light control module inputs should be set to the values in Table 3. For more information on configuration see Microtec MkII Light Control Module overview.

Table 3.

ON								
OFF	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	1	2	3	4	5	6		

Settings

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Mode

Input Polarity

On completion of the wiring the normal input polarity of the Light Control Module must be set as follows:

Table 4

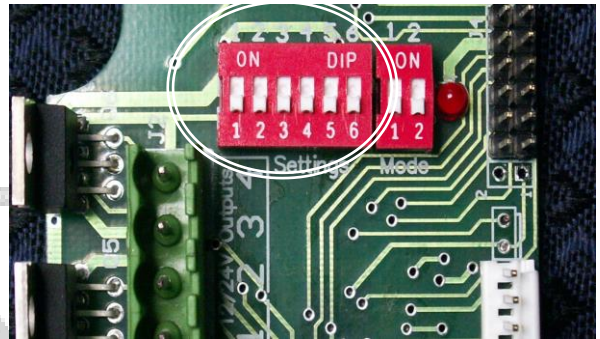
ON		■						
OFF	■		■	■	■	■	■	
	1	2	3	4	5	6		

Settings

■	■

Mode

Fig.1



Pull Up Resistors

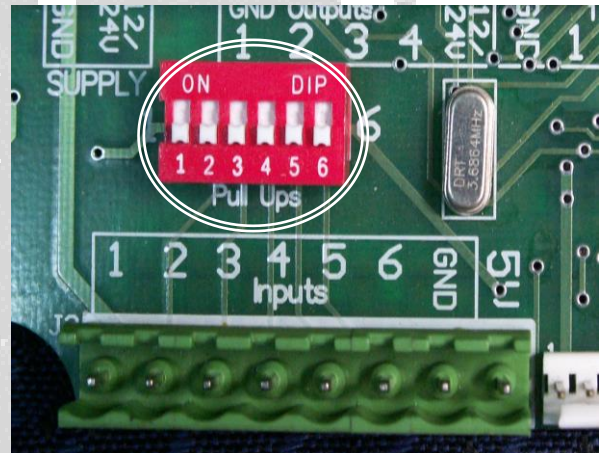
The Pull Up resistors should be set on the Light Control Module as follows:

Table 5

ON						
OFF	■	■	■	■	■	■
	1	2	3	4	5	6

Pull Ups

Fig. 2



Functional tests.

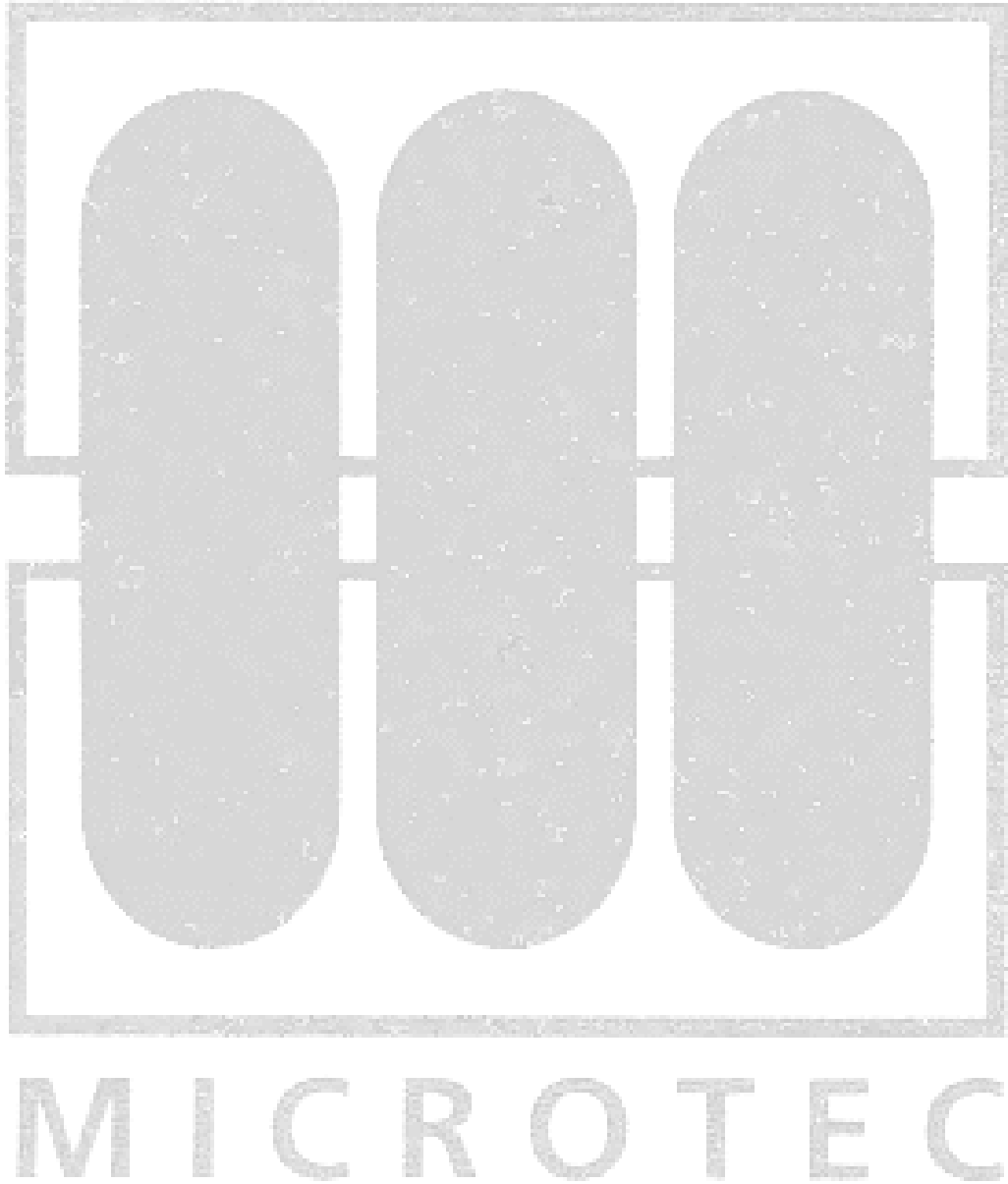
On completion of the electrical work functional tests should be conducted to verify the performance of the system. Set up the crane in a normal working state and ensure that no overrides are active. Providing that the values prescribed in Table 2 were correct and the Input Polarity DIP switches agree with Table 4 the warning light should be Green.

If the warning light does not settle at green check the troubleshooting section below.

- Impose or simulate a 90% load on the crane, the warning light should show Amber.
- Impose or simulate a 100% load on the crane that causes a motion cut, the warning light should show Red and sound the buzzer. Return the crane to a safe (Green) working range.
- Carefully overwind each winch to impose a 2 blocked state on the crane. In each case the warning light should show Red and sound the buzzer. Return the crane to a safe (Green) working range.

•Activate each override switch with inputs to the light control module in turn. In each case the warning light should show Red and sound the buzzer. Return the crane to a safe (Green) working range.

If all of the above states test OK the cables may be tidied and the covers replaced.



Troubleshooting

Check the input voltages with the crane in a safe, normal working state. If any voltages differ from those in table 2, check that all overrides are off and double check your connections. If incorrect operation continues check that your input configurations agree with the appropriate sections above.

Table 2.

Light Control Module Input connection No. <i>Fig 2.</i>	Reading with volt meter with respect to GND, Crane in safe state.
1	0V
2	24V
3	0V
4	X
5	X
6	X

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