

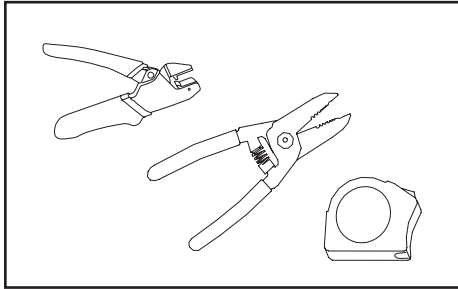
VL5 Nano

Installation Guide for 701269-(XX)12NVL5-MB and 701269-(XX)12NVL51-MB

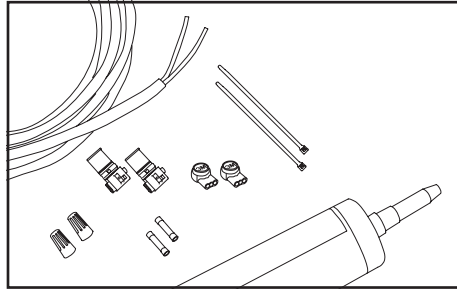
WARNING: Risk of electrical shock. New installation and LED Retrofit Kit installation requires knowledge of sign electrical systems. If not qualified, do not attempt installation. Contact a qualified electrician. Follow all NEC and local codes. VL5 Nano is not suitable for submersion or direct exposure to water for extended periods of time. **AVERTISSEMENT:** Risque de choc électrique. La nouvelle installation et l'installation du kit de modification à LED nécessitent la connaissance des systèmes électriques de signalisation. Si non qualifié, ne tentez pas l'installation. Contactez un électricien qualifié. Suivez tous les codes NEC et locaux. VL5 Nano ne convient pas à la submersion ni à l'exposition directe à l'eau pendant de longues périodes.

For New Installation, proceed with Step 1 below. For Retrofit Installations, begin with Retrofit Instructions on page 3.

New Installation



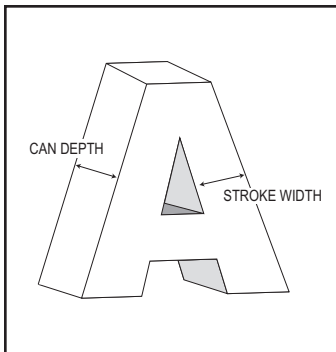
1. **Optional tools:** Measuring tape, wire strippers, crimp tool.



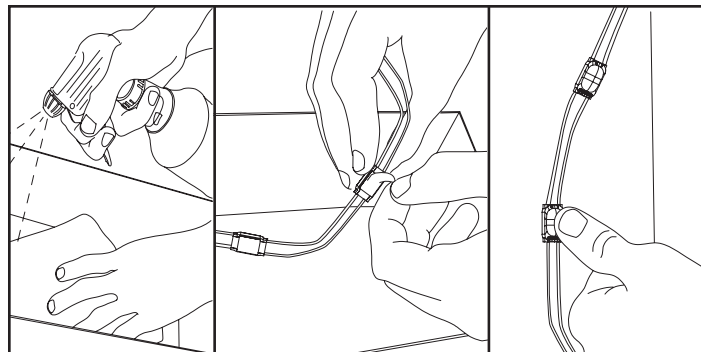
2. Components list:

- VL5 Nano modules, model numbers 701269-(XX)12NVL5-MB and/or VL5 Nano Long modules, model numbers 701269-(XX)12NVL51-MB.
- SloanLED 12 V Class 2 output power supply (refer to "**SloanLED Power Supply Guide for Sign Products**" for appropriate 12 V power supply models).
- UL approved 18 AWG or larger diameter supply wire.
- UL approved wire connectors appropriate for wire gauge used.
NOTE: VL5 Nano and VL5 Nano Long have 22 AWG wire.
- **Optional:** 3M™ Scotchlok™ UR2 (3-port) and UY2 (2-port) IDC connectors (EU only). Use with 3M IDC Crimp Tool (part number E-9J).
- **Optional for mounting:** Electrical grade, neutral cure silicone.

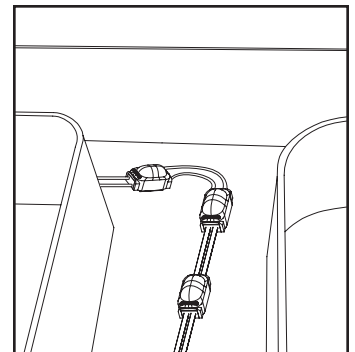
Channel Letter Applications



3. **Layout:** To populate sign, refer to VL5 Nano density guidelines as well as power supply loading chart (page 4) to determine appropriate number of modules and power supplies.



4. **Peel and stick:** Clean inside sign with rubbing alcohol and allow to dry. Using predetermined layout and LED placement from Step 3, remove tape backing and stick modules into place. Ensure modules are firmly attached. **NOTE:** If installing in a narrow channel, tape may be unnecessary. Other means of securing strip (sealant, vinyl, etc.) are also acceptable.

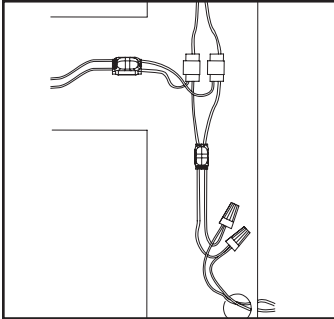


5. **Fasteners:** Use provided tape or silicone as necessary to fix modules in place.

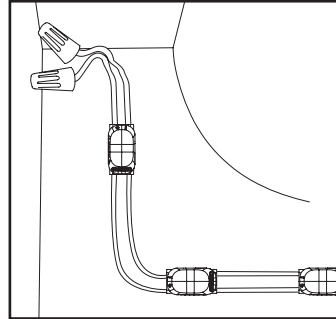
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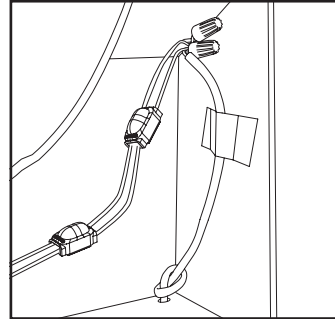
WARNING: Connect Red striped wire of LED modules (+) to Red wire of power supply (+). Connect White wire of LED modules (-) to Black wire of power supply (-). Reverse polarity connections may damage LEDs and will void product warranty. **AVERTISSEMENT:** Connectez le fil rouge des modules LED (+) au fil rouge de l'alimentation (+). Connectez le fil blanc des modules LED (-) au fil noir de l'alimentation (-). Des connexions inversées peuvent endommager les DEL et annuler la garantie du produit.



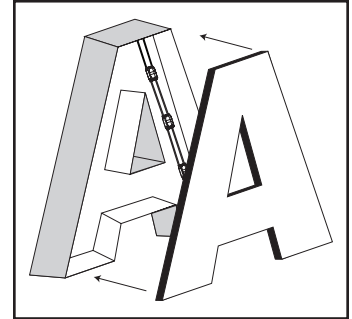
6. **Connections:** Modules may be connected in series or parallel. **Tip:** Discarding a module can allow longer wire lengths for connections.



7. **Cap all unused wires:** Using appropriate UL Listed wire connectors (refer to components list on page 1), cap all unused wires. Strand of modules should not be looped to create a closed circuit.

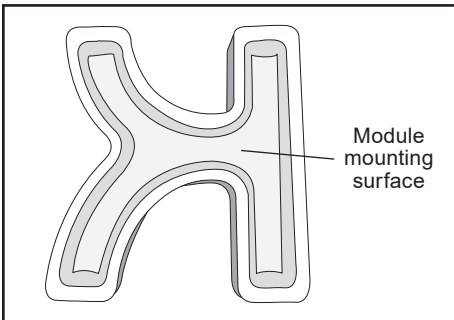


8. **Connect power supply to first module on string:** See power supply install guide for more information regarding power supply installation.

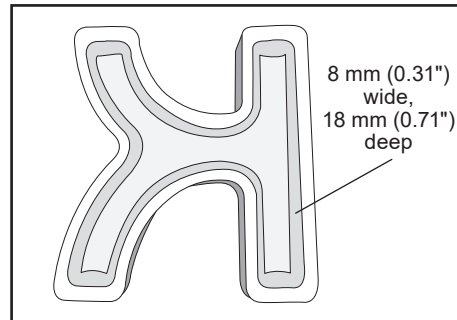


9. **Replace sign face:** Clean any debris from inside of sign and replace the sign face.

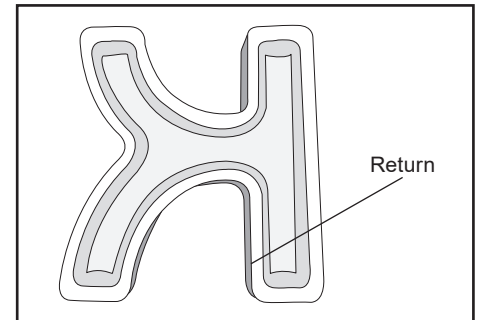
BlockLED Applications*



1a. **Preparing block:** It is recommended to mill down module mounting surface 11 mm (0.43"), giving 2-3 mm (0.08"-0.12") space between lens and back tray.



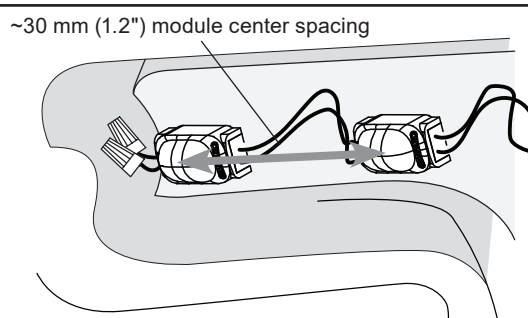
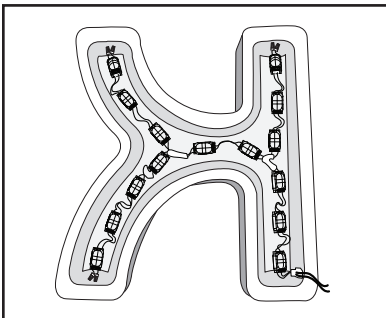
1b. **Preparing block:** Mill 8 mm (0.31") wide channel an additional 7 mm (0.28") down (18 mm [0.71"] total) to improve light transmission around edges.



1c. **Preparing block:** Maintain up to 8 mm return and use block-out film along return.

NOTE: Ensure adhesive layer on block-out film is white for optimum light reflection and uniform distribution on face.

Optional: Paint may be used instead of block-out film. Different color paints may be used, as long as first layer is white for optimum light reflection.

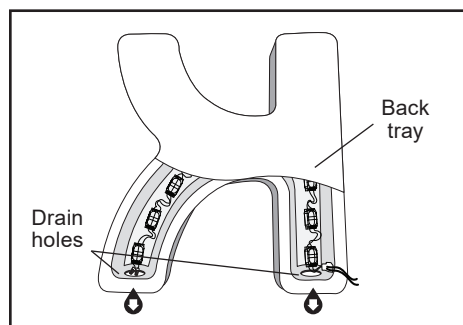


2. **Module placement:** Mount modules ~ 30 mm (1.2") apart (center-to-center) using provided tape, or silicone as necessary. **NOTE:** Avoid silicone on top of lenses.

3. **Connections:** Follow steps 6 through 8 under installation for **Channel Letter Applications**.

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4. **Back tray:** Replace and seal back tray. It is important that back tray is completely sealed to prevent water entry. It is also recommended to add minimum 3 mm (0.125") drain holes at lowest points of sign as exits for any potential water ingress. **NOTE:** Ensure back tray inside surface is matte white for optimum light reflection.

Retrofit Instructions for Existing Signs



GENERAL PURPOSE
RETROFIT SIGN CONVERSION.

FOR USE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH KIT INSTRUCTIONS.

KIT IS COMPLETE ONLY WHEN ALL PARTS
REQUIRED BY THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PRESENT.

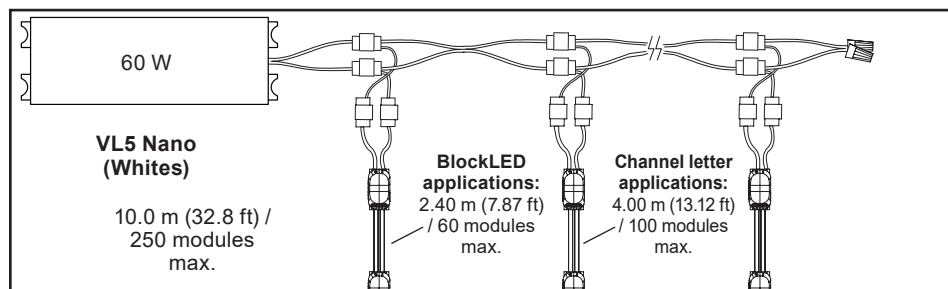
WARNING: Risk of fire or electric shock. Install this kit only in host signs that have been identified in the installation instructions, and where the input rating of the retrofit kit does not exceed the input rating of the sign. Installation of this LED retrofit kit may involve drilling or punching of holes into the structure of the sign. Check for enclosed wiring and components to avoid damage to wiring and electrical parts. **AVERTISSEMENT:** Risque d'incendie ou de choc électrique. Installez ce kit uniquement sur les panneaux hôtes identifiés dans les instructions d'installation et dans lesquels les caractéristiques nominales d'entrée du kit de modification ne dépassent pas celles du panneau. L'installation de ce kit d'amélioration des LED peut impliquer de percer ou de percer des trous dans la structure de l'enseigne. Vérifiez le câblage et les composants inclus pour éviter d'endommager le câblage et les pièces électriques.

1. Identify sign to be retrofit and ensure branch circuit supplying existing sign are within voltage range for LED power supply. Refer to components list (page 1) and "12 VDC Power Supply Capacity Chart" (page 4).
2. Remove existing lighting equipment intended to be replaced, such as neon or fluorescent, and all power supplies, transformers, or ballasts. Remove existing neon and all standoffs to leave an empty channel letter can. **NOTE:** All materials removed must be disposed of in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws.
3. If required by local, state, or national electrical code, install a new disconnect switch.
4. Determine suitability and structural integrity of existing sign after removal of existing lighting equipment. If retrofit does not require the making of any new holes, do not make or alter any open holes in an enclosure of wiring or electrical components during kit installation. If existing holes are present in a wet or outdoor location sign, repair and seal any unused openings in the electrical enclosure. Openings greater than 0.5" (12.7 mm) diameter require a metal patch secured by screws or rivets and caulked with non-hardening caulk. Smaller openings may be sealed with non-hardening caulk.
5. Clean inside of sign using non-oil based cleaner. Follow all manufacturer's instructions and ensure inside of sign is dry before proceeding with installation. This is an important step for good adhesion of SloanLED channel letter module mounting tape.
6. To populate sign, refer to VL5 Nano density guidelines as well as power supply capacity (page 4) to determine appropriate number of modules and power supplies. A list of acceptable power supply models is shown in the supplemental "**SloanLED Power Supply Guide for Sign Products**".
7. Follow all instructions under "New Installation" to properly install LED modules.
8. Connect modules to power supply output as shown under "New Installation".
9. Connect power supply input as outlined in power supply installation guide in accordance with local, state and national electrical codes by qualified personnel. Refer to power supply install guide included with power supply for details.
10. If required, install disconnect switch in accordance with local, state and national electrical codes by qualified personnel.

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Power Supply Loading



NOTE: It is recommended to connect no more than the following in series to minimize line loss:

VL5 Nano (Whites): Refer to Power Supply Loading Diagram.

VL5 Nano (Colors): Third of maximum 60 W power supply capacity.

12 VDC Power Supply Capacity Chart†

	Maximum meters (feet) / modules		
	VL5 Nano		
	701269-(XX)12NVL5-MB		701269-(XX)12NVL51-MB
Power output	White 7200 K, 6500 K, 5000 K, 4000 K, 3000 K (25/m, 7.6/ft)	Red, Green, Blue (25/m, 7.6/ft)	White 7200 K, 6500 K (18.18/m, 5.53/ft)
30 W	5.0 (16.4) / 125 mods	8.3 (27.2) / 207 mods	6.9 (22.64) / 125 mods
60 W	10.0 (32.8) / 250 mods	16.6 (54.5) / 415 mods	13.8 (45.28) / 250 mods
2 × 60 W	2 × 10.0 (32.8) / 250 mods	2 × 16.6 (54.5) / 415 mods	2 × 13.8 (45.28) / 250 mods
Power used per m (ft) in watts	5.51 W (1.68)	3.25 W (3.25)	4.0 W (1.22)

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Capacities based on 90% of power supply output.

† For North American installations, install with a UL Listed or Recognized Class 2 power supply ONLY.

NOTE: Refer to "SloanLED Power Supply Guide for Sign Products" for appropriate 12 V power supply models.

Extension of Power Supply Leads

If longer lead wire from power supply to LED modules is needed, an extension can be used. Extension should be kept as short as possible, i.e., under 4.6 m for 1 mm² PLTC (under 15 ft for 18 AWG UL Listed PLTC) or under 15.2 m for 2.5 mm² PLTC (under 50 ft for 14 AWG UL Listed PLTC).

Troubleshooting

NOTE: A licensed electrician should perform all applicable steps.

Entire sign or leg does not light after complete installation	Check connection from power supply lead to first module. Make sure polarity of connections made at the power supply lead and any jumper wire is correct. Power supply outputs should be connected RED-TO-RED and BLACK-TO-WHITE.
Still does not light	Check output voltage of power supply using a voltmeter. The output voltage should be DC 12.0 V ± 0.5 V. If there is no output voltage, have a licensed electrician check input voltage. Make sure power supply is connected correctly and getting primary power. If power supply is connected properly and getting primary power and there is still no output voltage, try a different power supply.
Still does not light	If power supply is getting primary power and the modules don't light, there may be a short in the secondary wiring. Check all connections and cap all loose wires.
The beginning of a leg lights, but the entire leg does not light or lights intermittently	The primary cause of a portion of a VL5 Nano leg not lighting or lighting intermittently is a bad connection or reverse polarity connection between the modules that light and the modules that don't light. Check this connection.
One module does not light, but all others in the leg light	VL5 Nano is designed so if one module fails, it will not cause the entire sign or leg to go out. If one module does not light, but all others in the leg do, replace this module with a new one.

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