


# OBSIDIAN EN4 Control System Installation Guide

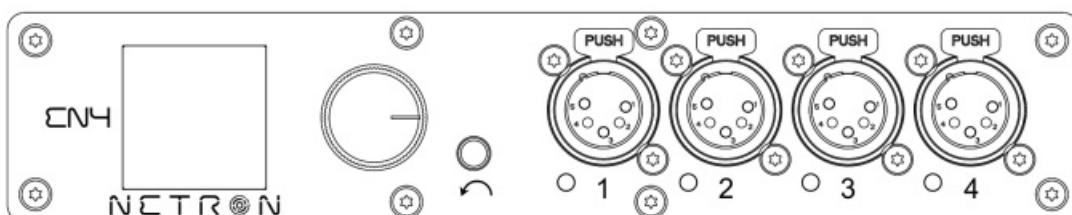
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## OBSIDIAN EN4 Control System



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## Art-Net

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## FCC STATEMENT

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

## FCC RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE WARNINGS & INSTRUCTIONS

This product has been tested and found to comply with the limits as per Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This device uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the included instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this device does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the device off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following methods:

- Reorient or relocate the device.
- Increase the separation between the device and the receiver.
- Connect the device to an electrical outlet on a circuit different from which the radio receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## Energy Saving Matters (EuP 2009/125/EC)

Saving electric energy is a key to help protecting the environment. Please turn off all electrical products when they are not in use. To avoid power consumption in idle mode, disconnect all electrical equipment from power when not in use. Thank you! Document Version: An updated version of this document may be available online. Please check <http://www.obsidiancontrol.com> for the latest revision/update of this document before beginning installation and use.

Date	Document Version	Note
10/25/19	1	Initial release.
11/26/19	1.5	Update specifications
12/27/19	2.0	Added Art-Net Copyright
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02/02/21	3.5	Updated Silkscreen
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

Please read and understand the instructions in this manual carefully and thoroughly before attempting to operate this device. These instructions contain important safety and use information.

### UNPACKING

Every device has been thoroughly tested and has been shipped in perfect operating condition. Carefully check the shipping carton for damage that may have occurred during shipping. If the carton is damaged, carefully inspect the device for damage, and be sure all accessories necessary to install and operate the device have arrived intact. In the event damage has been found or parts are missing, please contact our customer support team for further instructions. Please do not return this device to your dealer without first contacting customer support. Please do not discard the shipping carton in the trash. Please recycle whenever possible.

### CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Contact your local Obsidian Controls Systems dealer or distributor for any product related service and support needs. Also visit <https://forum.obsidiancontrol.com> with questions, comments or suggestions.

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### LIMITED WARRANTY

1. Obsidian Control Systems hereby warrants, to the original purchaser, Obsidian Control Systems products to be free of manufacturing defects in material and workmanship for a period of two years (730 days).
2. For warranty service, send the product only to the Obsidian Control Systems service center. All shipping charges must be pre-paid. If the requested repairs or service (including parts replacement) are within the terms of this warranty, Obsidian Control Systems will pay return shipping charges only to a designated point within the United States. If any product is sent, it must be shipped in its original package and packaging material. No accessories should be shipped with the product. If any accessories are shipped with the product, Obsidian Control Systems shall have no liability whatsoever for loss and/or or damage to any such accessories, nor for the safe return thereof.

3. This warranty is void if the product serial number and/or labels are altered or removed; if the product is modified in any manner which Obsidian Control Systems concludes, after inspection, affects the reliability of the product; if the product has been repaired or serviced by anyone other than the Obsidian Control Systems factory unless prior written authorization was issued to purchaser by Obsidian Control Systems; if the product is damaged because not properly maintained as set forth in the product instructions, guidelines and/or user manual.
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7. This warranty is the only written warranty applicable to Obsidian Control Systems products and supersedes all prior warranties and written descriptions of warranty terms and conditions heretofore published.
8. Use of software and firmware:

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall Elation or Obsidian Control Systems or its suppliers be liable for any damages whatsoever (including, but not limited to, damages for loss of profits or data, for business interruption, for personal injury or other loss whatsoever) arising out of or in any way related to the use of or inability to use firmware or software, the provision of or failure to provide support or other services, information, firmware, software, and related content through the software or otherwise arising out of the use of any software or firmware, even in the event of the fault, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation, strict liability, breach of warranty of Elation or Obsidian Control Systems or any supplier, and even if Elation or Obsidian Control Systems or any supplier has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

**WARRANTY RETURNS:** All returned service items, whether under warranty or not, must be freight pre-paid and accompany a return authorization (R.A.) number. The R.A. number must be clearly written on the outside of the return package. A brief description of the problem as well as the R.A. number must also be written down on a piece of paper and included in the shipping container. If the unit is under warranty, you must provide a copy of your proof of purchase invoice. Items returned without a R.A. number clearly marked on the outside of the package will be refused and returned at customer's expense. You may obtain a R.A. number by contacting customer support.

## **SAFETY GUIDELINES**

This device is a sophisticated piece of electronic equipment. To guarantee a smooth operation, it is important to follow all instructions and guidelines in this manual. OBSIDIAN CONTROL SYSTEMS is not responsible for injury and/or damages resulting from the misuse of this device due to the disregard of the information printed in this manual. Only the original included parts and/or accessories for this device should be used. Any modifications to the device, included and/or accessories will void the original manufactures warranty and increase the risk of damage and/or personal injury.

- **PROTECTION CLASS 1 – DEVICE MUST BE PROPERLY GROUNDED**
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THIS DEVICE WITHOUT BEING FULLY TRAINED ON HOW TO USE IT. ANY DAMAGES OR REPAIRS TO THIS DEVICE OR ANY LIGHTING FIXTURES CONTROLLED BY THIS DEVICE RESULTING FROM IMPROPER USE, AND/OR THE DISREGARD OF THE SAFETY AND OPERATION GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENT VOIDS THE OBSIDIAN CONTROL SYSTEMS WARRANTY, AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY WARRANTY CLAIMS AND/OR REPAIRS, AND MAY ALSO VOID THE WARRANTY FOR ANY NON-OBSIDIAN CONTROL SYSTEMS DEVICES.**  
KEEP FLAMMABLE MATERIALS AWAY FROM DEVICE.
- **DRY LOCATIONS USE ONLY!**  
DO NOT EXPOSE DEVICE TO RAIN, MOISTURE, AND/OR SEVERE ENVIRONMENTS!  
DO NOT SPILL WATER AND/OR LIQUIDS ON OR INTO THE DEVICE!
- **DISCONNECT** the device from AC power before removing fuses or any part, and when not in use.
  - Always electrically ground this device.
  - Use only a source of AC power that complies with local building and electrical codes and has both overload and ground-fault protection.
  - Do not expose the device to rain or moisture.
  - Never attempt to bypass fuses. Always replace defective fuses with ones of the specified type and rating.
  - Refer all service to a qualified technician.
  - Do not modify the device or install other than genuine Netron parts.
- **CAUTION:** Risk of Fire and Electrical Shock. Use only in dry locations.
- **CAUTION:** Risk of Explosion if Battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used batteries according to local environmental regulations.
- **AVOID** brute force handling when transporting or operating.  
**DO NOT** expose any part of the device to open flame or smoke. Keep device away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- **DO NOT** use device in extreme and/or severe environments.  
Replace fuses with ones of the same type and rating only. Never attempt to bypass a fuse. Unit provided with a single fuse in Line side.
- **DO NOT** operate device if power cord is frayed, crimped, damaged and/or if any of the power cord connectors are damaged, and does not insert into the device securely with ease. NEVER force a power cord connector into device. If the power cord or any of its connectors are damaged, replace it immediately with a new one of similar power rating. Strictly use a source of AC power that complies with local building and electrical codes and has both overload and ground-fault protection. Use only the provided AC power supply and power cords and the correct connector for the country of operation. Use of the factory provided power cable is mandatory for operation in the US and Canada. Allow free unobstructed airflow to the bottom and back of the product. Do not block the ventilation slots. Operate the console only on a stable and solid surface.
- **DO NOT** use the product if the ambient temperature exceeds 40°C (104° F)  
Transport the product only in suitable packaging or a custom fitted road case. Transportation damage is not

covered under warranty.

- **CAUTION:** Risk of explosion if CMOS battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used batteries according to local environmental regulations.
- **CAUTION:** Do not expose CMOS battery to excessive heat such as sun or fire.

## OVERVIEW

This device is a multipurpose DMX and EtherDMX Gateway processor with many advanced features. Please read the manual carefully in its entirety to fully understand all functions of the unit.

To quickly setup the unit as an EtherDMX Output device, you can use the factory presets which allow fast and uncomplicated setup of the most common applications.

## KEY FEATURES

The Netron EN4 offers a number of powerful features. A web configured remote device can access all available settings, and nearly all settings can be accessed using the integrated display and system menu.

- RDM, Art-Net, and sACN support
- Factory and user presets for plug and play setups
- Line Voltage or POE powered
- 1.8" OLED Display with rotary knob
- 99 Internal cues with fade and delay time
- Remote configuration via internal webpage
- Powder-coated aluminum 1/2-rack housing

## SOFTWARE AND OPERATION

This document provides safety information and mechanical installation instructions.

- For setup and operation of all software features, please update the devices to the latest release. Download and study the full user guides from <http://obsidiancontrol.com/netron>.
- The NETRON Ether-DMX devices offer a comprehensive and easy to use feature set, and are continuously improving. It is advised to periodically check for updates on the Obsidian product pages.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE!
- ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

A qualified electrician should be used for all electrical connections and/or installations.

- USE CAUTION WHEN POWER LINKING OTHER MODEL DEVICES AS THE POWER CONSUMPTION OF OTHER MODEL DEVICES MAY EXCEED THE MAXIMUM POWER OUTPUT OF THIS DEVICE. CHECK SILK SCREEN FOR MAXIMUM AMPS.

Device MUST be installed following all local, national, and country commercial electrical and construction codes and regulations.

- ALWAYS ATTACH A SAFETY CABLE WHENEVER INSTALLING THIS DEVICE IN A SUSPENDED ENVIRONMENT TO ENSURE THE DEVICE WILL NOT DROP IF THE CLAMP FAILS. Overhead device installation must always be secured with a secondary safety attachment, such as an appropriately rated safety

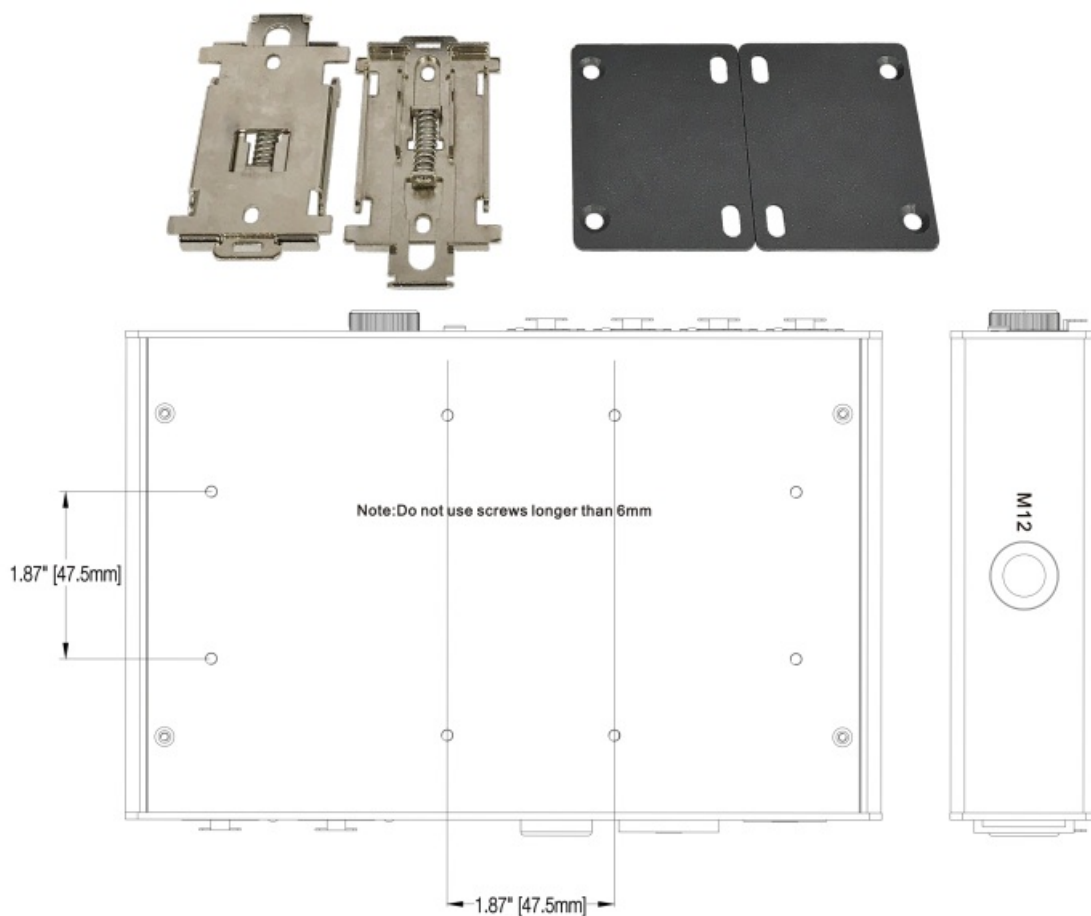
cable that can hold 10 times the weight of the device.

#### • POWER LINKING

USE CAUTION WHEN POWER LINKING AS THE POWER CONSUMPTION MAY EXCEED THE MAXIMUM POWER OUTPUT ON THIS DEVICE. CHECK SILK SCREEN FOR MAXIMUM AMPS.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The EN4 can be used Standalone, where the device sits on a firm flat surface.
- Truss-mounted using the M10 or M12 mounting holes for use with a truss clamp or appropriate mounting hardware.
- Wall-mounted horizontally or vertically (brackets included)
- DIN Rail mounted horizontally or vertically (adapter included)
- Rack-mount option for two devices (requires NET Shelf, not included)



## CONNECTIONS

### AC CONNECTIONS

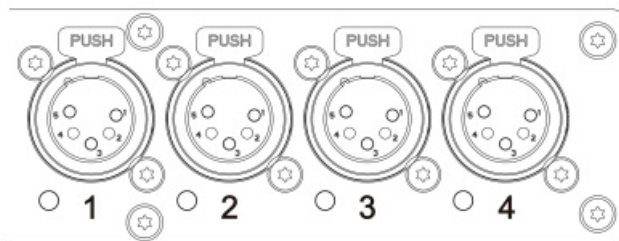
- The Obsidian Control Systems Netron EN4 is rated 100-240V 47/63Hz and accepts AC mains power over a range of 90-264V 47/63Hz. Do not connect it to power outside this range. Damage resulting from incorrect connection is not covered under warranty.
- North America: A cable with a NEMA 15-5P plug is provided for use with the EN4 in the USA and Canada. This approved cable must be used in North America.  
Rest of the world: The provided cable is not fitted with a country-specific plug. Install only a plug that meets

local and or national electrical codes and is suitable for the country's specific requirements.

- A 3-prong grounded-type (earthed type) plug must be installed following the plug manufacturer's instructions.  
To apply power to the product: In addition to the input, the unit has a loop through IEC output connection, allowing daisy chaining between multiple EN4s. Do not exceed 6A total power draw from the IEC output.

## DM X CONNECTIONS

- All DMX Output connections are 5pin female XLR; however, the pin-out on all sockets is pin 1 to shield, pin 2 to cold (-), and pin 3 to hot (+). Pins 4 and 5 are not used.
- Carefully connect DMX cables to the respective ports.
- To prevent damaging the DMX ports, provide strain relief and support. Avoid connecting FOH Snakes to the ports directly.
- Certain functions may require adapters (purchased separately), such as a 5 pole XLR male to 5 pole XLR male.



Pin	Connection
1	Com
2	Data –
3	Data +
4	Not connected
5	Not connected

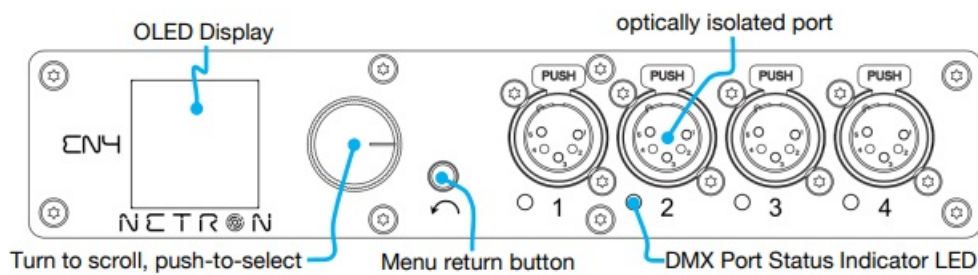
## ETH ERNET DATA CONNECTION

- The Ethernet cable is connected on the back of the gateway into the port labeled A or B. Devices can be daisy chained, but it is recommended not to exceed 10 Netron devices in one chain. Although this is an Locking RJ45 Ethernet connector, and the use of a Locking RJ45 Ethernet cables is recommended, any RJ45 connector is suitable.
- To connect multiple EN4 units to an EtherDMX Source, an Ethernet switch is required to split the data into the desired number of streams.
- The Ethernet connection is also used to connect a computer to the EN4 for remote configuration via a web browser.
- To access the web interface, simply enter the IP address shown in the display in any web browser connected to the device. Information about the web access can be found in the manual.



## CONNECTIONS: FRONT & REAR PANELS

### FRONT CONNECTIONS



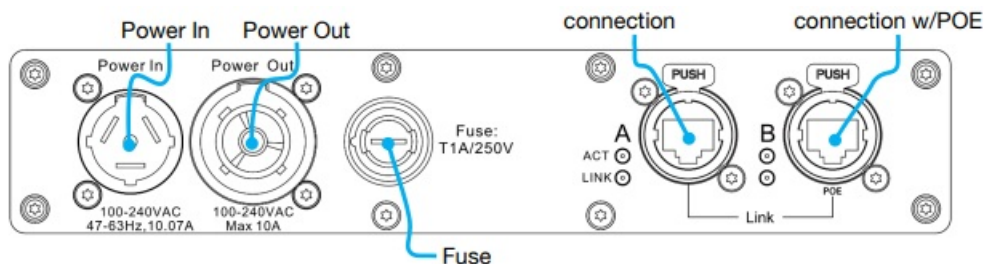
### DMX PORTS STATUS INDICATOR LEDs

DMX PORTS RGB	Error		
DMX PORTS RGB	DMX In	DMX Lost	
DMX PORTS RGB	DMX Out Stable	DMX Lost	
DMX PORTS WHITE			Flash on RDM packets

All LEDs are dimmable and can be turned off via the Menu/System/Display menu.

### REAR CONNECTIONS

- Power In/Thru
- (2) RJ45 network connections (1x POE)



### MAINTENANCE

- The Obsidian Control Systems Netron EN4 is designed as a rugged, roadworthy device. The only required service is occasional cleaning. For other service related concerns, please contact your Obsidian Control Systems dealer, or visit [www.obsidiancontrol.com](http://www.obsidiancontrol.com).
- Any service that is not described in this guide must be carried out by a trained and qualified Obsidian Control Systems technician.
- As any computer, the EN4 requires periodic cleaning. The schedule relies on the environment in which the controller is operated. An Obsidian Control Systems technician can provide recommendations if necessary.
- Never spray cleaner directly onto the device surface; always spray into a lint-free cloth and wipe it clean. Consider using cleaning products designed for cellphone and tablet devices for cleaning a lighting console.
- Important! Excessive dust, dirt, smoke, fluid build-up, and other materials can degrade the performance of the EN4 controller, causing overheating and damage to the unit that is not covered by the warranty.
- **Fuse Replacement:**  
Single fuse in the Line side; the EN4 is protected by a single 2A slow blow mains fuse in a fuse holder on the

back of the device. Disconnect the product from AC mains power before replacing the fuse as parts of the product may remain live even if one of the two mains fuses has blown.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Mounting Hardware**

- Standalone
- Truss-mount (M10 or M12 mounting hole)
- Wall-mount horizontal or vertical (included)
- DIN Rail horizontal or vertical (included)
- Rack-mount option (requires NET Shelf)

- **Connections Front**

- (4) 5pin DMX/RDM optically isolated ports
- Ports are bidirectional for DMX In and Output
- Full color OLED display
- Encoder w. Push to Select / Exit Button

**Back**

- Power In/Thru
- (2) RJ45 network connections (1x POE)

- **Physical**

- Length: 5.5" (139mm)
- Width: 8.5" (215mm)
- Height: 1.65" (42mm)
- Weight: 1 kg (2.2 lbs)

- **Electrical**

- 100-240 V nominal, 47/63Hz, 5W
- POE 802.3af

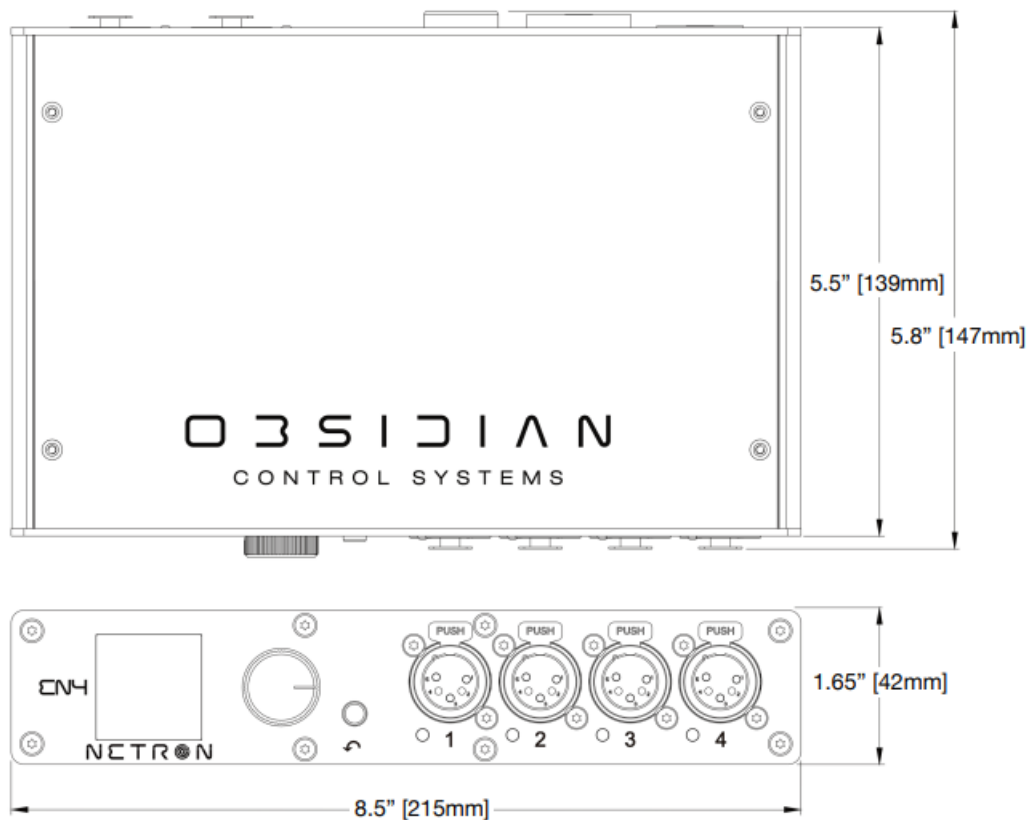
- **Approvals / Ratings**

cETLus / CE / FCC / IP20

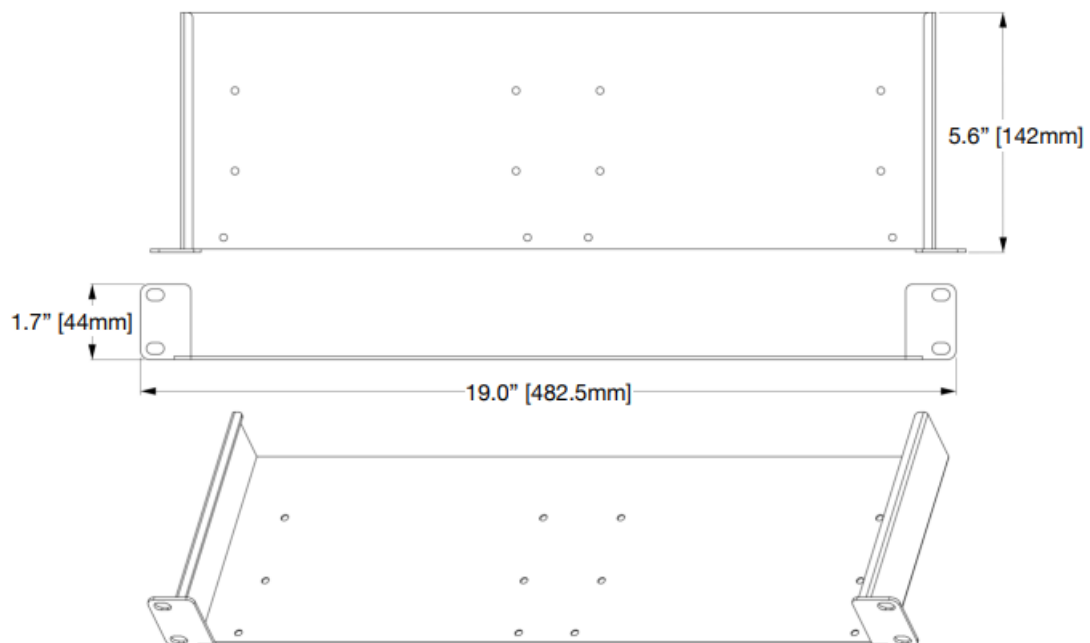
- **Included Items**

- 1.5m power cable (EU or US version)
- (2) Wallmount plates
- (2) DIN-Rail clamps

## DIMENSIONS





#### DIMENSIONS NETSHELF (NOT INCLUDED)



#### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

ORDER CODE	ITEM
US#:NRE001 / EU#:1330000060	NET Shelf (rackmount shelf)

Documents / Resources

 	<p><a href="#">OBSIDIAN EN4 Control System</a> [pdf] Installation Guide EN4 Control System, EN4, Control System</p>
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