



# 1U 19" DMX RDM Merger

## Instruction Manual

Models:

**DXD-8NI**

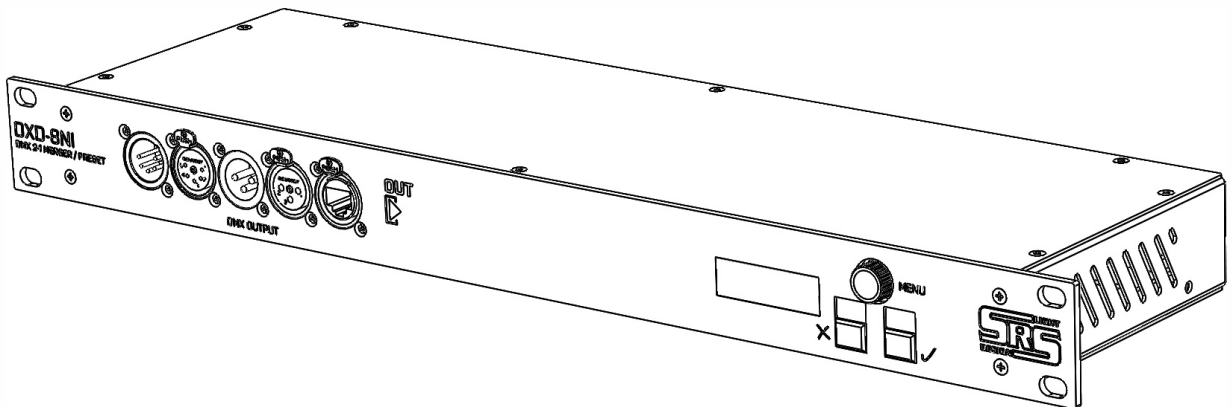
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**ATTENTION!**

This instruction manual contains important information about the installation and the use of the equipment. Please read and follow these instructions carefully.

Always ensure that the power to the equipment is disconnected before opening the equipment or commencing any maintenance work.

DXD-8NI is a two-input DMX merger with HTP / LTP / DMX-A backup or DMX-B backup modes. It support full RDM specification and It is ideal for applications where merging of two DMX signals is needed. Examples of usage are two DMX consoles controlling one dimmer system or controlling of house light. Moreover, the unit can be used as a scene call device for calling of the minimum DMX value. This value is then sent to dimmer with connected LED lights in case the main console is disconnected or LED lights are flickering on low DMX value because of technical requirements of LEDs. DXD-8NI is equipped with a RJ45 update thru SRS Update cable for later software updates according to customer's needs. As addition to the DXD-8NI its also equipped with screw terminal for remote call of presets via buttons connected as keyboard.



#### **Features:**

- **3 x DMX512 optically isolated / boosted**
- **DMX RDM support**
- **Wide range of power supply [AC100-240V]**
- **Various modes:**
  - **HTP – Higher takes presence**
  - **LTP – Last takes presence**
  - **DMX-A backup by DMX-B**
  - **DMX-B backup by DMX-A**
  - **Shift of DMX start address on each input and also output**
  - **ALW.ON minimum setting on the DMX via the SCENE call**
  - **DMX PRS – call of DMX scenes via DMX**
  - **External control via buttons**
- **Easy to setup and control using the Encoder + 2 buttons**
- **12x2 LCD display**
- **Free firmware upgrade via SRS Firmware upgrade tool**

#### **DMX input/output**

USITT DMX 512, DMX 512A, RDM support

#### **Power supply:**

DC 12-36V, 160mA via external PSU

#### **Dimensions & housing:**

1U, 19" format, 482.5 x 44.5 x 145 mm, 2.23 kg

#### **Package consists of:**

- DXD-8NI device
- AC110-230V with multiple country plugs to DC15V power adapter
- Printed manual

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

All safety and operating instructions should be read before the equipment is installed or operated.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:**

The following general safety precautions have to be observed during all phases of operation, service, and the repair of this equipment. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and the intended use of this equipment.

Do not operate this equipment in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Operation of any electrical instrument in such an environment constitutes a definite safety hazard. Do not operate this equipment near water or in areas with wet floors or in high humidity atmosphere where condensation forms on the equipment.

It should never be placed near or over a heat register or other source of heated air and it should not be installed or operated without proper ventilation.

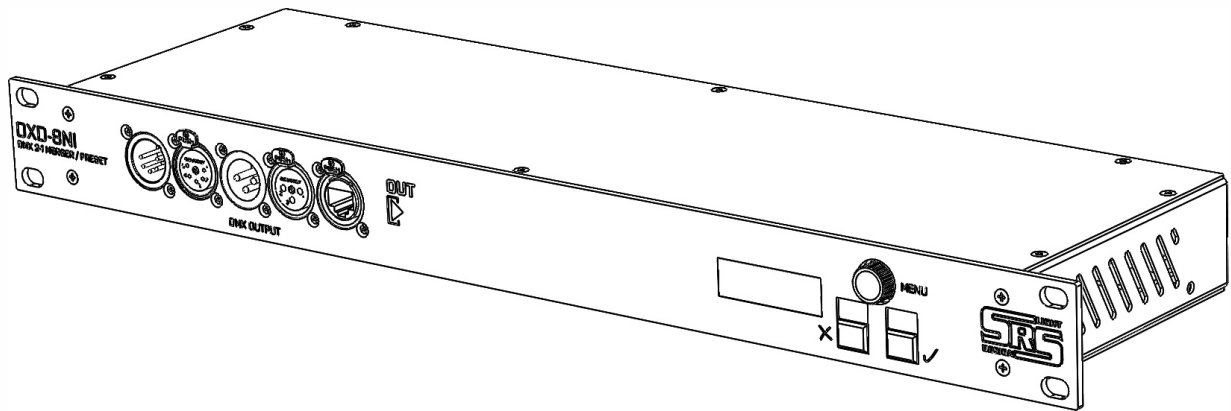
Device must be connected to the secured circuit with circuit breaker or main switch of maximum 16A. The device does not contain any fuses and there are no serviceable parts inside.

**Warranty:**

The product design should be varied to keep the product continuously updated. The product price should be subject to possible variations for eventual rises of production costs or duties. Claims for possible damages during the freight must be notified to the carrier. All claims must be notified to the distributor or manufacturer within 8 days from the receipt of goods. Buyer is responsible for the right installation and the use of the apparatus.

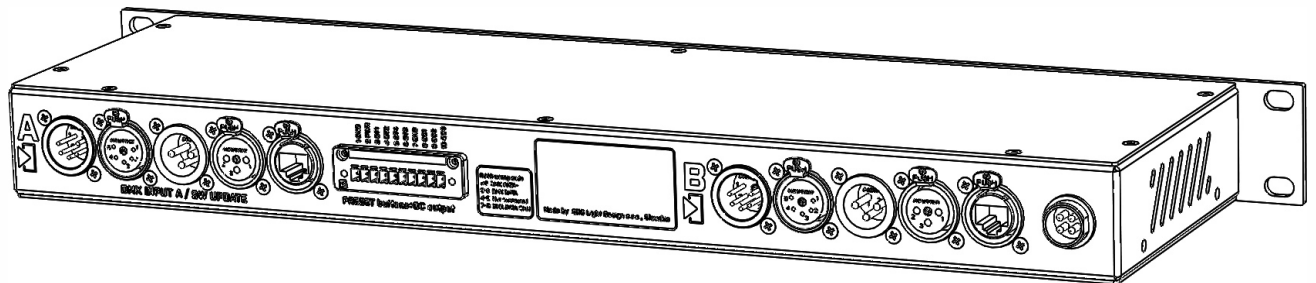
The apparatus is covered by a **TWO-YEAR** warranty from the date of purchase against defects of manufacture and components. Defects and breakages caused by wrong use/connection are not subject to warranty. For any dispute is competent the Tribunal of Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

**Device front panel:**



On the front panel, there is set of DMX output connectors and an Encoder with two buttons and an LCD display with 12x2 characters for orientation in the menu.

**Device rear panel:**

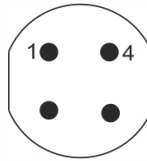


Rear panel features two groups of connectors marked as DMX INPUT A and DMX INPUT B that are merged. There is a DC power supply connector on the right. There is also screw terminal for connection of external switches or keyboard in matrix mode. All connectors are wired according to the wiring codes below.

**Connectors:**

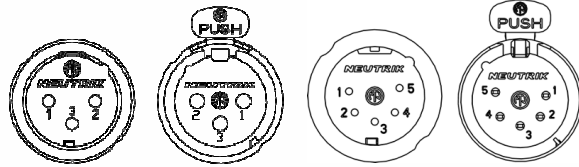
**DC connector**

Pin 1	DC12-36V
Pin 4	DC GND



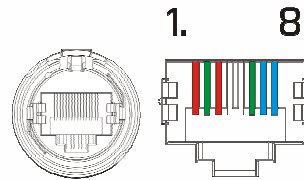
**DMX IN / DMX OUT connector**

Pin 1	Data CMN
Pin 2	Data -
Pin 3	Data +
Pin 4, 5	Not connected

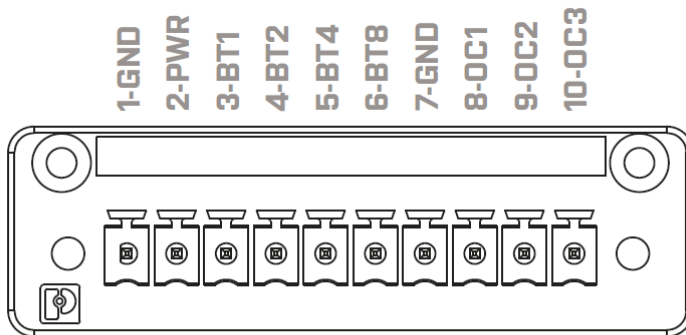


**RJ45 IN / RJ45 OUT connector**

Pin 1, 3	Data +
Pin 2, 6	Data -
Pin 4, 5	NC
Pin 7, 8	DATA CMN






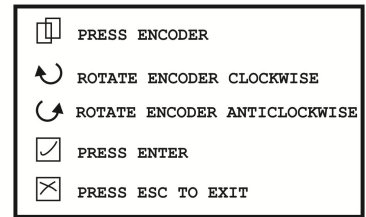
**Preset buttons + OC outputs connector**



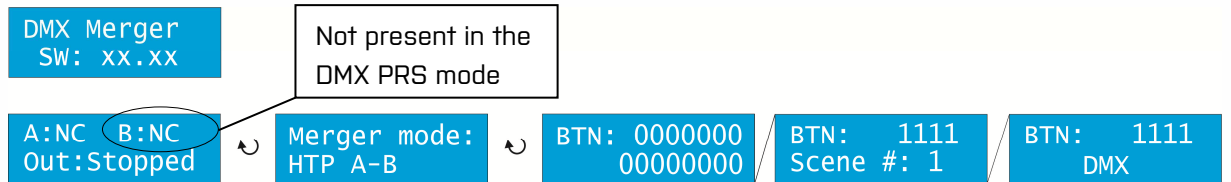
**PRESET buttons+OC output**

**Device use:**

Device is controlled by an Encoder  (rotation and press) and 2 buttons: ESC  and ENTER  . See the symbol description for orientation in the menu:



After the device is plugged in, home screen with the product type and SW version appears. The home screen is automatically replaced by the stand-by screen displayed below. The stand-by screen consists of several pages that can be seen by the rotation of Encoder.



**Channels A/B:**  
 NC: Not connected  
 OK: Correct DMX signal  
 ERR: Error on the DMX  
 RDM: RDM communication in progress

**Selected merger mode:**  
 HTP A-B  
 LTP A-B  
 BKP B>A  
 BKP A>B  
 DMX PRS  
 DMX SFX

*This screen appears in LATCH mode.*  
**Information about active buttons**  
**BTN:**  
 0: not active  
 1: active  
**Positions:**  
 Bottom right representing button #1, from the right to the left bottom and then top line incrementing by 1

*These screens appear in FLASH mode.*

**Information about active buttons on the input BTN:**

0: not active  
 1: active

Bottom row shows the active scene number. No scenes are active. DMX goes directly from input to output.

**Output options:**  
 Stopped / DATA / unknown / Scene / Preset / RDM / to 0% / to 100% / A HTP B / 0

**NAVIGATION IN THE MENU:**

Press the Encoder to enter the menu. In the menu, there are several options to choose from:

1. **Merger mode**
2. **Display**
3. **DMX settings**
4. **OC output**
5. **Buttons**
6. **Factory reset**

Press "ENTER" to enter the submenu. Press "ESC" to escape from the submenu or to return to previous level of the menu. Use buttons and the Encoder to proceed with the required function according to the schematics below.

Objects in yellow color indicate blinking and the position of the cursor.

To confirm each setting, scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER"

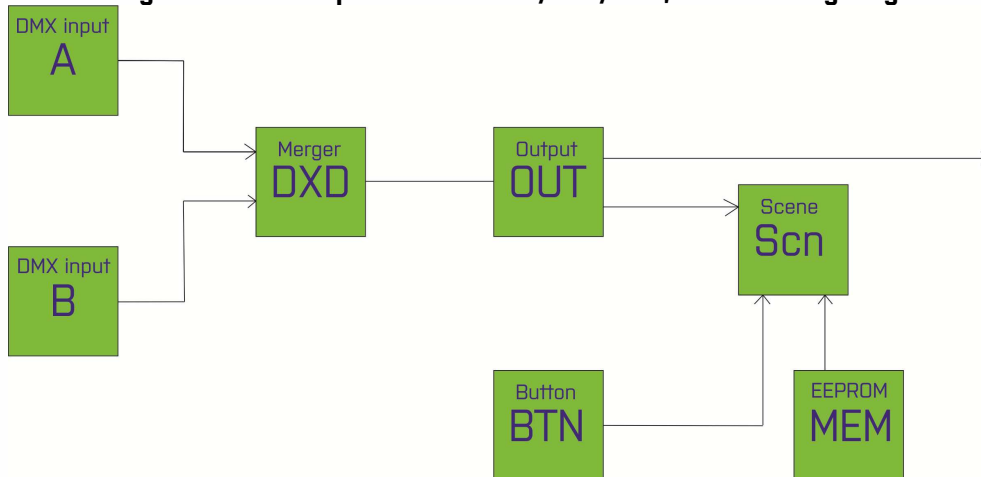
## 1. Merger mode

This submenu allows you to set the desired merger mode.

There are several modes of merging. One of the following modes can be chosen:

- **HTP A-B** Higher takes presence.
- **LTP A-B** Last takes presence.
- **BKP B>A** Backup by DMX B in case of signal loss on DMX A.
- **BKP A>B** Backup by DMX A in case of signal loss on DMX B.
- **DMX PRS** DMX preset function /More info below/.
- **DMX SFX** DMX safety function /More info in the SFX setup/.

**For all merger modes except of the Preset /PRS/ one, the following diagram is valid:**



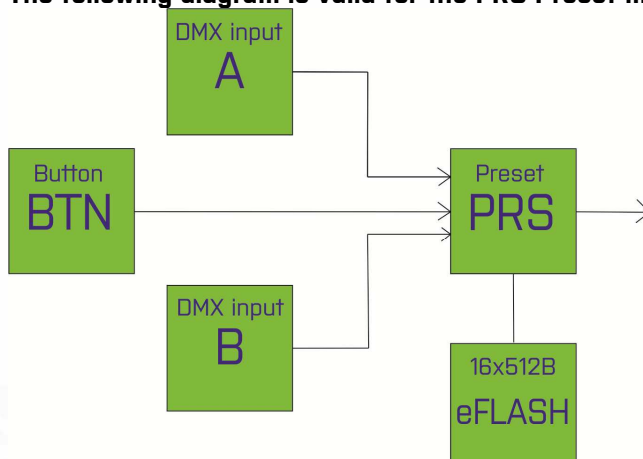
**DMX PRS** /DMX preset/ is a function that allows its user to save and call scenes directly from a console using channels 1 to 16. The console is connected to the DXD device using the DMX INPUT B. Faders on channels 1 to 16 respectively, serve as controllers of the preset output intensity. Activating channel 17, the DXD unit ignores the DMX A input. Channel 18 is used to save the individual presets.

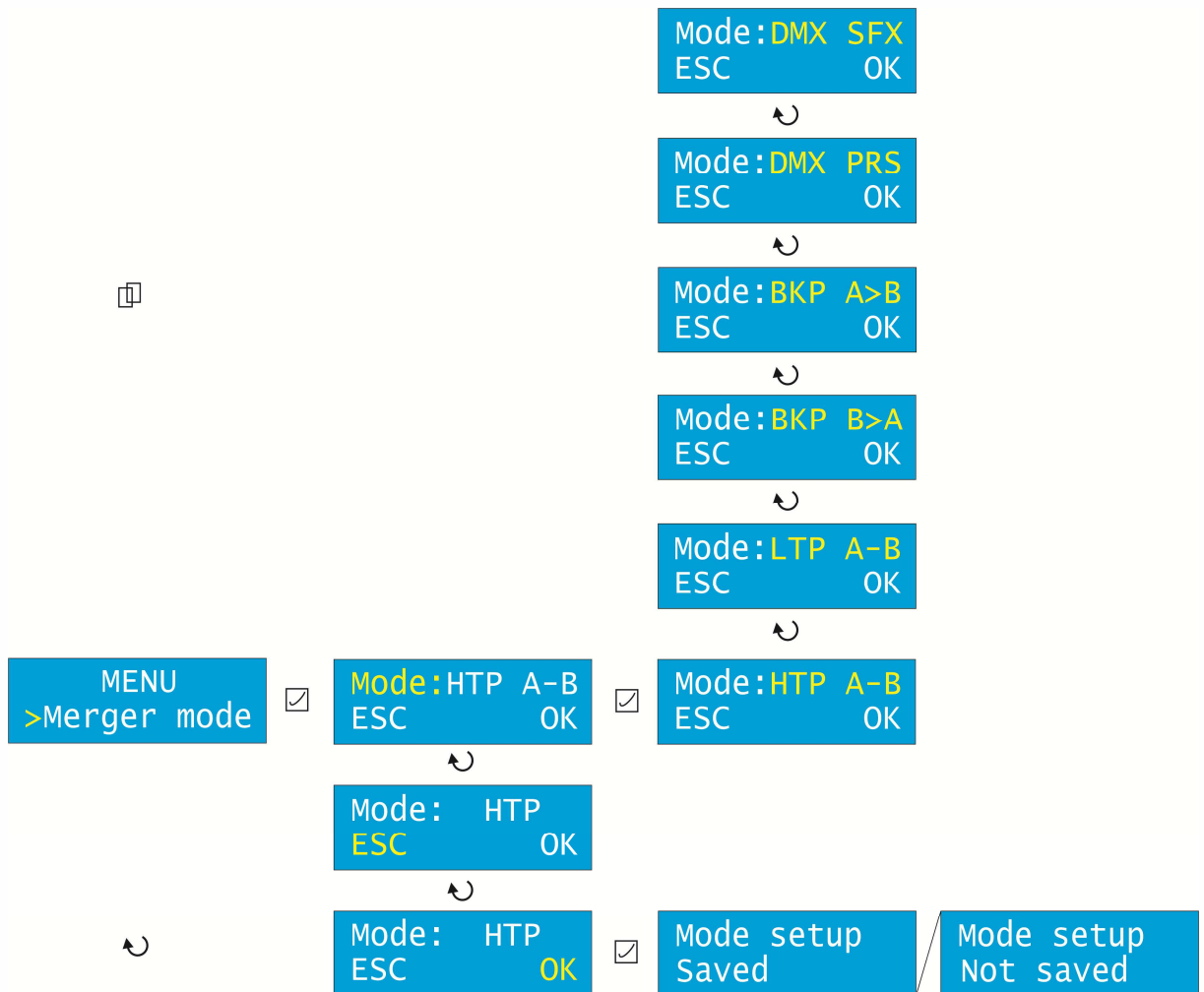
The DMX preset can also be controlled using an additional equipment of the DXD device. In this case, the presets are called using a single press of a corresponding button. They are saved when the button is held for more than 5 seconds.

The following screen with the corresponding Preset number appears after the preset is saved:

**Preset 1 Saved** and the device shows their values in the home screen.

**The following diagram is valid for the PRS Preset mode:**





Press "ENTER" to enter the *Merger mode*. Press "ENTER" again to adjust the merger mode. Scroll the Encoder to reach the desired option and confirm by "ENTER". Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.

## 2. Display

This submenu allows you to set the *Sleep* function and the intensity of the *Backlight*. Press "ENTER" to enter the *Display*. Scroll the Encoder to choose between the *Sleep* and *Backlight* setting and confirm by "ENTER".

**Sleep:** Sets the time of inactivity [in seconds] after the device goes into sleep mode [display is off].

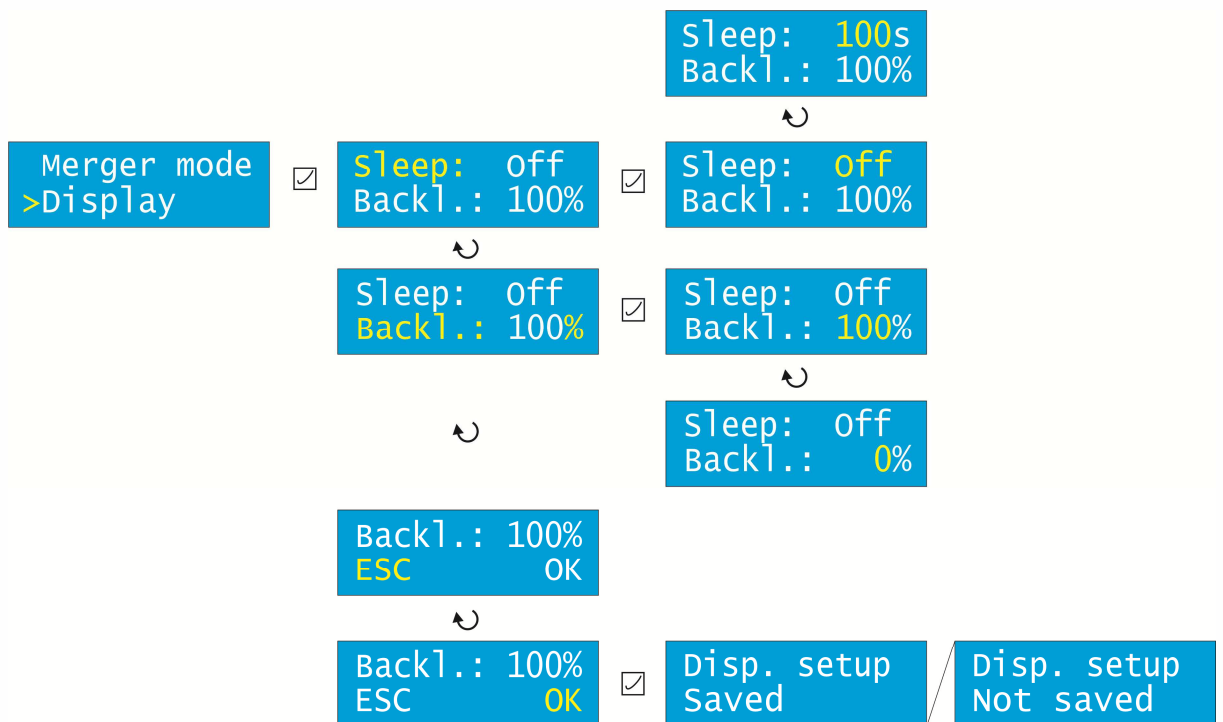
Off: Sleep mode disabled  
Adjustable range: 5s-100s  
 Press any key to wake up.

**Backlight:** Sets the intensity of display light.

Adjustable range: 0-100%

Scroll the Encoder to choose the desired value and confirm by "ENTER". Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.





### 3. DMX settings

This submenu allows you to set several values of the DMX.

Display  
>DMX sett.

Press "ENTER" to enter the *DMX sett.*

In this submenu, there are several options to choose from:

- a. **Loss of DMX**
- b. **Manual call**
- c. **SFX setup**
- d. **PRS Lock**
- e. **Start address**
- f. **Scene 1**
- g. **Scene 2**
- ...
- h. **Scene 8**

Use the Encoder to navigate in the submenu. Press "ENTER" to enter the submenu.

### a. Loss of DMX

This submenu allows you to set an action that is executed in case the DMX signal is lost. There are several options to choose from:

- **STOP** There is no DMX transmission on the output.
- **HOLD** Transmits last DMX data.
- **to 0%** Transmits DMX with values 0.
- **to 100%** Transmits DMX with values 255.
- **SCENE 1-8** Calls the preset scene that is being transmitted.

Press "ENTER" to enter the *Loss of DMX* submenu. Press "ENTER" again to adjust the option. Scroll the Encoder to reach the desired option and confirm by "ENTER". Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.

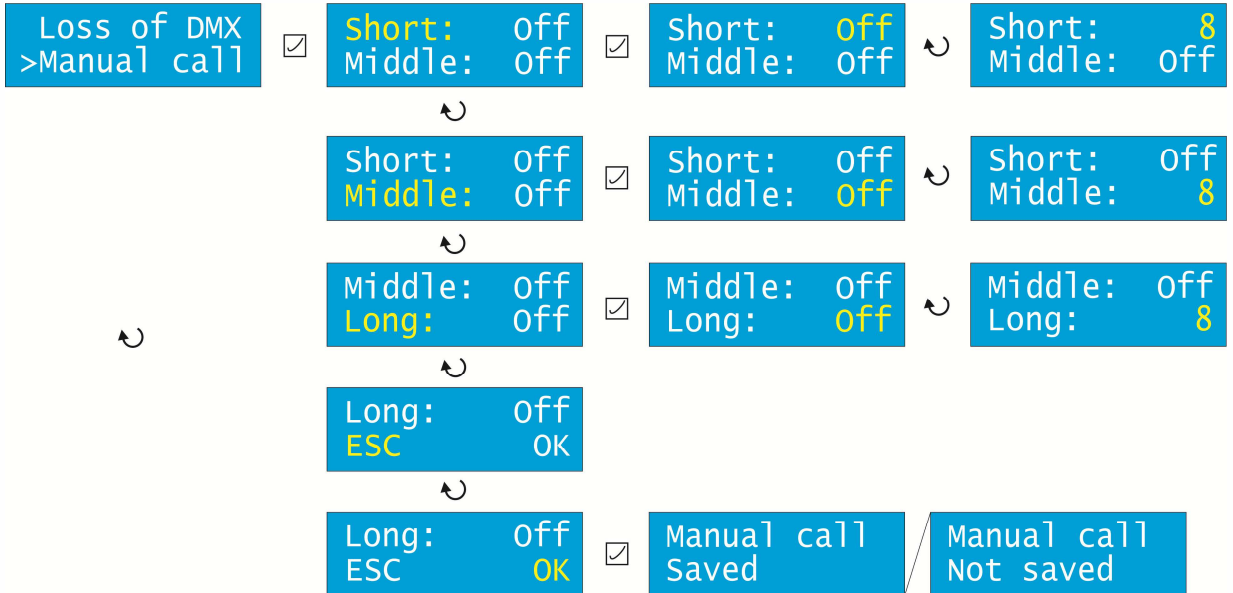


### b. Manual call

This submenu allows you to set a scene that is executed when a button is pressed. If there is NO DATA on both DMX lines, up to 3 scenes can be called using a manual switch connected to either DMX input depending on the time of the button being pressed:

- Short press:** Simply press the button in time less than 0.3s
- Middle press:** Press and hold the button for more than 0.3s, but less than 0.7s
- Long press:** Hold button for more than 0.7s

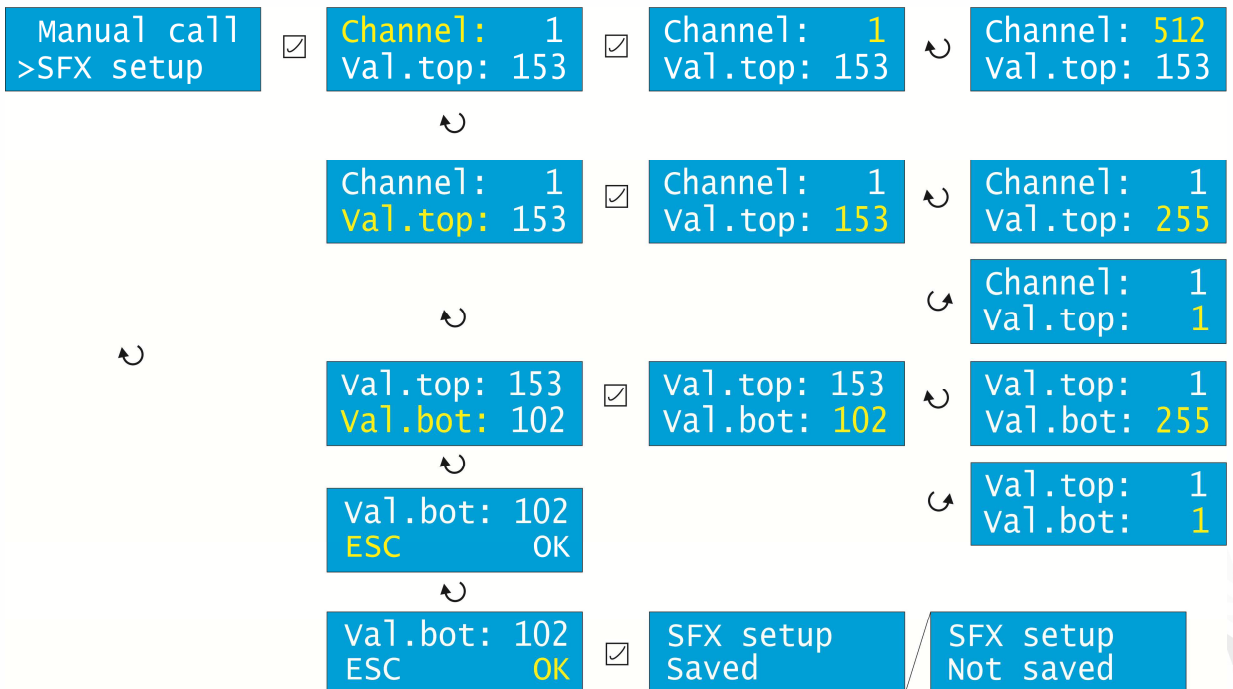
In the *Manual call* submenu, rotate the Encoder to select the desired length of a press and confirm by "ENTER." Rotate the Encoder to select the desired scene value (or OFF to disable this function) and confirm by "ENTER." Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.



### c. SFX setup

This submenu allows you to set safety limits to the desired channel. For one channel (1-512), you can set the top and bottom values (range 1-255).

In the *SFX setup* submenu, rotate the Encoder to navigate between the *Channel*, *top* and *bottom value* and confirm by "ENTER." Rotate the Encoder to select the desired value and confirm by "ENTER." Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.

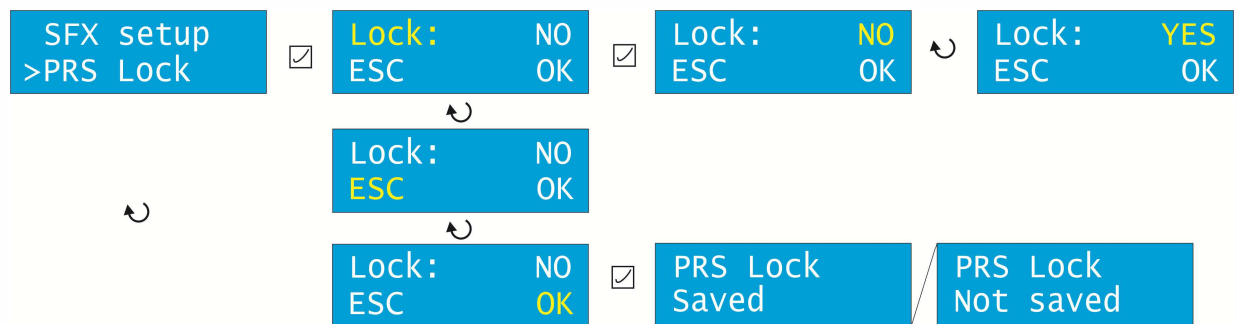


If the merger falls into tolerable range, the home screen shows: A:NC B:NC  
Out:DATA. If it is outside of the range, the home screen shows: A:NC B:NC  
Out:to 0. If both channels are functioning, there is a signal on both of them and the precedence is according to the HTP: A:NC B:NC  
Out: A HTP B.

#### d. **PRS Lock**

This submenu allows you to enable or disable the *Preset Lock*. The Preset Lock serves as a safety feature preventing from undesired button press on the preset equipment. When active, the SAVE function of the preset is disabled.

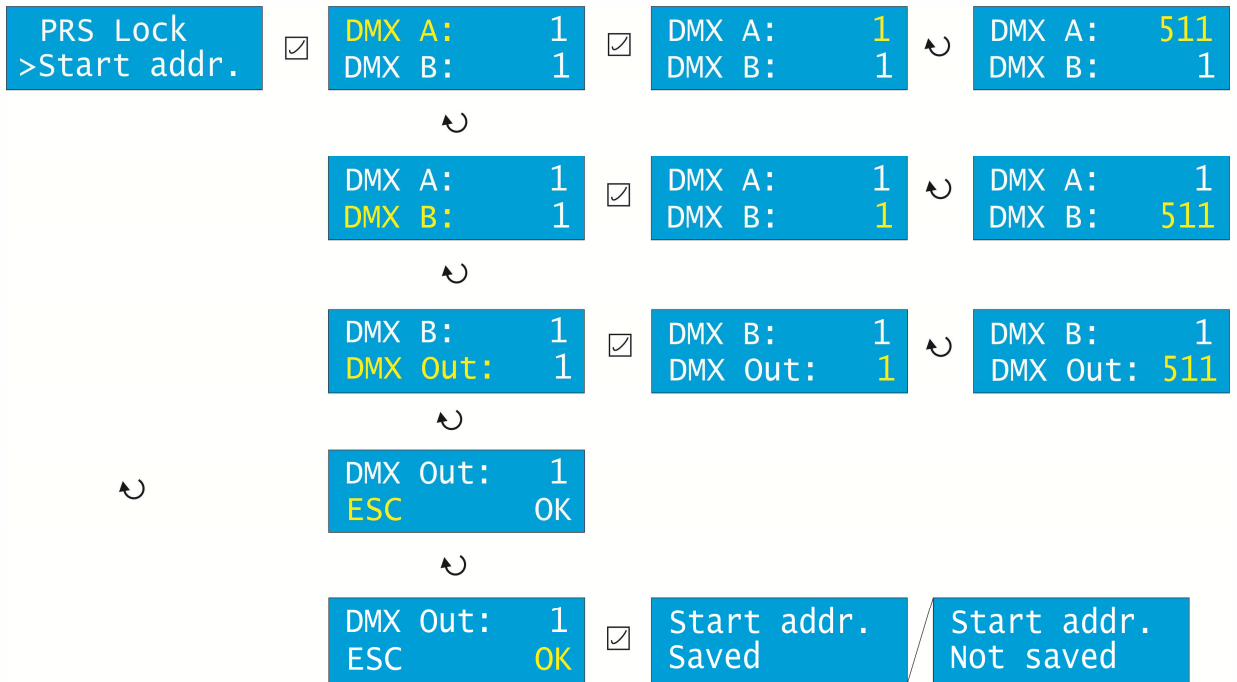
In the *PRS Lock* submenu, press "ENTER" to enter into the options. Rotate the Encoder to alter between YES and NO and confirm by "ENTER." Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.



#### e. **Start address**

This submenu allows you to set the *Start address* of the DMX A and B Inputs and the Output. The address can be set in a range of 1 - 511.

In the *Start addr.* submenu, rotate the Encoder to select the desired input or output and press "ENTER" to confirm. Rotate the Encoder to choose the desired value and confirm by "ENTER." Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.



#### f. Scene #

The last options of the *DMX settings* submenu are the settings of scenes 1-8. Scroll the Encoder to select the desired scene number to be adjusted and confirm by "ENTER."

Start addr.  
>Scene 1



Scene 7  
>Scene 8

The *Scene* submenu allows you to set up each scene and to load them into the DMX A & B inputs, respectively. There are the following options to choose from:

- **Setup**
- **Load DMXA**
- **Load DMXB**

### **In Setup submenu:**

- every scene can be assigned one channel that loads it /scene is loaded proportionally/
- if more scenes are active, HTP and HTP DMX-A are made of them
- there is 1024 reserved bits for scene setting to the EEPROM
- memory is managed dynamically

Press "ENTER" to set up the scene. Scroll down to select one of the following options:

- **Mode**
- **Control channel**
- **Control button**
- **Start channel**
- **Size**

### **Mode**

This option selects the mode of the scene. It can be OFF, ON, or ALWAYS ON.

**OFF:** Scene is turned off

**ON:** Scene is turned on

**ALWAYS ON:** Scene is always on and preheat is performed as follows:

Loaded value is a minimum value on the output and the rest (remaining to 255) is linearly divided. Range of DMX values is 0-255. Therefore, the highest load value is 255. This yields to a simple formula:

$$\mathbf{255 - channel\ load\ value = value\ of\ the\ preheat}$$

Example: The channel load value is 100.  $255 - 100 = \mathbf{155}$ .  
**155 is the value of the preheat.**

Scroll the Encoder to the desired option and confirm by "ENTER."

### **Control channel**

This option allows you to select the control channel that calls the scene in a range of 1-512. Scroll the Encoder to the desired option and confirm by "ENTER."

### **Control button**

This option allows you to select the control button that calls the scene in a range of 1-15. Scroll the Encoder to the desired option and confirm by "ENTER."

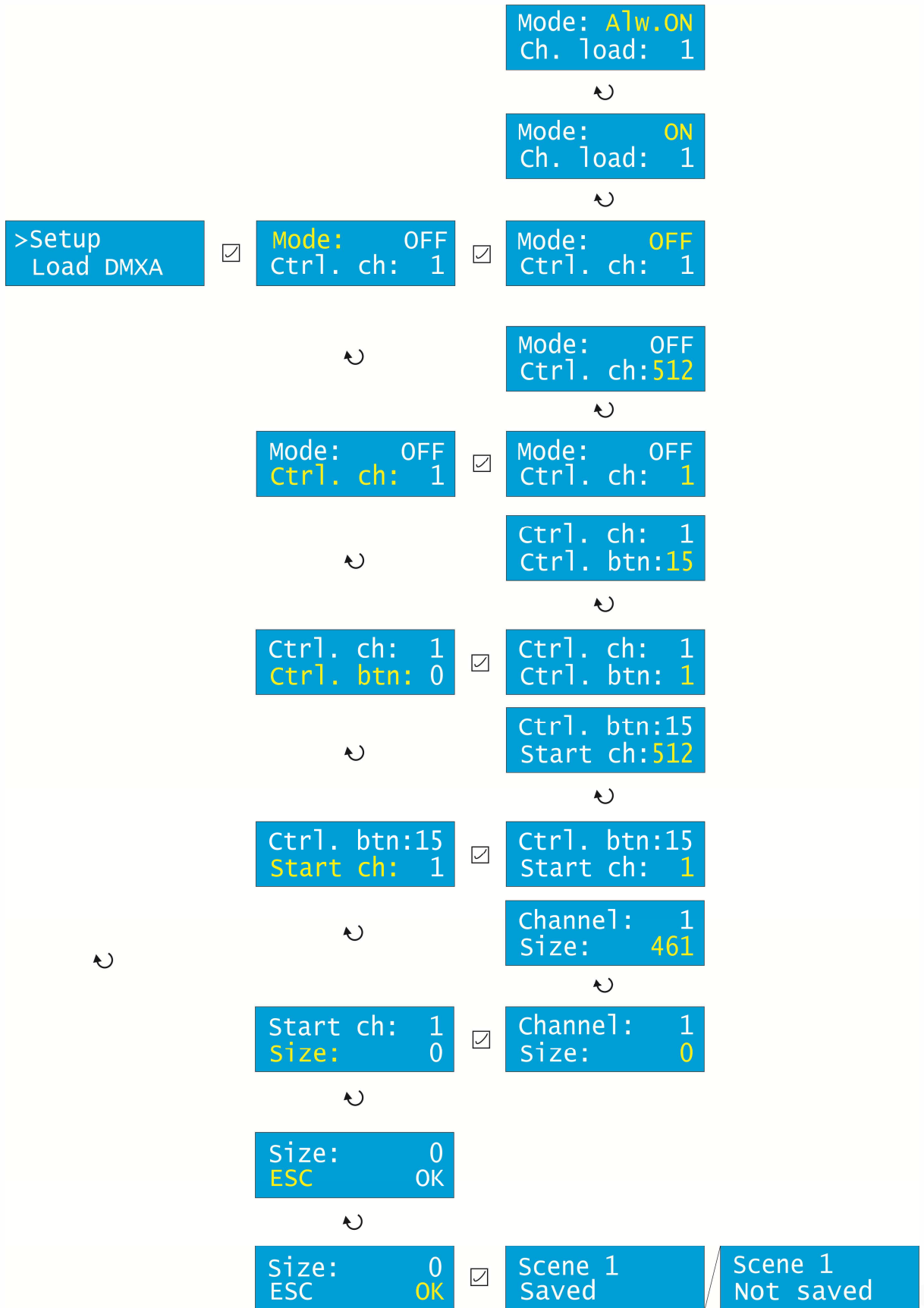
*Due to the capability of the hardware, only buttons in a range of 1-7 can be used with this feature.*

### **Start channel**

This option allows you to select the start channel where the scene begins in a range of 1-512. Scroll the Encoder to the desired option and confirm by "ENTER."

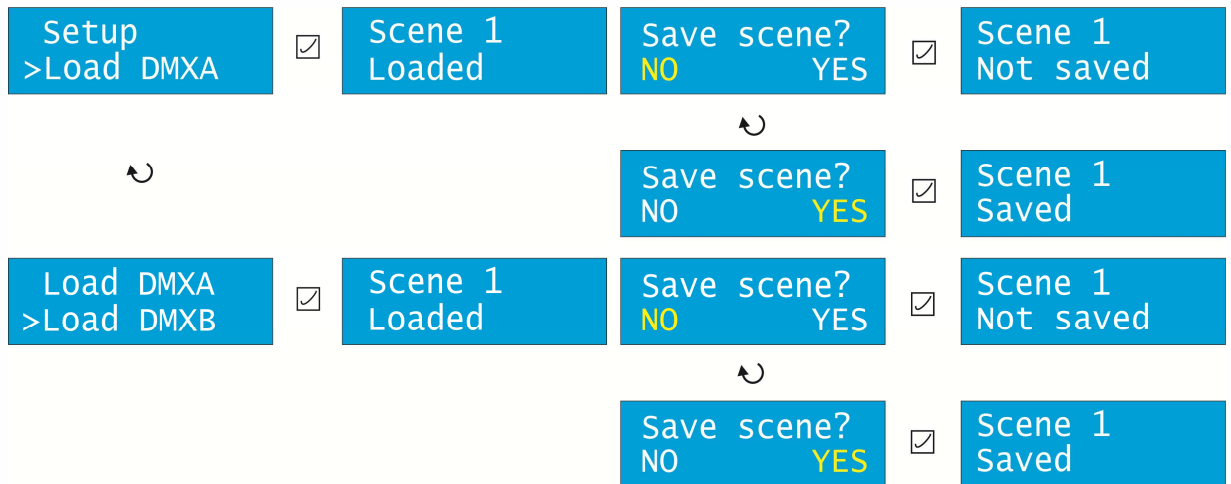
### **Size (in B):**

This option allows you to set the number of channels that are assigned for a scene. **Maximum memory is 1024B for all scenes in total.** Use it wisely. Scene is saved to EEPROM. Scroll the Encoder to the desired option and confirm by "ENTER."



Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.  
 Each scene can be saved by a long press of a button (for more than 10 seconds.)  
**Load DMXA/DMXB submenu** is used to decide whether to load the scene from the DMX-A or the DMX-B to the memory. The scene is loaded right after the entry to this submenu. According to the chosen *Merger mode*, the resulting output value is generated and used for scene calculation on the output.

Scroll down to *Load DMXA* or *DMXB* respectively and press "ENTER" to load the corresponding scene from the DMX A or B input. Scroll the Encoder to accept [YES] or deny [NO] the setting and confirm by "ENTER."

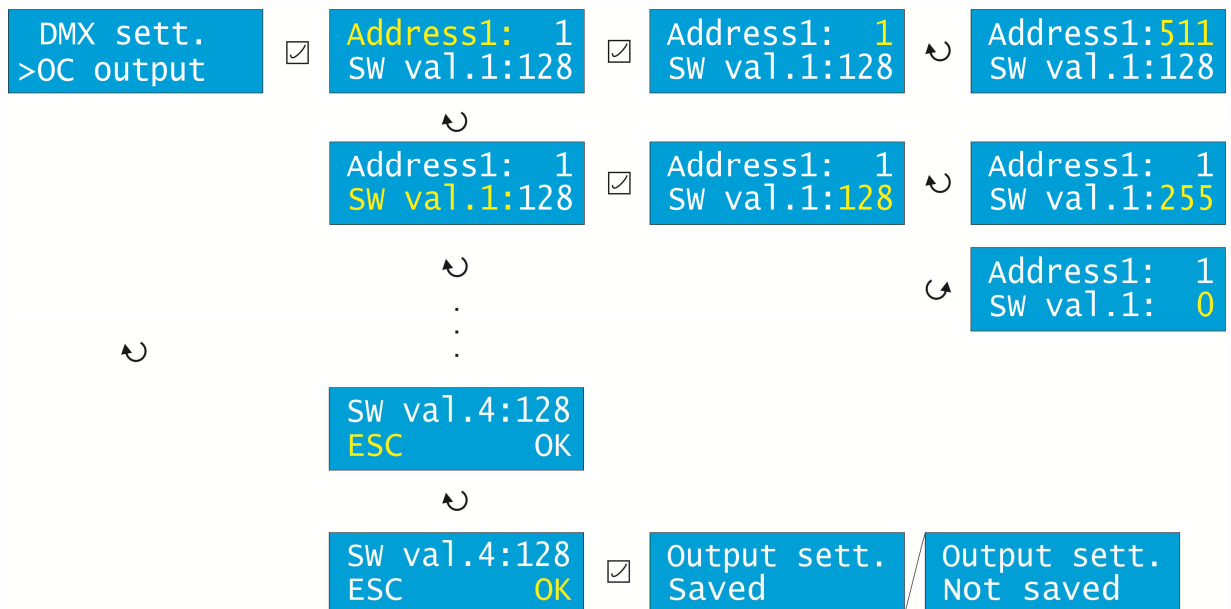


Press "ESC" to return to the main menu.

#### **4. OC /Open Collector/ output /useful only in DXD-8NI version/**

The DXD unit features 4 open collectors that serve as an additional switching equipment. For each of them, the DMX output address and the switch value can be selected.

Press "ENTER" to enter the *OC output* submenu. Scroll the Encoder to select one of Address and switching value. The number behind represents the corresponding open collector (1-4). Press "ENTER" to confirm and scroll the Encoder to select the desired value and confirm by "ENTER." Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.





## 5. Buttons

DXD-8NI device features the network interface that serves as a platform for additional buttons. BT on the NI.

This submenu allows you to set the buttons.

Press "ENTER" to enter the *Logic*. Scroll the Encoder to choose between *NO* (Normally Open) and *NC* (Normally Closed) and confirm by "ENTER".

Scroll down to *Function* to choose between *FLASH* and *LATCH*.

**FLASH** allows you to activate one button at a time. By activating another button, the previous button is deactivated. To deactivate all buttons, activate the *Transparent scene* button.

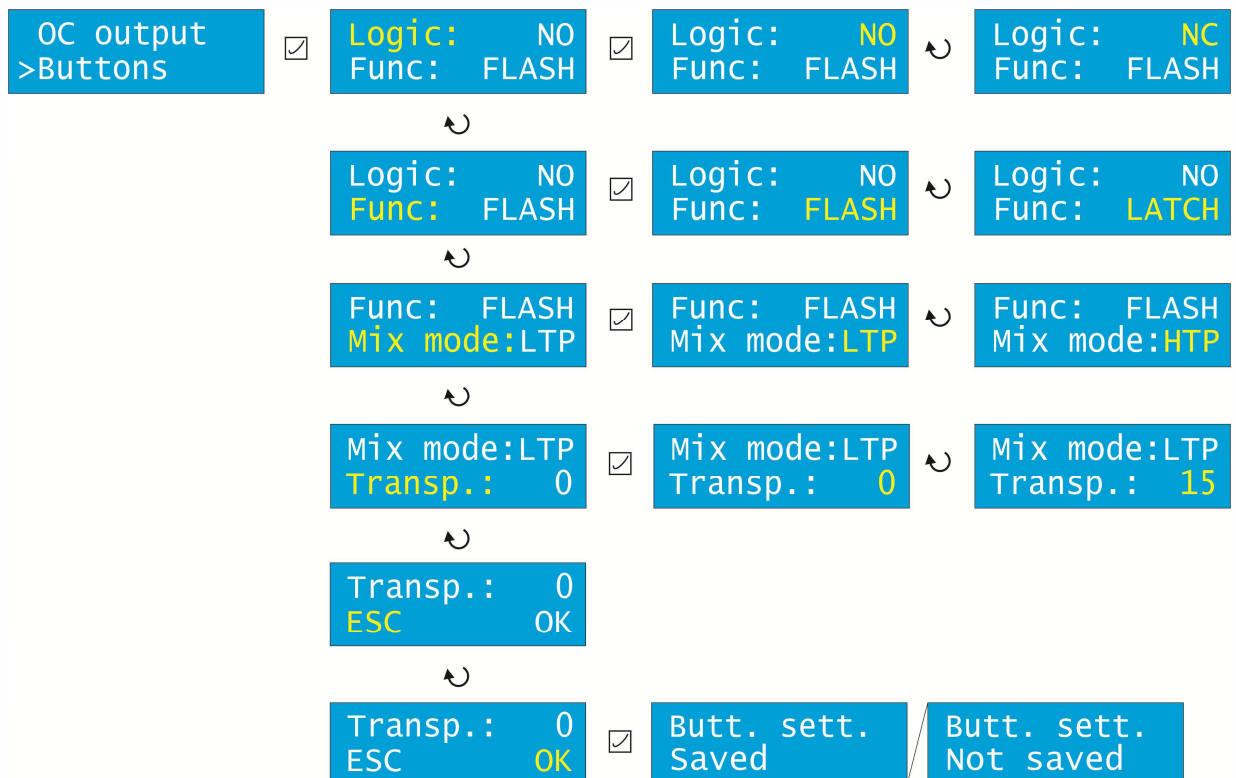
**LATCH** allows you to activate as many buttons as you wish by pressing them. Press each button again to deactivate it and so on.

Confirm by "ENTER".

Scroll down to the *Mix mode* to choose between *LTP* and *HTP* mode in case both button and fader are active. Confirm by "ENTER".

Scroll down to the *Transparent scene* to choose value between *0* and *15*. This is the button number that is used to deactivate all scenes. Confirm by "ENTER".

Scroll down to "OK" and press "ENTER" to save the settings.

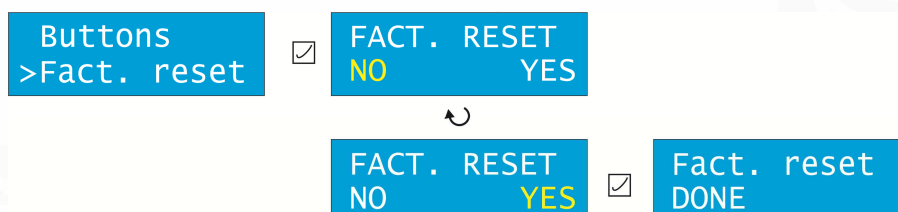


## 6. Factory reset

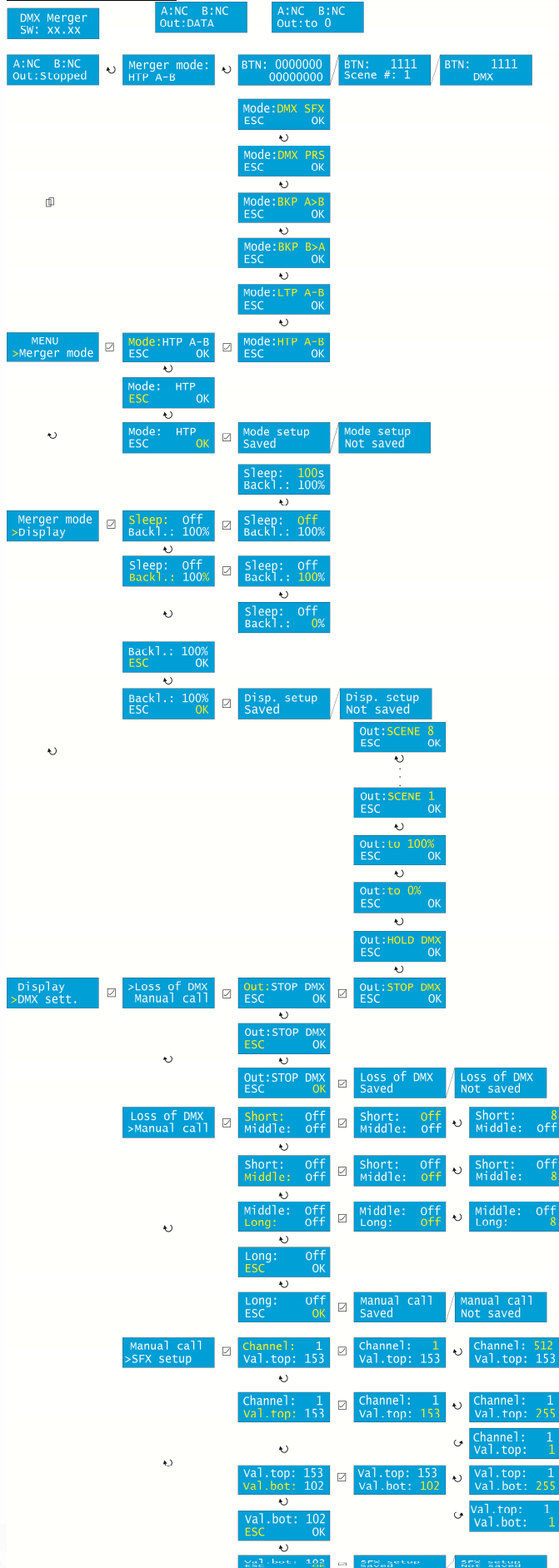
This submenu allows you to reset the unit to the factory defaults.

THIS OPTION WILL DELETE ALL YOUR SETTINGS AND SAVED SCENES!!!

Scroll the Encoder to *YES* and confirm by "ENTER".



## MENU structure:



SFX setup	Lock: NO ESC OK	Lock: NO ESC OK	Lock: YES ESC OK
>PRS Lock	Lock: NO ESC OK	PRS Lock saved	PRS Lock Not saved
PRS Lock	DMX A: 1 DMX B: 1	DMX A: 1 DMX B: 1	DMX A: 511 DMX B: 1
>Start addr.	DMX A: 1 DMX B: 1	DMX A: 1 DMX B: 1	DMX A: 1 DMX B: 511
	DMX B: 1 DMX Out: 1	DMX B: 1 DMX Out: 1	DMX B: 1 DMX Out: 511
	DMX Out: 1 ESC OK		
	DMX Out: 1 ESC OK	Start addr. Saved	Start addr. Not saved
		Mode: Atw.ON Ch. load: 1	
		Mode: ON ch. load: 1	
Start addr.	>Setup Load DMXA	Mode: OFF Ctrl. ch: 1	Mode: OFF Ctrl. ch: 1
>Scene 1		Mode: OFF Ctrl. ch: 12	
		Mode: OFF Ctrl. ch: 1	
		Ctrl. ch: 1 Ctrl. btn: 15	
Scene 7		Ctrl. ch: 1 Ctrl. btn: 0	Ctrl. ch: 1 Ctrl. btn: 1
>Scene 8		Ctrl. btn: 15 Start ch: 1	Ctrl. btn: 15 Start ch: 12
		Ctrl. btn: 15 Start ch: 1	
		Channel: 1 Size: 401	
		Start ch: 1 Size: 0	Channel: 1 Size: 0
		Size: 0 ESC OK	
		Size: 0 ESC OK	Scene 1 Saved Scene 1 Not saved
	Setup >Load DMXA	Scene 1 Loaded	Save scene? NO YES Scene 1 Not saved
			Save scene? NO YES Scene 1 Saved
	Load DMXA >Load DMXB	Scene 1 Loaded	Save scene? NO YES Scene 1 Not saved
			Save scene? NO YES Scene 1 Saved
DMX sett.	Address1: 1 SW val.1:128	Address1: 1 SW val.1:128	Address1: 511 SW val.1:128
>OC output	Address1: 1 SW val.1:128	Address1: 1 SW val.1:128	Address1: 1 SW val.1:255
	...		Address1: 1 SW val.1: 0
	SW val.4:128 ESC OK		
	SW val.4:128 ESC OK	Output sett. Saved	Output sett. Not saved
OC output	Logic: NO Func: FLASH	Logic: NO Func: FLASH	Logic: NO Func: FLASH
>Buttons	Logic: NO Func: FLASH	Logic: NO Func: FLASH	Logic: NO Func: LATCh
	Func: FLASH Mix mode:LTP	Func: FLASH Mix mode:LTP	Func: FLASH Mix mode:HTP
	Mix mode:LTP Transp.: 0	Mix mode:LTP Transp.: 0	Mix mode:LTP Transp.: 15
	Transp.: 0 ESC OK		
	Transp.: 0 ESC OK	Butt. sett. Saved	Butt. sett. Not saved
Buttons	FACT. RESET NO YES		
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### **USB SW update:**

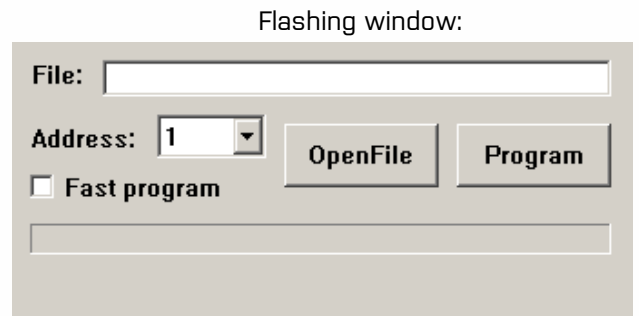
For Windows XP/7/8, the following drivers from FTDI are required:

<http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/D2XX.htm>

Installation manual can be found here:

<http://www.ftdichip.com/Support/Documents/InstallGuides.htm>

1. Connect the SW-UPG-x USB to RS485 cable to the computer and the DMX-A port of DXD-8NI.
2. Run the boot loader.
3. Click on the Open file button and select the file with firmware you wish to flash.
4. Select Address to 1 and tick Fast Program.
5. Click Program and you will see the progress of flashing.
6. After the flash, one of two messages appears on the display of DXD-8NI:
  - a. BOOTLOADER DONE – flashing went correctly
  - b. BOOTLOADER ERROR – wrong firmware: press ESC and SET at the same time and try again.



For help, check firmware or contact manufacturer at [sales@srs-group.com](mailto:sales@srs-group.com).

## DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

According to guidelines 89/336 EEC and 92/31 EEC:

**Name of producer:** SRS Group s.r.o.

**Address of producer:** Rybnicna 38/B, SK- 83106 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

*Declares that the product*

**Name of product:** DMX Merger

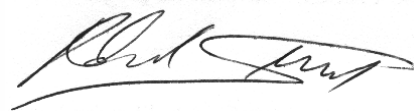
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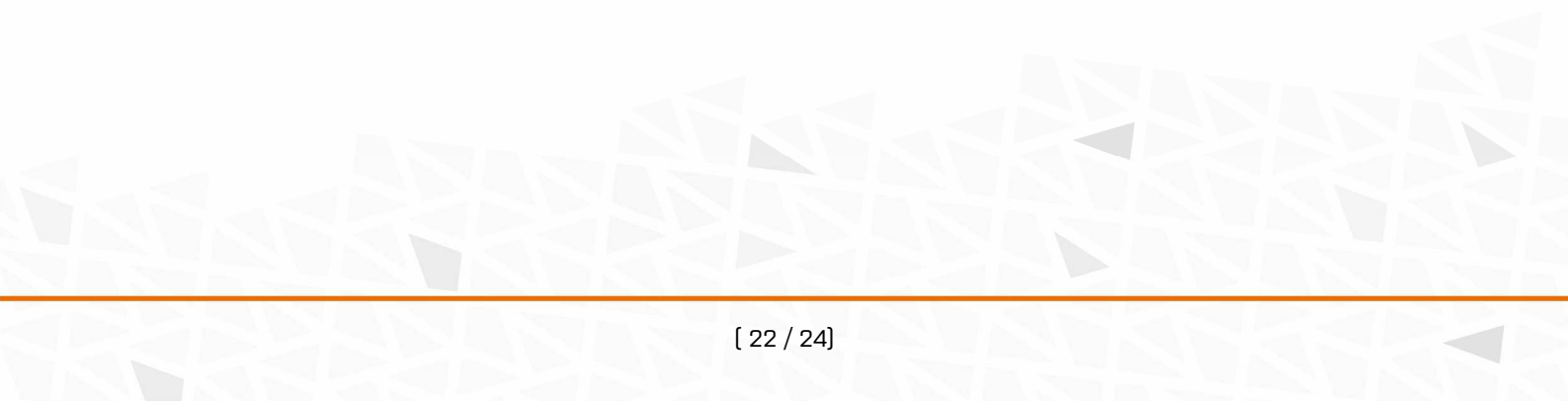
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**EMC:** EN55103-1, EN55103-2, EN50082-1, EN50081-1

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