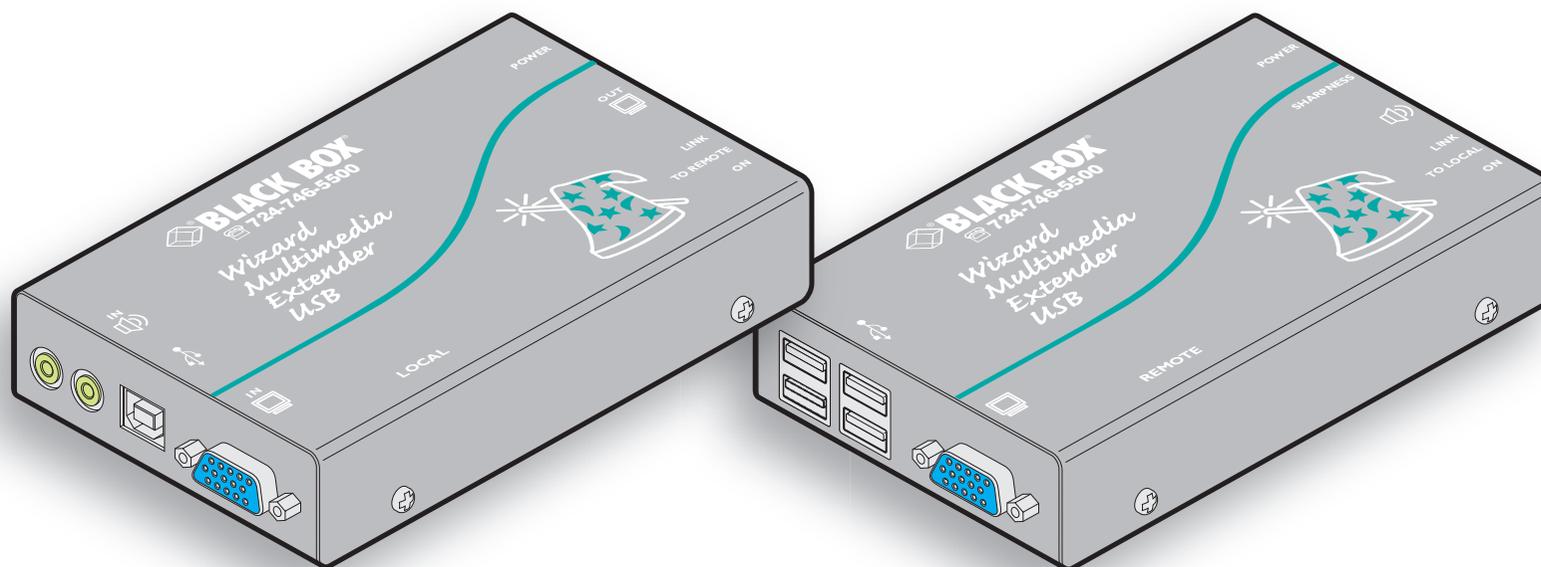




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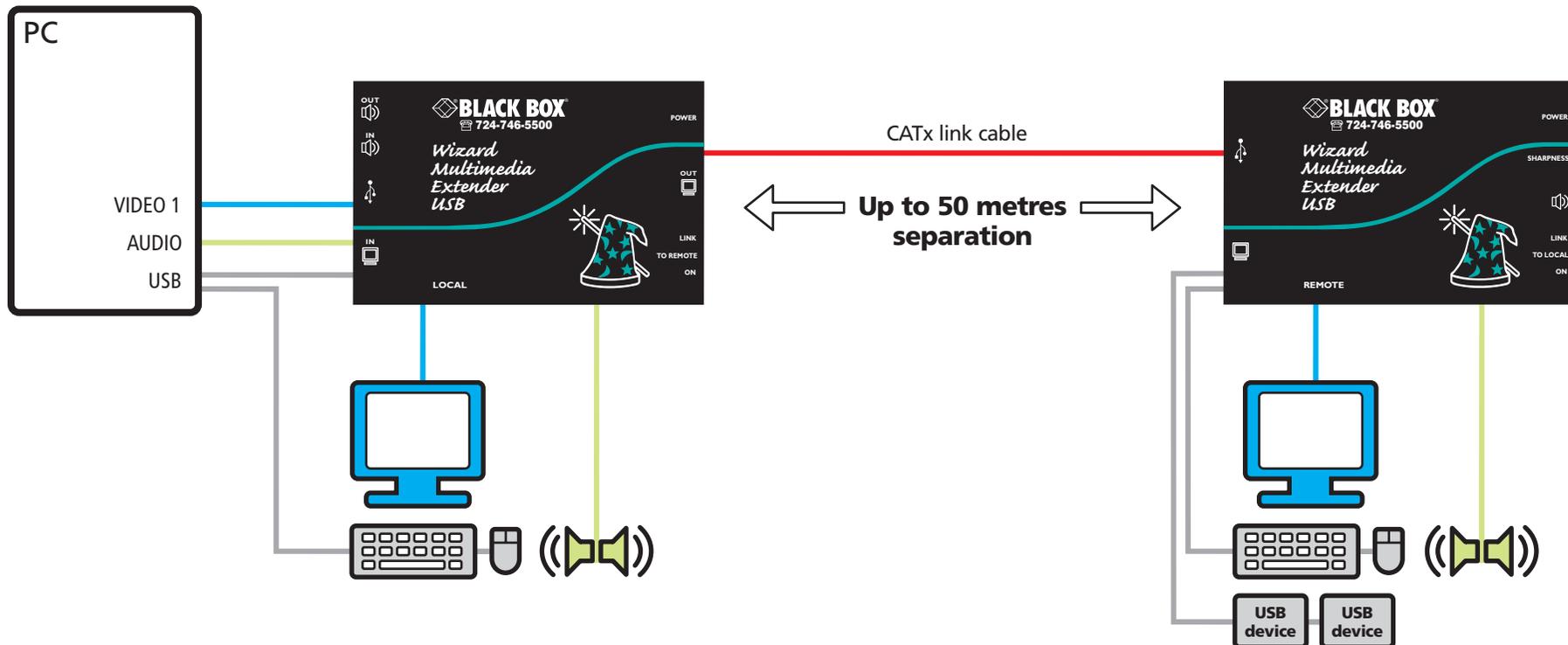
Thank you for choosing the Wizard Multimedia Extender USB units which provide a very effective way to put distance between your computer and its peripherals.

The compact casings and ease of use of the Wizard Multimedia Extender USB modules belie the ingenuity of their operation. Using our proprietary transmission techniques we are able to reliably transfer more signals than ever before along a single length of Category 5, 5e or 6 twisted pair cabling. What this means for you is that your video, audio, USB keyboard, USB mouse and two other USB channels are all readily and reliably available at up to 50 metres away.

Using the Wizard Multimedia Extender USB units does not mean that you need to compromise on functionality in any way. Our highly efficient transmission methods mean that high video resolutions of up to 1920 x 1440 are supported together with CD quality digital sound that produces no crackles - even in the quietest interludes. The USB connections are seamless and thanks to our unique 'Bi-tripos' circuitry, four full speed USB 2.0 devices can be used simultaneously with full support for disconnect/re-connect at any time without causing errors.

The Wizard Multimedia Extender USB units have been designed to be quick to install and totally transparent in operation. All connectors are industry standard and the video sharpness adjustments are made using a simple rotary dial.

Whether you are extending your workplace or creating a cost-effective distributed audio visual system, the Wizard Multimedia Extender USB units provide the power and flexibility to create the right solution.



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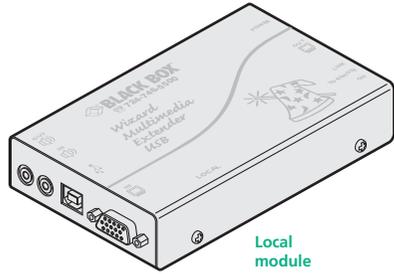
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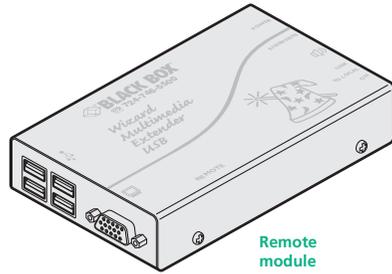
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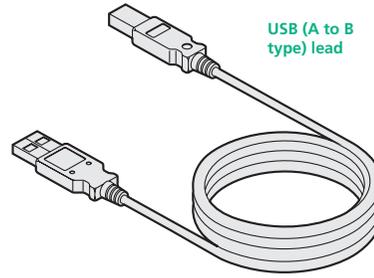
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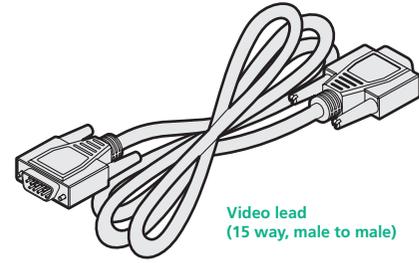
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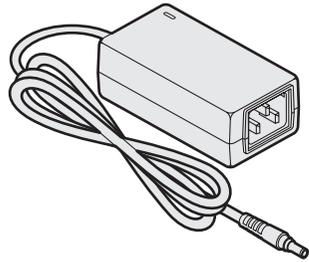
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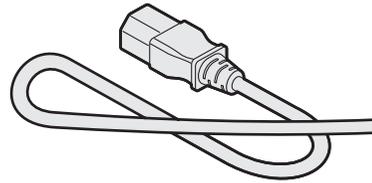
USB (A to B type) lead



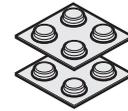
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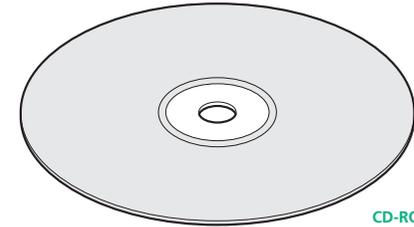
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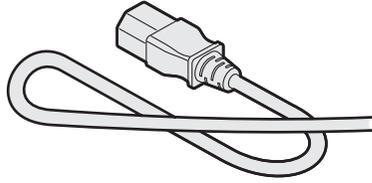
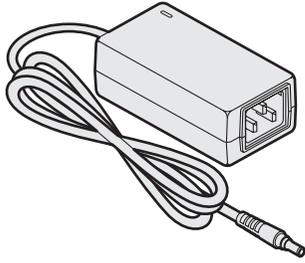
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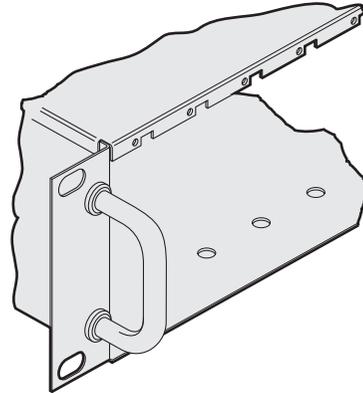
# Optional items



Power adapter and country-specific power lead for local module (if USB powering not possible)



Rack mount plate (useable for the local or remote modules)



Rack mount chassis

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# Installation



## Connections

Installation of the Wizard Multimedia Extender USB units is straightforward with minimal configuration requirements in most cases.

- [Connections at the local module](#)
- [Connections at the remote module](#)

### Important

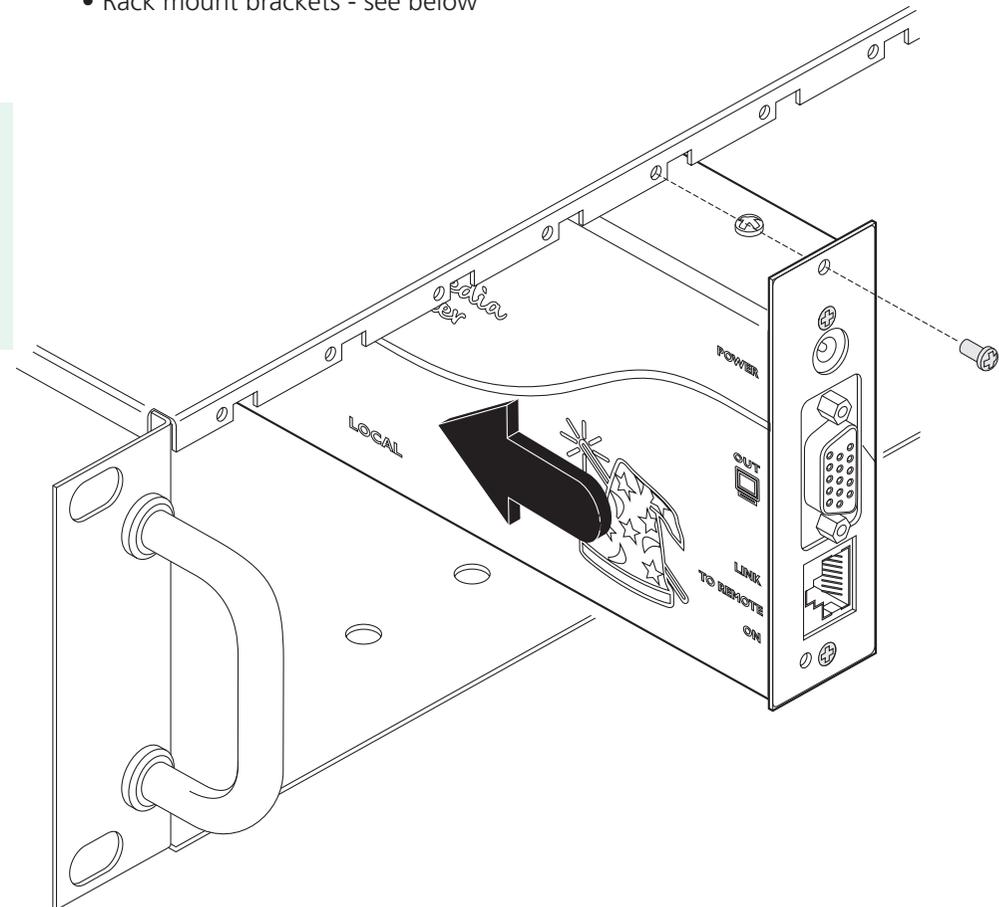
*Do not attach a USB hub to the remote module, nor plug the local module into another USB hub. To do so will reduce the maximum cable length over which the system will extend USB; also, some USB hubs may not provide enough power to operate the local unit.*

*Do not use USB cables that are longer than 3 metres to connect the local module to the computer or to connect the remote module to the USB peripherals.*

## Mounting

The modules offer two main mounting methods:

- Supplied four self-adhesive rubber feet
- Rack mount brackets - see below



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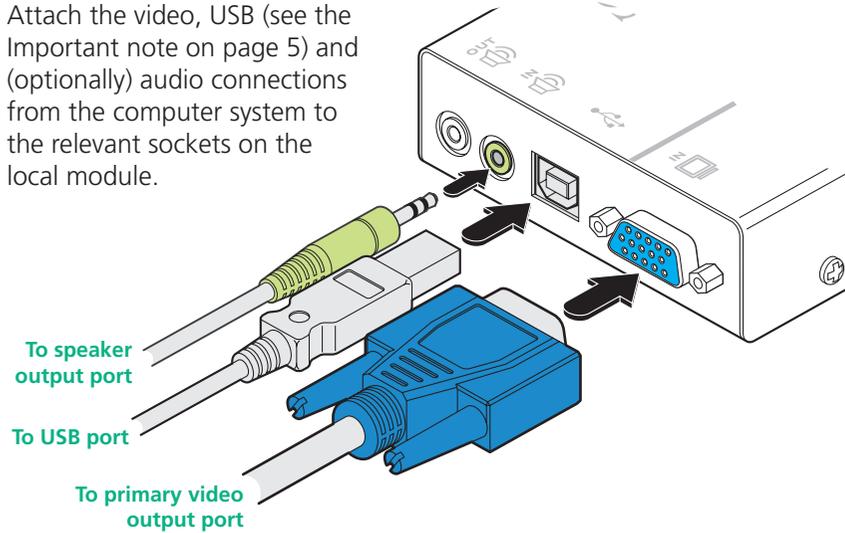
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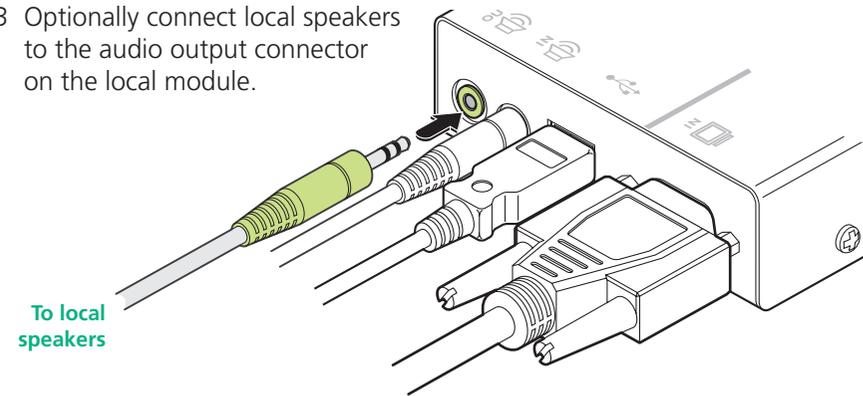
## Connections at the local module

- 1 Where possible ensure that power is disconnected from the computer system to be connected.
- 2 Attach the video, USB (see the Important note on page 5) and (optionally) audio connections from the computer system to the relevant sockets on the local module.

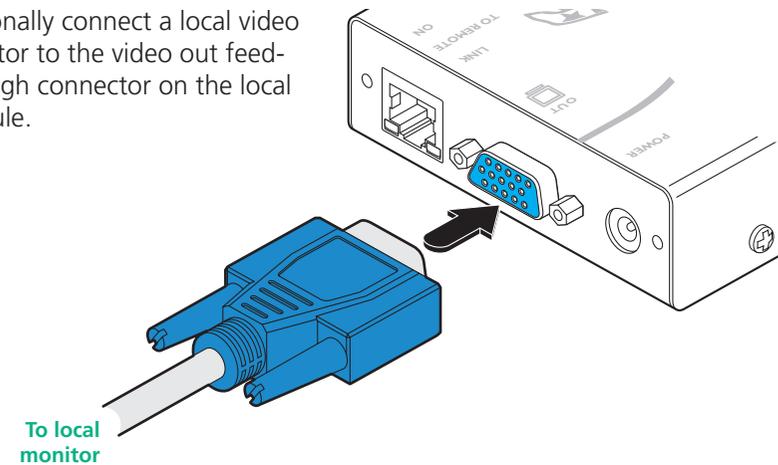


*Note: Do not use a USB cable that is longer than 3 metres to connect the local module to the computer system.*

- 3 Optionally connect local speakers to the audio output connector on the local module.



- 4 Optionally connect a local video monitor to the video out feed-through connector on the local module.



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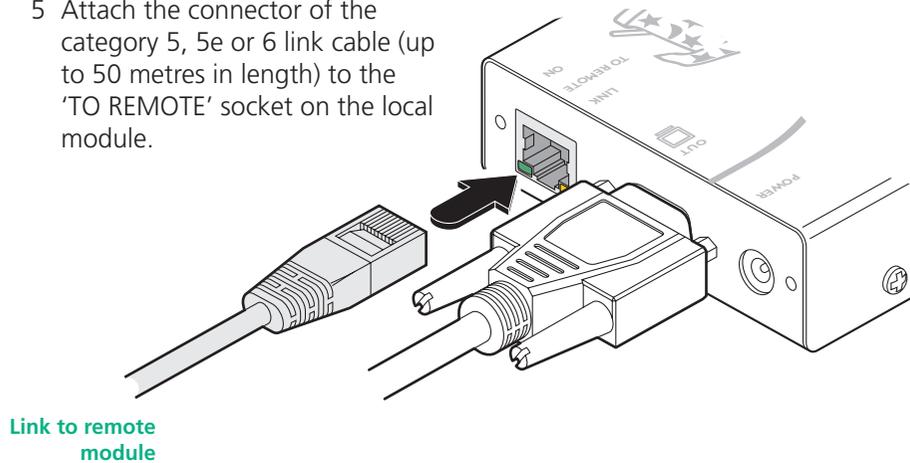
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- 5 Attach the connector of the category 5, 5e or 6 link cable (up to 50 metres in length) to the 'TO REMOTE' socket on the local module.

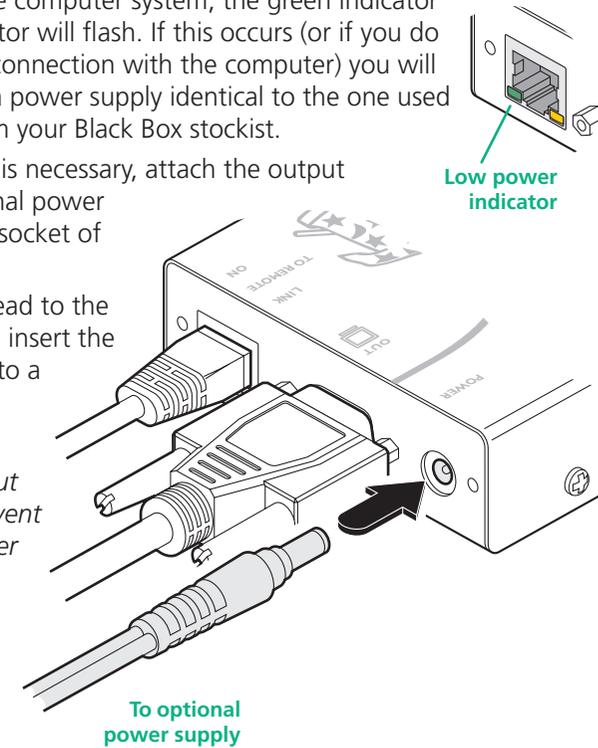


## Local module power

In the majority of installations, the local module will derive all of its power successfully from the USB link with the computer system. However, if insufficient voltage is available from the computer system, the green indicator adjacent to the link connector will flash. If this occurs (or if you do not intend to use the USB connection with the computer) you will need to purchase and use a power supply identical to the one used for the remote module from your Black Box stockist.

- 1 If external power input is necessary, attach the output connector of the optional power supply to the 'POWER' socket of the local module.
- 2 Attach the IEC power lead to the power supply body and insert the mains plug of the lead to a nearby power outlet.

*Note: If a power adapter is plugged into the module but not switched on, it will prevent the unit from deriving power from the USB connection.*



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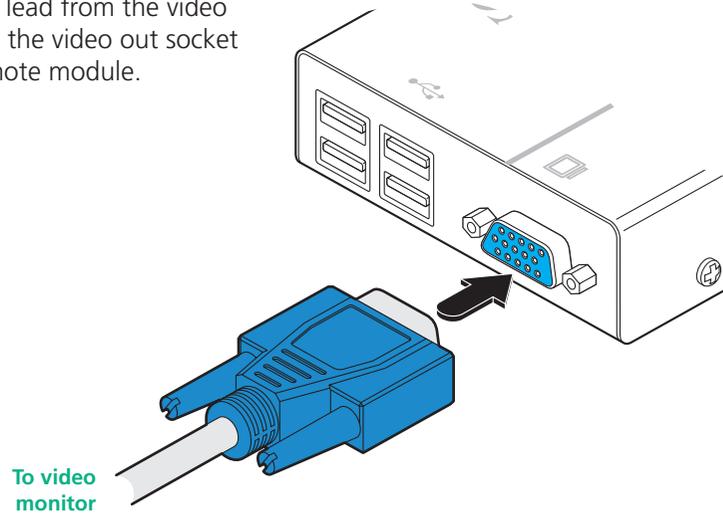
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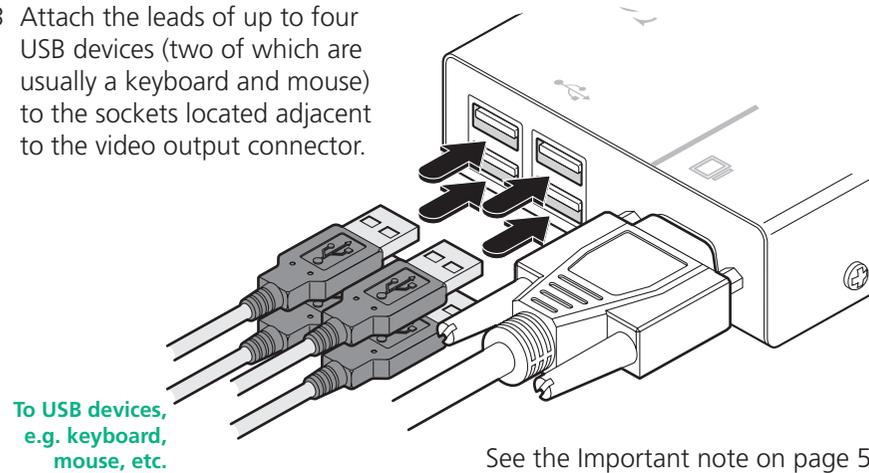
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## Connections at the remote module

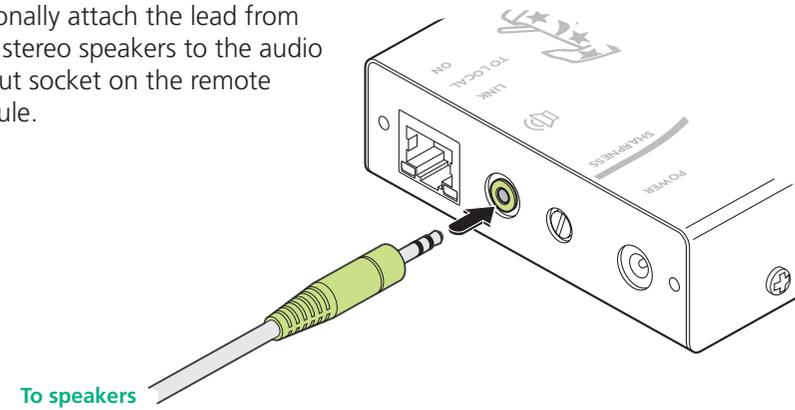
- 1 Place the remote module adjacent to the user location.
- 2 Attach the lead from the video monitor to the video out socket on the remote module.



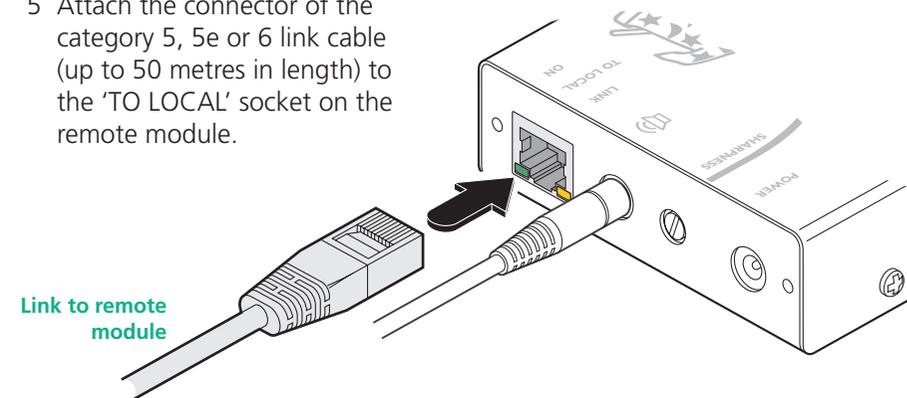
- 3 Attach the leads of up to four USB devices (two of which are usually a keyboard and mouse) to the sockets located adjacent to the video output connector.



- 4 Optionally attach the lead from your stereo speakers to the audio output socket on the remote module.



- 5 Attach the connector of the category 5, 5e or 6 link cable (up to 50 metres in length) to the 'TO LOCAL' socket on the remote module.



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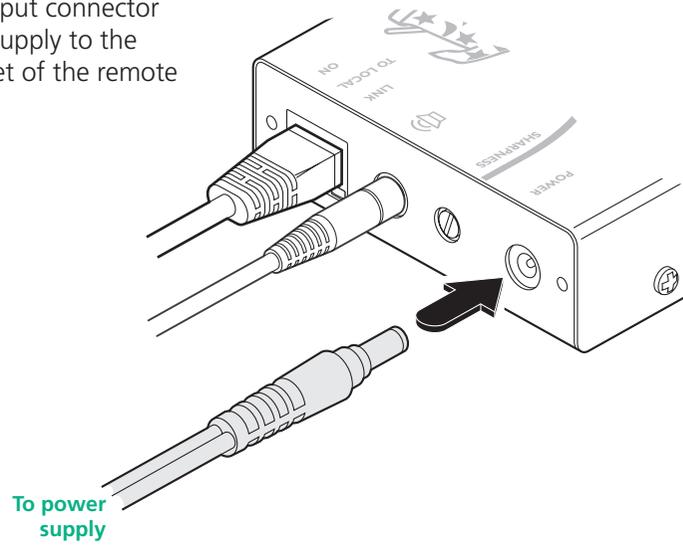
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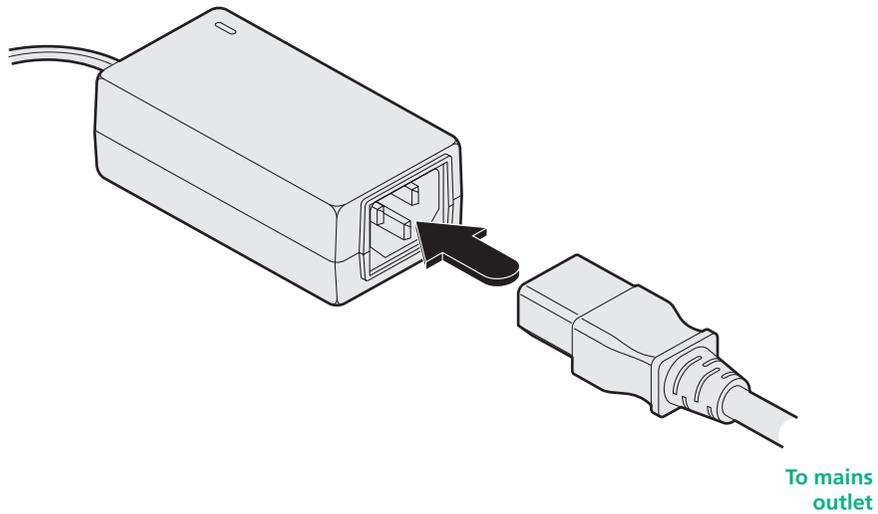
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- 6 Attach the output connector of the power supply to the 'POWER' socket of the remote module.



- 7 Attach the IEC power lead to the power supply body and insert the mains plug of the lead to a nearby power outlet.



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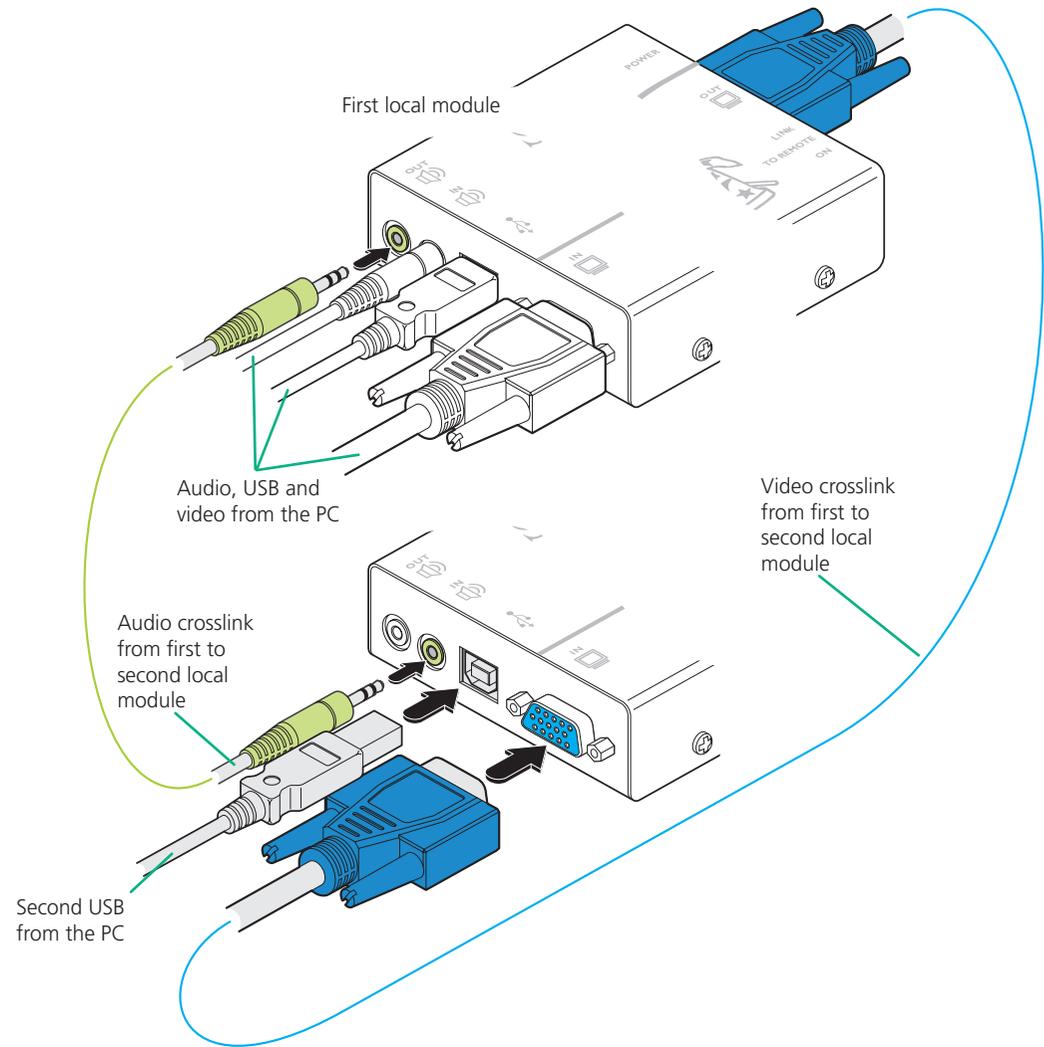
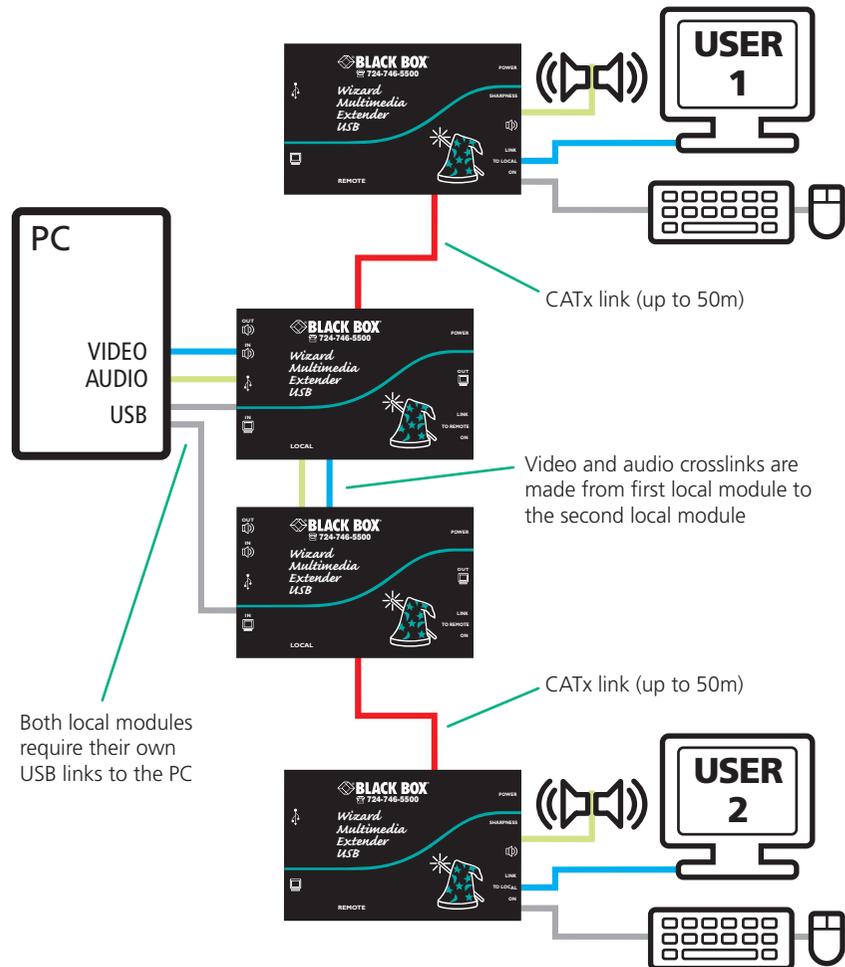
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## Dual user configuration

You can combine two Wizard Multimedia Extender USB sets to create a dual user configuration. Such an installation would allow a single computer to be controlled from two different positions, with each position receiving the same audio visual output and having equal and concurrent control over the computer. Arbitration between the two positions is handled by the computer's USB system and so this arrangement is better suited to situations where two users would not often require simultaneous access.



Most of the connections are similar to the standard configuration. The main difference is in the links to the second local module. Use an audio link lead to connect the audio out socket of the first local module to the audio in socket of the second. Similarly, use a video link lead to connect the video out and video in ports. The second local module then requires its own USB link directly to the computer. In all other respects follow the standard instructions to connect CATx links and all of the remote module connections.



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## Video display (DDC) information

The Display Data Channel (or DDC) is an industry standard scheme which allows video monitors to declare their capabilities to the computer's video adapter circuitry, allowing the latter to optimise their outputs accordingly. Since the widespread adoption of the scheme, video adapters have become increasingly dependent on receiving relevant DDC information during startup, before they will output anything more than a rudimentary video signal.

It is not possible to transmit DDC data back from the video monitor that is attached to the remote module to the computer's video adapter. Therefore, during startup of the local module, it will search for a video monitor connected to its local feed-through connector:

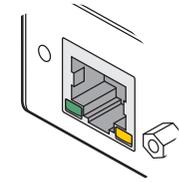
- If a local video monitor is found, its DDC information will be compared to the information already stored and, if different, will be copied, stored and presented to the video adapter upon request.
- If no local video monitor is found, the local module will make available its previously stored set of DDC parameters to the video adapter upon request; or, if none were stored, a default set.

In either case, the DDC information taken by the video adapter will be used to determine the video output that is sent via the modules to the remote monitor.

If you find that the default DDC information is not completely suitable for your remote monitor, try temporarily connecting your remote monitor to the video out port of the local module. When the local module is powered up, it will read and store the DDC information from your monitor. You can then return the monitor to its remote position and the new DDC information will be used at every power on.

## DDC indications

When power is first applied to the local module (either from the computer's USB port or an optional power adapter) it will search for valid DDC data on its video out connector. During this process, the yellow indicator (built into the link connector) will flash to indicate its progress:



- If no valid DDC information is located, the yellow indicator will give one very short flash, representing an attempt to read data. No changes will be made to the information already stored within the local module.
- If the DDC information is the same as that already stored, no change will be made and the yellow indicator will give one single flash as the information is checked and normal operation resumes.
- If different DDC information is located, the yellow indicator will flash rapidly for 2 to 3 seconds while the new information is stored. A single flash will then be given as the information is checked and normal operation resumes.

The local module's yellow indicator also provides fault indications to assist with troubleshooting:

- Two flashes - Checksum error prior to copying - no information will be programmed.
- Three flashes - Too much data to fit into the module - the module can hold a maximum of two pages of DDC information.
- Rapid flashing followed by four flashes - data was lost during copying - the default data was substituted. Repeat the power on process.
- Rapid flashing followed by five flashes - Checksum error during copying - the default data was substituted. Repeat the power on process.



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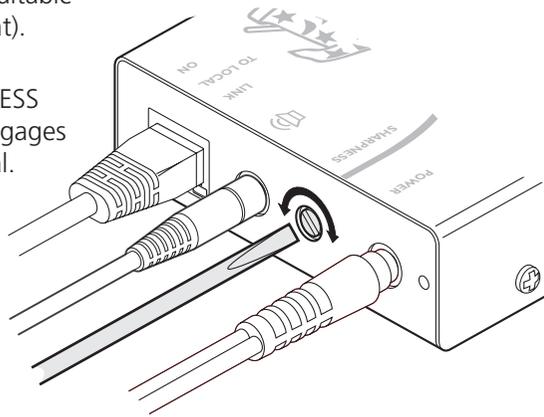
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## Video sharpness adjustment

The remote module includes a straightforward video adjustment to control picture sharpness on the remote monitor.

### To adjust video sharpness

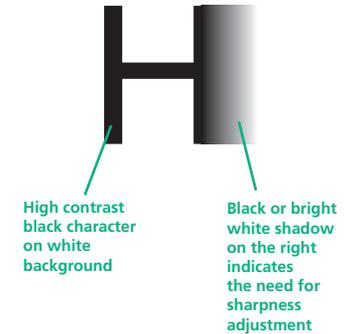
- 1 On the computer, display a suitable high contrast image (see right).
- 2 Insert a small flat-bladed screwdriver into the SHARPNESS adjustment hole so that it engages with the slot in the rotary dial.
- 3 Turn the rotary dial fully clockwise - you should see a bright white shadow to the right of your high contrast image:
- 4 Turn the rotary dial anti-clockwise until the white shadow disappears and the edges of your image become sharp.



### To display a suitable high contrast image

The best way to clearly view the effect of sharpness and brightness adjustments is to display a high contrast image, with vertical edges, on the screen.

- Open a word processor, type the capital letter 'H', or 'M' and increase the point size to 72 or higher. For best results, the background should be white and the character should be black.



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## General use

In use, the modules should be transparent - the system and its peripherals should operate exactly as normal, the only difference being that they are now up to 50 metres apart.

In some installations, you may see some 'shadows' to the right of high contrast screen characters. This can be caused by an incorrectly selected sharpness setting and it may be necessary to make adjustments to correct this. Please see [Video sharpness adjustment](#) in the 'Installation' section.

## Dual user arbitration

When using two sets of modules to allow two users to access a single computer, be aware that arbitration between the users is handled by the USB sub-system of the computer. Unlike with other Black Box products, this means that both users can control the computer at exactly the same time and the resulting keyboard and mouse influences will be an amalgam of the two inputs - i.e. a mouse move to the right by one user will cancel out a simultaneous left mouse move by the other. The same is also true when the local module has feed-through peripherals attached to it, adjacent to the computer.

For this reason, the dual user arrangement is better suited to situations where two users would not often require simultaneous access.

## Peripheral operation

### USB

Each remote module provides four USB outlets, each of which can support USB 2.0 peripherals at speeds up to 12Mbps. The Wizard Multimedia Extender USB unit appears to the computer as a four-port USB hub.

If the link between the modules is interrupted, any connected USB peripherals will be automatically disabled and re-enabled once the connection is restored.



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## Getting assistance

If you are still experiencing problems after checking the list of solutions in the Troubleshooting section then we provide a number of other solutions:

- **Email** in the US: **techsupport@blackbox.com**  
in the UK: **techhelp@blackbox.co.uk**
- **Phone** in the US: **724-746-5500**  
in the UK: **+44 (0)118 965 6000**

## Troubleshooting

### Status indicators

The green and yellow indicators built into the link connectors on each module provide useful feedback regarding the connection and power status:

#### *During startup (of the local module)*

- One very short yellow flash: no valid DDC information available from a locally connected video monitor, no changes made to stored DDC information.
- Single yellow flash: DDC information being read from a locally connected video monitor, but no changes made to stored DDC information.
- Rapid yellow flash for 2 to 3 seconds, followed by single flash: New DDC information being read and stored from a locally connected video monitor.
- Two yellow flashes - Checksum error prior to copying - no information will be programmed.
- Three yellow flashes - Too much data to fit into the module - the module can hold a maximum of two pages of DDC information.
- Rapid yellow flashing followed by four flashes - data was lost during copying - the default data was substituted. Repeat the power on process.
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#### *During operation (either module)*

- Continual yellow: Valid CATx link to other module sensed.
- Continual green: Correct power input sensed.
- Green flashes: Power input too low for normal operation. In the case of the local module, this may be because the USB connection is unable to provide sufficient power. In these cases, an external power supply should be used with the local module.

### Important

*Do not attach a USB hub to the remote module, nor plug the local module into another USB hub. To do so will reduce the maximum cable length over which the system will extend USB; also, some USB hubs may not provide enough power to operate the local unit.*

*Do not use USB cables that are longer than 3 metres to connect the local module to the computer or to connect the remote module to the USB peripherals.*

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## Safety information

- For use in dry, oil free indoor environments only.
- Do not use to link between buildings.
- Ensure that all twisted pair interconnect cables are installed in compliance with all applicable wiring regulations.
- Do not connect CATx link interfaces (RJ45 style connectors) to any other equipment, particularly network or telecommunications equipment.
- Warning – the power adapter contains live parts.
- No user serviceable parts are contained within the power adapter - do not dismantle.
- Plug the power adapter into a socket outlet close to the module that it is powering.
- Replace the power adapter with a manufacturer approved type only.
- Do not use the power adapter if the power adapter case becomes damaged, cracked or broken or if you suspect that it is not operating properly.
- If you use a power extension cord with the remote module, make sure the total ampere rating of the devices plugged into the extension cord do not exceed the cord's ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total ampere rating of all the devices plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed the wall outlet's ampere rating.
- Do not attempt to service the modules yourself.
- The power supply can get warm in operation – do not situate it in an enclosed space without any ventilation.



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## Radio Frequency Energy

A Category 5 (or better) twisted pair cable must be used to connect the units in order to maintain compliance with radio frequency energy emission regulations and ensure a suitably high level of immunity to electromagnetic disturbances.

All other interface cables used with this equipment must be shielded in order to maintain compliance with radio frequency energy emission regulations and ensure a suitably high level of immunity to electromagnetic disturbances.

## European EMC directive 89/336/EEC

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class A computing device in accordance with the specifications in the European standard EN55022. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions may cause harmful interference to radio or television reception. However, there is no guarantee that harmful interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to correct the interference with one or more of the following measures: (a) Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna. (b) Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver. (c) Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected. (d) Consult the supplier or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## FCC Compliance Statement (United States)

This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, may cause interference to radio communication. It has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class A computing device in accordance with the specifications in Subpart J of part 15 of FCC rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. Operation of this equipment in a residential area may cause interference, in which case the user at his own expense will be required to take whatever measures may be necessary to correct the interference. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## Canadian Department of Communications RFI statement

This equipment does not exceed the class A limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the radio interference regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

*Le présent appareil numérique n'émet pas de bruits radioélectriques dépassant les limites applicables aux appareils numériques de la classe A prescrites dans le règlement sur le brouillage radioélectriques publié par le ministère des Communications du Canada.*



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# Normas Oficiales Mexicanas (NOM) electrical safety statement



## Instrucciones de seguridad

- 1 Todas las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser leídas antes de que el aparato eléctrico sea operado.
- 2 Las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser guardadas para referencia futura.
- 3 Todas las advertencias en el aparato eléctrico y en sus instrucciones de operación deben ser respetadas.
- 4 Todas las instrucciones de operación y uso deben ser seguidas.
- 5 El aparato eléctrico no deberá ser usado cerca del agua—por ejemplo, cerca de la tina de baño, lavabo, sótano mojado o cerca de una alberca, etc.
- 6 El aparato eléctrico debe ser usado únicamente con carritos o pedestales que sean recomendados por el fabricante.
- 7 El aparato eléctrico debe ser montado a la pared o al techo sólo como sea recomendado por el fabricante.
- 8 Servicio—El usuario no debe intentar dar servicio al equipo eléctrico más allá a lo descrito en las instrucciones de operación. Todo otro servicio deberá ser referido a personal de servicio calificado.
- 9 El aparato eléctrico debe ser situado de tal manera que su posición no interfiera su uso. La colocación del aparato eléctrico sobre una cama, sofá, alfombra o superficie similar puede bloquea la ventilación, no se debe colocar en libreros o gabinetes que impidan el flujo de aire por los orificios de ventilación.
- 10 El equipo eléctrico deber ser situado fuera del alcance de fuentes de calor como radiadores, registros de calor, estufas u otros aparatos (incluyendo amplificadores) que producen calor.
- 11 El aparato eléctrico deberá ser conectado a una fuente de poder sólo del tipo descrito en el instructivo de operación, o como se indique en el aparato.
- 12 Precaución debe ser tomada de tal manera que la tierra física y la polarización del equipo no sea eliminada.
- 13 Los cables de la fuente de poder deben ser guiados de tal manera que no sean pisados ni pellizcados por objetos colocados sobre o contra ellos, poniendo particular atención a los contactos y receptáculos donde salen del aparato.
- 14 El equipo eléctrico debe ser limpiado únicamente de acuerdo a las recomendaciones del fabricante.
- 15 En caso de existir, una antena externa deberá ser localizada lejos de las líneas de energía.
- 16 El cable de corriente deberá ser desconectado del cuando el equipo no sea usado por un largo periodo de tiempo.
- 17 Cuidado debe ser tomado de tal manera que objetos líquidos no sean derramados sobre la cubierta u orificios de ventilación.
- 18 Servicio por personal calificado deberá ser provisto cuando:
  - A: El cable de poder o el contacto ha sido dañado; u
  - B: Objetos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o
  - C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o
  - D: El aparato parece no operar normalmente o muestra un cambio en su desempeño; o
  - E: El aparato ha sido tirado o su cubierta ha sido dañada.

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