

ADJ PIXIE DRIVER 8000 - DRIVER OUTPUT LIMITATIONS

There is a limitation to how many pixels can be controlled by each driver output port, which in turn determines the maximum number of lighting fixtures that can be controlled by a single output or driver.

The values listed in the following tables for number of fixtures per driver port/driver unit are representative of the maximum number of fixtures that can be connected if the fixtures used are all of the same model type, with individual pixel control.

For example, if you connect only Pixie Strip 30s to the driver, and operate the driver in Kling-Net mode, you can connect up to 34 units of that model type to each driver port. This is defined by the fact that each driver port can handle a maximum of 1020 pixels, and each Pixie Strip 30 fixture is made up of 30 pixels. Therefore, you have 1020 pixels per driver port, divided by 30 pixels per fixture, which equals 34 fixtures per driver port.

It is possible to mix and match Pixie Strip model types that are attached to a single driver port. In this case, the important thing to keep in mind is the maximum number of pixels per driver port.

As long as this value is not exceeded, any combination of Pixie Strip 30s, 60s, and 120s may be used.

MODEL	TOTAL PIXELS	TOTAL CONTROL CHAN.	KLING-NET / ART-NET / sACN MAX PIXELS PER PORT = 1020 MAX PIXELS PER DRIVER = 8160			
			MAX FIXTURES per DRIVER PORT	MAX PIXELS per DRIVER PORT	MAX FIXTURES per DRIVER UNIT	MAX PIXELS per DRIVER UNIT
Pixie Strip 30	30	90	34	1020	272	8160
Pixie Strip 60	60	180	17	1020	136	8160
Pixie Strip 120	120	360	8	960	64	7680

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Your Pixie Driver 8000 is programmed not to allow Pixie Strip fixtures to be added in such a way that the maximum number of pixels per port would be exceeded. This is done by limiting the number of Pixie Strip units that can be selected in the System Menu based on what has already been set up on the unit.

If we look at the example from the previous section, where 34 Pixie Strip 30s have been set up on a single port in Kling-Net mode, the System Menu will not allow any further fixtures to be set up on that port, regardless of model. This is because 34 fixtures, times 30 pixels per fixture, occupies 1020 pixels. If we then tried to set up a Pixie Strip 60, the System Menu would not allow any values other than “0” to be selected, because the port has no remaining free pixel capacity.

If you are having trouble adding the desired number of fixtures to a driver port, double check the number of fixtures of other Pixie Strip models that have been set up to see if they are using up all of the available pixel space on that port.

PIXELS IN USE		PIXELS FREE
34 x Pixie Strip 30	1020 pixels	1020 pixel capacity - 1020 pixels in use 0 pixels free
0 x Pixie Strip 60	0 pixels	
0 x Pixie Strip 120	0 pixels	
	1020 total pixels in use	

In this case, we would first need to “make room” on this driver port by reducing the number of Pixie Strip 30s that are set up. If we reduce the number of Pixie Strip 30s by two units, we then have a total free pixel capacity of 60 pixels on this port.

PIXELS IN USE		PIXELS FREE
32 x Pixie Strip 30	960 pixels	1020 pixel capacity - 960 pixels in use 60 pixels free
0 x Pixie Strip 60	0 pixels	
0 x Pixie Strip 120	0 pixels	
	960 total pixels in use	

Now that we have freed up pixels on this driver port, we are able to add the Pixie Strip 60, as desired. The System Menu now allows you to increase the number of Pixie Strip 60s on this driver port to 1, *but it will not allow you to increase the number any higher* because there are not enough pixels free to add more than 1 Pixie Strip 60. Notice, too, that the only selectable value for Pixie Strip 120s is “0” due to the fact that 60 free pixels is not enough to run a single Pixie Strip 120.

PIXELS IN USE		PIXELS FREE
32 x Pixie Strip 30	960 pixels	1020 pixel capacity - 1020 pixels in use 0 pixels free
1 x Pixie Strip 60	60 pixels	
0 x Pixie Strip 120	0 pixels	
	1020 total pixels in use	

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