

Ebook

DALI 2.0

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The **Digital Addressable Lighting Interface (DALI)** is a two-way lighting control protocol first released in the early 1990s. DALI was created to make commercial lighting efficient by providing central control over fixtures.

Known for interoperability and seamless product integration, DALI was established as a successor for 1-10 V/0-10 V lighting control systems. Since its inception, DALI has undergone numerous revisions, and the latest version is DALI-2, otherwise known as version 2 of the DALI standard IEC 62386.

The trademarks of DALI, DALI-2, and D4i are owned by the lighting industry alliance, DiiA (Digital Illumination Interface Alliance). It is specified by a series of technical standards in IEC 62386, previously IEC 60929.

Advantages of **DALI**

- ✓ Interoperability
- ✓ Future-proof and flexible
- ✓ Extend the lifespan of a lighting system
- ✓ Less wiring needed
- ✓ Enables the creation of multiple groups
- ✓ Logarithmic dimming behaviour – matching the eye's sensitivity
- ✓ High noise immunity
- ✓ Faster and more efficient
- ✓ Bi-directional data flow
- ✓ Remote access and ability to configure
- ✓ Simple and quick installation

What is DALI-2

DALI-2 is the latest version of the DALI protocol. This updated version comes with new commands and features. DALI-1 had only control gear, whereas DALI-2 comprises control devices like application controllers and input devices (e.g., sensors) and bus power supplies. DALI-2 primarily focuses on the interoperability of products from different dealers. The certification program ensures the compatibility of products with the relevant specifications.

IEC 62386 Standard

Part 101: General requirements- system components

Part 102: General requirements- control gear

Part 104: General requirements- Wireless and alternative wired systems

Part 103: General requirements- control devices

Part 2xx: Particular requirements of control gear

Part 105: General requirements - firmware update

DiiA publication (in preparation for IEC)
Part 150: General requirements - AUX power supply

Part 3xx Particular requirements for control/input devices

Published

Part 201: Fluorescent lamps
Part 202: Self-contained emergency lighting
Part 203: Discharge lamps (excluding fluorescent lamps)
Part 204: Low voltage halogen lamps
Part 205: Supply voltage controller for incandescent lamps
Part 206: Conversion from digital signal into DC voltage
Part 207: LED modules
Part 208: Switching function
Part 209: Colour control

Published

Part 216: Load referencing
Part 217: Thermal gear protection
Part 218: Dimming curve selection
Part 220: Centrally-supplied emergency operation
Part 221: Load shedding
Part 222: Thermal lamp protection
Part 224: Integrated light source
DiiA publications (in preparations for IEC)
Part 250: Integrated Bus Power Supply
Part 251: Luminaire Data (Memory Bank 1 Extension)
Part 252: Energy Data
Part 253: Diagnostics & Maintenance Data

Published:

Part 301: Push buttons
Part 302: Absolute input devices
Part 303: Occupancy sensors
Part 304 Light Sensors
Part 332: Feedback
Part 333: Manual configuration
In progress:
Part 305: Colour sensor
Part 306: General-purpose sensor
DiiA publications (in preparations for IEC)
Part 351: Luminaire-mounted control devices

Advantages of DALI-2

- ✓ Simpler wiring – one line for lighting, emergency, switches and sensors
- ✓ Endorsed & compliant switch and sensor devices
- ✓ Cross manufacture compatibility
- ✓ Lower overall costs
- ✓ Published under IEC 62386
- ✓ Certification of the control system component
- ✓ Standardised dimming curve

A **DALI driver** is an LED driver that will accept a DALI or DALI-2 input. It has live & neutral terminals, and two additional terminals marked DA, DA for attaching the DALI bus. The most modern DALI drivers carry the DALI-2 logo, depicting that they have been subjected to the certification process required by the current IEC standard.

Programming a DALI device varies from one manufacturer to another. Some manufacturers accomplish programming wirelessly but others require a wired connection to the DALI bus.

The first step of DALI device programming is to assign an address to each device in the installation.

Did you know?

Changes from DALI-1 to DALI-2



Mandatory certification



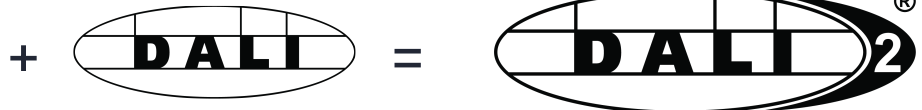
Standardised controls



Issues and gaps fixed



New features





- ✓ **Improved interoperability**
- ✓ **Control gear**
Clearer specifications: timing, fading, power-on and start-up
New: extended fade times (0.1s to 16min), bus-powered, Continuous Up/Down commands
- ✓ **Control devices**
New to the DALI-2 standard (DALI version-1 is only control gear)
- ✓ **Bus power supplies**
Clearer specifications

DALI-1	DALI-2	NOTE
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Input

eD Command	DA24, 24BIT Command	Standardised replacement for eD
Class 3 Light Sensor	Instance type 4(Light Sensor, IEC 62386 -304)	Input devices
Class 4 Motion Sensor	Instance type 3 (Motion Sensor, IEC 62386 -303)	
Class 5 Manual Control Unit	Instance type 1 (Manual Control Unit, IEC 62386 -301)	

Central Unit

Multi Master System	Introduction of the application controller	Brain of the communication
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Output Gear

New commands/features:

	Save persistent variables	Persistent variables are stored in a non-volatile memory / storage area.
	Set operating mode (DTR0)	Allows configuring the operating mode.
	Reset memory bank (DTR0)	Resets the memory bank to its default values.
	Identify device	Identifies (localises) a device

New commands not supported	Set extended fade time (DTR0)	Allows to set the "extended fade-time"
	Go to last active level	IAP (Indirect Arc Power command), Last active level will be called.
	Query operating mode	Query of the operating mode
	Query light source type	Information to the connected light source
	Query next device type	Readout of the supported device types / functions
	Query extended fade time	Readout of the extended fade-time
	Query control gear failure	Detailed error inquiry

Addresses, Groups and Scenes

DALI-1	DALI-2	Notes
64	64	Addresses for control gear
64	64	Addresses for control devices
16	16	Scenes for control gear
16	16	Groups for control gear
16	32	Groups for control devices
-	32	Groups for instances of input devices

DALI-2 Certification

The DALI-2 certification is based on DALI-2 test specifications created by DiiA. They are derived either from the most significant parts of IEC 62386, the international DALI standard, or from new specifications written by DiiA.

Requirements & Rules

- Products should successfully complete the DALI-2 certification process
- Upon successful completion, these products qualify to use the DALI-2 trademarks
- Certified products can carry the DALI-2 trademarks
- Only DiiA members can certify their DALI-2 products



Mandatory certification

- Control system can now be certified
- Tighter control on the use of the DALI-2 trademark
- Better definition and certification of DALI power supply



Standardised controls

- Introduced control devices as part 103 of IEC62386
- Defined single master and multi-master control
- Standards for sensor controls and switches
- Definition of an application controller



Fixing issues and gaps related to previous version

- Restructuring of specification, dedicated system description
- Error corrections (particularly in regards to the test-procedures)
- More detailed specifications, leading to less risks of misinterpretations
- Reduced risk for malfunctions due to more precise specification of electrical tolerances



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D4i Certification

D4i is defined as the DALI standard for intelligent, IoT-ready luminaires. It is an extension of DALI 2- certification or, in other words DALI 2 is the communication standard, and D4i is its features. This certification makes mounting sensors and communication devices on luminaires with special control and power requirements. DALI-2 exists without D4i, but D4i cannot exist without DALI-2.

D4i vs DALI-2

D4i certification is an extension of DALI-2 certification for LED drivers and control devices. Products that are DALI-2 and have a certain set of features are called D4i products. Drivers and controls that have received D4i certification also have DALI-2 certification. These goods may optionally display the DALI-2 or D4i logos, or both.

DiiA Specifications

Built on the worldwide standard IEC 62386, the DALI Alliance (DiiA) creates and updates new specifications that describe additional DALI capabilities and functionalities. Both DALI Alliance members and non-members have free access to the DiiA Specifications.

This is an interim version that will be updated at a future date. Visit www.dali-alliance.org

The DiiA Specifications listed can be downloaded

Published version

Certification Available

Power Supply Specifications

DALI Part 150- Aux Power Supply

Version 11, October 2019



DALI Part 250- Integrated Bus Power

Version 11, October 2019



Data Specifications for LED Devices

DALI Part 251 Memory Bank 1 Extension (Luminaire Data)

Version 11, October 2019



DALI Part 252 Energy Reporting (Energy Data)

Version 11, October 2019



DALI Part 253- Diagnostics & Maintenance (Diagnostics Data)

Version 11, October 2019



Specifications for Control Devices

DALI Part 351- Luminaire Mounted Control Devices

Version 11, October 2019



INTERESTING FACTS!



Common misconceptions

DALI is a European Standard

DALI is difficult to program (e.g. laptops needed, 2-man job, difficult to replace faulty products)

Products are not available

The drivers and controls need to be on separate buses

DALI is expensive to install



Truth

No! IEC 62386 is a world-wide standard

Out-of-box operation, with no programming, gives at least the level of operation obtained from 0-10V. Programming, if required, varies between manufacturers

The choice is increasing

No – they are designed to allow connection to the same DALI bus

No – it is likely to be lower cost than 0-10V installations due to less wiring required

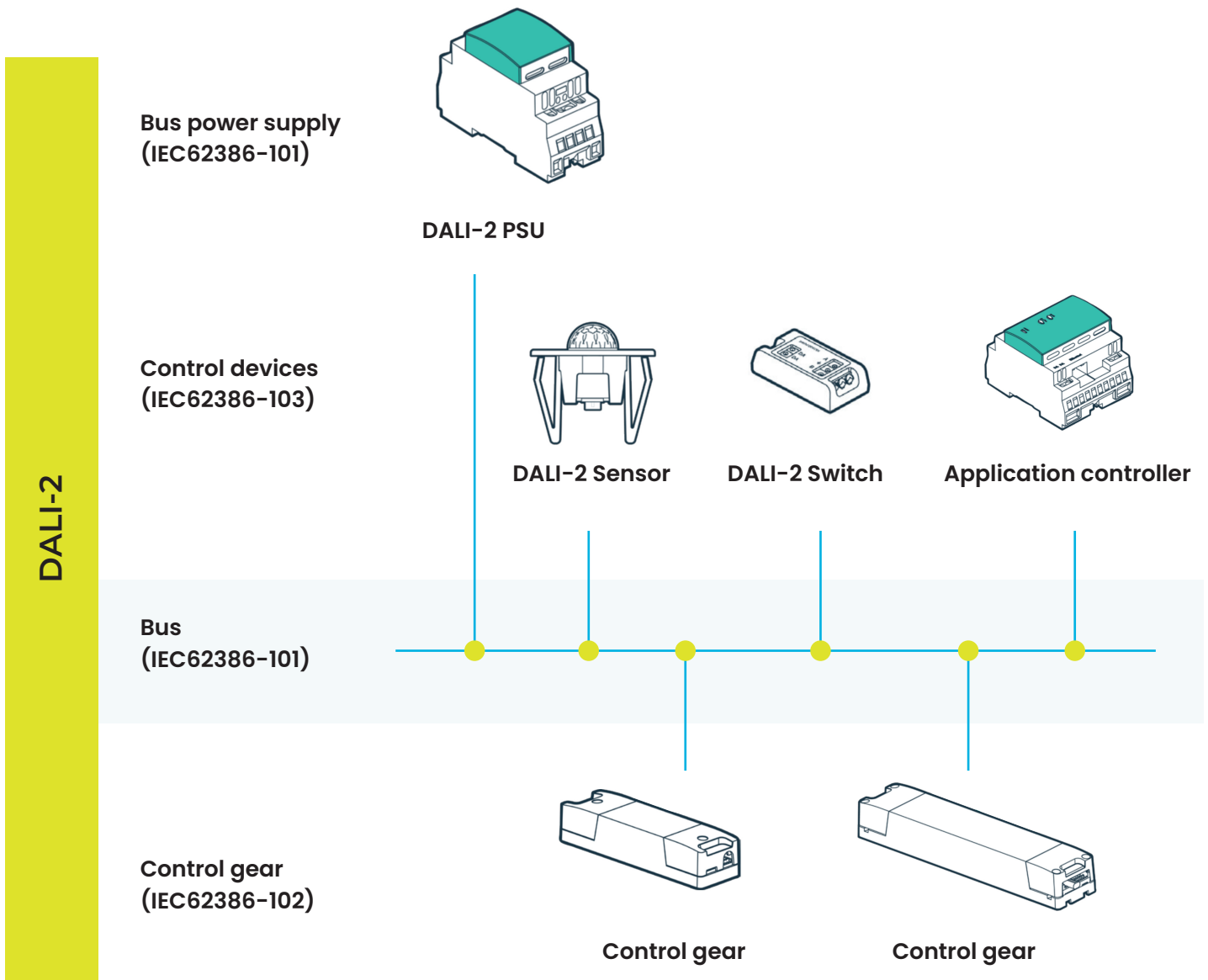
DALI-2

System Overview

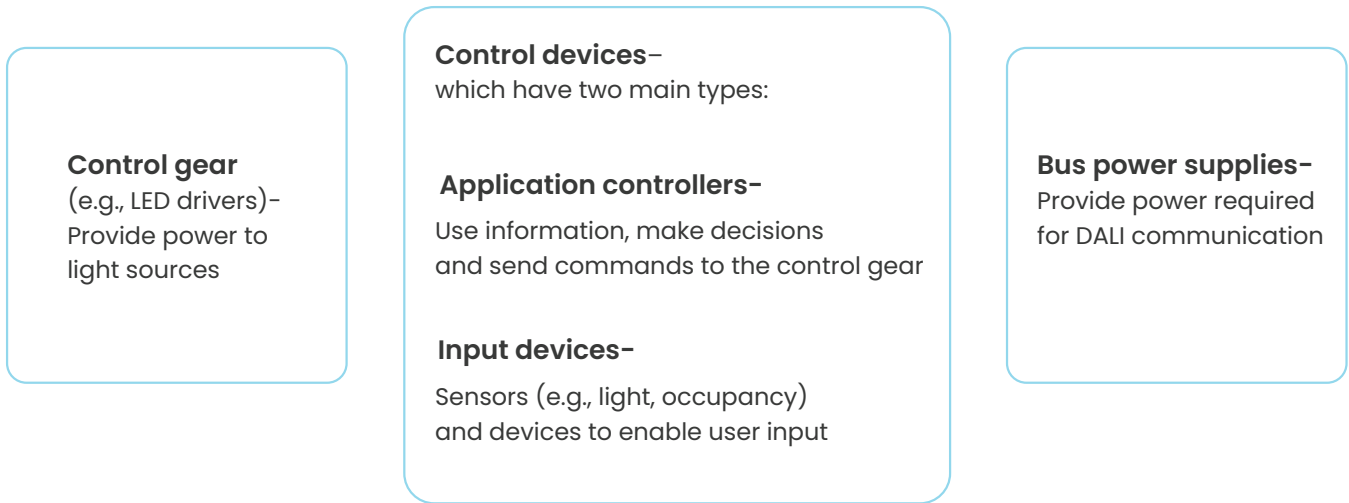
DALI-2 comprises control devices, control gears, DALI bus and bus power supply. Individual or integrated with an existing device, the system should have a bus power supply. In the old DALI system, the input devices used to communicate with the control gear directly. In DALI-2 the new application controller processes the commands and sends them to the control gears (LED drivers).

DALI-2 System Components

Now with sensors and switches on the same bus



The main DALI-2 product types required for a complete lighting-control system and their function are:



A DALI-2 product can contain more than one product type e.g., an application controller with integrated bus power supply.

DALI Bus

The bus is the core of DALI. It is a pair of wires that act as a carrier of digital control signals from input devices to an application controller. According to the programmed rules, the application control generates signals for the output devices. A DALI bus uses standard 2-core cable (1.5mm²) wires and carries both DALI power and data on the same pair of wires. The maximum distance between the devices or the cabling length is 300m and free topology is allowed and it is not necessary to observe the polarity of wires.

DALI-2 For Control Gear And Bus Power Supplies

Property	Benefit
Clearer specification, including bus timing and bus power supplies	Improved interoperability
Requirement of polarity insensitivity	Easier installation
Bus powered units	Less wiring
Multiple logical units	More cost-effective products
Extended fade time, 100ms to 16minutes	Increased comfort & flexibility
Manufacturer specific operating modes	Improved interoperability & flexibility
Query light source type	Easier maintenance

Control Gear

Control gears are usually connected to lamps directly to power them. In DALI-2, each DALI subnet can have 64 control gear, and the control gear's general requirements are explained in part 102 of the IEC 62386 standard. DiiA has broadened the DALI-2 certification program to encompass control gear that functions as switches and relays and implements Part 208 of the DALI-2 certification scheme.

Part 2xx Explains Particular Requirements of Control Gear

Part 202- Self Contained Emergency Lighting

Emergency lighting, which provides light when the mains supply fails, is a critical feature that is mandated by various regulations. "Self-contained" means that the battery – which provides power during an emergency – is inside, or placed next to, the luminaire.

In many countries, there is a legal requirement for periodic testing of emergency lighting. DALI enables self-contained emergency tests to be automated, triggered by DALI commands or by an optional timer.

Emergency control gear must implement both a function test and a duration test. The function test is a quick test of the battery, charging circuit, driver/relay and lamp, while the duration test ensures that the battery will be able to operate the lamp for the full rated duration (for example 1 hour or 3 hours)

Part 209-Colour Control

DALI enables several alternative methods—known as colour types—that can be used to control the colour output of light sources.

The main colour types are now all included in the DALI-2 certification program, using tests developed by the DALI Alliance.

Part 251-Luminaire Data

Luminaire information is typically encoded into the LED driver by the luminaire manufacturer. Data includes:

- luminaire supply power & voltage
- light output
- CCT & CRI
- light distribution
- luminaire colour, and more.

Part 252-Energy Data

The LED driver can report operational data including:

- Active energy/power
- Apparent energy/power
- Load-side energy/power

Part 253-Diagnostic and Maintenance Data

The LED driver can report operational data including:

- Failure conditions for control gear and lamps, including counters.
- Control gear information: Operating time, start counter, supply voltage and frequency, power factor, temperature and output current.
- Light source information: Operating voltage, current, temperature, light source start counter, light source on time.

Control Devices (Part 103)

Control devices can be simple devices, or complex gateways interfacing with other systems. DALI 2 includes control devices for the first time and the benefits are:

- Application controllers and Input devices defined
- Single-masters and multi-masters allowed
- Event priorities defined
- Separate addressing & grouping from control gear

Application Controllers

- The 'brain' of the system
- Gathers information, analyse and make decisions and then sending commands to the control gear

Input Devices

- Devices that provide information to the system
- Examples include push-buttons, sliders, occupancy sensors, and light sensors
- Can be very simple devices, or could be complex gateways interfacing with other systems

Application Controllers

Application controllers are known as the brain of the DALI system. They gather information from various sources like control gears (LED drivers), input devices, other application controllers, or external devices/ buses/ systems and process this information to make required decisions. Only application controllers are eligible to send the commands to the control gear. Sometimes, the application controls are integrated with the DALI bus power supply. The explanation is detailed in part 103 of IEC 62386 standard.

Application controllers comes in two variants; single master, and multi-masters.

Single Master

- Control devices that cannot share the DALI bus with other masters, i.e., only one control device is allowed on the DALI bus
- May allow polling of input devices, or checking status of control gear
- Receiver is not necessary

Example

Occupancy sensor broadcasting levels to the control gear

Multi Masters

- Control devices that capable of sharing the DALI bus with other control devices, i.e., more than one controller can be used in the same bus
- It uses a short address for the individual controlling
- Support both polled and event driven methods of obtaining information from input devices

Example

Controller driving two DALI buses

Input Devices

Input devices provide user-derived and environmental information to the lighting control system and they are multi-master. It consists of sensors that cater information for automated control, and devices enabling user inputs thereby allowing occupants to adjust dimming, colour, scene etc.

Four Input Devices are Published in IEC 62386;

- **Push button**
Part 301
- **Absolute input device**
Part 301
- **Colour sensor**
Part 305 (In progress)
- **Occupancy sensor**
Part 303
- **Light sensor**
Part 304

Push button Part 301

They can be used for switching and dimming the DALI luminaires manually allowing the users to modify the lighting level to suit demands. Defined in part 301 of IEC 62386 standard

Absolute input device Part 301

Simple on/off switches, or multi-position switches, Slider or rotary controls

Occupancy sensor Part 301

Movement or presence type sensor
Events can be triggered on state change to: occupied, vacant, movement, no movement

Light sensor Part 304

Light sensor measures illuminance level
Programmable hysteresis to minimise bus traffic
Optional periodic events reporting the illuminance level

Bus Power Supplies

Each DALI-2 system requires a standalone bus power supply or the one integrated with another device (e.g. an application controller). Bus power supplies provide typically 16V and up to 250mA current to power devices connected to the bus. The requirements for bus power supplies are defined in the Part 101 of IEC 62386 standard.

Read more <https://www.dali-alliance.org/dali/standards.html>

Cabling And Bus Power Supplies

- The DALI bus carries DALI power and data on the same pair of wires, typically using standard 2-core cable (1.5 mm²)
- The polarity of the wires does not have to be observed, and free wiring topology is allowed
- The maximum cabling length (the distance between the furthest-apart devices) is 300m
- Each DALI-2 system requires a bus power supply, which can be a standalone device or integrated with another device (e.g. an application controller)
- Bus power supplies provide typically 16V and up to 250mA to provide power to devices connected to the bus

DALI-2 Certification & Interoperability

For the future development of smart lighting, a common standard and interoperability is the need of the hour. DALI-2 ensures multi-vendor interoperability through testing, certification, and registration with trademark use. The certification relies upon the DALI-2 test specifications created by DiiA, which are derived either from the relevant parts of IEC 62386, the international DALI standard or from new specifications written by DiiA.

DALI 2 Certification Overview

