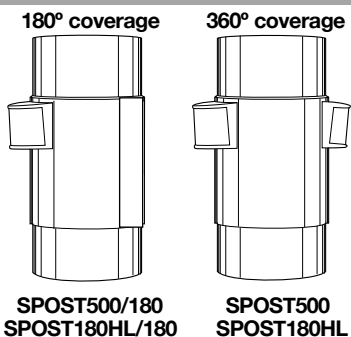


Smart Post

Outdoor Motion Sensor Installation Manual



It's easy
to add
motion detection
to your post
lantern!



RAB

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Specifications

Switching Capacity:

Relay On/Off Model:
(SPOST500/180)
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500 watts Incandescent or
250 watts Fluorescent @120 volts

Voltage:

120 Volts AC

Power Consumption:

One watt

UL Listing: cULus

Raintight Photoelectric Switch

Time Adjustment:

5 seconds to 15 minutes

Quick Test Time:

5 second test time for fast installation. Works day or night.

RF Immunity:

Circuits fully shielded for maximum radio frequency immunity.

“No Hands” Auto Testing:

Auto mode starts after 3 minutes of testing.

Built for Severe Conditions:

Double weatherproofing for long life.

Photoelectric Control:

Deactivates lights during daylight.
Fully adjustable for 24 hour operation or custom applications.

Vandal Resistant Lens:

Hard lens resists casual vandalism.

Color Matched Lens:

Dark lens with black units.

Manual Override:

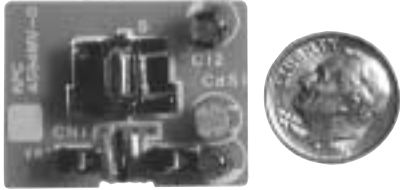
Double flip wall switch logic prevents activation by short power outages. Resets to auto at dawn. No extra wiring needed.

LED Detection Indicator:

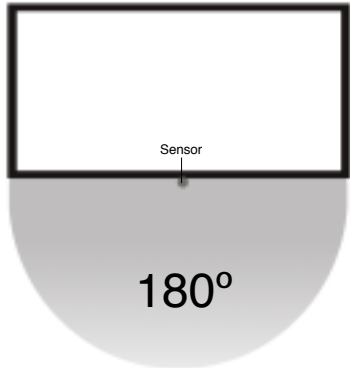
Glowes red day and night for “on-guard” deterrence.

Why RAB Sensors are Best for You

Smaller is better! SmartLantern uses state-of-the-art surface mount technology (SMT), just like cellular phones and beepers. SMT gives you more reliability, greater RF immunity, and a compact sensor that can fit neatly where others cannot.



Wider is better! The wide 180° view detects movement with only one compact sensor.



Molded is better! No leaky gaskets or bug hotels with SmartLantern. The hard lens is molded as part of the case. It's vandalproof, rainproof, bugproof and absolutely sealed.



Cautions

- All wiring **MUST** comply with local electrical codes and should be installed by a qualified electrician.

- Read entire Installation Manual before proceeding.

TURN OFF POWER BY REMOVING POWER FUSE OR TURNING OFF CIRCUIT BREAKER BEFORE INSTALLATION.

- Total lighting load must not exceed:
Relay On/Off Model: 5 amps, 500 watts incandescent quartz or 250 watts fluorescent at 120 volts. To switch more wattage, an electrician can install an additional relay.

- Line Carrier Remote Control Systems such as X-10, Leviton or Radio Shack are incompatible with sensors and cause false activations.

- Do not install on circuits feeding motor loads such as kitchen appliances, HVAC equipment, washer/dryer or garage door openers.

- Sensor must be below and as far as possible away from lights.

- Sensor functions best when movement is across its detection pattern, not towards the sensor.

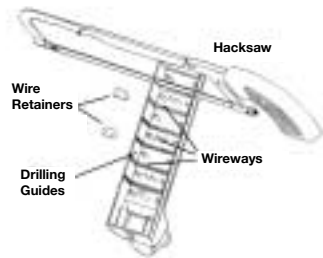
- Mount 5-8' high for optimum range and direction. Lower mounting height will reduce range (which may be desired).

- Turn controls gently. **DO NOT** force past stops.

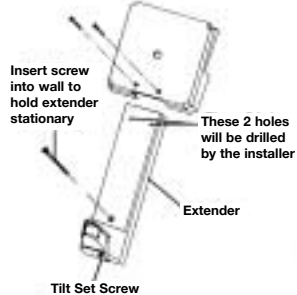
Assembly and Wiring

1. Choose the clapboard or straight wall mounting plate. SmartLantern may be painted to match the wall finish, if desired. Mask the lens area carefully with the Lens Mask provided or with masking tape before painting.

2. Measure the length of sensor extender needed to give the sensor a clear view below all parts of the lantern. Use hacksaw to cut off excess extender length, if necessary.



Once the proper length of the extender has been determined, drill through two holes to line up with the wall mounting plate. Note that there are drilling guides to make drilling easier.



3. Bring wires from sensor up through the wireways in the extender. Keep wires in place by press fitting the plastic wire retainers provided onto the posts of the wireways.

4. Fasten the sensor extender to the wall mounting plate with the two screws provided.

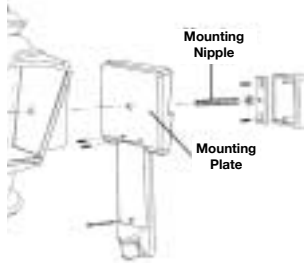
5. Bring power leads, light fixture and sensor leads into box.

6. Attach ground wire(s) to outlet box grounding screw.

7. Strip 1/2" insulation from leads. Connect as shown in Wiring Diagram.

8. Twist on wire nuts. Secure with electrical tape.

9. Fasten lantern and mounting plate to box using lantern mounting nipple and crossbar provided. Use silicone sealant around all openings.

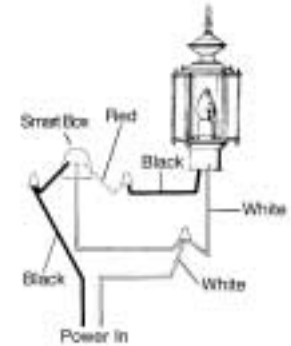


10. Screw in light bulbs. Turn on power.

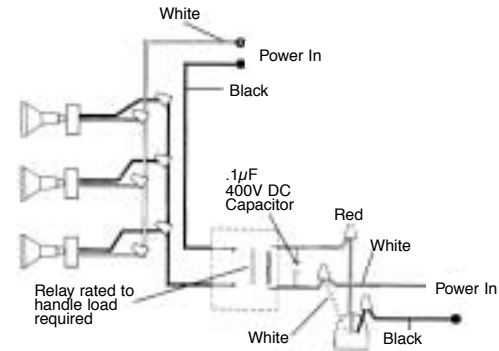
11. Conduct Walk Test to adjust sensor response.

Wiring Diagrams

Basic Wiring Diagram



To switch more than rated load (Relay model only)



Multiple Sensors:

Wiring more than one sensor together is recommended only for the experienced installer because it becomes difficult to troubleshoot. Single sensors that control their own lights pinpoint movement more accurately and operate better.

Power Quality:

Sensors should not be installed on a circuit that also feeds motor loads such as HVAC equipment, kitchen appliances, or garage door openers. If voltage varies significantly from 120 volts, sensors may malfunction.

How Does SmartLantern Work?

The SmartLantern infrared sensor “sees” small temperature changes caused by the motion of people or cars within its Detection Zone and turns on lights automatically. It welcomes visitors and may deter intruders.

How long do the lights stay on?
Lights remain on as long as there is movement within the Detection Zone. Once the zone is vacated, lights can be adjusted to remain on approximately 5 seconds up to 15 minutes.

Will the sensor detect animals?
SmartLantern may detect large animals. Having animals trigger the sensor can give property a “lived-in” look. You can limit animal detection by placing opaque weatherproof tape on the lower part of the lens or using the bottom mask on the Lens Mask Kit provided.



What does Manual Override do?
Keep lights on by flipping the wall switch two times within 5 seconds. Sensor resets to auto mode at dawn. No extra wiring needed.

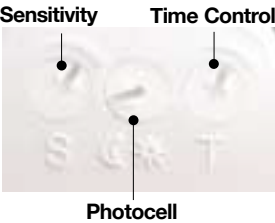
How are the Time, Sensitivity and Photocell adjusted?

- Time Control: Sets the time that lights will remain on after the Detection Zone is vacated from approximately 5 seconds to 15 minutes. Use the adjustment tool provided to turn clockwise to increase the time.
- Factory Setting: 5-8 minutes.
- Photocell Control: For night only operation, use the tool provided or a small screwdriver to turn the Photocell Control all the way counter-clockwise (to the moon symbol). For operation in low level lights, turn the knob all the way clockwise (to the sun symbol). Adjust counter-clockwise to have the sensor come on later at dusk, clockwise to have it come on earlier.

Factory setting: Night Only

- Sensitivity: Increases or decreases the responsiveness and range.

Control Panel:
Turn controls gently. Do not force past stops.



Choosing A Location

Location Considerations:

- Choose a location from which the sensor can “see” all the parts of movement that will be illuminated by its lights.
- SmartLantern may be painted to blend with existing house color. Carefully apply masking tape to the sensor lens or use the Lens Mask Kit provided before painting!
- Sensor functions best when the direction of expected movement is across its detection pattern, not towards the sensor.
- If wall mounting, locate 5'-8' high for optimum range. Lower mounting height will reduce range.
- The sensor has a “Double Look Down” Lens with one “Look Out” zone and two “Look Down” zones for excellent detection at both long and close range.

Mounting Plates:

To order mounting plates without arm extender and sensor:

Catalog #	Description
DUM1	Straight wall mounting plate
DUM2	Clapboard cut mounting plate

If clapboard or straight mounting plates are used without arm extender and sensor, use the white plastic mounting plate cover to close up the opening on the bottom of the mounting plate.

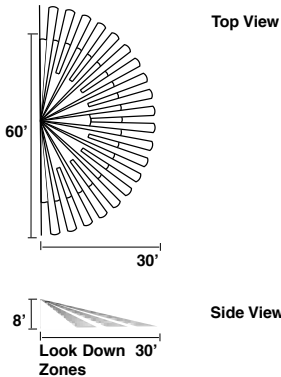
Detection Pattern:

- Detection extends out a maximum of 30 feet and is 180° wide.
- To reduce the Detection Pattern length, adjust the tilt set screw underneath the sensor using the hex wrench provided.



Tilt Set Screw

- To reduce Detection Pattern width, mask the sides of lens with opaque weatherproof tape or lens mask kit.
- If sensor is mounted by a doorway at the top of stairs, be aware that the elevated mounting height may extend the sensor's range.



Technical Tips: Range appears limited

1. Check that the sensor is level from side to side and pointed at the area you desire. If unit is tilted, part of the Detection Zone may be high in the air over peoples heads.



Solution: Position sensor exactly level from side to side.



2. Check that the sensor is not mounted too high. If mounted above 20 feet, much of the usable range will be lost.

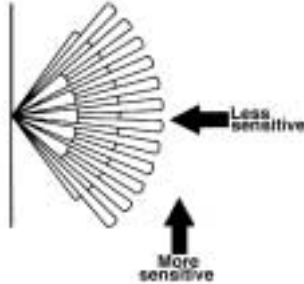


Solution: Mounting at 4' to 8' allows maximum range.



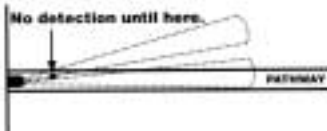
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Problem: Sensor will not detect until movement crosses from one finger into a second finger.



Solution: "Micro Adjust" sensor by tilting mounting plate 1/16". This small adjustment may move the zones to allow earlier detection.



Technical Tips: Lights Do Not Turn On

1. Check that lightbulbs and fixtures work. Compare wiring to the Wiring Diagram in this manual. Check that the power is on.

2. If installing during daylight, remember that the sensor will provide a 3 minute Test Period after power is turned on. After 3 minutes, the sensor will switch to Automatic Mode and will not work during daylight if the Photocell Control is turned to or near the night only position (fully counter clockwise to the moon symbol).

If you require another 3 minute Test Period, turn the power off for at least 10 seconds and back on again.

If you require the sensor to operate both in low level light and at night, turn the Photocell Control knob fully clockwise to the sun symbol.

3. Check that lights from other sources, such as adjacent porch lights, garden lights, streetlights or lights from inside the house are not in the sensor's view. See #1 under "Lights Turn Off Too Quickly".

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Lights reflect into photocell or lights shine directly into photocell.

Because the SmartLantern can fit a wide variety of lanterns, it is possible some lantern's shiny metal or glass surfaces will allow reflections to be seen by the sensor.

Solution: Adjust Photocell Control slightly clockwise, toward the sun symbol. This allows the sensor to function in brighter ambient light conditions. Alternatively, move the lights or mask the lens in the direction of the lights or reflections. If the problem persists, it may be necessary to increase the length of the sun shield over the sensor using weatherproof tape or some other material.

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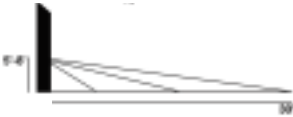
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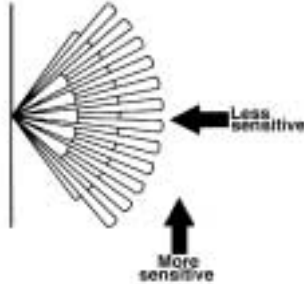


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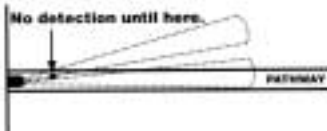
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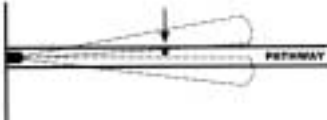


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Technical Tips: Lights Turn On and Off Incorrectly

1. Make sure the sensor is installed on its own dedicated circuit free of motor loads such as HVAC equipment, kitchen appliances or garage door openers.

2. It is not recommended to wire sensors in parallel. More than one sensor wired together makes them difficult to troubleshoot. Disconnect multiple sensors and test separately.

3. Keep all people completely out of the detection pattern to make sure the sensor is not detecting them.

4. Make sure sensor is located below and as far as possible from its lights. Heat from the lights may trigger the sensor.

Solution: Move sensor below and away from the lights.

5. Make sure lights are not visible from or reflecting back into sensor. Check for white or reflective surfaces close to the sensor.



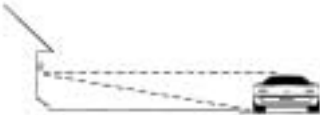
Solution: Aim sensor away from lights and reflective objects or mask the lens in the direction of the light or reflection.



6. Heavy rain, snow or high winds may activate the sensor occasionally.

Solution: Reduce sensitivity control settings, mount in a more protected area and/or mask the lens if this is a constant problem.

7. Make sure sensor is not aimed within 30' of a road or sidewalk. Passing cars will activate sensor.



Solution: Mask the top of the lens to reduce Detection Pattern Length.



8. Self ballasted PL lamps may cause cycling (on-off).

9. Check solutions 1,2,3,5 & 6 under "Lights Do Not Turn Off" (Page 10).

Technical Tips: Lights Turn On For Unknown Reasons

1. Lights may turn on occasionally during rain, snow and windstorms because the sensor is detecting changes in temperature.

2. You may not be aware that animals have triggered sensor. Check sensor aiming to reduce nuisance triggering or mask the lower part of the lens with opaque weatherproof tape.



3. The sensor may turn on occasionally during voltage surges.

4. A possible source of "mysterious" sensor activations are strong local radio signals. Check for nearby CB, Ham, VHF radio transmitters or Cellular telephones. The sensor may be activated, but will not be permanently impaired by these signals.

5. See pages 12 and 13 for additional sensor troubleshooting.

Limited Warranty

Your SmartLantern will be promptly replaced or repaired, at our option, if it proves to be defective in workmanship or materials within 5 years of manufacture.

For repair or replacement, please call the Tech Help Line at 888 RAB-1000 for instructions.

If the sensor is out of warranty or damage is unrelated to its original manufacture, return your unit freight prepaid to the address below. Please include a description of the problem and a check for \$20.00 (made out to RAB Electric). We will repair or replace your unit promptly.

Under no circumstances shall RAB Electric be liable for any incidental or consequential damages arising out of or in connection with the use or performance of this product or other indirect damages with respect to loss of property or revenue or cost of installation, removal or re-installation. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. SmartLantern is designed to detect people or cars in the detection area. It should not be construed as a theft or crime prevention device. RAB does not accept responsibility for any damages resulting from intrusion or other crimes.

Toll Free Technical Assistance

If you need technical assistance, please do the following:

1. Re-read the Technical Tips sections of this manual.
2. Call the Tech Help Line at 888 RAB-1000, 8AM to 4PM Eastern Time M-F and we will be glad to help you. Before you call, please have the following information handy:
 - a) Catalog number of your unit;
 - b) Wattage, types and locations of lights connected to the sensor;
 - c) The electrical circuit on which the sensor is installed. What else does it feed? How is the sensor power switched?
 - d) Serial Number (4 digits) on the back of the sensor.
 - e) This installation Manual

Note: RAB Electric cannot give electrical wiring instructions by phone. Please consult a qualified electrician.



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