



# User Guide



## Me8, Fog Generator

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## User Guide

Congratulations! You are now in possession of a MDG **Me8** Fog Generator.

We hope this **Me8** Fog Generator will bring you long hours of satisfaction.

Please read the following instructions carefully and completely before filling your Fog Generator with the **MDG** Neutral Fog Fluid and turning it on.



### CAUTION

This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.



### CAUTION

If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.

## HOW TO READ THIS USER GUIDE



**WARNING** and **CAUTION** are used throughout this manual to forewarn of possible danger to the users if precautions are not observed. As is customary in military and some commercial manuals, the precautions will always precede the steps to which it refers so that the users will be aware of any potential danger before performing the task.



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Please read the following instructions carefully and completely before installing, pressurizing and turning on the Fog Generator.

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## Basic description

The **Me8 Fog Generator** was designed with safety and reliability in mind. It is capable of generating pure white, non-toxic fog for as long as you have fluid (100% duty cycle). This generator is also equipped, as a standard feature, with the **Automatic Purging System™ (APS™)**. This system purges the heating module after the first heating cycle and after every emission of fog preventing residual build up and clogging.

The **Me8** is a variable output Fog Generator capable of generating large volumes of very dense fog in a short period of time. It is one of the quietest units on the market.

At the heart of the **MDG Me8** is an electronic assembly that keeps the heat exchanger at a very stable temperature, with three different types of fail-safe systems. Those three types of electronic fail-safe systems are designed to protect against over and under-heating conditions and against component failure. When an overheating condition is detected, or if the internal temperature of the generator reaches 60°C (140°F), a safety circuit is triggered. This circuit removes the power to the heating elements, preventing hazardous conditions. When an under-heating condition occurs, the generator will stop producing fog until the temperature of the heating module is back within parameters.

A fourth safety system consists of a pressure relief valve which limits the working pressure and protects against over-pressure.

The temperature of the heat exchanger is maintained within a narrow margin. If an error occurs (see **FAIL State**), the Fog Generator will automatically shut down. When one of the safety systems is activated, the Fail state will be displayed on the LCD, in the Status Menu. Check the **FAIL State** and **Troubleshooting** paragraphs for diagnostics, then shut down the main power switch, wait 30 seconds, and then switch the generator back on. If the failure persists, send your generator back to an authorized service center for verification.

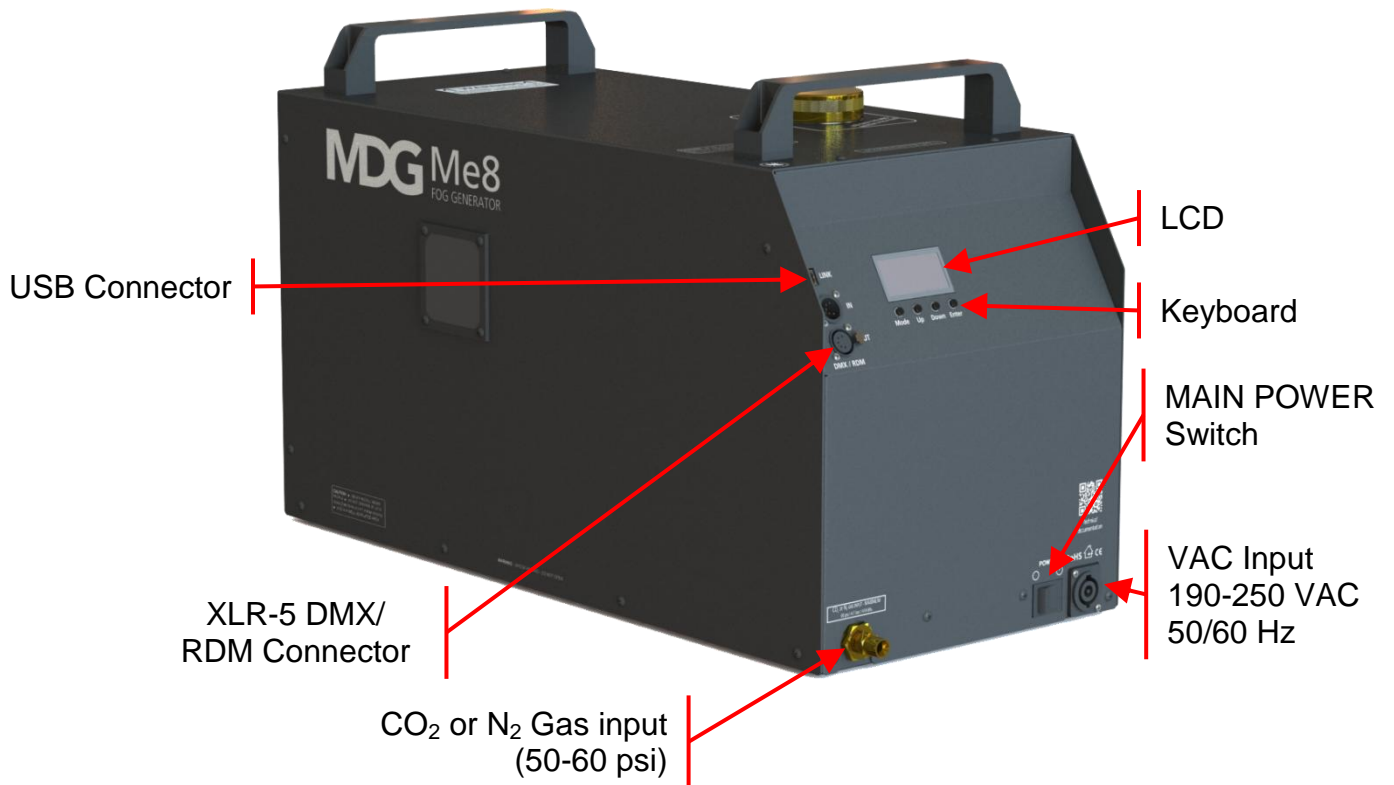
When « Fog On » mode is activated (DMX or Control Menu), the MDG **Me8 Generator** will produce fog for as long as the ready level is reached (temperature) and all other control parameters are within specifications.

When « Fog On » mode is deactivated, the **APS™** cycle is automatically initiated to clear the heating module. Never remove the power to a generator while it is producing fog – See the **Shut down procedure**.



### WARNING

- When not in use **ALWAYS** switch off the power switch located on the back panel, and **disconnect both gas and AC line**.
- **Never install above people.**
- This **Me8 Fog Generator** must be installed in an upright position on a stable and leveled surface.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.
- Do not operate at less than 2 meters (6.5 ft.) from people.



### Installing the Me8

Exercise caution when selecting the location to install or use this equipment:

- Install the MDG **Me8** away from rain, wind, heavy dust or any harsh environment situations.
- Ensure available space for all electrical cable and gas tubing runs,
- The MDG **Me8** requires 2 m (6.56 ft) of clearance to the front.

Fill the reservoir with **MDG Neutral Fog Fluid** (see **Filling the Fluid Reservoir** paragraph).

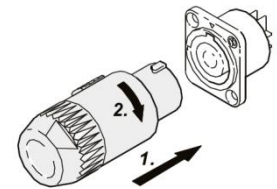
Connect the gas inlet to a gas bottle equipped with a single or double stage regulator. The gas inlet is an Oxygen Adaptor (9/16-18 R.H).

Connect the data wiring (Male XLR-5 connector for DMX/RDM) if you are using a DMX or RDM controller.

Plug the PowerCON connector.

Connect the power cord 190-250 VAC, 50-60 Hz, 5630 W.

Open the gas bottle, and set the pressure between 50 and 60 psi (3.5 and 4.1 bar, or 350 and 410 kPa).





## Working with the Me8

The MDG **Me8 Fog Generator** is quite easy to operate and requires no preventive maintenance. **Switch On** the power.

The MDG **Me8** will display during four (4) seconds, the following message:

**Me8, by  
MDG Fog Generators  
Testing BootLoad....**

These four seconds allow you to connect the generator to your PC, via a USB cable, to update the firmware of the control board (see *BootLoader* for further details).

Then, the MDG **Me8** will display during one (1) second, the following message:

**Me8  
by  
MDG Fog Generators Ltd  
(V: x.xx – F: y.yyy)**

where 'x.xx' is the version of your generator, and 'y.yyy' is the firmware of the program.

The program will load the configuration parameters saved in the EEPROM memory.

Finally, the screen will display the menu.

### THE KEYBOARD

The user can scroll in the menu by using the buttons of the keyboard:

'Down' moves the selection to the next menu, or decrease a data value.

- When at the end of a list, the program moves back to the first item of this list.
- If the selected menu is a **data input menu**, keeping this key pressed will decrease the value more rapidly.
- In a **data input menu**, when the value reaches its minimum value, the program continues with the maximum value.

'Up' moves the selection to the previous menu, or increase a data value.

- If the item is the first of a menu, the program moves the selection to the last item of that menu.
- If the selected menu is a **data input menu**, keeping this key pressed will increase the value more rapidly.
- In a **data input menu**, when the value reaches its maximum value, the program continues with the minimum value.

'Mode' moves the last selection to the upper level

- This key has no effect in the first level.
- In a **data input menu**, pressing this key allows to exit the menu without changing any value (escape).

'Enter' confirms a selection or data value.

- This key has the same effect that the key '→', when scrolling through the menus.
- In a **toggle menu**, this key confirms the selection and moves the cursor back to the upper level menu.
- In a **data input menu**, this key confirms the value of the data and moves the cursor back to the upper level menu.

### LCD SAVER

The program can automatically switch off the LCD screen (menu display and backlight) if there is no keyboard activity. The user can choose between a 30 second and a 2 minute delay in the **Settings Menu** (« SETTINGS ▶ LCD SAVER »).

When the LCD Saver is activated, just press any key of the keyboard to re-activate the LCD screen functions.

The user can also deactivate the LCD saver by selecting the OFF option.

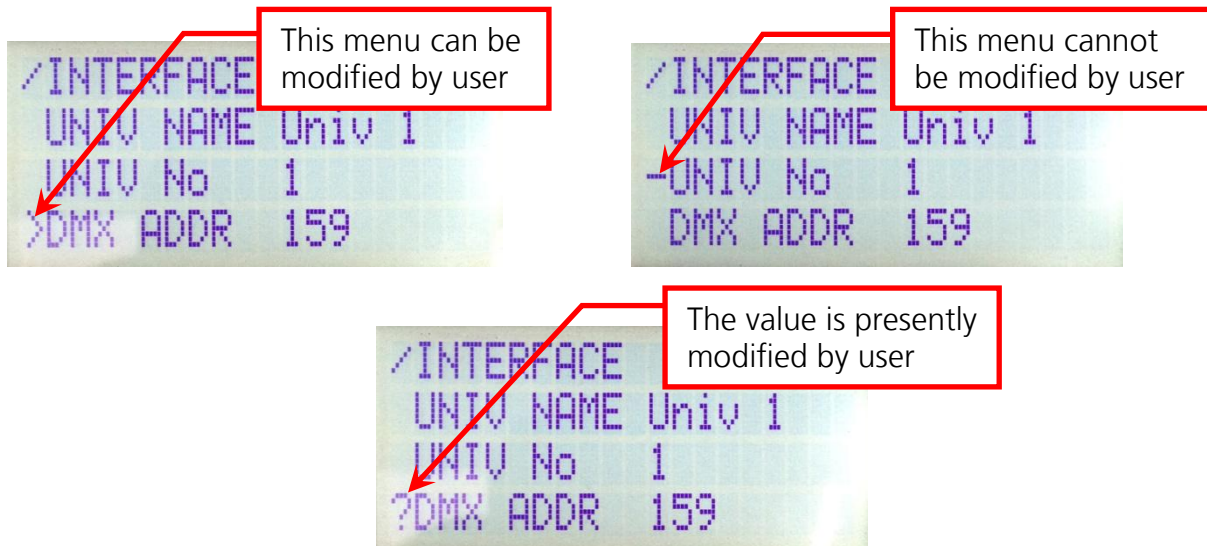
### MENU TREE



The menu is divided in four (4) main menus:

- **Status Menu** summarizes all the state of the fog generator. None of its sub menus can be modified.
- **Control Menu** allows the user to control locally the **MDG Me8**. All its sub menus can be set, as long as the generator is not in DMX/RDM mode.
- **Interface Menu** allows the user to define or verify the communication via DMX/RDM.
- **Settings Menu** summarizes general configuration of the generator.

The menu is refreshed every second.

- Items preceded by the « - » character are state messages or parameters, updated by the program. The user cannot modify them.
- Items preceded by the « > » character are control parameters.
- The user, within specific ranges or choices, can **MODIFY** them. In user input mode, the value or the choice is preceded with the « ? » character.



The tree menu architecture is explained below. Items highlighted in blue are state menu (  ), and those highlighted in yellow are control menu (  ).

### STATUS

Status menu

#### STATE

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UNIT OFF  
xx% HEAT  
PURGE  
READY  
FOG ON  
FAIL

#### Status **State**

- the generator is **off**
- the generator is **heating**, but not ready
- the generator is **purging** the heating module
- the generator is generator is **ready** to produce fog
- the generator is producing **Fog**
- the generator is off, due to a **failure** (see diagnostic)

#### ERROR (z)

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**Error** message when **State = FAIL** (see diagnostic)  
z = M for Master Control / z = S for Slave Control

#### TEMP.

----

TOO LOW  
OK  
TOO HIGH

#### **Temperature** status (heating modules)

- temperature **too low**
- temperature within specifications (**ready**)
- temperature **too high**

#### PRESSURE

xx.X

Current reservoir **pressure**

#### PCB TEMP

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**Temperature** of the board (see Units)

#### RUN TIME

xx.X

Total Run Time in decimal hours

#### FOG TIME

xx.X

Total Fog Time in decimal hours

#### LAST ERR

z:yyyyy

Code for the Last five (5) errors  
z = M for Master Control / z = S for Slave Control  
See **Fail State** paragraph

### CONTROL

Control menu

#### UNIT

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OFF  
ON

#### **Unit** toggle

- the generator is **off**
- the generator is **on**

#### FOG

----

OFF  
ON

#### **Fog** toggle

- the fog is **off**
- the fog is **on**

#### SET PRES.

xx.X

**Fog** operating **pressure** (see Units)

### INTERFACE

COMM.	----
	AUTO
	LOCAL
	DMX
DEV LABEL	yyyyyy
DEV ID	yyyyyy
DMX ADDR	yy
1 UNIT	yy
2 OUTPUT	yy
3 FOG	yy

### SETTINGS

UNITS	----
	PSI/°C
	kPA/°C
	BAR/°C
	PSI/°F
LCD SAVER	----
	30 s
	2 mn
	OFF
VERSION	x.xx
FIRMWARE	x.xx

### Network /DMX/RDM Menu

#### Communication toggle

- the generator is controlled by **DMX/RDM** if a signal is present, or **locally** if there is no signal
- the generator is controlled by the **keyboard ONLY**
- the generator is controlled by **DMX/RDM ONLY**

#### RDM Device Name

#### RDM Device ID

**DMX Address** (1 to 510) Network / DMX / RDM

Channel #1 value: OFF ≤ 50% (128) < ON

Channel #2 value: 0% (0) to 100% (255)

Channel #3 value: OFF ≤ 50% (128) < ON

### Settings menu

#### Units toggle

- pressure in **psi**, temperature in **Celsius**
- pressure in **kPa**, temperature in **Celsius**
- pressure in **bar**, temperature in **Celsius**
- pressure in **psi**, temperature in **Fahrenheit**

#### LCD Saver Mode

- LCD saver is activated after 30 s
- LCD saver is activated after 2 min
- LCD Saver is Off

#### Model Version

#### Program Firmware

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The MDG **Me8 Fog Generator** can be controlled either locally, with the keyboard, via DMX (see *DMX control and RDM Control*). This paragraph focuses on **local control**.

### Starting Procedures

When powering up the generator, the control program configures the Input/Output, and loads the configuration parameters saved in the EEPROM memory.

At this point, the MDG **Me8** switches to stand-by mode, and most of the electronic controls are off.

When the generator is manually switched to **«UNIT ON»** mode («CONTROL ▶ UNIT ▶ ON»), the program starts the heating cycle («STATUS ▶ STATE = % HEAT»), which will last approximately 7 to 8 minutes.

When the temperature reaches READY level («STATUS ▶ STATE = READY»), the Automatic Purging System™ (APSTM) will be initiated («STATUS ▶ STATE = PURGING»).

After the first purging cycle is completed (approx. time 60 sec.) the generator is ready to produce fog.

### Fog Production

When the generator is manually switched to **«FOG ON»** mode («CONTROL ▶ FOG ▶ ON»), the **Me8** will start producing fog.

The amount of the fog emission can be controlled by adjusting the pressure («CONTROL ▶ PRESSURE ▶ XX») from **2 psi to 40 psi**.

The MDG **Me8** will produce fog as long as the control parameters are within specifications, and the fog fluid reservoir filled.

If a critical problem occurs, the program shuts down automatically the fog generator, and displays an error message in the **State Menu** (see *Fail State*) and the LCD will flash.

When the generator is manually switched to **«FOG OFF»** mode («CONTROL ▶ FOG ▶ OFF»), the **Me8** will stop producing haze and initiate the automatic purging cycle.



### **WARNING**

**Never power off a generator while it is producing fog** – See the shut down procedure.

### Shut down procedure

**Never shut down** the MDG **Me8** while making Fog.

Power off the generator observing the following sequence:

- **Turn off** the fog emission,
- Wait 120 seconds for the **APS™** cycle to complete,
- Switch the generator **«UNIT OFF»** mode («CONTROL ▶ UNIT ▶ OFF»),
- Power off the MDG **Me8**, by switching off the “MAIN POWER SWITCH”.

Switching directly the generator in **«UNIT OFF»** mode by DMX/RDM will yield the same result as above. Wait for all the cycles to complete before powering off the generator.

### FAIL State

**FAIL state mode** is initiated if any critical error occurs. Since there are two boards onboard (Master and Slave boards), the FAIL state will always specify which boards has triggered the error.

In this state, the MDG **Me8** is **off**, awaiting an action from the user.

The critical message error is always displayed in the **Status Menu** («STATUS ▶ ERROR»), as well as the five (5) last critical errors («STATUS ▶ LAST ERR»).

• **ERROR = HEATER**                      **LAST ERR CODE = 6**                      **MASTER & SLAVE**

This error will occur if the temperature of the heating module is not increasing with the proper thermal ramp.

This is generally due to a heater cartridge(s) problem or a AC Voltage too low. Shut down the generator and restart it. Check the heating process with the value of the Status («STATUS ▶ STATE ▶ xx% HEAT»). If the percent is not increasing, the heater cartridges have failed.

• **ERROR = P. LOW**                      **LAST ERR CODE = 7**                      **MASTER**

This error will occur if the generator is unable to reach the operating pressure within a fixed time interval.

This may be due to a leaking gas line (between the gas bottle and the generator), a closed or empty gas bottle, the set pressure of the regulator below 50-60 psi (3.5-4.1 bar, or 350-410 kPa), a ball valve closed on the gas line or a problem with the pressure transducer.

• **ERROR = P. HIGH**                      **LAST ERR CODE = 8**                      **MASTER**

This error will occur if the pressure is too high for a specific regime, while the gas flow inlet is fully closed.

This may be due to a solenoid valve malfunction (electronic or physical blockage), a problem with the pressure transducer, the heating module partially clogged, the set pressure of the regulator above 60 psi (4.1 bar, or 410 kPa) or the use of cryogenic (liquid) gas.

- **ERROR = T. HIGH**                      **LAST ERR CODE = 4**                      **MASTER & SLAVE**  
This error will occur if the temperature of the heating module is too high.  
This is generally due to an electronic problem or a sensor problem. Shut down the generator and restart it.
- **ERROR = T. SAF**                      **LAST ERR CODE = 5**                      **MASTER & SLAVE**  
This error will occur if abnormal temperature difference between the two sensors of the heating module is detected.  
This is generally due to an electronic or a sensor problem. Shut down the generator and restart it.
- **ERROR = PCB HIGH**                      **LAST ERR CODE = D**                      **MASTER & SLAVE**  
This error will occur when the internal temperature of the generator is too high.  
This may happen if the external temperature is high. Move the generator in the shade or to a cooler location. Shut down, wait few minutes, and then restart the generator.
- **ERROR = WD RST**                      **LAST ERR CODE = E**                      **MASTER & SLAVE**  
This error will occur if the watchdog (software safety) resets the generator.  
This is generally due to software error, an interference or chip problem. Shut down the generator and restart it.
- **ERROR = CONTROL**                      **LAST ERR CODE = F**                      **MASTER & SLAVE**  
This error will occur if the control board does not receive any answer from the slave board  
This is generally due to software error, interference, a wiring problem or a chip problem. Shut down the generator and restart it.

Please contact an Authorized Service Center if any problem persists.



## DMX CONTROL

The MDG **Me8** can be controlled via a DMX512-A USITT standard protocol.



### WARNING

Activating the «**DMX**» mode («**INTERFACE ▶ MODE ▶ DMX**»), controls the MDG **Me8** only by DMX signal. If the DMX wire is **unplugged** or DMX **signal is lost**, the generator **initiates an automatic shutdown procedure**.

Activating the «**AUTO**» mode («**INTERFACE ▶ MODE ▶ AUTO**»), controls MDG **Me8** by DMX, only if there is a signal. If the DMX wire is **unplugged** or DMX **signal is lost**, the generator **keeps the last DMX values**.



### WARNING

In «**AUTO Mode**», DMX commands always take precedence over Local commands.

The MDG **Me8** provides a simple way to check if there is DMX signal:

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/INTERFACE 18:30:01
>COMM.     AUTO
DEV LABEL ONE-14100
DEV ID     1
    
```

**No DMX Signal**

```

/INTERFACE .18:30:33
>COMM.     AUTO
DEV LABEL ONE-14100
DEV ID     1
    
```

**DMX Signal**

The user can change the DMX Start Address in the Interface Menu («**DMX Add**»), and choose any value between 1 and 510 (512, last DMX channel).

### The generator uses three (3) DMX channels:

- Channel 1      **0 (0%)**      < UNIT OFF ≤ **128 (50%)**      < UNIT ON      ≤ **255 (100%)**
- Channel 2      **0 (0%) – 255 (100%)**, FOG OUTPUT (from minimum to maximum)
- Channel 3      **0 (0%)**      < FOG OFF ≤ **128 (50%)**      < FOG ON      ≤ **255 (100%)**

These channels have the same behaviour that the menus of the local interface (see **Operating instructions** paragraph).

## **BOOTLOADER**

The MDG **Me8** uses a BootLoader, also called boot manager. This program is a firmware (software embedded in a hardware device) located into the non-volatile memory of the microcontroller unit (MCU) that allows in-circuit reprogramming of the device using its USB communication port.

To upgrade the firmware, you will need:

- a computer running under Windows, with a USB 2.0 connector
- special driver for the USB, included in the package,
- a standard USB 2.0 cable, A to B Male/Male type

Contact the MDG Service to have the last package firmware upgrade for the MDG **Me8**.

## **RDM CONTROL**

The MDG **Me8** can be controlled via a RDM ANSI E1.20 protocol, an intelligent bi-directional communication utilizing the DMX512 data link.

RDM allows a console or other controlling device to discover and then configure, monitor, and manage intermediate and end-devices connected through a DMX512 network. RDM provides for intelligent control of devices on a DMX512 network, which has not been previously available outside of proprietary networks

RDM Control has the same functionalities than the DMX Control (see *DMX Control*) with bi-directional functions allowing the user to read or write specific functions.

The RDM supported parameters implemented in the MDG **Me8 Fog Generator** are summarized in the following table.

RDM Parameter ID's	Value	GET Allowed	SET Allowed	Comments
DISC_UNIQUE_BRANCH	0x0001			
DISC_MUTE	0x0002			
DISC_UN_MUTE	0x0003			
QUEUED_MESSAGE	0x0020	✓		
STATUS_MESSAGES	0x0030	✓		
SUPPORTED_PARAMETERS	0x0050	✓		
PARAMETER_DESCRIPTION	0x0051	✓		
DEVICE_INFO	0x0060	✓		
PRODUCT_DETAIL_ID_LIST	0x0070	✓		
DEVICE_MODEL_DESCRIPTION	0x0080	✓		<b>Me8</b> Fog Generator
MANUFACTURER_LABEL	0x0081	✓		MDG Fog Generators Ltd
DEVICE_LABEL	0x0082	✓	✓	
SOFTWARE_VERSION_LABEL	0x00C0	✓		
DMX_PERSONALITY	0x00E0	✓	✓	1
DMX_PERSONALITY_DESCRIPTION	0x00E1	✓		
DMX_START_ADDRESS	0x00F0	✓	✓	1 to 510
SLOT_INFO	0x0120	✓		
SLOT_DESCRIPTION	0x0121	✓		
DEFAULT_SLOT_VALUE	0x0122	✓		
IDENTIFY_DEVICE	0x1000	✓	✓	LCD flashes
RESET_DEVICE	0x1001		✓	0x01/0xFF Reset (Warm)
MDG_GENERATOR_STATE	0x8002	✓		ASCII text (Up to 20 characters)
MDG_LCD_SAVER	0x8004	✓	✓	Unsigned Byte (0=30 s, 1=2 min, 2=Off)
MDG_COM	0x8005	✓	✓	Unsigned Byte (0=AUTO, 1=LOCAL, 2=DMX)

**Table 1: RDM Supported Parameters.**

## Fog fluid

Operate **the Me8 Fog generator** only with the **MDG Neutral Fog Fluid**.

Make sure that no other liquids or particles are mixed or added to the **MDG Fog Fluid**.

The **MDG Neutral Fog Fluid** produces a pure, white, non-toxic fog.

**MDG Neutral Fog Fluid** is available at authorized MDG distributors or dealers.

Available in 4 L (1 US gallon), 5 L (Europe Only), 20 L (5.3 US gallon), 205 L (55 US gallon) and 1000 L (264 US gallon).



## FILLING THE FLUID RESERVOIR



### WARNING

Use only **MDG Neutral Fog Fluid**. Not doing so will void the warranty and may damage the generator.



### CAUTION

DISCONNECT UNIT BEFORE ADDING FOG FLUID.

To fill the fluid reservoir, unscrew the brass cap and pour the **MDG Neutral Fog Fluid** until it reaches the inside bottom of the opening.

Avoid overfilling, screw back the brass cap and make sure it is tightened.

# Troubleshooting

Contact MDG if symptoms are not listed, or if the provided solutions fail to resolve the issue.

**Table 2: Symptoms and Solutions**

Symptoms	Probable Causes and Suggested Actions
The fog generator does not switch on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that AC power cord is properly connected on both ends.</li> <li>• Check the fuse or the breakers of your VAC entry. The wattage of the generator is around 5630 W.</li> <li>• Verify the AC voltage on the power cord. 190-250 VAC.</li> </ul>
The generator does not produce fog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the Unit is ON «CONTROL ▶ UNIT ▶ ON»</li> <li>• Verify that the UNIT is READY «STATUS ▶ STATE = READY»</li> </ul> <p>The generator requires approximately seven to eight (7 to 8) minutes to be ready. While the heating module is warming up, the % HEAT must vary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the Unit is not in a FAIL state «STATUS ▶ STATE = FAIL»</li> </ul> <p>If so, check the symptoms below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify the communication mode. «INTERFACE ▶ MODE»</li> </ul> <p>You cannot control the generator locally if you are in DMX mode, and vice-versa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are in DMX mode:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify the cable</li> <li>• Verify the DMX Start address and the patch</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Symptoms	Probable Causes and Suggested Actions
<p>« STATE = FAIL»            VERIFY THE ERROR MESSAGES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ERROR = P. LOW               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the gas bottle</li> <li>• Verify the set pressure on the regulator (50-60 psi, 3.4-4.1 bar or 340-410 kPa)</li> <li>• Verify the gas line</li> <li>• Verify the reading of the pressure transducer «STATUS ▶ PRESSURE»</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ERROR = P. HIGH               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify the reading of the pressure transducer «STATUS ▶ PRESSURE»</li> <li>• Verify the set pressure on the regulator (50-60 psi, 3.4-4.1 bar or 340-410 kPa)</li> <li>• Are you using Liquid Gas?</li> <li>• You may have a solenoid valve malfunction. Restart the generator.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact MDG Service if this problem persists.</p> </li> <li>• ERROR = HEATER               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check if the voltage is not below 190 VAC.</li> <li>• Restart the generator and check the heating status «STATUS ▶ STATE = xx% HEAT». If the heating value is not progressing, there may be various issues.</li> </ul> <p>Contact MDG Service.</p> </li> <li>• ERROR = T. HIGH               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restart the generator. This is generally due to an electronic or sensor problem.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact MDG Service if this problem persists.</p> </li> <li>• ERROR = T. SAF               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restart the generator. This is generally due to an electronic or sensor problem.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact MDG Service if this problem persists.</p> </li> </ul>
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Symptoms	Probable Causes and Suggested Actions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ERROR = PCB HIGH               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop the generator for a few minutes, if it is possible</li> <li>• Try to change the position of the generator to a cooler location.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact MDG Service if this problem persists.</p> </li> <li>• ERROR = WD RESET               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is generally due to an electronic or software problem.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact MDG Service if this problem persists.</p> </li> <li>• ERROR = CONTROL               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is generally due to an electronic or software problem.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact MDG Service if this problem persists.</p> </li> </ul>
<p>LCD displays strange letters or does not seem to work normally</p>	<p>In some conditions (Radio transmission or static discharges), the LCD may lose its settings. The generator is still working, but the LCD displays strange or no characters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wait 30 seconds without touching any key, until the LCD saver starts</li> <li>• Press any key</li> </ul> <p>If the menu does not reappear, restart the generator.</p> <p>Please contact the Service if this problem persists.</p>

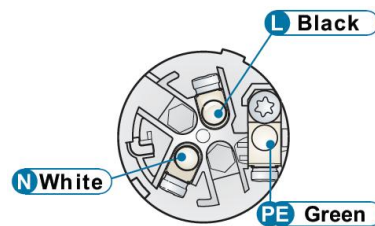
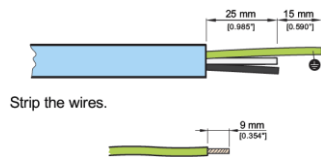
## Cable Requirements

### CONNECTION TO THE MAIN

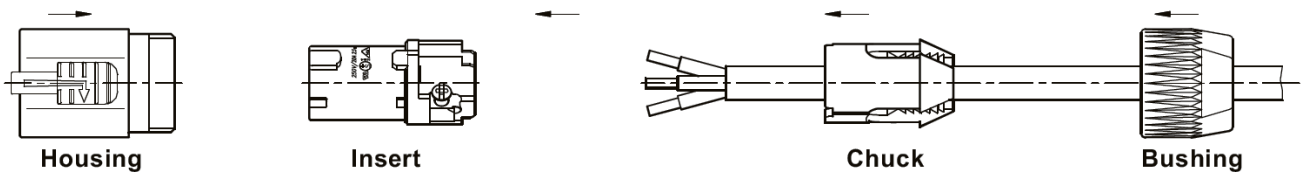
If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by a special cord or assembly available from the manufacturer, or its distributing / service agent.

- Operating voltage: 190-250 VAC, single phase. 50/60 Hz, 5630 W.
- Ground / Earth connection **REQUIRED**.
- Cable: 6 mm<sup>2</sup> (10 AWG), 3-wire, 105 °C copper, 300 V  
CE UL/CSA compliant cable

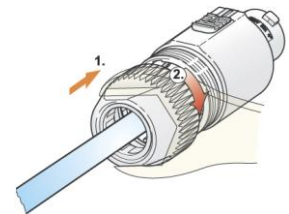
- Cable Preparation:



- Cable Assembly



1. Put bushing and chuck onto the cable
2. Prepare cable as shown above
3. Insert the wire into the terminals and fasten the clamping device by a flat screw driver
4. Push insert and chuck into housing (pay attention to the guiding keyway!)
5. Fasten bushing by means of a fork wrench 27 mm (1 1/16"), min. Torque 3.5 N.m (2.6 lb.ft)



### DMX 512 CONNECTION

- DMX/RDM data: Dual twisted pair 0.75 mm (22 AWG) + shield, XLR-5 type connector, CE UL/CSA compliant cable.
- Wiring XLR Connectors :
 

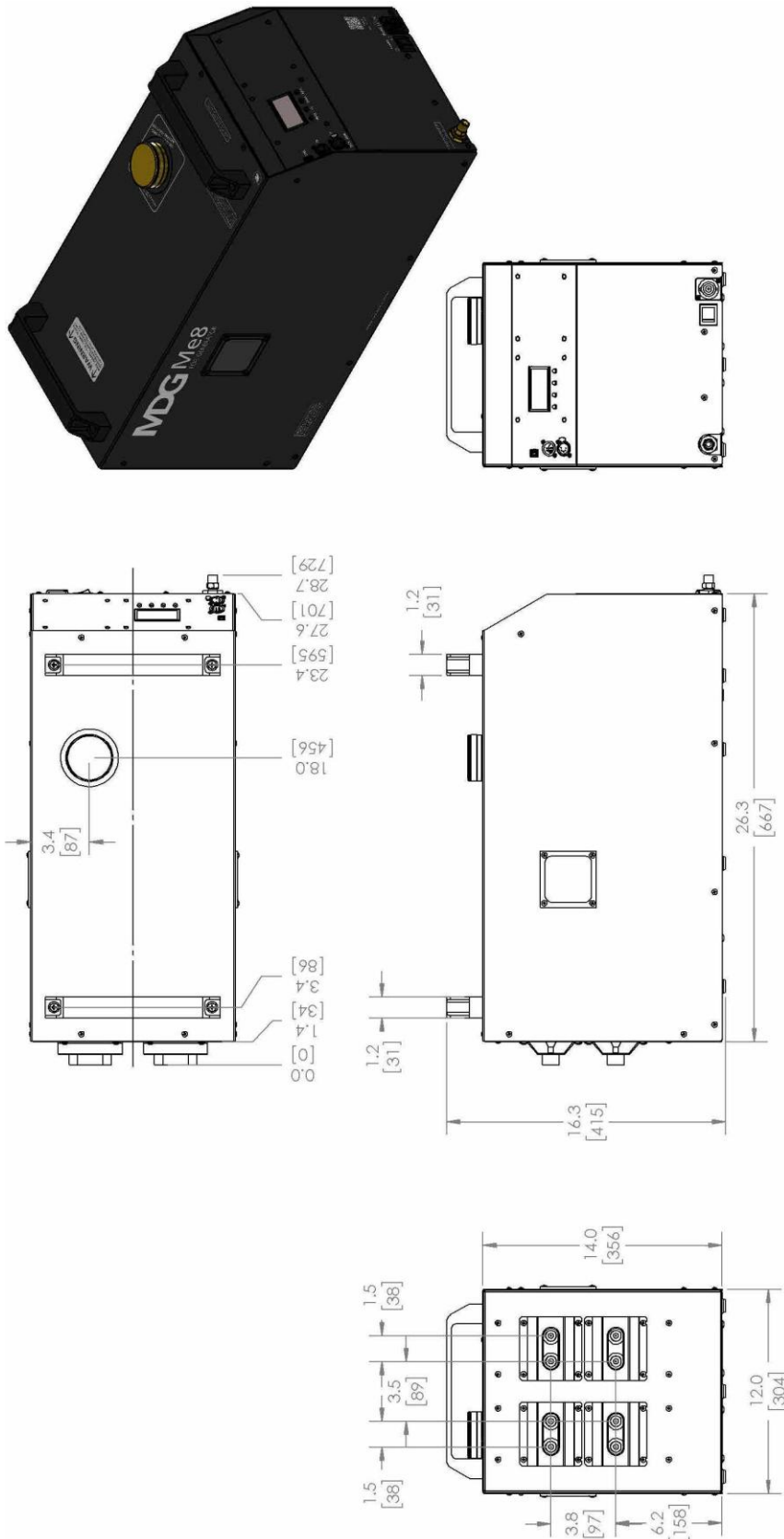
1 – Shield	3 - Signal (+)	5 – Not connected
2 - Signal (-)	4 – Not connected	



## Technical specifications

Series	MAX <sup>APS</sup> Series
Maximum fog output (per minute):	800 m <sup>3</sup> (28,250 ft <sup>3</sup> )
Fog colour:	Pure white
Particle size:	0.5 to 0.7 microns
Fluid consumption:	8 L (119 oz / 1.06 US gal) per hour at 2.76 bar / 40 psi
Fluid type:	MDG <b>Neutral</b> <sup>TM</sup> Fog Fluid ONLY M.S.D.S. available on request
Fluid reservoir:	9.5 L (2.5 US gal) bottle
Gas type:	Industrial Grade CO <sub>2</sub> or N <sub>2</sub>
Gas pressure input:	4.15 bar / 60 psi max
Gas consumption:	6.8 kg (15 lb) per hour at 2.76 bar / 40 psi
Automatic Purging System <sup>TM</sup> :	Standard feature
Warm-up time:	8 minutes
Operating voltage:	190-250 VAC, 50/60Hz, 1 phase Ground / Earth connection <b>REQUIRED</b>
Power consumption:	5630 W
Control signal:	Manual (4 buttons keyboard + LCD) USB (diagnostic & Bootload) DMX / RDM Protocol
Operating temperature:	0 °C to 50 °C (32 °F to 122 °F)
Operating humidity:	90 % relative humidity @ 50 °C (122 °F), non-condensing
Storage temperature:	-40 °C (-40 °F) to 60 °C (140 °F)
Storage humidity:	80% relative humidity @ 60 °C (140 °F)
Approval	CE, CSA and UL pending
Dimensions	41.5 cm (16.3") H x 30.4 cm (12.0") W x 73. cm (28.7") L
Weight:	45 kg (100 lb)
Shipping Weight:	52 kg (114 lb) without flight case 60 kg (132 lb) with flight case

## Dimensions



## Warranty

When installed and operated as recommended, **MDG Fog Generators Ltd** guarantees that this product will remain free of defects in parts and labour for a period of two (2) years from the moment it is delivered. This warranty does not apply if the product has been modified without our written authorization, or repaired without a written authorization from MDG or one of its authorized service centres, or if it is used under conditions for which it has not been designed, or if any other fluid than the **MDG Neutral Fog Fluids** has been used. **MDG Fog Generators Ltd** is not responsible for any damages resulting from a faulty installation or from abusive use of the product.

If any device is found unsatisfactory under the terms of this warranty, **MDG Fog Generators Ltd** will repair or replace it free of all charges, except transportation costs.

This warranty applies only to the product itself and **MDG Fog Generators Ltd** declines responsibility for any losses, costs, or damages resulting from its use.

**MDG Fog Generators Ltd** shall not be liable for consequential damage in case of any failure to meet the conditions of any warranty or shipping schedule, nor will claims for labour, loss of profits, repairs, or other expenses incidental to replacement be allowed.

The repair or replacement of the product, by **MDG Fog Generators Ltd** shall constitute fulfilment of all obligations to the purchaser.

No other guarantees or warranties, expressed or implied, are made by **MDG Fog Generators Ltd** in connection with its products. This warranty is non-transferable and applies to the original purchaser only.

To obtain satisfaction under the terms of this warranty, contact your local sales office, and we will be pleased to help you.

## Declaration of conformity



### **EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

*According to IEC/ISO 17050*

We, **MDG Fog Generators Ltd**  
10301 ave Pelletier  
Montreal, QC, Canada, H1H 3R2

declare under our sole responsibility, that the product including options or accessories

Fog Generators models: Me1, Me2, Me4 and Me8,  
MAX 3000 APS, MAX 5000 APS and MAX 5000 APS H.O.  
ATMe, ATMOSPHERE APS and ATMOSPHERE APS H.O.  
ICE FOG Q and ICE FOG Compact  
MM, MINI SINGLE, SINGLE and DUAL

to which this declaration relates, is in conformity with the following standards:

IEC 60335-1: 2001 (Fourth Edition) incl. Corr.1:2002 + A1:2004 + A2:2006  
Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety/Part 1, September 2006  
CISPR 22:2008-09/EN 55022, Class B  
IEC 61000-6-1:2005/EN61000-6-1:2007, (EMC)-Part 6-1  
FCC PART 15, Subpart B, class B

By conformance with the standards referenced, the product follows the provisions of the directives listed below:

2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive  
2004/108/EC EMC Directive  
2011/65/EU RoHS2 Directive

**Martin Michaud, President**

August 17, 2012  
Montreal, Canada

