

# LED Lighting Shield

for Arduino™ and Raspberry-PI™

## Technical Data

### Features

- **Arduino™ UNO Shield standard form factor for simple integration into any Arduino project**
- **I<sup>2</sup>C interface for simple connection to Arduino or Raspberry-PI**
- **A complete mono or colour lighting system for rooms, aquariums, fish ponds, external lighting etc.**
- **Four [4] high current [350mA each] LED driver channels supporting 1-12 LED's per string [1.75 to 17Watts (5-48VDC supply)].**
- **I<sup>2</sup>C address links allow up to four [4] shields to be used together**
- **Simple register based control of brightness / colour and sun-rise, sun-set and moon light simulation modes**
- **R.G.B.W high brightness LED module with heatsink supplied as standard [other modules available]**
- **LVD, RoHS and WEEE compliant product**

### Description

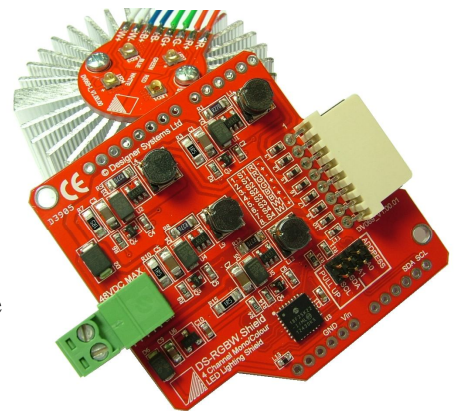
The Designer Systems DS-**RGBW.S** is a four [4] channel high current LED driver shield capable of driving four [4] 1-12 LED chains.

Specifically targeted at the Arduino UNO board user [all other Arduino boards supported] and the Raspberry-PI the **RGBW.S** features high speed I<sup>2</sup>C communication for easy project integration and smooth brightness control.

Each of the four [4] 350mA capable channels features a 1024 step brightness control, open/short circuit protection, current monitoring and can support a LED chain of 1-12 LED's [dependant on power supply connected]. This allows the user to create **RGBW** lighting effects, using the supplied **RGBW** lamp, or driving external **RGB** strips /coins etc. or 4x white strips /coins for accent lighting, room lighting, aquarium lighting etc.

The built in aquarium mode provides advanced control of the supplied **RGBW** lamp, or external 10Watt **RGBW** lamp, to provide simulation of moonlight, sunrise, day and sunset cycles which run on an internal 24 hour timer.

### DS-**RGBW.S**



The on-board I<sup>2</sup>C pull-ups are jumper configurable to allow disconnection when connecting to the Raspberry-PI, which has its own pull-ups.

The supplied **RGBW** 4W lamp features high quality OSRAM OSLON LED's, finned heatsink and has a maximum light output level of 340 lumens.

### Applications

The **DS-**RGBW.S**** has many applications in domestic room lighting, outside lighting, fish ponds, accent lighting and aquarium lighting to name a few. The built in aquarium mode provides timed set and forget moonlight/sunrise/sunset simulation for large or small aquariums.

CONTROL MODULES

### Selection Guide

Description	Part Number
LED Lighting Shield w. <b>RGBW</b> LED lamp	DS- <b>RGBW.S</b>
6500K Cool white LED lamp [4x White 424 lm max.]	DS-LD4.S-W
3500K Warm white LED lamp [4x White 336 lm max.]	DS-LD4.S-WW

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Note: A 12VDC [500mA] power supply is required

## Power requirements

The DS-RGBW.S requires two power supplies for operation.

### Controller power

The power necessary for on-board controller operation (approx. 2-10mA) is taken from an external battery, mains power adaptor or from the Arduino or Raspberry-PI board.

The RGBW provides three PCB pads, two marked 'GND' and one marked 'Vin' in the same format as that present on the UNO board, which should be connected to negative and positive battery/power supply terminals respectively. The input voltage range is 4.75 - 16VDC with the internal circuitry being protected against power supply reversal.

### LED power

The power necessary for LED operation is taken from an external battery or mains power adaptor. Connection of the external supply to the RGBW module is through a two (2) way pluggable screw terminal block marked '48VDC MAX'. The positive connection is marked '+++++' but is internally polarity protected to prevent damage to the LED drivers.

A supply voltage should be selected dependant on the number of LED's connected in series as a chain to the LED output. A good rule of thumb is [Number of LED's in string x 4V] but a minimum input voltage of 12VDC is recommended.

### Examples:

Each channel has 6x RED, BLUE and GREEN LED's connected in a series chain, therefore input supply = 6 x 4V = 24VDC.

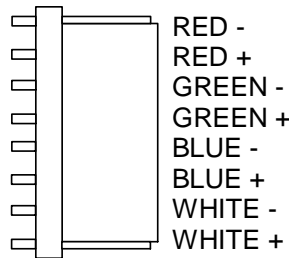
Each channel has 12x RED, BLUE and GREEN LED's connected in a series chain, therefore input supply = 12 x 4V = 48VDC.

## DO NOT exceed the maximum input voltage of 48VDC !

A supply of 12VDC @ 500mA is recommended for the supplied RGBW 4W lamp.

## LED connection

The LED interface is an eight (8) pin horizontal 2.54mm pitch header, pinned as follows:

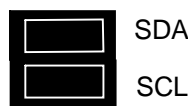


The corresponding chain of coloured LED's should be connected with its CATHODE connected to '-' and its ANODE end connected to '+'.

## I<sup>2</sup>C connection

The I<sup>2</sup>C connections are marked 'SDA' and 'SCL' and allow connection to the Arduino UNO board 'ANALOG IN' pins 4 and 5 or the Raspberry-PI GPIO port pins 3 and 5 (see Fig. 2.0) or another I<sup>2</sup>C Master device.

The DS-RGBW.S is fitted with pull-up jumpers that can be configured to provide the source current necessary for I<sup>2</sup>C communication. The following jumpers should normally be set when using the UNO board, as long as the I<sup>2</sup>C bus does not have existing pull-up's provided by another device. **These jumpers MUST be removed when using the Raspberry-PI:**



PULL UP

## I<sup>2</sup>C communication

Up to four DS-RGBW.S modules may be connected to the same UNO / Raspberry-PI board or I<sup>2</sup>C bus and accessed individually using their own individual address.

The address is configured with the following jumpers:



The following table shows how the jumpers are placed for the different binary addresses:

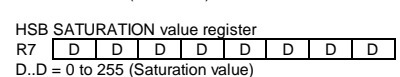
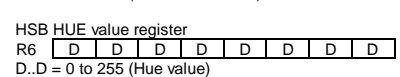
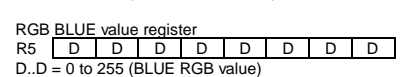
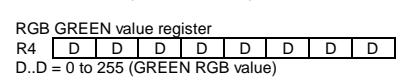
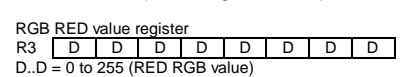
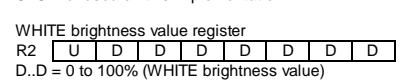
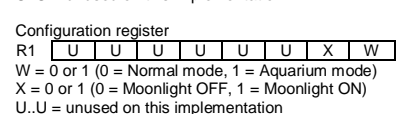
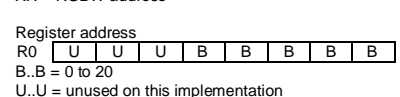
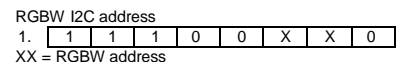
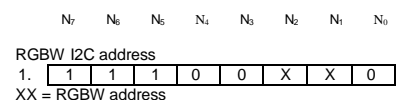
Address xx	A0	A1
00 (default)	ON	ON
01	OFF	ON
10	ON	OFF
11	OFF	OFF

The binary address (xx) above is used in conjunction with the device ID 11100xxD to form the complete device address i.e. if both jumpers are left connected (default) then the device address would be 1110000D<sub>binary</sub>.

The 'D' bit determines if a read or a write to the RGBW is to be performed. If the 'D' bit is set '1' then a register read is performed or if clear '0' a register write.

To access individual registers a device write must be undertaken by the I<sup>2</sup>C Master which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit cleared), register to start write, one or more bytes of data to be written and a stop condition (see Figure 1.0 for I<sup>2</sup>C write protocol).

There are 20 individual registers that can be written to within the RGBW that control WHITE, RGB, HSB and R.G.B.W levels, Clock, Sunrise/Sunset and Moonlight configuration as follows:



HSB BRIGHTNESS value register  
 R8 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 255 (Brightness value)

Sunrise hour value register  
 R9 

U	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 23 (Sunrise hour value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

Sunset hour value register  
 R10 

U	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 23 (Sunrise hour value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

Current time hour value register  
 R11 

U	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 23 (Current time hour value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

Current minute value register  
 R12 

U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 59 (Current time minute value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

RED brightness MSB register  
 R13 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

RED brightness LSB register  
 R14 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

GREEN brightness MSB register  
 R15 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

GREEN brightness LSB register  
 R16 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

BLUE brightness MSB register  
 R17 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

BLUE brightness LSB register  
 R18 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

WHITE brightness MSB register  
 R19 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

WHITE brightness LSB register  
 R20 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

The RGBW also auto increments the register specified for every additional write requested by the Master I<sup>2</sup>C device, which allows more than one register to be written in one transaction.

This allows for example Register 1 to Register 5, RGB and WHITE levels, to be written in one transaction (see Figure 1.1 for I<sup>2</sup>C write protocol).

To read individual data and status registers a device write then read must be undertaken by the I<sup>2</sup>C Master.

The write consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit clear), register to start read and a Stop condition. This is followed by a read, which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit set), followed by data

from the register specified and terminated with a Stop condition.

### Status registers

There are 12 individual registers that can be read within the RGBW as follows:

N<sub>7</sub> N<sub>6</sub> N<sub>5</sub> N<sub>4</sub> N<sub>3</sub> N<sub>2</sub> N<sub>1</sub> N<sub>0</sub>

RGBW Address  
 1. 

1	1	1	0	0	X	X	1
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 XX = Address select pins

Configuration register  
 R1 

U	U	U	U	U	U	X	W
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 W = 0 or 1 (0 = Normal mode, 1 = Aquarium mode)  
 X = 0 or 1 (0 = Moonlight OFF, 1 = Moonlight ON)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

RED brightness MSB register  
 R2 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

RED brightness LSB register  
 R3 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

GREEN brightness MSB register  
 R4 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

GREEN brightness LSB register  
 R5 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

BLUE brightness MSB register  
 R6 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

BLUE brightness LSB register  
 R7 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

WHITE brightness MSB register  
 R8 

U	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0x03 (MSB of brightness value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

WHITE brightness LSB register  
 R9 

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0x00 to 0xFF (LSB of brightness value)

Current time hours value register  
 R10 

U	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 23 (Current hour value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

Current time minutes value register  
 R11 

U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 D..D = 0 to 59 (Current minutes value)  
 U..U = unused on this implementation

DS-RGBW.S Firmware  
 R12 

M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L
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 L..L = Firmware minor version 0-15  
 M..M = Firmware major version 0-15

### R.G.B Colour registers...

The RGB colour registers allow a standard RED, GREEN, BLUE (sRGB) colour value to be displayed on the connected LED's. The colour values set are internally converted to the CIE1931 XYZ colour space for better visual perception.

### H.S.B Colour registers...

The HSB colour registers allow a HUE, SATURATION, BRIGHTNESS [also known as VALUE] colour value to be displayed on the

connected LED's. The colour values set are internally converted to the CIE1931 XYZ colour space for better visual perception.

### R.G.B.W Brightness registers...

The R.G.B.W brightness registers allow individual control of the brightness level on each of the four LEDs. The output level is adjustable from zero [0x0000], or OFF, to 1023 [0x03FF], or maximum brightness, by converting the value into hexadecimal and writing the Most Significant Byte [MSB] to the first register and the Least Significant Byte [LSB] to the second register. For example if a brightness level of 589 was required the hexadecimal representation of this would be 0x024D. The 0x02<sub>hex</sub> would be written to the first register and the 0x4D<sub>hex</sub> to the second.

These registers may also be read to return the internally converted RGB and HSB values.

### Aquarium mode...

The RGBW.S provides an aquarium mode of operation that can simulate sunrise/sunset and moonlight illumination. Aquarium mode is simply enabled by writing the current time, hour and minute, into the I<sup>2</sup>C clock registers and then the sunrise hour, sunset hour and configuration control into the relevant I<sup>2</sup>C registers.

Sunrise is initiated when the clock and sunrise hour (06:00 default) are the same and will continue over a period of 30 minutes until full daylight is reached (5600K).

Sunset is initiated when the clock and the sunset hour (21:00 default) are the same and will continue over a period of 30 minutes until darkness is reached.

If the moonlight flag is also set the moon will rise as darkness falls and remain constant during the night until sunrise starts once more.

See the website at [www.designersystems.co.uk](http://www.designersystems.co.uk) for sample Raspberry-PI and Arduino applications.

## Electrical Characteristics (T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C Typical)

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units	Notes
Supply Voltage (LED power)	6	48	V	1
Supply Current (LED power)	0	1200	mA	2
Supply Voltage (on-board VCC)	4.75	16	V	
Supply Current (on-board VCC)	2	10	mA	
I <sup>2</sup> C speed	-	400	kHz	
I <sup>2</sup> C pull-up resistance	-	4700	Ω	3
LED driver output current	0	350	mA	
LED's per channel	1	12	LEDs	
LED forward voltage	3	3.8	V	4

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Supply Voltage (LED power)	-0.5	+50	V

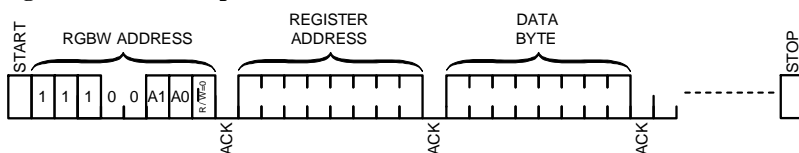
## Environmental

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Operating Temperature	0	70	°C
Storage Temperature	-10	80	°C
Humidity	0	80	%
Dimensions	Length 56.25mm, Width 53.5mm, Height 12mm		
Weight	15g [main board] 71g [RGBW lamp]		
Immunity & emissions	See statement on page 8		

### Notes:

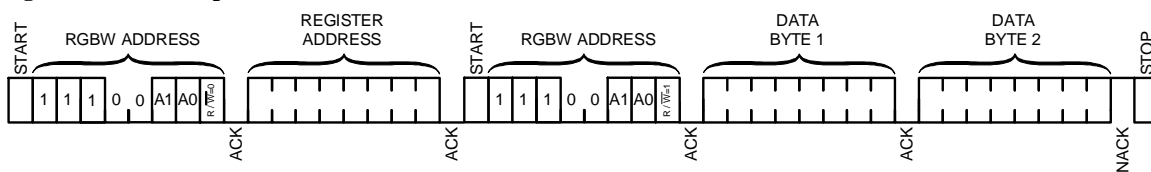
1. Recommended minimum input voltage is 12VDC.
2. Maximum is all four channels at maximum brightness all connected to 12 LED chains with 48VDC supply.
3. Value given is to V<sub>cc</sub> when activated with appropriate jumpers.
4. Nominal value is 3.2 to 3.5V.

**Figure 1.0 (I<sup>2</sup>C write protocol)**



Multiple bytes may be written before the 'STOP' condition. Data is written into registers starting at 'REGISTER ADDRESS', then 'REGISTER ADDRESS' +1, then 'REGISTER ADDRESS' +2 etc. Each byte transfer is acknowledged 'ACK' by the RGBW until the 'STOP' condition.

**Figure 1.1 (I<sup>2</sup>C read protocol)**

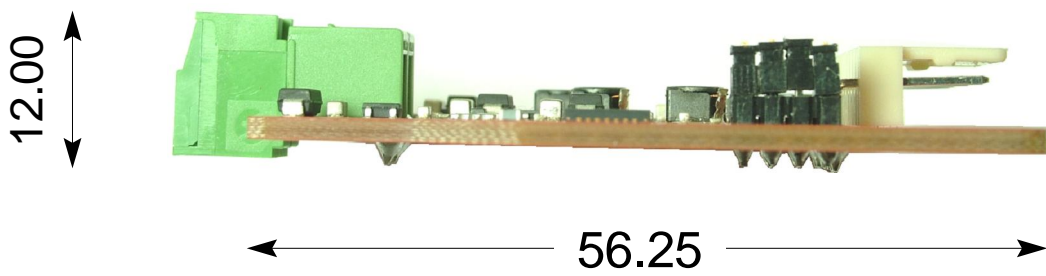
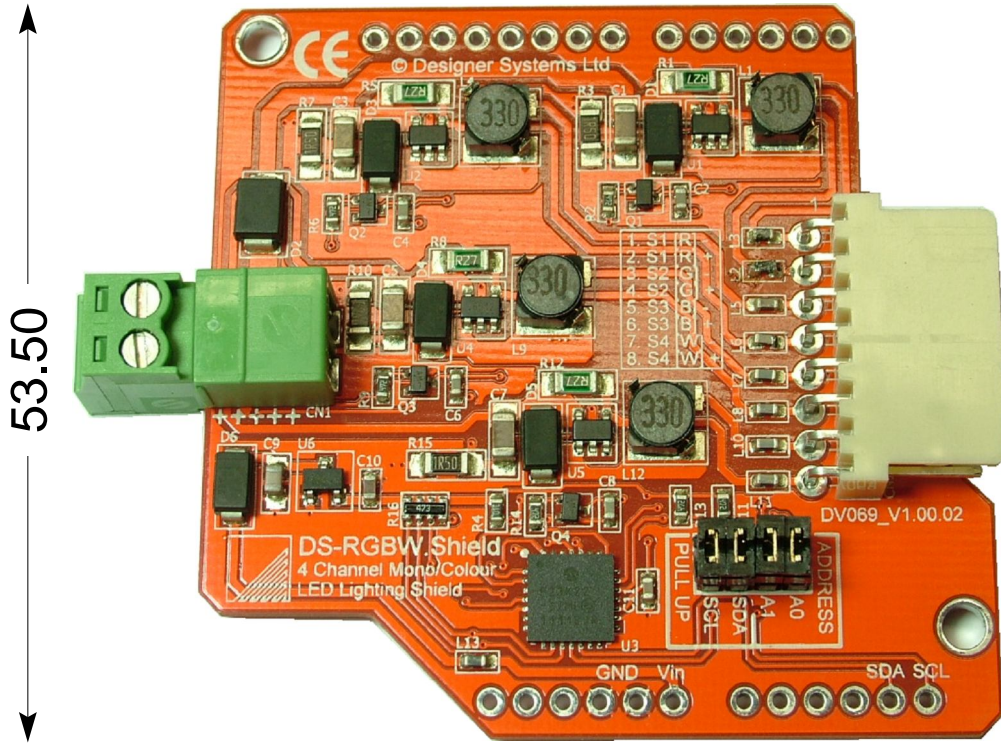


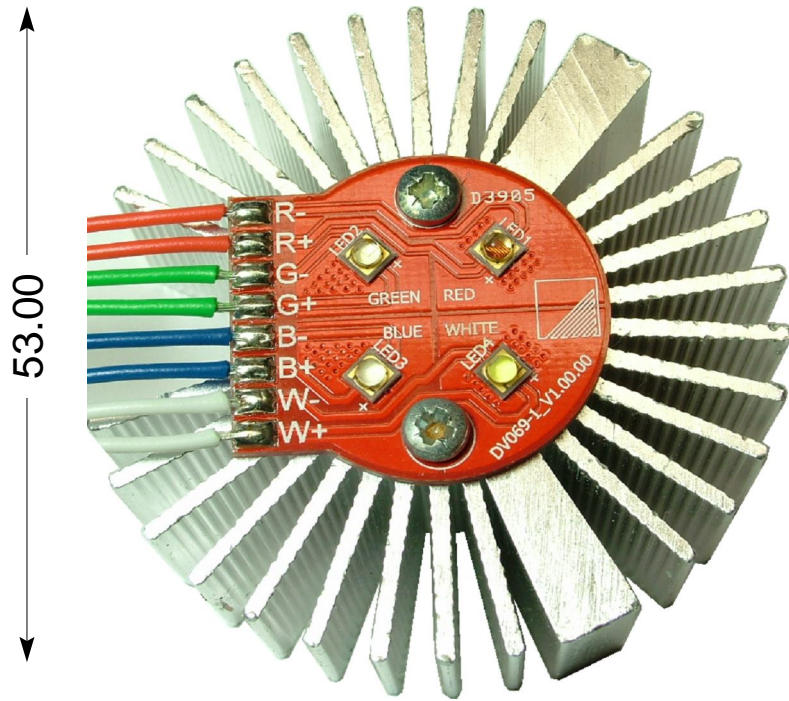
'DATA BYTE 1 & 2' are register values returned from the RGBW. Each byte written is acknowledged 'ACK' by the RGBW, every byte read is acknowledged 'ACK' by the I<sup>2</sup>C Master. A Not-acknowledge 'NACK' condition is generated by the I<sup>2</sup>C Master when it has finished reading.





**Mechanical Specifications – Units millimetres**





Revision History:

- 1.00 Release version
- 1.01 Added Eye safety warning.



### WEEE Consumer Notice

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### RoHS Compliance

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### Eye Safety

The RGBW LED's are very bright. DO NOT look directly at the LED's when they are active. Turn the RGBW lamp away from you, or others, when operating or use a diffuser to prevent possible eye damage.

#### Declaration of Conformity

**Apparatus name / model number** DS-RGBW.S

**Conformity via** Generic Standard EN50081-1

Generic Standard EN50082-1

**Conformity criteria** For use only within commercial, residential and light industrial applications

**We certify that the apparatus identified above conforms to the requirements of Council Directive 2004/108/EC & 2006/95/EC**

**Signed.**

**Date** 20/6/13

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**Description of apparatus** Robotic interface peripheral

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