RapidLED CREE CXB3590 100W Kit Instructions

Overview
As with any type of lighting retrofit, there are many dangers, difficulties, and pitfalls that may occur. The Rapid LED CXB3590 retrofit should only be attempted by people familiar with AC/DC power and wiring, electronics, LEDs, LED Drivers, series circuits, etc. If you are uncomfortable with or inexperienced at any of the prerequisites required for this retrofit, you should not attempt this retrofit.

Attaching LEDs and Reflector Holders to the Heatsink
We will use one SurSeal thermal pad in between each CXB3590 and pin heatsink for better thermal conductivity. There is a thin plastic protective sheet on both sides of the thermal pad, make sure to peel both sides off before placing on the heatsink.

Next, place the Ideal 50-2303CR solderless holder on top of the CXB3590. Note that one connector on the 50-2303CR will be + and one will be -. You must ensure that the + goes on top of the CXB3590’s + pad, and the – goes on top of the CXB3590’s – pad. Doing this backwards can cause your LED to string to not light up or possibly be damaged. Also, make sure the holder sits flush to the heatsink. There is a small tab on the side of the holder which should be placed on the side of the CXB3590, not on top of it.

The pin heatsink has many pre-drilled/tapped holes on it. Each CXB3590/50-2303CR holder will be held down via two screws using hole numbers 2 on the pin heatsink. It’s easiest to also put the reflector holders on at this point using hole numbers 1.
Wiring the Driver to AC Power and Dimmer

The AC Line and Neutral, or ACL and ACN wires, which are brown and blue, connect to the 3 prong power cord. Strip the white and black wires of the power cord and attach them to the blue and brown wires on the driver with WAGO connectors, wire nuts, solder/shrink wrap, etc. The hot wire is typically black (connectors to brown ACL wire on driver) and the white wire is typically neutral (connects to blue ACN wire on driver). Next, strip the green (ground) wire on the power cord and attach to the Green/Yellow wire on the driver like you did with the ACL/ACN wires previously. Obviously, this step is dangerous because you are working with 110 or 220VAC. Make sure nothing is plugged in and have a licensed electrician assist you with this step.

There are 4 output wires on the Meanwell HLG-C driver. The dimming wires, DIM + (gray), and DIM – (black), simply hook up to the red(+) and black(-) wires on the dimmer/potentiometer (aka knob). You can use the included WAGO connectors to connect these wires. The DIM+ wire and red + wire from the knob will be connected using one WAGO, and the DIM- and black – wire from the knob will be connected using a separated WAGO connector.

Mounting LEDs and heatsinks to the rail system

We suggest mounting the LEDs/heatsinks to the rails at this point in the assembly. It’s often easier to mount them to the rails before the wiring is completed as that provides more flexibility. Please see the separate rail instructions for how to complete this step. Once mounted please continue to the final step of wiring in between LEDs.

Wiring the driver to the LEDs

Once the LEDs/heatsinks are mounted we’ll take the final step of wiring up the drivers to the LEDs. To begin we will wire the Brown/V+ wire from the driver to the + connector on the first CXB3590 solderless holder. Since the driver’s output wires are fairly thick and pre-soldered it’s best to connect some bulk wire to these wires first before inserting to the connector.

Next, connect the – connection on the first LED to the + connection on the second LED. On the second LED we’ll wire the – connector back to the Blue/V- wire on the driver. Please make sure the wire used in between connections is stripped properly (1/4”-5/16”) before being inserted into the solderless connector and that all connections are secure at this point. Having a bad connection or loose wire can cause your entire string to be damaged upon powering on so this is very important!

Finishing Up

Only after all of your wiring is complete will you power on the driver. The lights should be extremely bright, and the potentiometer will give you manual dimming control. To shut off your lights
please disconnect the driver from AC power (ie. by using a wall timer). The Meanwell HLG-185H series drivers do not shut completely off to 0% by design.

If needed, you can install the reflectors by simply inserting them onto the clamp and turning them slightly to lock into place.