

Bubble Column - Cordless Colour Control

With Radio Linked Control

The two metre high Bubble Column is a feature of the MSR. The bubbles gently change colours creating a soft mood which provides a focus point in the room. The effect of the columns is dramatically enhanced by the 2 x 1 metre mirrors mounted behind them.

The Bubble Column can be operated in the display mode for meditation/relaxation, or in the interactive mode as an excellent colourful reward for switch training. Our new radio linked cordless switches offer increased control, simplicity and freedom from tangled switch wires!



Automatic Display mode:

A colourful display of bubbles and lights. This mode is activated when the Bubble Column is first turned on.

- To switch from interactive mode to display mode, turn off the power to the bubble column, wait 10 seconds, then turn it back on.
- The speed knob controls the speed of the display
- The Pattern knob changes the sequence of the display as follows:
 - 1 Red, green, blue cross fade
 - 2 All fade up and down
 - 3 All on
 - 4 Red, green, blue random pulse
 - 5 Red, green, blue sequential fade
 - 6 Red, green, blue random cross fade
 - 7 All half on

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Radio Linked Control - Interactive Mode

Set up the Big Red, Green and Blue switches as follows:

- Set the ACTION switch to instant, latching or a delay time.
- Instant- the Bubble Column will go while the switch is pressed.
- Latching- the Bubble Column will start with one switch press and stop with the next.
- Timer- the Bubble Column will start when the switch is pressed then stop after the set time elapses (a 5 or 10 second reward for a switch press can be effective for



teaching)

Set the DEVICE switch as required.

- The Big Red switch is factory set to '3' to operate the red light and bubbles.
- Set to '0' for red light only.
- The Big Green switch is factory set to '4' to operate the green light and bubbles.
- Set to '1' for green light only.
- The Big Blue switch is factory set to '5' to operate the blue light and bubbles.
- Set to '2' for blue light only.

Batteries and Storage

The big switches have a 9Volt battery fitted. Do not store the switch in the depressed state or the battery will be drained. For prolonged storage, remove battery.

Trouble Shooting

- If the lights fail to come on and the bubbles are working: turn off the power to the bubble column, wait 10 seconds, then turn it back on.
- If one coloured light fails: See Changing Globes below to replace the suspect globe.
- If the lights and bubbles fail to operate: turn off the power to the bubble column, wait 10 seconds, then turn it back on.

Bubble Column- Maintenance

Safety & Maintenance Issues

The Bubble Columns are made of Acrylic (plastic) tube. They are very strong, but will not stand up to extreme bumps. Mobile students/clients should not be left unsupervised if they are likely to "aggressively explore" the columns.

Cleaning

The Column should be cleaned with a soft cloth and a plastic safe cleaner. (Mr. Sheen or similar products have the added advantage of being antistatic, which helps repel dust.) Do not use paper towels as these are abrasive, and will scratch the plastic.

Sterilising

The water in the bubble column must be regularly sterilised to stop any bacterial or algal growths. Sterilising tablets containing chlorine (Milton tablets or similar) can be used to sterilise the water. Chlorine tablets can be obtained from chemists. Add the tablets then leave the column turned off for at least 12 hours, typically over night or even better, over the weekend. Running the bubbles after sterilisation should be avoided as it will speed up the evaporation of the chlorine and reduce its effectiveness. If the water has become cloudy due to biological growth such as algae, a more stringent sterilising regimen should be adopted. This will usually involve the adding of chlorine in higher doses or adding chlorine more frequently.

Emptying & Refilling

Should the inside of the bubble column become stained due to long periods of inadequate sterilisation: Initially attempt to kill the growth with a large dose of chlorine. Then empty, clean and refill the bubble column with clean water. Remove the cap from the top of the column and use a garden hose to syphon the water out of the column. In some cases a small water pump (available from most hardware stores) may be useful. Exercise caution when emptying and cleaning so as not to damage the column - particularly take care not to damage the fittings in the base of the column - see 'cleaning' notes above. Finally fill the column to about 40mm from the top then fit the cap.

Changing Globe

The front panel, at the base of the unit, can be removed, giving access to the lights and colour wheels. The lamp assembly can be slid forward a short distance, so the lamp can be reached.

The globe tray simply slides out. The globe fits tightly into the lamp connector, so it will be necessary to hold the connector steady while the globe is eased out.



A new globe can then be pressed back into place. Only use 12 Volt 20 Watt quartz halogen globes.
(DO NOT USE 50 WATT DOWNLIGHTS)

Do not touch the inside of the globe as oil from fingers will burn on to the globe.

