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## WARNING

#### FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE YOUR INITIAL START-UP!

### **Unpacking Instructions**

Immediately upon receiving this product, carefully unpack the carton and check the contents to ensure that all parts are present, and have been received in good condition. Notify the dealer immediately and retain packing material for inspection if any parts appear damaged from shipping or the carton itself shows signs of mishandling. Save the carton and all packing materials. In the event that a fixture must be returned to the factory, it is important that the fixture be returned in the original factory box and packing.

#### Your shipment includes:

- Showtec Nebula S-150 with powercable 1m
- Remote control with 4,5m cable
- User manual





CAUTION! Keep this device away from rain and moisture! Unplug mains lead before filling the tank!

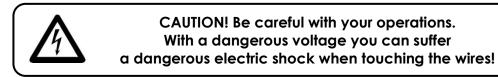


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#### **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

Every person involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this device have to:

- be qualified
- follow the instructions of this manual



Before your initial start-up, please make sure that there is no damage caused by transportation. Should there be any, consult your dealer and do not use the device.

To maintain perfect condition and to ensure a safe operation, it is absolutely necessary for the user to follow the safety instructions and warning notes written in this manual.

Please consider that damages caused by manual modifications to the device are not subject to warranty.

This device contains no user-serviceable parts. Refer servicing to qualified technicians only.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

The manufacturer will not accept liability for any resulting damages caused by the nonobservance of this manual or any unauthorized modification to the device.

- Never let the power-cord come into contact with other cables! Handle the power-cord and all connections with the mains with particular caution!
- Never remove warning or informative labels from the unit.
- Never use anything to cover the ground contact.
- Never aim the output nozzle directly at people.
- Never aim the output nozzle at open flames.
- Never add flammable liquids of any kind (oil, gas, perfume) to the snow liquid.
- Never drink snow liquid. If it is ingested, call a doctor immediately. If snow liquid comes in contact with skin or eyes, rinse thoroughly with water.
- Never lock snow-filled rooms. Risk : panic among the locked persons!
- Never blow snow permanently! The snow must only be used for a short period
- Do not insert objects into air vents.
- Do not open the device and do not modify the device.
- Do not connect this device to a dimmerpack.
- Do not switch the device on and off in short intervals, as this would reduce the device's life.
- Do not shake the device. Avoid brute force when installing or operating the device.
- Only use device indoor, avoid contact with water or other liquids.
- Only use snow in well ventilated rooms.
- Only use the high-quality, snow liquid, that your Showtec dealer recommends.(5L snow fluid ordercode 80359) Other snow liquids may cause poor effect snow.
- Avoid flames and do not put close to flammable liquids or gases.
- Always make sure there is sufficient liquid in the snow liquid tank. Operating this unit without liquid will cause damage to the pump.
- Always allow free air space of at least 20 cm around the sides and top of the unit.
- Always drain tank before shipping or otherwise transporting this unit.
- Always keep tank cap closed while operating.
- Always keep the snow machine upright.
- Always unplug your SHOWTEC snow machine before filling its tank.
- For adult use only. Snow machine must be installed out of the reach of children. Never leave the unit running unattended. Leave the grid guarding the nozzle in place if the machine is to be used in the presence of children
- Always keep the nozzle at least 50 cm away from contact with anything, while in operation.
- Always disconnect power from the mains, when device is not used or before cleaning ! Only handle the power-cord by the plug. Never pull out the plug by tugging the power-cord.
- Make sure that the available voltage is not higher than stated on the rear panel.
- Make sure that the power-cord is never crimped or damaged. Check the device and the powercord from time to time.
- Make sure that the core diameter of extension cords and power cords is sufficient for the required power consumption of the device.
- The cable insert or the female part in the device must never be strained. There must always be sufficient cable to the device. Otherwise, the cable may be damaged which may lead to deadly electrical shocks.
- If the external cable is damaged, it has to be replaced by a qualified technician.
- If device is dropped or struck, disconnect mains power supply immediately. Have a qualified engineer inspect for safety before operating.
- If the device has been exposed to drastic temperature fluctuation (e.g. after transportation), do not switch it on immediately. The arising condensation water might damage your device. Leave the device switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- If your Showtec Snow Machine fails to work properly, discontinue use immediately. Drain all Snow liquid from the tank, pack the unit securely (preferably in the original packing material), and return it to your Showtec dealer for service.
- For replacement use fuses of same type and rating only.
- Allow time to cool down, before cleaning or servicing.
- The residence time of persons in snow-filled rooms with less than 15 m of sight must never exceed 5 minutes.

- The use of snow-fluid is only allowed for adults.
- Repairs, servicing and electric connection must be carried out by a qualified technician.
- In dense, snow-saturated surroundings, the oxygen portion is substantially reduced!
- The snow density must be portioned in a way that the sight will always be above 5 m Danger of anxiety state due to missing orientation!
- The user is responsible for correct positioning and operating of the Nebula S-150. The manufacturer will not accept liability for damages caused by the misuse or incorrect installation of this device.
- Every snow-filled room must be overseen by a skilled person.
- WARRANTY: Till one year after date of purchase.

## Operating instructions:

This device is not designed for permanent operation. Consistent operation breaks will ensure that the device will serve you for a long time without defects.

The minimum distance between light-output and the illuminated surface must be more than 0,5 meters.

The maximum ambient temperature  $t_{\alpha} = 45^{\circ}$ C must never be exceeded.

The relative humidity must not exceed 50 % with an ambient temperature of 45° C.

If this device is operated in any other way, than the one described in this manual, the product may suffer damages and the warranty becomes void.

Any other operation may lead to dangers like short-circuit, burns, electric shock, explosion, crash etc.

You endanger your own safety and the safety of others

#### Rigging

Please follow the European and national guidelines concerning rigging, trussing and all other safety issues.

Do not attempt the installation yourself ! Always let the installation be carried out by an authorized dealer !

#### Procedure:

- If the Nebula S-150 is lowered from the ceiling or high joists, professional trussing systems have to be used.
- Use a clamp to mount the Nebula S-150, with the mounting-bracket, to the trussing system.
- The Nebula S-150 must never be fixed swinging freely in the room.
- The installation must always be secured with a safety attachment, e.g. an appropriate safety net or safety-cable.
- When rigging, derigging or servicing the Nebula S-150, always make sure, that the area below the installation place is blocked and staying in the area is forbidden.

The Nebula S-150 can be placed on a flat stage floor or mounted to any kind of truss by a clamp.

Improper installation can cause serious damage to people and property !

#### Connection with the mains

Connect the device to the mains with the power-plug.

Always pay attention, that the right color cable is connected to the right place.

International	EU Cable	UK Cable	US Cable	Pin
L	BROWN	RED	YELLOW/COPPER	FASE
Ν	BLUE	BLACK	SILVER	NUL
	YELLOW/GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	EARTH

Make sure that the device is always connected properly to the earth!

## 🛕 Return Procedure 🛕

Returned merchandise must be sent prepaid and in the original packing, call tags will not be issued. Package must be clearly labeled with a Return Authorization Number (RMA number). Products returned without an RMA number will be refused. Highlite will not accept the returned goods or any responsibility. Call Highlite 0031-455667723 or mail <u>aftersales@highlite.nl</u> and request an RMA prior to shipping the fixture. Be prepared to provide the model number, serial number and a brief description of the cause for the return. Be sure to properly pack fixture, any shipping damage resulting from inadequate packaging is the customer's responsibility. Highlite reserves the right to use its own discretion to repair or replace product(s). As a suggestion, proper UPS packing or double-boxing is always a safe method to use.

# Note: If you are given an RMA number, please include the following information on a piece of paper inside the box:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your address
- 3) Your phone number
- 4) A brief description of the symptoms

#### Claims

The client has the obligation to check the delivered goods immediately upon delivery for any shortcomings and/or visible defects, or perform this check after our announcement that the goods are at their disposal. Damage incurred in shipping is the responsibility of the shipper; therefore the damage must be reported to the carrier upon receipt of merchandise.

It is the customer's responsibility to notify and submit claims with the shipper in the event that a fixture is damaged due to shipping. Transportation damage has to be reported to us within one day after receipt of the delivery.

Any return shipment has to be made post-paid at all times. Return shipments must be accompanied with a letter defining the reason for return shipment. Non-prepaid return shipments will be refused, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Complaints against us must be made known in writing or by fax within 10 working days after receipt of the invoice. After this period complaints will not be handled anymore.

Complaints will only then be considered if the client has so far complied with all parts of the agreement, regardless of the agreement of which the obligation is resulting.

## Description of the device

#### Features

The Nebula S-150 is a versatile and powerful snowmachine from Showtec.

- 800 W Snowmachine
- Snow output 120ml/min.
- Fuse 5A 250V
- Output distance: +/- 6,5 m
- Tank Capacity: 2,5L.
- 1 DMX channel
- DMX Onboard
- DMX controllable
- Stand alone mode
- Included: Remote Control; Cable length 4,5m.

#### Overview





Fig. 1

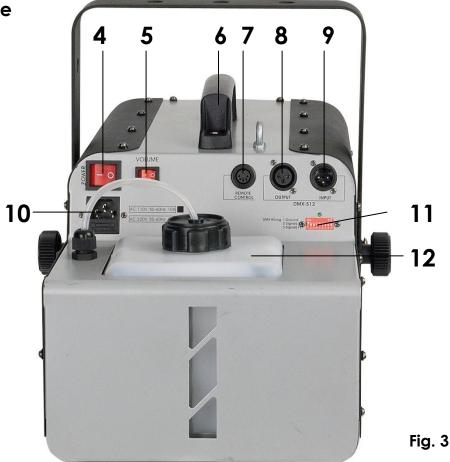


Fig. 2

2,5 L Liquid tank
 Nozzle output

3) Remote control

#### Backside



4) ON/OFF

- 5) Switch on: Volume Full ON; switch off: half the power
- 6) Carying Handle
- 7) Remote control input

8) DMX OUT

- 9) DMX IN
- **10)** IEC Powerconnector + Fuse 5A 250V
- 11) DMX Dipswitches
- 12) 2,5L liquid tank

## Installation

#### Installing the Snow machine

Remove all packing materials from the snow machine. Check that all foam and plastic padding is removed, especially in the nozzle area.

Fill with Snow Liquid (ordercode 80359) or other high-quality snow fluid. Any other types of fluid can damage the unit. Be careful not to exceed the maximum fluid level. **DO NOT OVERFILL**. When filled, place cap back on liquid tank.

Firmly attach the remote control cable to the proper input on the rear of the machine

The unit can also be operated at floor level or sitting on any regular surface as well.

If the unit is to be mounted using the bracket, it is important that the snow does not shoot directly at any one's face. Therefore, do not point the nozzle in a direction that will aim directly at a person.

Whatever installation method you choose, do not allow the unit to have more than a 15 degree angle of inclination.

#### Always disconnect from electric mains power supply before cleaning or servicing. Damages caused by non-observance are not subject to warranty.

## Set Up and Operation

Before plugging the unit in, always make sure that the power supply matches the product specification voltage. Do not attempt to operate a 120V specification product on 230V power, or vice versa.

Pay Attention !! Always monitor tank fluid level as you are blowing snow.

Running a snow machine with no fluid can permanently damage the unit.

## **Control Modes**

There are 3 modes:

- Stand-alone via remote control
- Master/Slave
- DMX

#### **One Nebula**

- 1. Fasten the Nebula onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.
- 2. When the Nebula is not connected by a DMX-cable, it functions as a stand-alone device.
- 3. Please also see page 10 for more information about the manual control. Set the dipswitches according to the following figure:



#### Multiple Nebula's (Master/Slave control)

1. Fasten the effect light onto firm trussing. Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.

2. Use a 3-p XLR cable to connect the Nebula.

The pins:

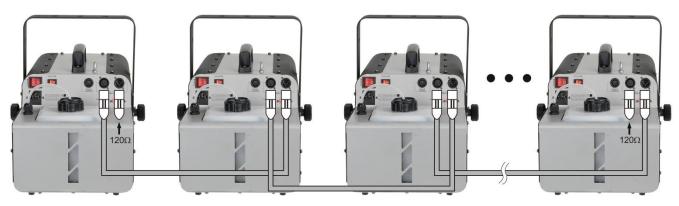


Earth Signal -

- Signal +
- 3. Link the units as shown in (Fig. 4), Connect a DMX signal cable from the first unit's DMX "out" socket to the second unit's "in" socket. Repeat this process to link the second, third, and fourth units.
- 4. Set DMX dip switches as follows (See Dip Switch setting page 11).

Nebula	Address Value	Dip Switches "ON"
Unit 1	1	#1
Unit 2	1	#1
Unit 3	1	#1
Unit 4	1	#1

5. Supply electric power: Plug the end of the mains power cord into proper electric power supply sockets. Do so for all units. You can use the same functions on the master device. This means on the master device you can set your desired operation Mode and all slave devices will react the same as the master device.



#### Multiple Nebula's (Master/Slave control)

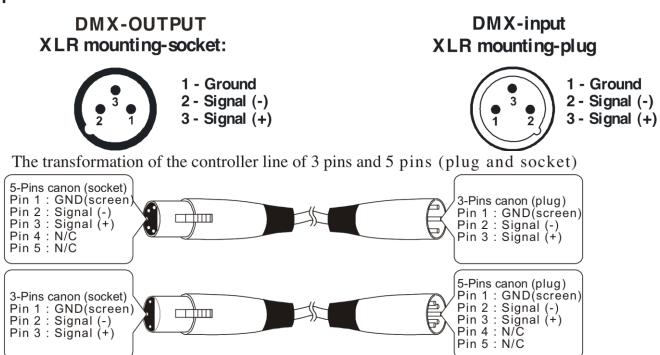
## Multiple Nebula's (DMX Control) 🚹 Dipswitch #9 must be OFF 🛕

1. Fasten the effect light onto firm trussing Leave at least 0,5 meter on all sides for air circulation.

2. Always use a safety cable.

3. Use a 3-p XLR cable to connect the Nebula's and other devices.

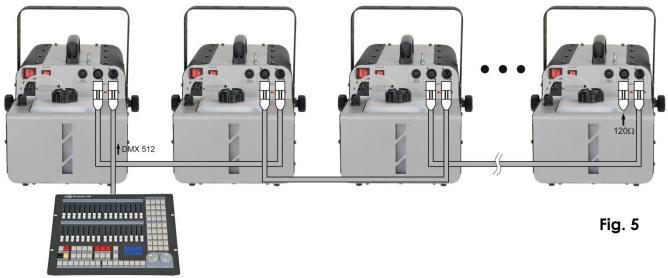
#### Occupation of the XLR-connection:



- 4. Link the units as shown in (figure 5), Connect a DMX signal cable from the first unit's DMX "out" socket to the second unit's "in" socket. Repeat this process to link the second, third, and fourth units.
- 5. Set DMX dip switches as follows (See Dip Switch setting page 11).

Nebula	Address Value	Dip Switches "ON"
Unit 1	1	#1
Unit 2	2	#2
Unit 3	3	#1 and #2
Unit 4	4	#3

6. Supply electric power: Plug electric mains power cords into each unit's IEC socket, then plug the other end of the mains power cord into proper electric power supply sockets, starting with the first unit. Do not supply power before the whole system is set up and connected properly.



#### Multiple Nebula's DMX Set Up

Note : Link all cables and set dip switches before connecting electric power

## **Fixture Linking**

You will need a serial data link to run light shows of one or more fixtures using a DMX-512 controller or to run synchronized shows on two or more fixtures set to a master/slave operating mode. The combined number of channels required by all the fixtures on a serial data link determines the number of fixtures the data link can support.

#### Important:

Fixtures on a serial data link must be daisy chained in one single line. To comply with the EIA-485 standard no more than 30 devices should be connected on one data link. Connecting more than 30 fixtures on one serial data link without the use of a DMX optically isolated splitter may result in deterioration of the digital DMX signal.



Maximum recommended DMX data link distance: 100 meters Maximum recommended number of Nebula's on a DMX data link: 30 fixtures

## Data Cabling

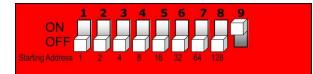
To link fixtures together you must obtain data cables. You can purchase DAP Audio certified DMX cables directly from a dealer/distributor or construct your own cable. If you choose to create your own cable please use data-grade cables that can carry a high quality signal and are less prone to electromagnetic interference.

#### DAP Audio Certified DMX Data Cables

- DAP Audio cable for allround use. bal. XLR/M 3 p. > XLR/F 3 p.
- Ordercode FL01150 (1,5m.), FL013 (3m.), FL016 (6m.), FL0110 (10m.), FL0115 (15m.), FL0120 (20m.).
  DAP Audio cable for the demanding user with exceptional audio-qualities and connector made by Neutrik®. Ordercode FL71150 (1,5m.), FL713 (3m.), FL716 (6m.), FL7110 (10m.).

#### Manual Control via Remote





- 1. Adjust the volume of each snow emission by means of this control knob.
- 2. Green LED will light up when the On button on the remote is pressed.
- 3. Red LED will light, when the device is working and ready to blow snow.
- 4. Press this button for the machine to blow snow.

#### DMX Dip Switch Setting

DMX products must have their own "address" to receive DMX signals. Addresses on the Showtec Nebula are set by flipping the appropriate DMX dip switches.

A standard DMX address for a Showtec Nebula, which has 1 channel is as follow:

Nebula	Address Value	DMX Dip Switches "ON"
Unit 1	1	#1
Unit 2	2	#2
Unit 3	3	#1 and #2.
Unit 4	4	#3

Explanation: Since each unit has 1 channel, each address advances 1 value (See Address Value above). Once address values are determined, set the appropriate DMX dip switches on each unit.

#### Example:

#1 #2

0 0

1 0

0 1

1. If you want to give a Nibula DMX address133, you first have to find the number 133 in the DMX Chart.

- 2. Then look at the left side (Dip Switches #1-#5) horizontally from 133.
- In the Table you'll see #1=ON, #2=OFF, #3=ON, #4=OFF, #5=OFF.
- 3. Finally look at the upper side of the table (Dip Switches #6-#9) vertically from 133. In the Table you'll see #6=OFF, #7=OFF, #8=ON.

#### DMX Address Quick Reference Ch

DMX DIP SWITCH SET

0=OFF	:		#8	0	0	0	0	1	1
1=ON			#7	0	0	1	1	0	0
			#6	0	1	0	1	0	1
#3	#4	#5							
0	0	0			32	64	96	128	160
0	0	0		1	33	65	97	129	161
0	0	0		2	34	66	98	130	162
0	0	0		3	35	67	99	131	163
1	0	0		4	36	68	100	132	164
1	0	0		5	37	69	101	133	165
1	0	0		6	38	70	102	134	166

									Di	p Sv	vitch	Pos	itior
DN	1X DIR	0 SOMAR	FCH S	ET	#8	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
		1=0N			#7	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
					#6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5									
0	0	0	0	0			32	64	96	128	160	192	224
1	0	0	0	0		1	33	65	97	129	161	193	225
0	1	0	0	0		2	34	66	98	130	162	194	226
1	1	0	0	0		3	35	67	99	131	163	195	227
0	0	1	0	0		4	36	68	100	132	164	196	228
1	0	1	0	0	1	5	37	69	101	133	165	197	229
0	1	1	0	0	1	6	38	70	102	134	166	198	230
1	1	1	0	0	1	7	39	71	103	135	167	199	231
0	0	0	1	0		8	40	72	104	136	168	200	232
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0	0	1	0	1		20	52	84	116	148	180	212	244
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0	1	1	0	1		22	54	86	118	150	182	214	246
1	1	1	0	1		23	55	87	119	151	183	215	247
0	0	0	1	1		24	56	88	120	152	184	216	248
1	0	0	1	1		25	57	89	121	153	185	217	249
0	1	0	1	1		26	58	90	122	154	186	218	250
1	1	0	1	1		27	59	91	123	155	187	219	251
0	0	1	1	1		28	60	92	124	156	188	220	252
1	0	1	1	1		29	61	93	125	157	189	221	253
0	1	1	1	1		30	62	94	126	158	190	222	254
1	1	1	1	1		31	63	95	127	159	191	223	255

#### **DMX Address Quick Reference Chart**

## **DMX** Channels

#### Channel 1 – Output

0-2	Off
3-255	Continuous snow output 100%

You can use the SMALL ON/Off switch on the back to alter the force of the snowmachine.

On = Full force Off= Half Force



DMX control with Address 1 ON OFF

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## Maintenance

The Nebula S-150 requires almost no maintenance. However, you should keep the unit clean. Disconnect the mains power supply, and then wipe the cover with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in liquid. Please clean internal components once a year with a light brush and vacuum cleaner. Do not use alcohol or solvents.

Keep connections clean. Disconnect electric power, and then wipe the connections with a damp cloth. Make sure connections are thoroughly dry before linking equipment or supplying electric power.

Do not allow the snow liquid to become contaminated. Always replace the caps on the snow liquid container and the snow machine liquid tank immediately after filling.

After every 40 hours of continuous operation, it is recommended to run a cleaning solution composed of 80% distilled water/20% white vinegar through the system to prevent the accumulation of particulate matter in the heating element.

When cleaning, use only a clean, lint-free soft cloth. An effective cleaning regimen is as follows:

- 1. While unit is unplugged and cool, unscrew nozzle at very front of unit and clean out debris with vinegar and a pipe cleaner, making sure that the hole is free of clogs.
- 2. Empty all snow fluid from machine. Add cleaning solution to tank. Plug unit in and begin warm up.
- 3. Run unit in a well-ventilated area until tank is empty.
- 4. Replace nozzle and refill with liquid.

#### Replacing a Fuse

Power surges, short-circuit or inappropriate electrical power supply may cause a fuse to burn out. If the fuse burns out, the product will not function whatsoever. If this happens, follow the directions below to do so.

- 1. Unplug the unit from electric power source.
- 2. Insert a flat-head screwdriver into a slot in the fuse cover. Gently pry up the fuse cover. The fuse will come out.
- 3. Remove the used fuse. If brown or unclear, it is burned out.
- 4. Insert the replacement fuse into the holder where the old fuse was. Reinsert the fuse cover. Be sure to use a fuse of the same type and specification. See the product specification label for details.

## Troubleshooting

#### Showtec Nebula S-150

This troubleshooting guide is meant to help solve simple problems.

Always monitor tank fluid level as you are blowing snow. Running a snow machine with no fluid can permanently damage the unit.

If a problem occurs, carry out the steps below in sequence until a solution is found. Once the unit operates properly, do not carry out following steps.

If the snow machine does not operate properly, refer servicing to a technician.

- 1. If you experience low output, pump noise or no output at all, unplug immediately.
- 2. Check fluid level, the external fuse, remote connection, and power from the wall.
- 3. If all of the above appears to be O.K., plug the unit in again.
- 4. If snow does not come out after holding the remote button down for 30 seconds, check the hose attached to the tank to make sure there is fluid going through the hose.
- 5. If you are unable to determine the cause of the problem, do not simply continue pushing the remote button, as this may damage the unit.
- 6. Return the machine to your Showtec dealer.

#### No Response to DMX

Response: Suspect the DMX cable or connectors, a controller malfunction, a light effect DMX card malfunction.

- 1. Check the DMX cable: Unplug the unit; change the DMX cable; then reconnect to electrical power. Try your DMX control again.
- 2. Determine whether the controller or light effect is at fault. Does the controller operate properly with other DMX products ? If not, take the controller in for repair. If so, take the DMX cable and the light effect to a qualified technician.

## **Product Specification**

Model: Showtec Nebula S-150 Power consumption: 1250 Watt Voltage: AC 230V-50Hz (CE) Fuse 5A 250V 800 W Snowmachine Snow output 120ml/min. Output distance: +/- 6,5 m Tank Capacity: 2,5L. 1 DMX channel DMX Onboard DMX controllable Stand alone mode Included: Remote Control; Cable length 4,5m. Dimensions: 500x315x350mm. (LxWxH) Weight: 8,3 Kg





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