RPS-18 WR-5 Inline Power Booster

The Remote Data Port on Ashly products provides power for up to four WR-5 remotes. If connecting more than four remotes, an external DC power supply must be used. The power supply must provide at least 13VDC and no more than 35VDC, measured across WR-5 J2-INPUT jack terminals 3 & 4. In addition, each WR-5 requires 30mA of current. To determine the minimum current rating of the power supply in milliamps, multiply 30 times the number of WR-5 remotes to be used.

Ashly offers the RPS-18 Inline Power Booster for a 100-240V, 50-60Hz AC adapter providing 24VDC and 625mA maximum current. It uses euroblock terminals on both ends for easy insertion between the host unit’s Remote Data Connection and WR-5 Input jack as shown below:

Alternatively, the RPS-18 can be inserted between the J3-LINK jack of any of the first four WR-5 remotes and the J2-INPUT jack of the next WR-5 in the chain. This latter application can be useful to overcome voltage losses, caused by long cable runs to multiple remotes.

As shown above, do not connect +18V from the host unit (or any WR-5 that is subsequently phantom powered by that host unit) to any WR-5 that is powered with an RPS-18. The host unit’s +18V and the RPS-18 +18V power supply must remain separate.
Cable Length: Two things to consider when running cable to the WR-5 are data integrity and power supply voltage. Active buffers (line drivers) in the WR-5 maintain data integrity, and allow up to 1,000ft (304m) of cable length between devices. In other words, a maximum cable length up to 1,000ft may be used between the Remote Data Port and WR-5 remote, and another cable up to 1,000ft may be used from the WR-5 Link jack to an additional WR-5 remote, and so on. Each WR-5 essentially functions as a data repeater.

However, long cable runs act as resistors, which reduce the power supply voltage delivered to the WR-5. Each WR-5 requires a minimum of 13VDC measured across J2-INPUT jack terminals 3 and 4, so it is important to monitor power supply voltage drop across each successive cable run to those pins. Typical CAT5 (24AWG) wire has a resistance of 0.026 ohms per foot. Since there are two power conducting wires (V+ and GND) the resistance is doubled to 0.052 ohms per foot. Therefore, voltage drop across CAT5 wire can be computed as \( \text{Voltage_drop} = \text{current} \times 0.052 \times \text{cable length in feet} \), where current is 0.03 times the number of WR-5 remotes used. Make sure the voltage drop will not decrease the supply voltage below 13VDC, or the WR-5 at the end of the wire will not power up.

TIP: Use multiple conductors for V+ and GND, (WR-5 terminals 3 & 4). CAT5 wire has a total of eight 24AWG conductors. Use one pair for wiring up the two data terminals. Use three conductors in parallel for V+. Use the three remaining conductors for GND. This effectively reduces the power supply voltage drop by a factor of three.

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