

P5 focuses on integrator satisfaction

P5 has been a well-established manufacturer in the custom installer scene for 23 years. They offer IP and bus based DIN rail controllers not only for lighting control but for all applications ranging from simple on/off switching and motorised window coverings control through RGB dimming to heating and cooling control. On top of that, due to the open communication protocol, their controllers can be used with any third party system with drivers and software modules available for AMX, Control4, Crestron, Extron, Savant, just to mention a few.

Already covering the whole range of applications and manufacturer-compatibility, this year P5 focused on requests from their customer base and came out with new products that make it easier for their integrators to become more competitive and make more profit.

The better price per channel ratio of their new 12+1 channel I/O unit can offer a competitive advantage to integrators in installations where their 16 Amp per channel rated relay unit would be an overkill. The new I/O unit has 13x3A relay outputs and 12 analogue inputs and can do all the tricks its older brother can, including storing and activating scenes. Thanks to its analogue inputs it can do even more and can be used to read different analogue values from sensors connected to the inputs.

The other new product is based on the success of their 4 channel RGB controller. With a smaller form factor and surface-mount option, the new 1 channel RGB(W) LED dimmer can be placed near the lighting fixture, reducing voltage drop on the wires. It supports 12-48V LED strips, either four separate single colour ones or one RGB or RGBW. The outputs can be directly controlled via the inputs or the built-in website, mobile apps or from third party controllers via TCP/IP. The unit also has 4x0-10V analogue outputs that work in parallel with the RGB(W) outputs. This allows 0-10V lighting ballasts or heating valves to be controlled.

With the new plastic 'ears' all the existing DIN rail units can also be surface mounted.

There's also new management software coming that makes configuring FutureNow modules quicker. In standalone installations with no third party controller, configuration had to be done via the modules' web sites which could get a bit cumbersome for large installations. Using the management software everything can be done from one place through an intuitive user interface.

