



QLINK -FW6C

Wireless TTL link -- Quantum Qflash to Canon flash units

Operating Instructions

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1.0 Introduction

Qlink provides for *radio TTL* control of remote Canon flash units from a camera-mounted Quantum Qflash *TRIO* or *PILOT*. Wireless Auto or Manual control are also possible.

You can control any number of remote Canon flashes and even mix them with remote Qflash TRIOs. TTL exposure offsets from +2 to -3 stops can be set independently for different Remote Groups of flash. All remote settings are controlled from the camera-mounted Qflash *TRIO* or *PILOT*.

Each remote Canon flash will require a FreeXwire FW8R receiver and a Qlink-FW6N. Remote Qflash TRIOs require no other accessory (other than a Turbo for power).

IMPORTANT: In order to make Qlink work with *TRIO* or *PILOT*, you must update *TRIO* firmware to version 9.0 or higher, *PILOT* firmware to version 4.0 or higher. Updates are available for *TRIO* and *PILOT* on the Quantum website: Click Support, Firmware, Updates.

If you've purchased a *TRIO BASIC*, and would like to use it to control remote flashes, it may be upgraded to a full featured *TRIO* for use with the *QLINK*.

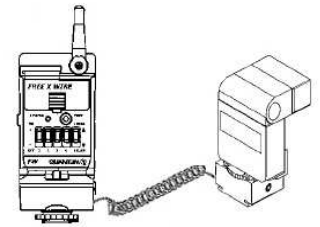
The *TRIO BASIC* may be used as a remote when mounted into *QLINK* hot shoe.

2.0 Using ratio lighting

You may use either a *TRIO* or *PILOT* located on the camera to trigger remote flashes with exposure offset of +2 to -3 stops. *TRIO* can set different offsets for two **Remote Groups** of flash: **R1** and **R2**. Each Remote Group can consist of one or more flashes. *PILOT* can control 3 **Remote Groups** of flashes: **R1**, **R2**, and **R3**.

2.1 Remote Canon flash set-up:

Connect the Qlink-FW6N to a FreeXwire FW8R and to the flash hot shoe of *QLINK*.
(See Section 4 for mounting suggestions)



Turn flash ON.
Do not turn the FW8R on, yet.

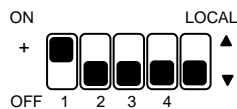
Very Important : Set the flash **MODE** to "TTL". (Do not set flash for wireless operation, otherwise it will look for IR signals instead of responding to FreeXwire/Qlink radio).

2.2 Set Remote Groups R1 / R2 / R3 – (R3 is for use with PILOT only)

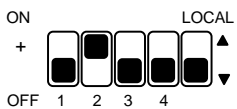
FreeXWire FW8R needs to be set to the Remote Group you intend to use for this flash. The **Zone** switches on the FreeXWire FW8R correspond to the **Remote Group** you intend to use for this flash

IMPORTANT: Each time you change Zones turn FreeXwire OFF, then ON, to store the Remote Group setting.

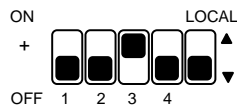
To set your remote Canon to Remote Group R1



To set your remote Canon to Remote Group R2



To set your remote Canon to Remote Group R3 (PILOT only)



REMEMBER: Each time you change Zones turn FreeXwire OFF, then ON, to store the Remote Group setting.

2.3 Set the Channel Code for the radio

Select Channel code for remote FW8R. If you are using multiple *QLINK* / flash setups, the Channel code for each FW8R must be the same. (Channels 0 – 7)

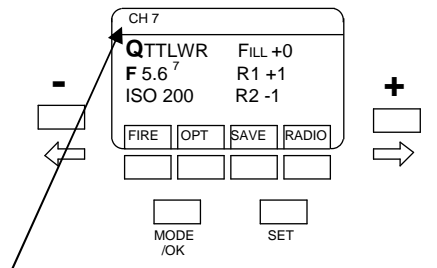
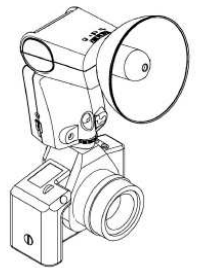


Set Range switch to NORM
Select the same Channel Code for all FW8Rs

2.5 For a TRIO on-camera set-up: (See Section 2.6 if you are using a PILOT)

Set *TRIO* mode to **QTTLWR (QR)**

Set the desired ratio settings for the Remote Flash Groups.
(See Section 13.0 of *TRIO* instructions)



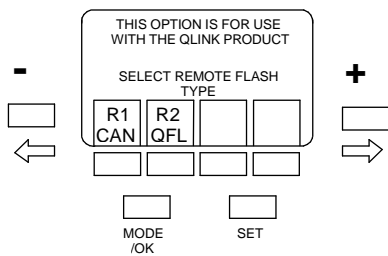
Set the channel code on the *TRIO* to the same as the FW8R. (See Section 8.0 of *TRIO* instructions)

2.5.1 Let TRIO know whether the remote is a Canon or another Qflash TRIO

The *TRIO* needs to know what type of remote flash each Remote Group will control.

Press the **OPT** (options) button. Then use the **Left (-) ←** or **Right (+) →** buttons until you reach **OPTIONS MENU 3 OF 4**

Press the **QLINK** button of **OPTIONS MENU 3 OF 4**, and the *QLINK* options menu will appear.



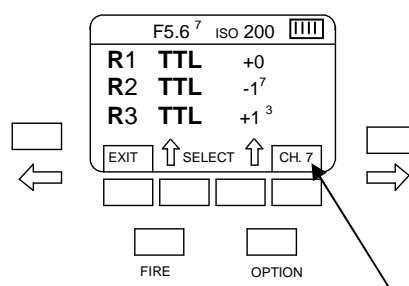
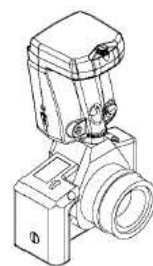
Select **CAN** (Canon) or **QFL** (Qflash) for Remote Groups R1 / R2.

Press **MODE / OK** when done.

2.6 For a PILOT set-up:

Set each remote group mode to **TTL**

Set the desired ratio settings for the Remote Flash Groups.
(See Section 4.1 of *PILOT* instructions)



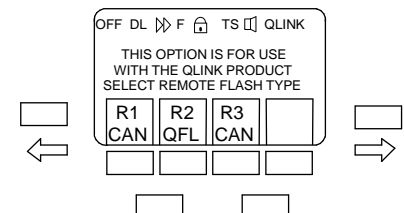
Set the channel code on the *PILOT* to the same as the FW8R (See Section 3.4 of *PILOT* instructions.)

2.6.1 Let PILOT know whether the remote is a Canon or another Qflash TRIO

The *PILOT* needs to know what type of remote flash each Remote Group will control.

Press the **OPTIONS** button Once, then use the **Left (-) ←** or **Right (+) →** buttons until you reach the **QLINK** option.

Select **CAN** (Canon) or **QFL** (Qflash) for Remote Groups R1 / R2 / R3.





3.0 Using remote Canon flashes in Mixed modes: Auto, Manual, or TTL

Your Canon flash can also be controlled in Manual, TTL modes, as well as manual external metering for the 580ExII (C.FN-05-2)

If a remote Canon flash is to be controlled in Manual mode, set its Mode to **M**. The on-camera *TRIO* or *PILOT* will only fire the flash; set the manual power on the remote Canon flash.

If a remote 580 ExII Canon flash is to be used in manual external metering mode, set the Canon Mode to **C.FN-05-2**. The on-camera *TRIO* or *PILOT* will only fire the flash; set the F/number and ISO on the remote Canon flash. This information will be used to control flash output with the sensor located on the front of the Canon flash.

If the remote Canon flash is to be in TTL set its Mode to **ETTL**. – The camera will control the output of remote flash. You can create ratios by setting an offset. The offset can be set between -2 and +2 stops of the camera exposure.

3.1 Remote Canon flash setup

Connect the Qlink-FW6N to a FreeXwire FW8R and to the flash hot shoe. (See Sections 2.1 and 4 for connection and mounting suggestions)

Turn flash ON

If the mode of the Remote Group (R1, R2, or R3) is

MAN set your Canon flash to **M**
TTL set your Canon flash to **TTL**
AUTO set your Canon flash to **C.FN-05-2**

3.2 Remote Groups R1 / R2 / R3 – (R3 is for use with *PILOT* only)

FreeXWire FW8R needs to be set to the Remote Group you intend to use for this flash. The **Zone** switches on the FreeXWire FW8R correspond to the **Remote Group** you intend to use for this flash (and set on the camera-mounted *TRIO*).

See Section 2.2 & 2.3 Remote Group and Channel Code settings.

3.3 Set the channel code for the radio

Select Channel code for remote FW8R to match the channel code on the *PILOT* or *TRIO*.

See Section 2.3 for setting the channel code

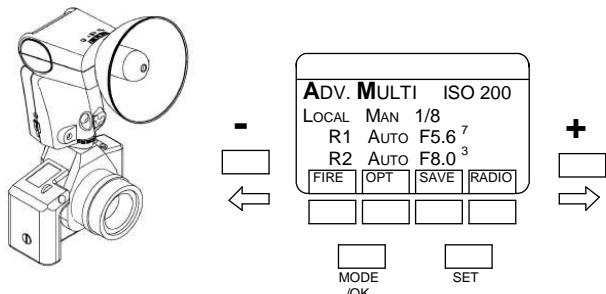
3.4 Using a Remote Qflash *TRIO*

Set up according to the Qflash instructions. See section 17 of the *TRIO* instructions.

A remote Qflash *TRIO* will be controlled according to the Remote Group settings in the on-camera *TRIO*

3.5 *TRIO* setup

A *TRIO* (in Adv Mult mode) located on the camera can control the exposure of two Remote Flash Groups. Each Remote Group can consist of one or more flashes. The Remote Flash Groups are called R1 and R2. Each Remote Flash Group can be set to Auto, Man, or TTL.



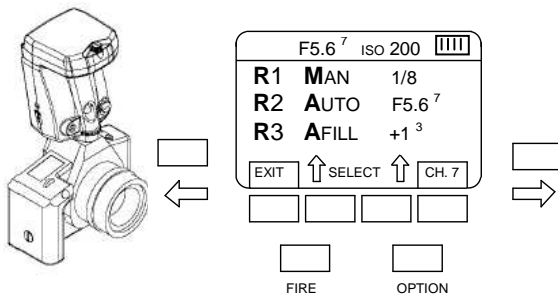
3.5.1 Let *TRIO* know whether the remote is a Canon or another Qflash *TRIO*

The *TRIO* needs to know what type of remote flash each Remote Group will control.

See Section 2.5.1 for selecting Canon or Qflash for Remote Groups R1 / R2

3.6 *PILOT* setup

A *PILOT* located on the camera can control the exposure of three Remote Flash Groups. Each Remote Group can consist of one or more flashes. The Remote Flash Groups are called R1, R2, and R3. Each Remote Flash Group can be set to Auto, AFill, Man, or TTL.



3.6.1 Let *PILOT* know whether the remote is a Canon or another Qflash *TRIO*

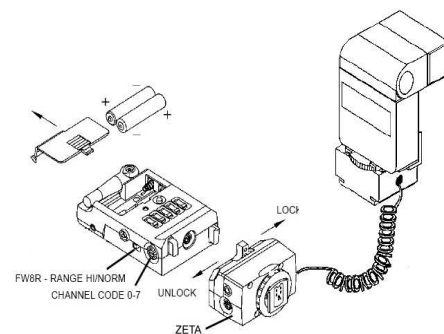
The *TRIO* needs to know what type of remote flash each Remote Group will control.

See Section 2.6.1 for selecting Canon or Qflash for Remote Groups R1 / R2 / R3

4.0 Connecting remote flashes to Qlink

In a typical set up The Qlink is used with a FreeXwire FW8R receiver. Connect the Qlink to the bottom of the FW8R. Move the locking lever into the Lock position.

Your Canon flash fits into the hot shoe of *QLINK*.

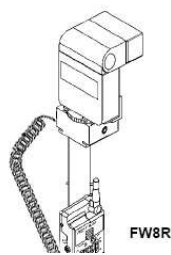


4.1 Mounting Qlink

The Qlink can be mounted in two ways.

4.1.1 Pole Mount Adapter 513:

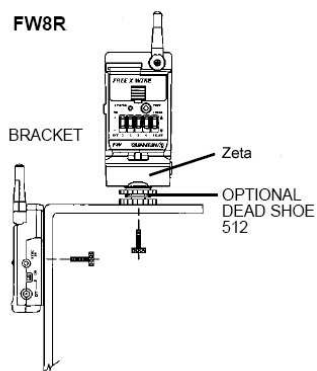
This item is included with your Receiver FW8R. Attach it to the back of the **FREEWIRE** and clamp it around any pole, leg, or structure where the antenna can be opened away from metal objects.



The hot shoe can be mounted on the top of the pole using the 1/4-20 mounting thread located on the bottom.

4.1.2 Mounting directly to a bracket:

Use the #8/32 screw included with **FREEWIRE** to secure it through a hole in a bracket. Any otherscrew used must protrude not more than 3/4"(2 cm) into the **FREEWIRE** case, or you will damage **FREEWIRE**!



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Paying by check will delay the repair until the check clears (up to 15 days). Payment by money order is acceptable.

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