



Phaethon
CAVING LIGHT



Owner's Operating Manual for

Phaethon Dual

You should read this manual from beginning to end to ensure normal operation of the device and proper maintenance.

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About Phaethon Dual

The Phaethon Dual is a new exclusive high end caving light system, designed and constructed by Greek cavers to conform with all caving needs including cave-diving and Photography. In addition, the lamp could be used for several more outdoor activities like biking, trekking and mountaineering.



The design started from scratch with an emphasis on durability, simplicity and style, wishing to combine compact dimensions and low cost without compromising the quality and reliability of the final product.

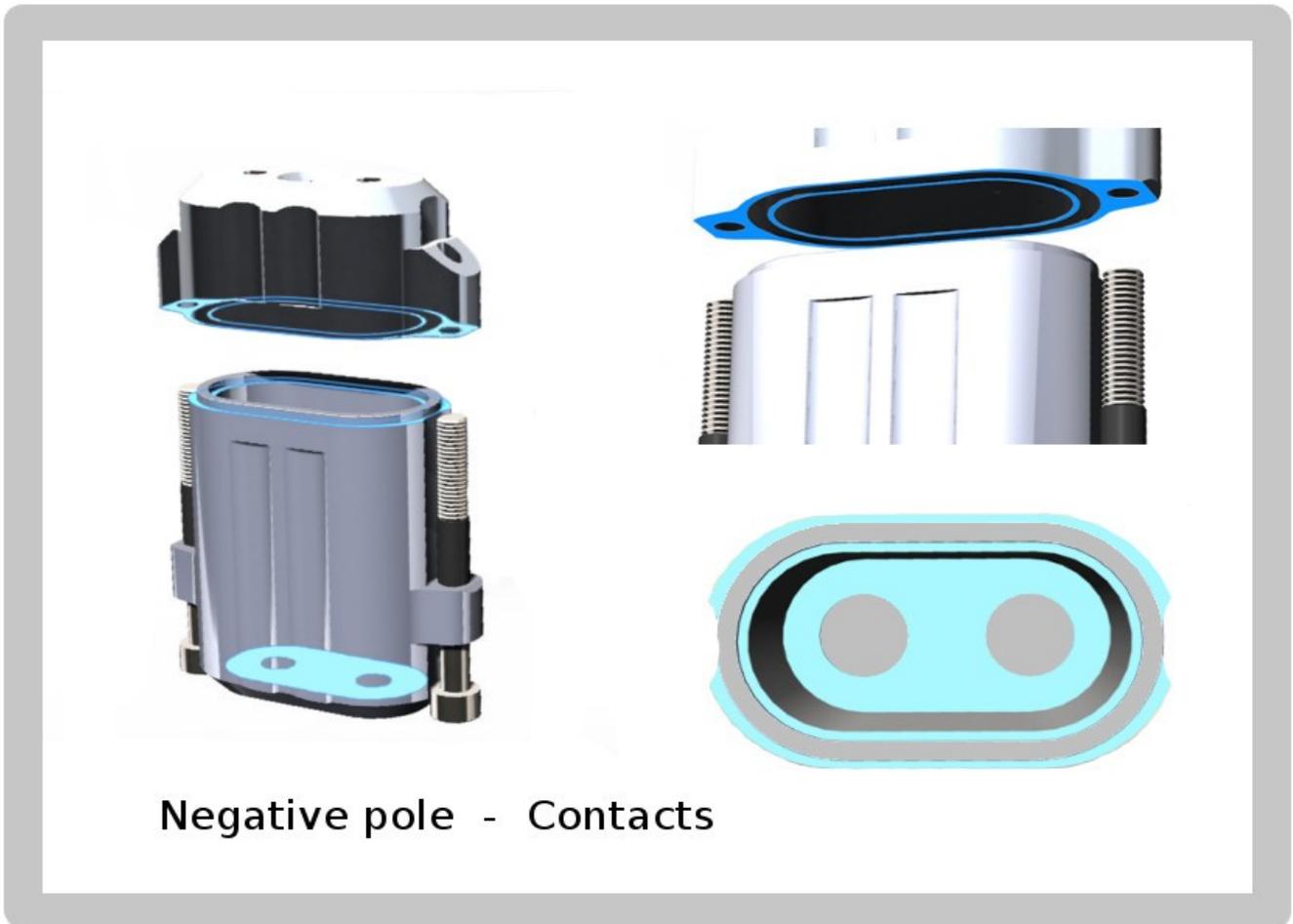
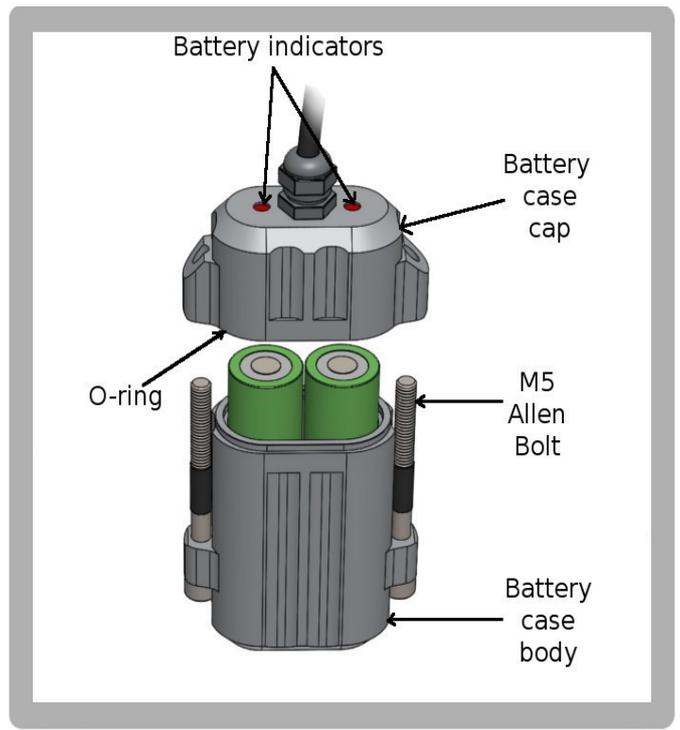
In the development of this project we have been helped by the comments and contributions of many caving and cave-diving colleagues and friends, who we would like to thank. Your own comments and feedback will help us to make future versions of the Phaethon even better.

Features

- LEDs operate together and independantly
- Up to 7 modes
- User-defined Custom modes



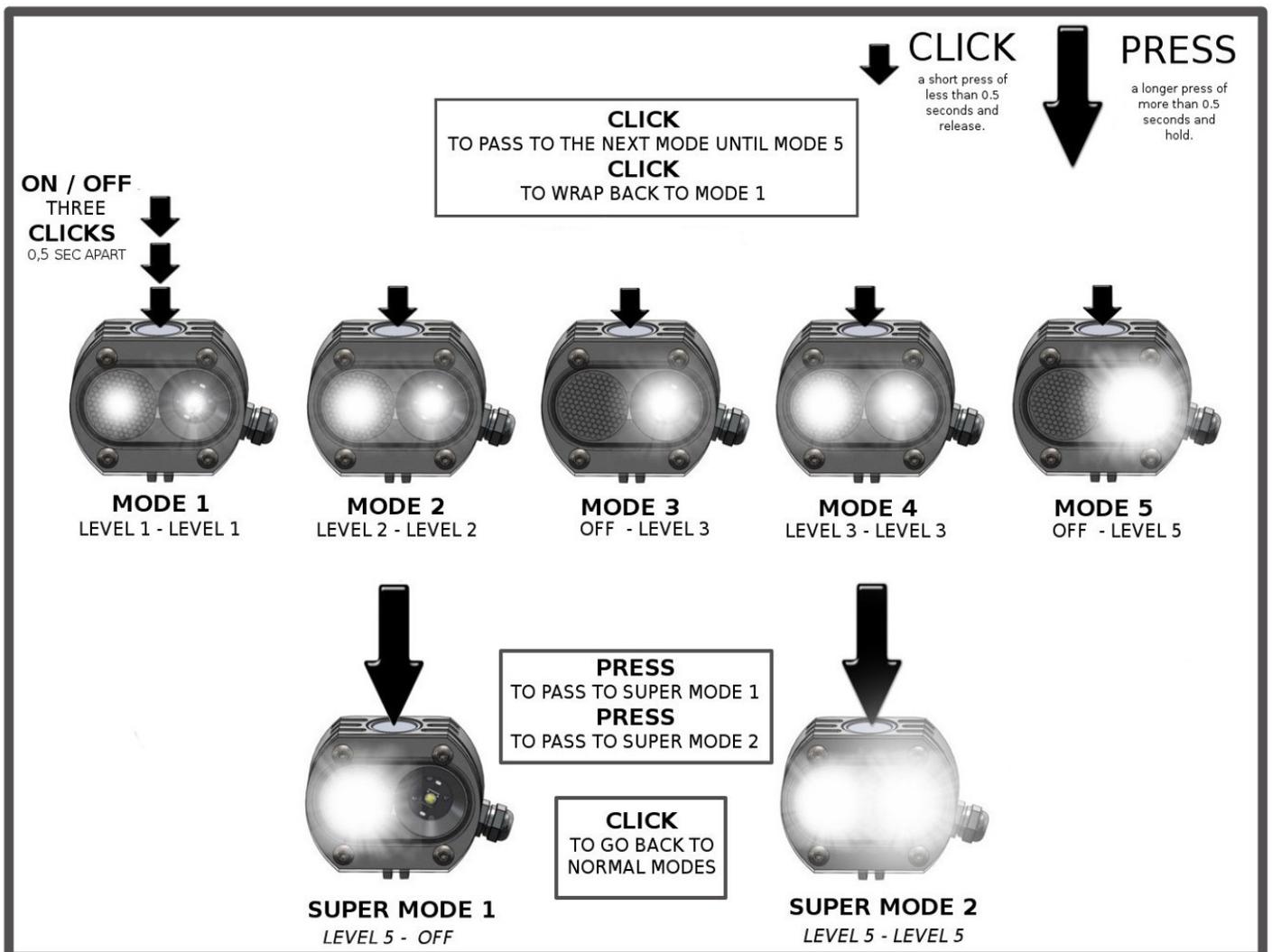
Phaethon Dual Anatomy



On/Off Modes

The Phaethon Dual has been set up with 5 Normal modes and 2 Super modes. To turn on the light, the user clicks three times, no more than 0.5 seconds apart. The lamp will turn ON at the first mode. Every subsequent click will cycle to the next Normal mode all the way up to the fifth. With one more click we will loop back to first mode and the procedure can be repeated indefinitely. A press will pass to the Super mode 1 and one more press will pass to Super mode 2. To return to the normal mode (1..5) click once. The lamp will always return to the normal mode that was in use when the move was initially made to special mode.

The first step to turning off Phaethon Dual is to ensure the lamp is in the normal mode (any of them). The user has to wait the "guard band" time or longer (1.0 seconds) to pass from his previous action before clicking 3 times quickly (0.5 seconds or faster). If the sequence is performed correctly both LEDs will turn off and the driver will enter standby.



Levels and Run-times

There are two main factors that determine battery run-times: The current drawn by the LEDs and the battery capacity remaining.

The lamp have five levels of brightness. The brightness scales of those levels are determined by the setting of the maximum current drive we have set. The default value is 3A, which is the maximum we should use, and this sets the current consumption for the other four levels.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
40 mA	260 mA	500 mA	1300 mA	3000 mA

Choosing the right levels for every situation the user can balance economy versus the right light output.

We recommend and use as standard two Panasonic NCR-B 3400mAh which give really good run-times.

PHAETHON DUAL	Wide LED	Spot LED	LUMENS	Run-times
MODE 1	Level 1 40mAh	Level 1 40mAh	50	4800 min
MODE 2	Level 2 260mAh	Level 2 260mAh	300	740 min
MODE 3	Level 3 500mAh	OFF	300	740 min
MODE 4	Level 3 500mAh	Level 3 500mAh	600	385 min
MODE 5	Level 5 3000mAh	OFF	1000	160 min
SUPERMODE 1	OFF	Level 5 3000mAh	1000	160 min
SUPERMODE 2	Level 5 3000mAh	Level 5 3000mAh	2000	25 min

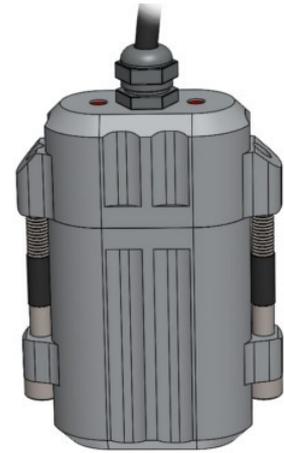
- Using the default LEDs (XML-2 U2 3C) set up at 3A max with Panasonic 3400mAh batteries.
- The lumen scores mentioned above have been calculated on the basis of the manufacturer data-sheet for the current levels (in mA) observed at each level.
- The durations quoted have been measured at each level in controlled laboratory conditions.
- After running for 30 minutes at Level 5 (2000 lumens) the batteries would still last for hours at lower levels. (L1,L2,L3)

Battery Case

To save bulk and weight, the Phaethon Dual runs off two rather than four batteries. It still gives pretty good run-times, so we feel justified in this decision. Better to have the lamp weighting less on the helmet and carry spare batteries in a pocket.

The battery pack has been designed to take off-the-shelf (unprotected) 18650 Li-Ion batteries so that the user can choose whatever brand he or she prefers.

Protected 18650 batteries longer than 68mm may not fit inside the case.



Voltage Notifications

The Phaethon Dual's driver monitors the voltage of the batteries. Three status notifications are signaled to the user through blinking the LEDs.

- **MEDIUM:** When the batteries reach half power, the lamp will blink once. Every time the user changes mode it will blink again.
- **LOW:** When the batteries reach the final 10% of their power, the lamp will blink twice. Every time the user changes mode it will blink twice again.
- **CUT-OFF:** When the lamp blinks three times, the batteries ought to be changed and charged. The lamp may continue to be used in case of emergency (only L1,L2 will be available) , but this is not recommended as the battery level will drop to a very low level and there is a possibility to damage the cells.

At the fifth level the voltage drop is very high and that makes the lamp show the medium notification too early. The voltage status notifications are most accurate and should be taken into account when the lamp is operated on second level.

Overheating Protection

It is recommended that the lamp is not operated at the highest levels continuously outside water.

If the lamp is operated at high level outside water, there is a danger of overheating in a few minutes. However the internal driver monitors the temperature and will prevent overheating by dropping the current draw to 1/3 of that level until the lamp has returned to a safe operating temperature. We may help cool the lamp by using water to speed the process (immersing the light in cold water).

Mounting Options

By using the Go-Pro standard mount we allow a large range of mounting accessories to be used, according to your needs and preferences.

We just have to unscrew the bolt that connects the lamp with the mount and place it in whatever mount option we want to use.

Headband: Phaethon Dual comes with the standard elastic headband mount. With this we can wear the lamp directly on the head or mount it on a helmet if it supports clips to attach the headband.

Helmet: The user can be supplied with the go-pro helmet mount to attach the head of the lamp. For the battery case we have adopted the simple solution of using elastic bungees to hold it. The user has to make two or four holes on the back of the helmet to pass through the cords.

Handlebar: To attach it on a bike's handlebar you should first get the go-pro mount adapter and attach it on the riser. After that you could mount the head of the lamp on the riser and the battery case on the top tube or the down tube with an elastic Velcro loop. You should also first cover the battery case with a rubber loop to protect both bike and lamp from scratches and to obtain better stability.

Goodman handle: For diving use as a handle torch.

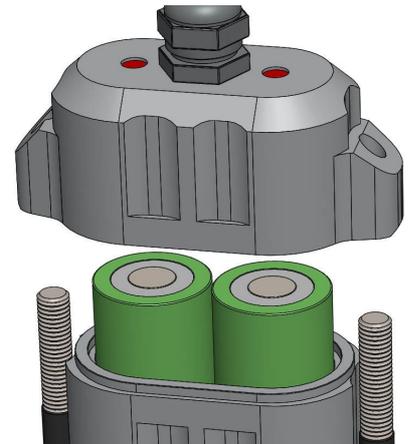


Replacement of the batteries

Replacing the batteries in Phaethon Dual is so easy, it can be done in less than a minute.

Loosen the M5 bolts sealing the battery pack with a hex-key (Allen key), then unscrew them by hand. Insert new batteries into the casing. It is important to have both batteries with their positive terminals facing up in the case. Screw in the bolts by hand and tighten them with the hex-key (Allen key).

It is not absolutely necessary to tighten the bolts with a hex-key if you are not going to dive. If they are tightened firmly by hand only, the battery case is still waterproof.

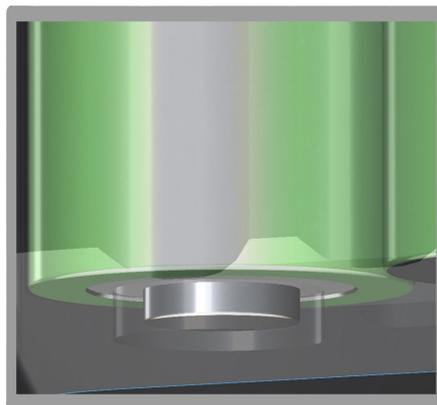
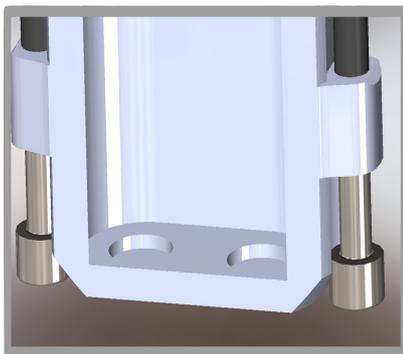


ATTENTION

Do not mix one positive pole facing up and one down.



The new models are designed with two hollow sections under the batteries inside the battery case. Thanks to this development the risk of damaging the cells is almost minimized.



However in case of misplacing one cell the lamp will run only on one battery lasting for half the given run times!

It is highly advisable that the user pays attention when placing the batteries inside the case.

New Batteries

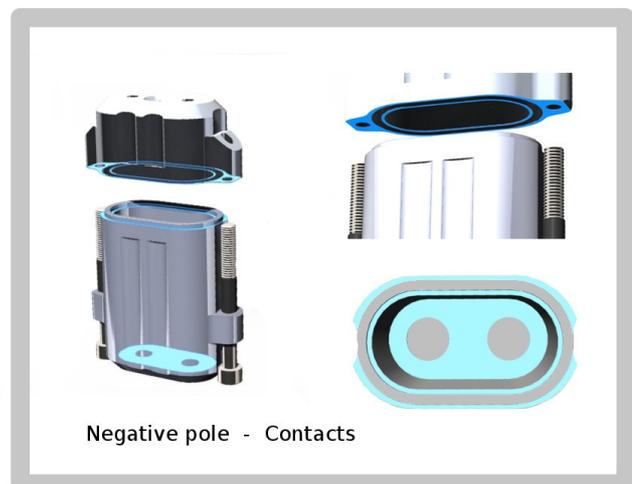


When the user wants to use his own batteries he must cut the plastic wrap of the negative pole to ensure good contact with the case.

ONLY unprotected 18650 batteries can fit inside the pack.

Maintenance

- The user has to check the two o-rings before each use and that the condition of the plexiglass cover(cracks). We recommend replacing the o-rings every 2 years unless there are visible signs of wear sooner.
- To change the Plexiglas you should unscrew the four allen M4 bolts from the front side of the head, replace the glass and screw the bolts back in until you see that the black line of the o-ring is uninterrupted. Do not tighten the bolts too much.
- After each use, we recommend that you clean the lamp with fresh water and allow it to dry away from the sun. Do not forget it inside your dirty and moisty caving sack.
- Store it in a dry place.
- The contacts on the battery case should be always clean and without any deteriorations .
- In case of oxidation in these surfaces the user has to polish them again using a thin sandpaper. This must be done, so the unit runs without trembling or even shutting off.



Charging the Batteries

We have available two Nitecore models. The i2 and the UM20 chargers.

The [Nitecore i2](#) is able to automatically identify Li-ion, Ni-MH and Ni-Cd rechargeable batteries and apply an appropriate charging mode (Constant Charge Current (CC), Constant Charge Voltage (CV) and Trickle Charge).

Each of the i2's two microcomputer-controlled charging slots is capable of monitoring and charging batteries independently. Additionally, yellow and blue power/charging status indicator lights visibly indicate battery status and charging process.

Just by placing the batteries on the charger it will automatically detect what kind of battery it is and charge it with the right program. It has three LEDs to show the level of voltage. When charging is complete it will stop and light all the LEDs.

It charges with 500mAh which means that for almost empty batteries it needs around 7 hours for a full charge.



[Download Nitecore i2 user manual](#)

The [Nitecore UM20](#) is a multi-functional charger with portable and lightweight design is suitable for many rechargeable lithium batteries such as 18650 / 14500 / 10440 / 17670 / 16340 lithium battery.

- Micro USB powered li-ion battery charger.
- High definition LCD displays real time charging status.
- Features micro USB output charging.
- Integrated intelligent power management system.
- Intelligently detects input power and distributes charging power.
- Priority Mode offers either battery or USB charging.
- Features optimized charging program for IMR batteries.
- Intelligently selects charging current based on battery capacity.
- Features rear USB cable winder.
- Constructed from fire retardant materials.
- Features reverse polarity protection.
- Designed for optimal heat dissipation.



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**Never leave the charger in use when it is unattended.
Never charge the batteries close to flammable materials.**

Information about Li-ion Batteries

- Store your batteries at room temperature.
- Avoid discharging the batteries fully, prefer partial discharges.
- For extended storage, discharge a lithium-ion battery to about 40 percent and store it in a cool place.
- Avoid using lithium-ion batteries which are hot after a full charge.
- Never leave your lithium battery at high temperatures like inside a car on sunny day.
- Never overcharge your lithium battery.
- Avoid frequent full discharges of your lithium batteries.
- Lithium-ion batteries should not be exposed to strong impacts or damage - otherwise they can explode!
- No humidity on batteries!
- Always recycle old batteries. Do not throw them into domestic garbage.

Helpful Hints

- Always charge your batteries before use.
- Use the second level (500mAh) as the main level for caving for good runtimes, good temperature and good light.
- Don't forget the lamp on the highest level when you are out of water as there is a risk of overheating or battery drain.
- Use the Super mode 1 for cavediving.
- Always check thoroughly the condition of both o-rings before diving.
- In case of emergency you can use the Phaethon dual only with one 18650 battery.

Warnings

- Always have a spare light source in situations where the two independent light sources rule applies.
- Avoid looking directly at the light for too long or pointing the light at others on high power.
- Make sure children do not use the lamp unsupervised.

Warranty

We guarantee that the Phaethon lamp you have purchased has been constructed by hand to the highest standards and individually tested as to its waterproofing. If there should be any defect in the materials or manufacturing of your lamp, we will replace or repair the faulty part and return the lamp in fully working order.

Warranty Details

Phaethon Caving Light provides free repair and a Limited Lifetime Warranty service for our products.

1. Unauthorized third party repairs and modifications to any Phaethon Caving Light product voids Phaethon Caving Light repair service and limited lifetime warranty.
2. The customer is responsible for all freight costs to and from the Authorized repair center.
3. Phaethon Caving Light warranties do not cover commercial use.

Warranty Commitments

1. 12 months free repair: Phaethon offers a free repair service within 12 months of purchase if a product fails or becomes defective through the course of its intended use. Customers need only to return their product to the repair center.
2. Limited Lifetime Warranty: After 12 months, should the product fail, Phaethon provides a Limited lifetime Warranty for free labor on repairs, should a Phaethon product cease to function through normal use. Under the Limited Lifetime Warranty the customer is responsible for the cost of freight to and from the repair center and the cost of any replacement parts should they be required.
3. Accidental damage: If a product fails as a result of excessive usage (I.E. repeated impacts as a consequence of heavy use) or accidental damage, Phaethon, at its discretion, will provide free labor on repair, charging the customer for the cost of replacement materials only. Customers are responsible for all shipping/postage costs associated with repairs of this nature.
4. We will replace malfunctioning products for an upgraded product in the same series or similar performance for customers if replacement can't be made within due time, when certain products are discontinued, or some other reasons.

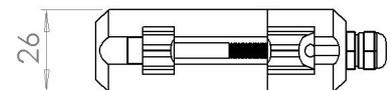
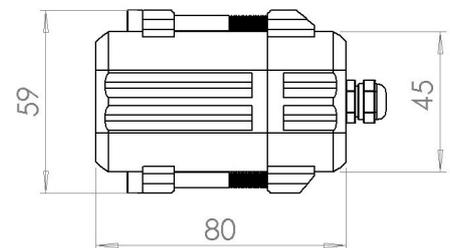
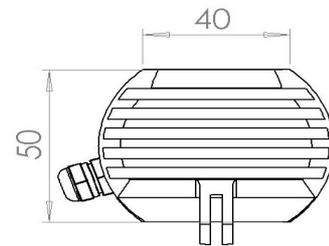
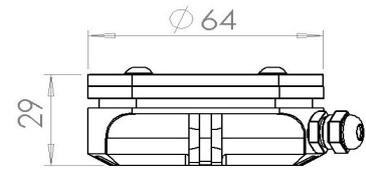
Warranty NULL AND VOID if:

1. Failure or damage caused by excessive dropping or bumping, unauthorized dismantling, oxidation, modification or reconstruction.
2. Failure or damage is caused by improper use, storage or maintenance (refer to product instruction manual).
3. Damage is caused by an unapproved battery or battery leakage.
4. Damage is caused by light flooding, water ingress and corrosion due to water ingress.

Technical Specifications

Phaethon Dual's Specs

Two Cree XML-2 U2 3C 4750-5000 K CRI 75
4 degree optic
Dualflex Taskled linear dimming driver
5 + 2 brightness levels (modes)
Custom modes setup
Up to 2000 Lumens output
Schurter Piezoelectric switch
Overheating Protection
Voltage Notification
Electronic Lock to prevent accidental use
Anodized Aluminum Alloy 6082
CNC machined
Two Panasonic 18650 NCR-B 3400mAh Li-ion Batteries
GoPro Mount adapter
Diving Depth -250m
Individually tested at 10 bars
Polyurethane extra tough cable
High quality 4mm Plexiglass
Limited Lifetime Warranty
Weight 395 gr (batteries included)



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