



EL480.240-PR2/PR3  
ICEBrite™ Small Graphics Display

USER'S MANUAL

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## EL480.240-PR2/PR3 Display

The EL480.240-PR2 and EL480.240-PR3 thin film electroluminescent (EL) displays are low cost, high performance alternatives to industry-standard monochrome LCDs. The EL480.240-PR2/PR3 utilizes Planar's proprietary Integral Contrast and Brightness Enhancement (ICEBrite™) technology to achieve unparalleled image quality without the use of expensive filters. This small graphics display excels in a wide range of ambient lighting environments while effectively eliminating the blooming common to other high-bright displays.

The EL480.240-PR2/PR3 consists of an EL glass panel and control electronics assembled into a space-saving, rugged package for easy mounting. The EL480.240-PR2/PR3 is easily interfaced using standard 4-bit LCD control signals. Each of the 115,200 pixels has an aspect ratio of 1:1 (V:H) and is individually addressable to clearly display high information content graphics and text.

The EL480.240-PR3 model is identical to the EL480.240-PR2 model with the exception of series resistors included on selected internal signals on the EL480.240-PR3. There are no fit, form, or function differences between the two models. The specifications in this manual apply to both the EL480.240-PR2 and the EL480.240-PR3.

### Features and Benefits

- Excellent visual performance:  
High brightness and contrast  
Wide viewing angle > 160°
- Rapid display response < 1 ms
- Space efficient mechanical package
- Low EMI emissions
- Extremely rugged and durable
- Reliable, long operating life with > 100,000 MTBF
- 4-bit LCD-type interface

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# Installation and Handling

Do not drop, bend, or flex the display. Do not allow objects to strike the surface of the display.

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**CAUTION:** The display uses CMOS and power MOS-FET devices. These components are electrostatic sensitive. Unpack, assemble, and examine this assembly in a static-controlled area only. When shipping, use packing materials designed for protection of electrostatic-sensitive components.

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**CAUTION:** To prevent injury in the event of glass breakage, the use of an impact resistant shield or a protective overlay should be used on the viewer side of the display.

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## Mounting EL Displays

Properly mounted, EL displays can withstand high shock loads as well as severe vibration found in demanding applications. However the glass panel used in an EL display will break if subjected to bending stresses, high impact, or excessive loads.

Stresses are often introduced when a display is mounted into a product. Ideally, the mounting tabs of the display should be the only point of contact with the system. Use a spacer or boss for support; failure to do so will bend the display and cause the glass to break. The instrument enclosure or frame should not flex or distort in such a way that during use the bending loads might be transferred to the display. Mounting surfaces should be flat to within  $\pm 0.6$  mm ( $\pm 0.25$ "). Use all the mounting holes provided. Failure to do so will impair the shock and vibration resistance of the final installation.

The EL480.240-PR2/PR3 is a tab mounted display. Use appropriate length standoffs to assure that screws through the mounting tabs do not introduce bending stresses into the display. Do not deflect the ECB out of its normal plane. The EL480.240-PR2/PR3 mounting tabs were designed for a 3 mm screw.

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**WARNING:** These products generate voltages capable of causing personal injury (high voltage up to 230V<sub>ac</sub>). Do not touch the display electronics during operation.

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## Cable Length

A maximum cable length of 600 mm (24 in.) is recommended. Longer cables may cause data transfer problems between the data transmitted and the display input connector. Excessive cable lengths can pick up unwanted EMI. There are third party products which allow this maximum cable length to be exceeded. Contact Planar Application Engineering for more information.

## Cleaning

As with any glass or coated surface, care should be taken to minimize scratching. Clean the display glass with mild, water-based detergents only. Apply the cleaner sparingly to a soft cloth, then wipe the display. Disposable cleaning cloths are recommended to minimize the risk of inadvertently scratching the display with particles embedded in a re-used cloth.

## Avoiding Burn-In

As with other light emitting displays, displaying fixed patterns on the screen can cause burn-in, where luminance variations can be noticed. Use a screen saver or image inversion to avoid causing burn-in on the display.

# Specifications

The EL panel is a matrix structure with column and row electrodes arranged in an X-Y formation. Light is emitted when an AC voltage of sufficient amplitude is applied at a row-column intersection. The display operation is based on the symmetric, line-at-a-time data addressing scheme.

## Power

This display requires both 12V and 5V in addition to video signals for proper operation. The display is designed to accept simultaneous application of  $V_L$ ,  $V_H$ , and the input logic signals. If these signals are not simultaneous, they must meet the sequential timing shown in Figure 1 below.

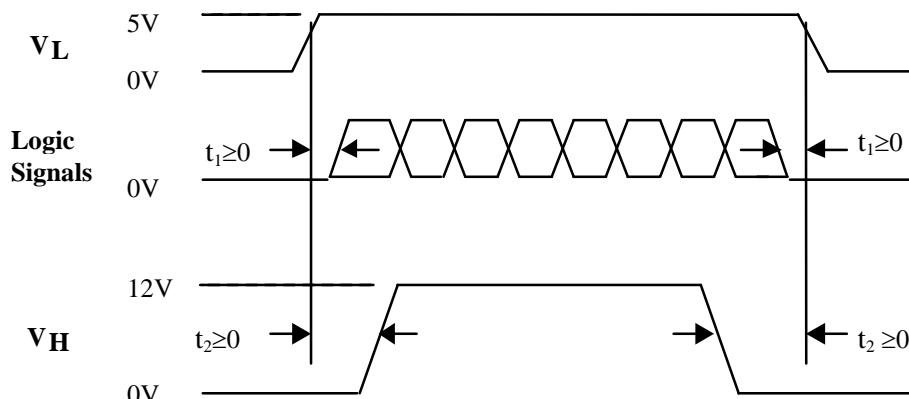


Figure 1. Data/Power Connector

The supply voltages are shown in Table 1. All internal high voltages are generated from the display supply voltage ( $V_H$ ). The logic supply voltage ( $V_L$ ) should be present whenever video input signals or  $V_H$  is applied. The minimum and maximum specifications in this manual should be met, without exception, to ensure the long-term reliability of the display.

Performance characteristics are guaranteed when measured at 25°C with rated input voltage unless otherwise specified. Planar does not recommend operation of the display outside these specifications.

Table 1. DC Input Voltage Requirements.

Parameter <sup>1</sup>	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Absolute Max
Logic supply voltage	$V_L$	4.75 V	5 V	5.25 V	6 V
Logic supply current at +5 V	$I_L$			0.1 A	
Display supply voltage	$V_H$	10 V	12 V	15 V	15 V
Supply current at +10 V	$I_H$		0.5 A	1.05 A	
Power consumption 5 V/12 V			6.5 W	10.5 W	

<sup>1</sup> Operating conditions: ambient temperature 25°C, 120 Hz frame rate.

**CAUTION:** Absolute maximum ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur.

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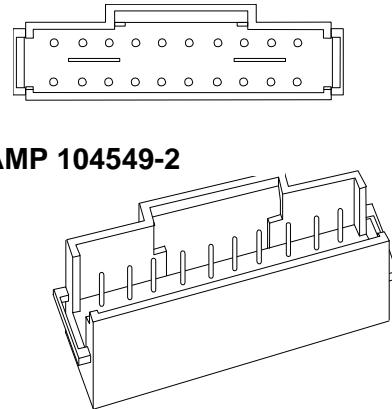
**Table 2. Video Input Requirements.**

Description	Min	Max	Units	Notes
Absolute Input Voltage Range	-0.3	5.5	V	$V_L = 5.0 \text{ V}$
Video logic high voltage	70%	100%	$V_L$	All input thresholds are CMOS
Video logic low voltage	0	20%	$V_L$	
Video logic input current	–	$\pm 10$	$\mu\text{A}$	
Input capacitance	–	15	pF	

There is a fuse on the  $V_H$  input to protect against catastrophic faults, and no overcurrent protection on the  $V_L$  input.

## Connector

Video signals and DC power are connected to the display through a dual-row, 0.050-inch square-pin connector: AMP part number 104549-2. For flexible cable connection to the display, use AMP part number 111196-4.

**AMP 104549-2****Table 3. Connector Pinouts.**

Pin	Signal	Description	Pin	Signal	Description
1	$V_H$	+12 V Power	2	$V_H$	+12 V Power
3	NC	No Connect	4	GND	Ground
5	$V_L$	+5 V Power	6	GND	Ground
7	VS	Vertical Sync	8	GND	Ground
9	HS	Horizontal Sync	10	GND	Ground
11	VCLK	Video Clock	12	GND	Ground
13	VID <sub>0</sub>	Video Data	14	GND	Ground
15	VID <sub>1</sub>	Video Data	16	GND	Ground
17	VID <sub>2</sub>	Video Data	18	GND	Ground
19	VID <sub>3</sub>	Video Data	20	GND	Ground

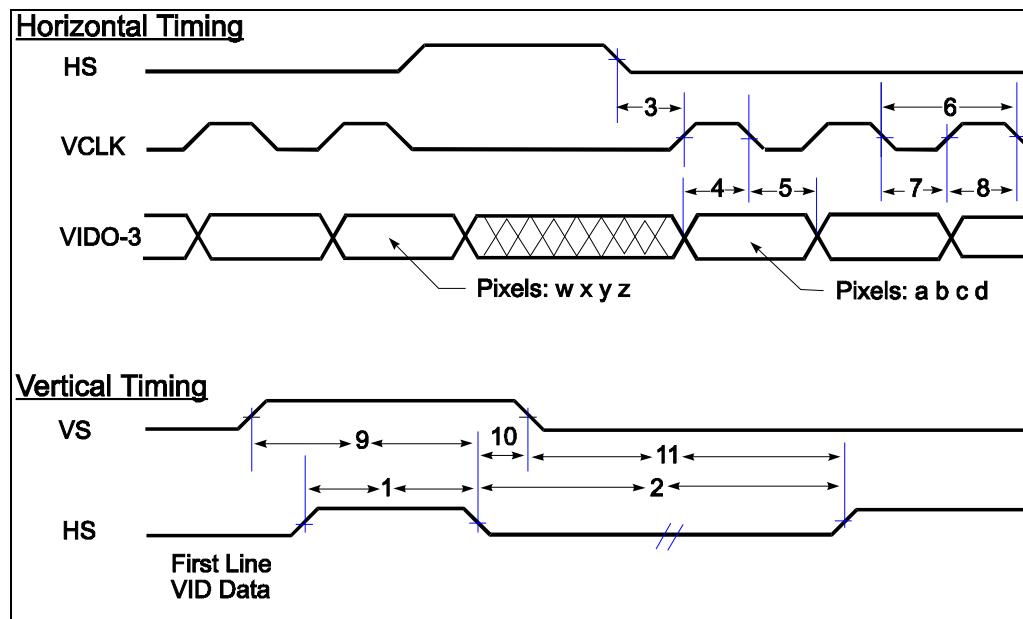
## Interface Information

Planar EL Small Graphics Displays (SGD) incorporate an interface that is similar to many LCD interfaces. This interface is supported by a variety of off-the shelf chip sets which take care of all display control functionality, freeing the system processor for other tasks. Designers select the chip set that best suits their particular architecture and price point. This 4-bit LCD-type video interface provides a low cost, flexible method for controlling display brightness and power consumption.

### *Video Input Signals*

The end of the top line of a frame is marked by VS, vertical sync signal as shown in Figure 2. The end of each row of data is marked by HS.

The VS signal may be independently set to a CMOS low level at any time for longer than one frame period. During the time of VS inactivity the display is blank. Halting VS results in a standby condition to minimize power usage.



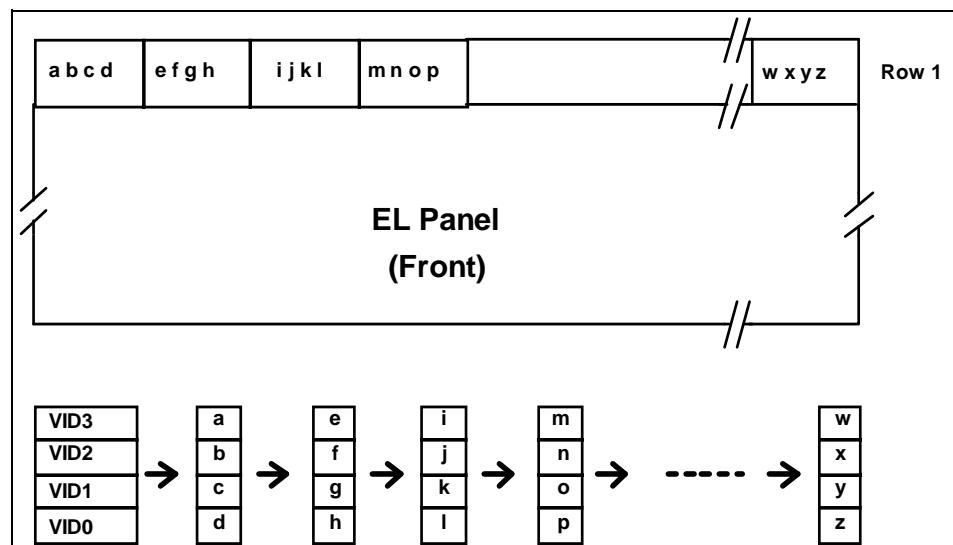
*Figure 2. Video Input Timing Diagram.*

Timing is compatible with LCD graphics controllers such as the SMOS display controller.

**Table 4. Video Input Descriptions.**

Num	Description	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
1	HS high time	tHSh	100			nsec
2	HS low time	tHSI	120			tVCLK
3	HS to VCLK	tHSsu	130			nsec
4	VID setup to VCLK	tVIDsu	50			nsec
5	VID hold from VCLK	tVIDhd	50			nsec
6	Video clock period	tVCLK	140			nsec
	VCLK rise, fall time	tVCLKrf		10	15	nsec
7	VCLK low width	tVCLKl	15	70		nsec
8	VCLK high width	tVCLKh	15	70		nsec
9	VS high setup to HS low	tVShsu	140			nsec
10	VS hold after HS	tVShd	140			nsec
11	VS low setup to HS high	tVSlsu	140			nsec
12	HS period	tHS	34			μsec
	VS period	tVS	242			tHS
	Frame Rate	fVS	50		120	Hz

Input signals **VID0** through **VID3** contain the video data for the screen. Pixel information is supplied from left to right and from top to bottom four pixels at a time. Video data for one row is latched on the fall of **HS**.



*Figure 3. Pixel Location versus Sequence of Data.*

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## Self-Test Mode

The display incorporates a self-test mode composed of two patterns displayed for approximately 30 seconds each, and then repeated. The patterns are as follows: Diagonal Lines, Diagonal Lines Inverted, Full On, 1 x 1 Checkerboard, and 1 x 1 Checkerboard Inverted. The self-test mode is entered by resetting or applying power to the display with the VCLK signal static. The display will remain in the self-test mode until two edges of VCLK are detected.

## Optical

**Table 5. Optical Characteristics.**

<b>Luminance</b>		
Lon (areal), min	30 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	screen center, 120 Hz frame rate
Lon (areal), typ	50 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	screen center, 120 Hz frame rate
Loff (pixel), max	0.3 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	5 points: center plus four corners measured 1.0 ±0.25" from adjacent display edges, 120 Hz
<b>Non-uniformity</b>		
All pixels fully lit	26%	Maximum difference two of five points, using the formula: LNU%=[1- (min_lum/max_lum)] x 100
<b>Luminance Variation (Temperature)</b>		
Maximum	±15%	Across operating temperature range
<b>Luminance Variation (Time)</b>		
Maximum	<10%	15,000 hours at 25°C ambient
<b>Viewing Angle</b>		
Minimum	160°	
<b>Contrast Ratio</b>		
Minimum	19:1	@ 500 lux ambient, 120 Hz frame rate
Typical	50:1	

## Generating Grayscales

Some applications may benefit by using grayscales. The PR2/PR3 has a maximum frame rate frequency of 120 Hz. Using the higher frame rate, combined with flat panel controllers designed for this faster display, it is possible to generate usable grays through frame rate control and dithering. Video controllers from manufacturers such as C&T and EPSON use these methods with proprietary algorithms to generate grayscales.

The response time of electroluminescent displays is much faster than LCDs, therefore not all possible grayscales generated by the video controller are actually usable. Many of the grayscales may flicker or swim. Careful testing is necessary to select appropriate grayscales for an application, especially when the electroluminescent displays are driven at less than their maximum frame rate. For additional information, refer to Planar Application Note 119 or contact Planar's Application Engineers.

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## Environmental

**Table 6. Environmental Characteristics.**

	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Non-operating</b>
<b>Temperature</b>	-25°C to +65°C	-40°C to +75°C
<b>Survival</b>	-25°C to +75°C	
<b>Humidity</b>		
Non-condensing	to 93% RH max @ 40°C, per IEC 68-2-3	
Condensing		to 95% RH max @ 55°C, per IEC 68-2-30
<b>Altitude</b>		
Tested per IEC 68-2-13	-1000 to 16,000 ft (-3048 to 48,768 m)	-1000 to 58,000 ft (-3048 to 176,784 m)
<b>Vibration</b>		
Random	0.02g <sup>2</sup> /Hz, 20-500 Hz, 30 minutes on each axis, per IEC 68-2-36, test Fdb.	
Operating/non-operating		
<b>Shock</b>		
Operating/non-operating	100 g, 6 ms, half sine wave per IEC 68-2-27, test Ea.	

## Reliability

The display MTBF is demonstrated to be greater than 100,000 hours at 25°C with a 90% confidence level.

## Safety and EMI Performance

The display will not inhibit the end product from obtaining these safety certifications: IEC 601-1, UL544 or CSA 22.2 #601-M89.

The display will not inhibit the end product from complying with FCC Docket, Part 15, Subpart J, Class B; CISPR 11, Class B; and VDE 871/VFG 243, Class B when housed in a suitable enclosure.

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## Mechanical Characteristics

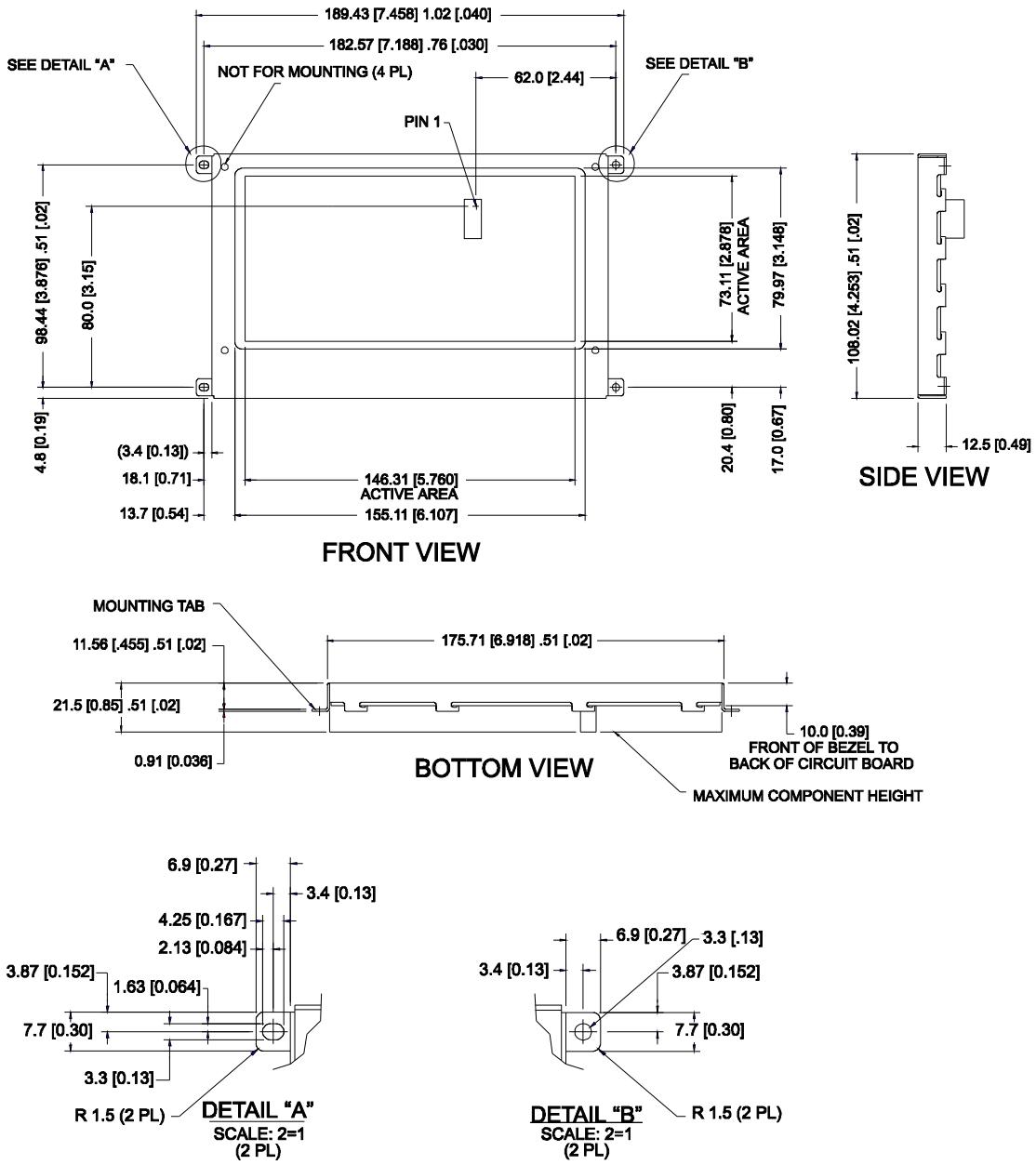
**Table 7. Mechanical Characteristics.**

Display External Dimensions		
millimeters (inches)	width	189.4 (6.91) nominal
	height	108.0 (4.14) nominal
	depth	21.5 (0.85) nominal
<b>Weight (typical)</b>		310 g (10.9 oz), nominal
<b>Fill Factor</b>		50.2%
Display Active Area		
millimeters (inches)	width	146.31 (5.76) nominal
	height	73.11 (2.88) nominal
Pixel Size		
	width	0.22 (0.0085) nominal
	height	0.22 (0.0085) nominal
Pixel Pitch		
	horizontal	.31 (0.012) nominal
	vertical	.31 (0.012) nominal

## Component Envelope

The component envelope shown in Figure 4 illustrates the distance components extend behind the display. Tall components do not necessarily fill this area. Planar reserves the right to relocate components *within* the constraints of the component envelope without prior customer notification. For this reason, Planar advises users to design enclosure components to be outside the component envelope.

An air gap of at least 5 mm is recommended to dissipate heat from display components. Device designers will need to consider their specific system requirements to determine the necessary spacing.



Dimensions are in millimeters; inches in brackets.  
Some hidden lines omitted for clarity.

Tolerances unless specified:

.x +/10.50 [0.02]  
.xx +/-0.25 [0.01]

*Figure 4. Display Dimensions.*

**Note:** The dimensions in this drawing are approximate. Please contact Planar Applications Engineering and request the actual drawing prior to beginning your design.

## Description of Warranty

Seller warrants that the Goods will conform to published specifications and be free from defects in material for 12 months from delivery. To the extent that Goods incorporate third-party-owned software, Seller shall pass on Seller's licensor's warranty to Buyer subject to the terms and conditions of Seller's license.

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If Goods were repaired, altered or modified by persons other than Seller, this warranty is void. Conditions resulting from normal wear and tear and Buyer's failure to properly store, install, operate, handle or maintain the Goods are not within this warranty. Repair or replacement of Goods is Seller's sole obligation and Buyer's exclusive remedy for all claims of defects. If that remedy is adjudicated insufficient, Seller shall refund Buyer's paid price for the Goods and have no other liability to Buyer.

All warranty repairs must be performed at Seller's authorized service center using parts approved by Seller. Buyer shall pay costs of sending Goods to Seller on a warranty claim and Seller shall pay costs of returning Goods to Buyer. The turnaround time on repairs will usually be 30 working days or less. Seller accepts no added liability for additional days for repair or replacement.

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## Ordering Information

Product	Part Number	Description
EL480.240-PR2	996-0247-02	EL480.240 flat panel display assembly with integrated power supply and 4-bit FPD interface.
EL480.240-PR2 CC	996-0247-03	EL480.240-PR2 with conformal coating
EL480.240-PR3	996-0247-05	Same as PR2 but with internal resistors added

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