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# INSTEON™ SwitchLinc™ Timer V2

INSTEON On/Off Timer Switch

For models:  
#2476ST SwitchLinc Timer V2



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# INSTEON SwitchLinc Timer V2 User's Guide

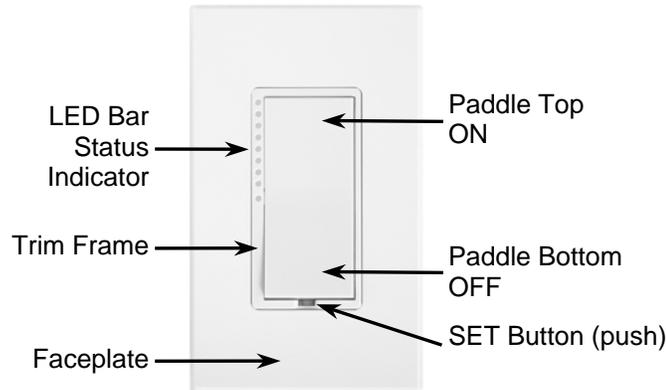


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## ABOUT INSTEON SWITCHLINC TIMER

Congratulations on purchasing the INSTEON™ SwitchLinc™ Timer. With its elegant look, smooth touch, and stylish LED Bar, you can not only control the lights that you wire it to, but you can add remote control to all kinds of other INSTEON and X10 devices in your home to match your lifestyle. Besides controlling other devices, SwitchLinc Timer can itself be remotely operated from other INSTEON or X10 Controllers, including other SwitchLincs. When controlling the SwitchLinc Timer locally, an internal timer counts down 15 minutes or an hour for each subsequent tap to turn itself off automatically.



### What is INSTEON?

INSTEON is a simple, reliable, and affordable breakthrough in home control. Simple, because Plug-n-Tap™ setup is a breeze, and there are no wires to add – INSTEON uses existing powerline wiring as well as radio-frequency for communication. Reliable, because every INSTEON device is a two-way repeater. And affordable, not just because of low cost, but because INSTEON also works with legacy X10 devices. An INSTEON home grows in value with every INSTEON device you add, making life more convenient, safe and fun.

### Key SwitchLinc Timer Features

- All the features of the SwitchLinc V2 Relay - 2476S, plus local timer control
- Same button turns on the switch and activates the timer
- After installation, setup is easy – links to controlled devices and other controllers in minutes
- Controls all standard incandescent lamps and inductive loads, up to 480 watts 13 amps
- LED indicators for ON and OFF states
- Paddle and Trim Frame colors are changeable to almond, black, brown, or gray with optional kit (comes in white with ivory kit included)
- White LED Bar color is changeable to green, blue, amber, or red with optional kit
- Responds to commands from X10 controllers and sends X10 commands to X10 devices
- Wires in like a standard wall switch (but also requires a NEUTRAL connection)
- Supports “virtual” 3-, 4-, or more-way circuits with multiple SwitchLincs
- Warranted for two years

## HOW TO INSTALL SWITCHLINC TIMER

### Caution

Read and understand these instructions before installing, and retain them for future reference.

SwitchLinc Timer is intended for installation in accordance with the National Electric Code and local regulations in the United States, or the Canadian Electrical Code and local regulations in Canada. Use indoors only. SwitchLinc Timer is not designed nor approved for use on power lines other than 120V 60Hz, single phase. Attempting to use SwitchLinc Timer on non-approved powerlines may have hazardous consequences.

Connect only copper or copper-clad wire to SwitchLinc Timer. Before installing, disconnect power at the circuit breaker or remove the circuit's fuse to avoid shock or possible damage to SwitchLinc Timer. It is recommended that a qualified electrician perform this installation.



**Proper installation of at least two Signalinc™ RF Signal Enhancers is required prior to installing and using other INSTEON devices.**

### Tools You Will Need

- A flat screwdriver to remove the faceplate from the switch junction box.
- A Phillips screwdriver for the screws that hold SwitchLinc Timer in the junction box.
- A wire cutter and stripper if the switch you are replacing requires you to cut the wires to remove them.
- A small Phillips screwdriver if you will be changing the color of the trim frame and paddle.

### A Helpful Tool – Voltmeter or Voltage Tester

During the installation of SwitchLinc Timer, it may be necessary to identify the wires inside the junction box. Knowing for sure which wire is the LINE (sometimes called HOT) can reduce the guesswork when installing a single switch, and it is absolutely necessary when working with multi-way lighting circuits. A voltmeter is ideal for this application. Many of the digital models can also read current so you can measure how much power is being drawn by the switch's load.

A simpler measurement tool, available at most home improvement centers, is a voltage sensor. This device, often costing less than \$20, can sense voltage when placed near a wire. The tip of the voltage sensor can tell if voltage is on the wire without touching the bare copper conductor or breaking the insulation.

When using these tools, be certain to read and understand the safety instructions. Often when these tools are used, the power to the circuit will need to be turned on. When working around live electrical wires, take your time and concentrate on the task.



## Preparing to Install SwitchLinc Timer

### **IMPORTANT!**

If you are not knowledgeable about and comfortable with electrical circuitry, you should have a qualified electrician install SwitchLinc Timer for you. If you have any questions, please consult an electrician or call

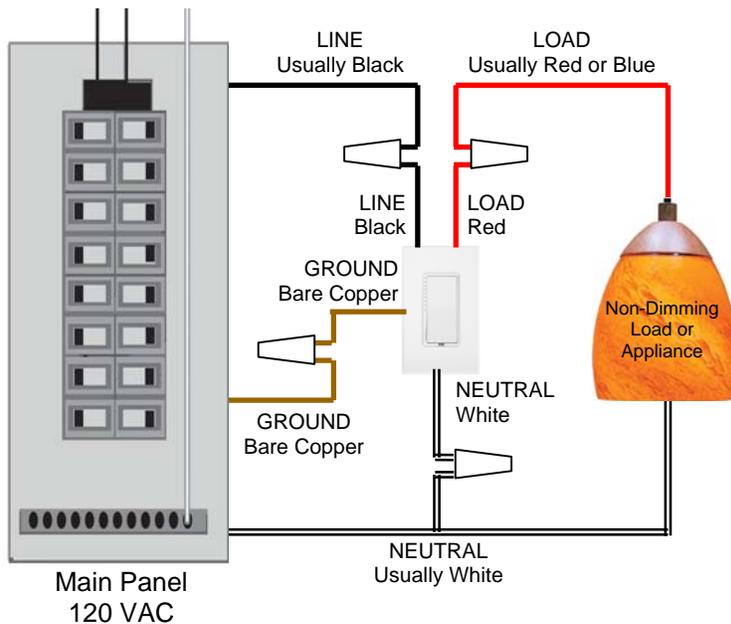
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**800-SMARTHOME**  
(800-762-7846)

Before installing SwitchLinc Timer, please familiarize yourself with the following and take the necessary precautions listed here:

- Be sure that you have turned off the circuit breaker or removed the fuse for the circuit you are installing SwitchLinc Timer in. Installing SwitchLinc Timer with the power on will expose you to dangerous voltages.
- SwitchLinc Timer requires a small amount of power to operate, which it receives from a connection to the NEUTRAL electrical wire (usually white). If you are replacing a standard mechanical switch with SwitchLinc Timer, the switch you are replacing will normally *not* have a connection to the neutral wire. However, most junction boxes will contain a NEUTRAL wire that you can connect SwitchLinc Timer to. If your junction box does not contain a neutral wire, please call SmartHome Tech Support at 800-SMARTHOME (800-762-7846), or consult an electrician..
- SwitchLinc Timer may feel warm during operation. The amount of heat generated is within approved limits and poses no hazards. To minimize heat buildup, ensure that the area surrounding the rear of SwitchLinc Timer has adequate ventilation by clearing away excess insulation.

## Installing SwitchLinc Timer

1. For best INSTEON Network performance, be sure you have properly installed at least two SignalLinc RF Signal Enhancers.
2. At the circuit breaker or fuse panel, disconnect the power for *all* of the circuits in the switch junction box. Verify that power is off by trying to turn on the lights controlled by the switches.
3. Remove the faceplate from the switch junction box, then unscrew the switch you are replacing and pull it out from the junction box.
4. Disconnect the wires from the switch you are replacing. If the wires cannot be detached by unscrewing them, cut the wires where they enter the switch, then strip ½" of insulation off the ends.
5. If you are installing SwitchLinc Timer into a standard **two-way circuit** (where only one switch controls the load), follow the diagram below to identify and connect the LINE, LOAD, NEUTRAL, and GROUND wires. If the colors of the wires do not match the diagram, be sure you have identified the wires correctly before connecting them.
6. If you are installing SwitchLinc Timer into a **multi-way circuit** (where more than one switch controls the same load), follow the instructions in the section *Installing SwitchLinc Timer in a Multi-Way Circuit*, below, to identify and connect the LINE, TRAVELER, NEUTRAL, and GROUND wires.



**NOTE**  
The NEUTRAL wire will not normally be connected to the switch you are replacing. If there is no NEUTRAL wire in the junction box, please consult an electrician or call

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7. After you have connected all of the wires, ensure that all of the wire connectors are firmly attached and that there is no exposed copper except for the GROUND wire.
8. Orient SwitchLinc Timer with the LED Bar at the left, gently place it into the junction box, then screw it into place.
9. Turn the circuit breaker back on or re-install the fuse.
10. After the bottom LED in the LED Bar comes on, test that SwitchLinc Timer is working properly by turning the light on and off.
11. Reinstall the faceplate.

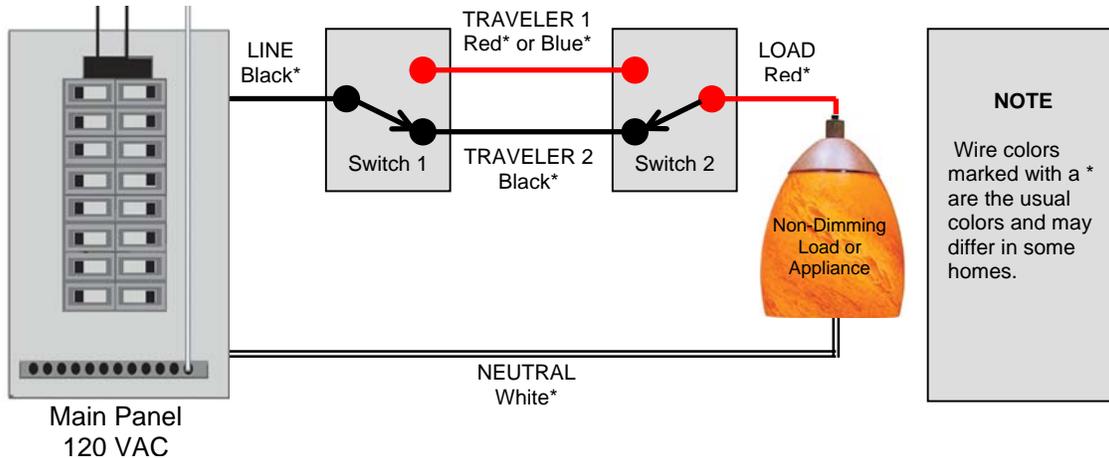
## Installing SwitchLinc Timer in a Multi-Way Circuit

### Understanding Multi-Way Circuits

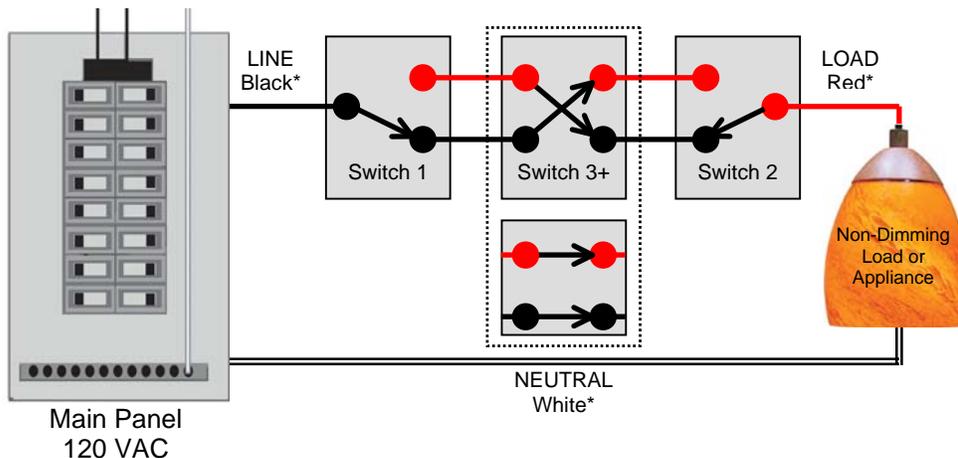
If more than one switch controls a single set of lights (called a LOAD), the switches are part of a multi-way circuit. A 3-way circuit uses two switches to control a LOAD, a 4-way circuit uses three switches, and so forth. Most homes have one or more 3-way circuits, with two switches located in hallways, stairwells, or two different entrances to a room. Less commonly found are circuits that are 4-way or above.

You can use SwitchLinc Relays to replace switches in multi-way circuits that are already wired in, or you can use them to *create virtual* multi-way circuits where there is no existing wiring.

Here is how a wired-in three-way circuit (with two switches) works:



A wired-in four- or more-way circuit (with three or more switches) has additional switches added in the middle of the circuit. In the diagram below, the additional switch is shown in one position in the upper box and in the other position below.



To learn more about multi-way circuits, go to [Google.com](http://Google.com) or another search engine on the Internet and enter the search terms "three-way switch" or "four-way switch."

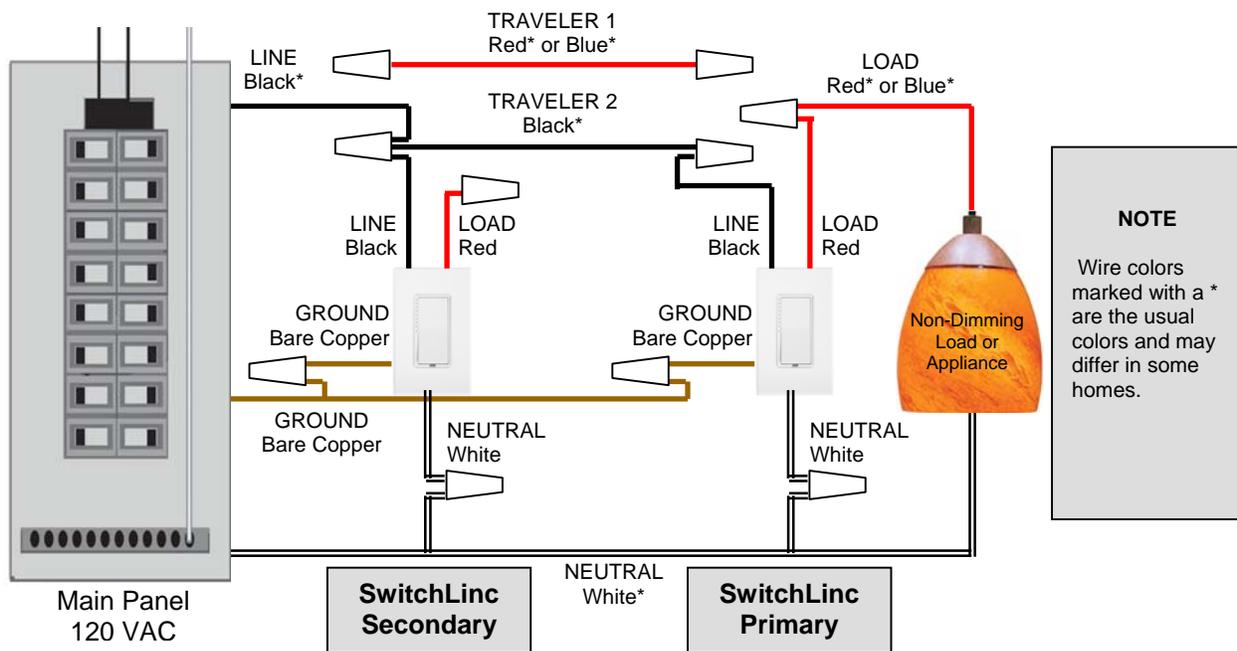


## Using SwitchLinc Timers in Virtual Multi-Way Circuits

In a *virtual* multi-way circuit, only one SwitchLinc, called the *SwitchLinc Primary*, actually controls the LOAD in the multi-way circuit. Any additional SwitchLinc, called *SwitchLinc Secondaries*, are not connected to the LOAD, but only to the powerline (by being wired to the LINE and NEUTRAL). All of the SwitchLinc can communicate with one another using INSTEON networking on the powerline. After wiring in the SwitchLinc, you create the virtual multi-way circuit by setting up all of the SwitchLinc to control each other (see *HOW TO SET UP SWITCHLINC TIMER TO REMOTELY CONTROL AN INSTEON DEVICE*, below).

To use the timer functions, the SwitchLinc Timer V2 must be connected as the SwitchLinc Primary.

The diagram below shows how you convert a wired-in three-way circuit into a virtual three-way circuit using two SwitchLinc Timers. Step-by-step instructions for wiring in the SwitchLinc Timers are in the next section.



Notice that one of the TRAVELER wires (number 1, the red one) is not used, so you will cap it off at both ends with a wire nut.

The other TRAVELER (number 2, the black one) you will convert to a LINE wire. In the junction box where the SwitchLinc Secondary is, connect TRAVELER 2 to the existing LINE and also to the SwitchLinc Secondary's LINE wire. In the other junction box at the other end, you will connect TRAVELER 2 to the SwitchLinc Primary's LINE wire.

The SwitchLinc Primary's LOAD wire gets connected to the actual lights that are being controlled.

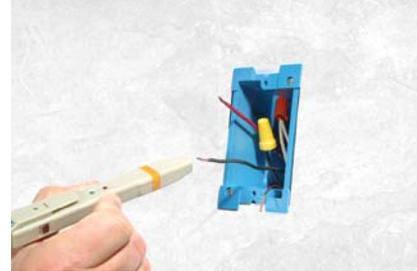
The LOAD wire for any SwitchLinc Secondaries that you will be installing will not be connected to anything, so cap those LOAD wires off with a wire nut.

All SwitchLinc, whether they are Primaries or Secondaries, must be connected to NEUTRAL and to GROUND. Note that the switches you are replacing will not normally have a connection to NEUTRAL. If there is no NEUTRAL wire in the junction box, please consult an electrician or call SmartHome Tech Support, 800-SMARTHOME (800-762-7846).

## Step-by-Step Instructions for Installing Multi-Way SwitchLinc Timers

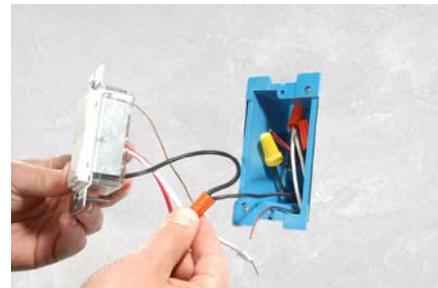
When replacing a three-way mechanical switch, each switch will have three wires connected to it from the wall box. Four-way or greater circuits will have four wires connected to the switches in the center of the circuit. For this tutorial, we will follow the most commonly used wire colors for homes in North America.

1. **Find the LINE wire.** Your first task is to find out which switch junction box is the one where the electricity comes into the circuit. This box will contain the LINE wire (sometimes called HOT).

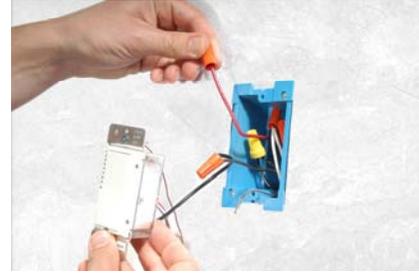


- a. Turn off the electricity at the circuit breaker panel.
- b. Pull all the switches in the multi-way circuit out of their junction boxes. Each switch should have three wires connected to it. If the circuit is a four-way or greater, some of the switches will have four wires.
- c. Disconnect the wires from the old switches. If the wires cannot be detached by unscrewing them, cut the wires where they enter the switch, then strip ½ inch of insulation off the ends.
- d. Making sure that none of the wires are touching anything and that no one is around the wall boxes, turn the electricity back on.
- e. Using a voltmeter or voltage sensor, individually test each wire for voltage. When you measure 120 Volts AC, that wire is the LINE wire. LINE wires are usually black.
- f. The other two wires, usually black and red, are the TRAVELERS and go to the next junction box. TRAVELER wires are usually in the same cable sheath.
- g. Turn off the electricity to resume installing the new SwitchLinc Timers.

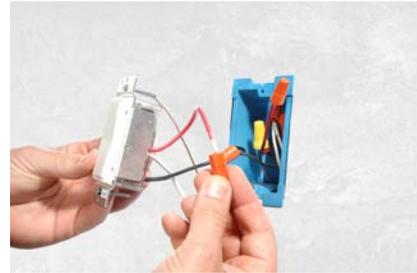
2. **Connect the SwitchLinc Secondary's LINE Wire.** The SwitchLinc that will be the Secondary goes in the junction box where you found the LINE wire. Connect the black LINE wire that you found, the black TRAVELER, and the Black LINE wire on SwitchLinc all together with a single wire nut.



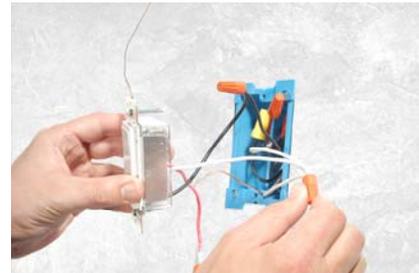
3. **Cap the other TRAVELER wire.** The other TRAVELER wire, usually red, will not be used, so put a wire nut on the end of it.



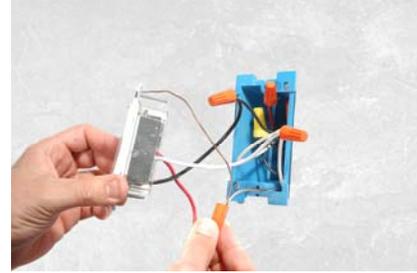
4. **Cap the red LOAD wire from the SwitchLinc Secondary.** Put a wire nut on the end of the SwitchLinc Secondary's LOAD wire to ensure that it won't connect to anything.



5. **Connect the SwitchLinc Secondary's NEUTRAL Wire.** Locate the group of NEUTRAL wires, usually white, in the rear of the box. The old switch should not have been connected to the NEUTRAL wires, but SwitchLinc Timer requires this connection in order to draw a small amount of power for itself. Connect SwitchLinc Secondary's white NEUTRAL wire to the other NEUTRAL wires with a wire nut.



- 6. Connect the SwitchLinc Secondary's GROUND Wire.** Connect the bare copper GROUND wire to the other GROUND wires in the junction box.



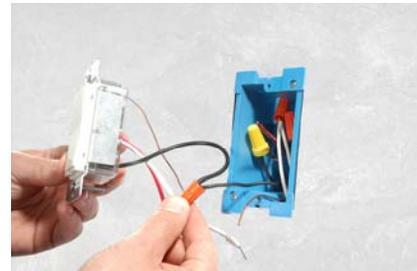
- 7. Install Additional SwitchLinc Secondaries.** If you have a four-way or greater switching circuit, see *Special Treatment for Four- or More-Way Circuits* at the end of this section.
- 8. Identify the Wires for the SwitchLinc Primary.** The SwitchLinc Primary is the SwitchLinc that will actually control the LOAD. Use the SwitchLinc Timer here to use the built-in timer features. In the remaining junction box where you will install the SwitchLinc Primary, find the wire that carries power from the switch to the lights. This wire, called the LOAD wire, is commonly red.

In the same junction box, there will also be the two TRAVELER wires from the first box, often both in the same cable sheath. Identify the one TRAVELER wire (black) that you connected the LINE wire to in the first junction box.

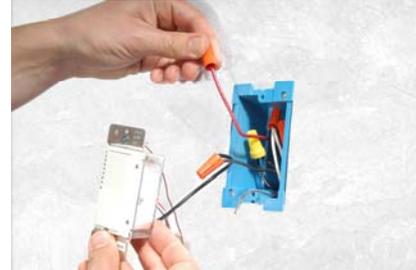
If you're not sure which is the TRAVELER wire connected to the LINE wire, you can use the same method described earlier to find it. Turn on the power (taking the same precautions), and use a voltmeter to find the wire with 120 Volts AC on it. This wire is the TRAVELER wire that you connected to the LINE wire in the first junction box.

Make sure the power is turned off again before proceeding.

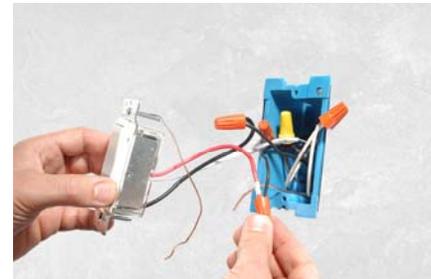
- 9. Connect the SwitchLinc Primary's LINE Wire.** Use a wire nut to connect the TRAVELER wire, usually black, that you identified as connected to the LINE wire to the SwitchLinc Primary's black LINE wire. To use the timer functions, use your SwitchLinc Timer V2 as the Primary.



10. **Cap the other TRAVELER wire.** The other TRAVELER wire, usually red, will not be used, so put a wire nut on the end of it.



11. **Connect the SwitchLinc Primary's LOAD Wire.** Use a wire nut to connect the LOAD wire, usually red, to the SwitchLinc Primary's red LOAD wire.



12. **Connect the SwitchLinc Primary's NEUTRAL and GROUND Wires.** Follow the same instructions as before in Steps 5 and 6 for the SwitchLinc Secondary.
13. **Return to the installation instructions on page 6 and continue on with step 7.**

### **Special Treatment for Four- or More-Way Circuits**

If your lighting circuit includes more than two switches controlling a single set of lights, those extra switches will have four wires connected to them. Two of the wires are TRAVELERS from the preceding switch and the other two are TRAVELERS to the next switch in the chain. You will be converting the black TRAVELER wires to LINE wires and replacing the old four-wire switches with SwitchLinc Secondaries.

1. **Connect the SwitchLinc Secondary's LINE Wire.** Use a wire nut to connect both black TRAVELER wires to the SwitchLinc Primary's black LINE wire.
2. **Cap the Two Unused TRAVELERS.** The other two TRAVELER wires, usually red, will not be used, so put wire nuts on the ends of them.
3. **Cap the red LOAD wire from the SwitchLinc Secondary.** Put a wire nut on the end of the SwitchLinc Secondary's LOAD wire to ensure that it won't connect to anything.
4. **Connect the SwitchLinc Secondary's NEUTRAL and GROUND Wires.** Use the same instructions given previously in Steps 5 and 6.

## HOW TO SET UP SWITCHLINC TIMER TO REMOTELY CONTROL AN INSTEON DEVICE

### Linking SwitchLinc Timer to a Controlled INSTEON Device

To use SwitchLinc Timer as an INSTEON Controller, follow these steps to link SwitchLinc Timer and a controlled INSTEON Device together. Refer to your INSTEON Device's User's Guide for detailed instructions on how to properly install it and link it to SwitchLinc Timer. The following will work for the most common INSTEON Devices.

1. Set SwitchLinc Timer to **Linking Mode** by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds until the top LED in the LED Bar begins blinking slowly and the controlled light flashes. Don't let up too soon – 10 seconds is a pretty long time!



**BE CAREFUL**  
Any paddle press will exit Linking Mode early.

2. Select your INSTEON Device from the list below and follow the linking method for that Device. You have about 4 minutes to perform this step before SwitchLinc Timer's Linking Mode times out automatically.



- A. **A SwitchLinc Relay** – Press and hold the SwitchLinc Relay's **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds, then release. To confirm linking, the SwitchLinc Relay will blink the top LED in its LED Bar and flash the light that it is wired to.



- B. **LampLinc™ V2 Dimmer** – Press and hold the **SET Button** on the side of LampLinc V2 Dimmer for 3 seconds, then release. To confirm linking, LampLinc V2 Dimmer will blink its Status LED and flash the lamp that it is controlling.



- C. **ApplianceLinc™ V2** – Press and hold the **SET Button** on the side of ApplianceLinc V2 for 3 seconds, then release. To confirm linking, ApplianceLinc V2 will blink its Status LED.



- D. **KeypadLinc™ V2** – Press and hold the **ON Button** at the top of KeypadLinc V2 for 10 seconds, then release. To confirm linking, KeypadLinc V2 will blink the ON Button and flash the light that it is wired to.



- E. **Other INSTEON Devices** – See the INSTEON Device's User's Guide.

3. Go back to the SwitchLinc Timer that you placed in Linking Mode. If linking was successful, the top LED in its LED Bar will not be blinking but will remain steadily on.
4. Test that your INSTEON Device is working as expected by pressing the **Paddle Top** and **Paddle Bottom**.

## Unlinking a Controlled INSTEON Device from SwitchLinc Timer

If you are no longer going to use an INSTEON Device that has previously been linked to SwitchLinc Timer, it is very important that you unlink it, because otherwise SwitchLinc Timer will retry any commands intended for the unused INSTEON Device, thus slowing down your system.

1. Set SwitchLinc Timer to **Linking Mode** by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds until the top LED in the LED Bar begins blinking slowly and the controlled light flashes.
2. Set SwitchLinc Timer to **Unlinking Mode** by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top again** for 10 seconds until the controlled light flashes again.
3. Follow the same method given above that you used to link your INSTEON Device to unlink it. On most INSTEON Devices, you just push an **ON Button** for 10 seconds or a **SET Button** for 3 seconds.
4. Go back to the SwitchLinc Timer that you placed in Unlinking Mode. If linking was successful, the top LED in its LED Bar will not be blinking but will remain steadily on.

## Creating an INSTEON Scene

INSTEON Scenes let you activate dramatic lighting moods with the press of just one button. INSTEON Scenes are very easy to set up – just link more than one INSTEON Device to SwitchLinc Timer. Then, when you press either the Paddle Top or Paddle Bottom on SwitchLinc Timer, all of the INSTEON Devices linked in the scene will respond as a group. You can link multiple INSTEON Devices to multiple of INSTEON Controllers. These devices will not respond to the timer functions, but will respond as expected from any other SwitchLinc Relay.

To add an additional INSTEON Device to a scene controlled by SwitchLinc Timer, simply follow the same procedure as above in *Linking SwitchLinc Timer to a Controlled INSTEON Device*. To remove an INSTEON Device from a scene, see *Unlinking a Controlled INSTEON Device from SwitchLinc Timer*.

### TIP

You can avoid having to hold SwitchLinc Timer's Paddle Top down for 10 seconds for each INSTEON Device in a scene by placing SwitchLinc Timer in **Scene Setup Mode**, also called **Multilink Mode**.

1. Set SwitchLinc Timer to Scene Setup Mode by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds, then pressing the **SET Button** at the bottom of the paddle. SwitchLinc Relay's top LED in the LED Bar will blink slowly.



2. Follow the linking method given above for the INSTEON Device you want to include in the scene. On most INSTEON Devices, you just push an ON Button for 10 seconds or a SET Button for 3 seconds. SwitchLinc Timer will flash its controlled light to confirm linking, and the top LED in its LED Bar will continue to blink slowly.
3. On some INSTEON Devices, you may be able to set up additional features, such as On-Levels or Ramp Rates at this time.
4. Continue Steps 2 and 3 for any additional INSTEON Devices you want to link to the scene.
5. When you are finished linking INSTEON Devices to SwitchLinc Timer, complete Scene Setup by pressing the **Paddle Top** (actually, *any* button press will terminate Scene Setup). The top LED in SwitchLinc Timer's LED Bar will stop blinking and remain steadily on. You have about 4 minutes of inactivity before SwitchLinc Timer's Scene Setup Mode times out automatically.

## HOW TO SET UP SWITCHLINC TIMER TO BE REMOTELY CONTROLLED BY AN INSTEON CONTROLLER

### Linking an INSTEON Controller to SwitchLinc Timer

To remotely control SwitchLinc Timer using another INSTEON Controller, follow these steps to link SwitchLinc Timer and the INSTEON Controller together. Refer to your INSTEON Controller's User's Guide for detailed instructions on how to properly install it and link it to SwitchLinc Timer. The following will work for the most common INSTEON Controllers.

1. Select your INSTEON Controller from the list below and follow the method shown to put it into **Linking Mode**.



- A. **A SwitchLinc V2 Relay** – Press and hold the SwitchLinc Relay's **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds, then release. To confirm that it is in Linking Mode, the SwitchLinc Relay will flash the light that it is wired to once and begin blinking the top LED in its LED Bar.



- B. **ControlLinc™ V2 Tabletop Controller** – Choose the ON/OFF Button Pair you want to use for controlling SwitchLinc Timer. Press and hold the **ON Button** of the pair for 10 seconds. To confirm that it is in Linking Mode, ControlLinc V2's Status LED will begin blinking.



- C. **KeypadLinc™ V2** – Choose the ON Button you want to use for controlling SwitchLinc Timer. Press and hold the **ON Button** for 10 seconds. To confirm that it is in Linking Mode, KeypadLinc V2 will flash the light that it is wired to once and begin blinking the ON Button that you pushed.



- D. **Other INSTEON Controllers** – See the INSTEON Controller's User's Guide.

2. Press and hold the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds on the SwitchLinc Timer that is being controlled. To confirm linking, the SwitchLinc Timer will blink the top LED in its LED Bar and flash the light that it is wired to. Depending on the INSTEON Controller, you have about 4 minutes to perform this step before Linking Mode times out automatically.



## Unlinking SwitchLinc Timer from an INSTEON Controller

If you are no longer going to control a SwitchLinc Timer with an INSTEON Controller, it is very important that you unlink it, because otherwise the controller will retry any commands intended for the unused SwitchLinc Timer, thus slowing down your system.

1. Select your INSTEON Controller from the list below and follow the method shown to put it into **Unlinking Mode**.



- A. **A Second SwitchLinc V2 Relay** – Follow the instructions in the section *Unlinking a Controlled INSTEON Device from SwitchLinc Timer*, above. (Briefly, press and hold the Second SwitchLinc Timer's **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds **twice**.)



- B. **ControlLinc™ V2 Tabletop Controller** – Press and hold the **OFF Button** of the ON/OFF Button Pair you used for controlling SwitchLinc Timer for 10 seconds. To confirm that it is in Unlinking Mode, ControlLinc V2's Status LED will begin blinking.



- C. **KeypadLinc™ V2** – Press and hold for 10 seconds the **ON Button** you used for controlling SwitchLinc Timer, then press and hold the same **ON Button** for 10 seconds **again**. To confirm that it is in Unlinking Mode, KeypadLinc V2 will flash the light that it is wired to once and begin blinking the ON Button that you pushed.



- D. **Other INSTEON Controllers** – See the INSTEON Controller's User's Guide.

2. Press and hold the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds on the SwitchLinc Timer that is being controlled. To confirm unlinking, the SwitchLinc Timer will blink the top LED in its LED Bar and also the light that it is wired to. Depending on the INSTEON Controller, you have about 4 minutes to perform this step before Unlinking Mode times out automatically.





## ADVANCED FEATURES OF SWITCHLINC TIMER

### Restoring Power to SwitchLinc Timer

SwitchLinc Timer stores all of its settings in non-volatile memory, so they are not lost even when power is removed. In the event of a power loss, SwitchLinc Timer will automatically return the load being controlled to the state it had before the power was interrupted.

### Resetting SwitchLinc Timer to Its Factory Default Settings

The factory reset procedure can be used to clear SwitchLinc Timer's memory and restore its factory default settings. This procedure will clear the unit of all INSTEON Links, and any programmed X10 Primary Address or X10 Scene Addresses.

1. Before resetting a SwitchLinc Timer that has been linked to an INSTEON Controller, be sure to unlink it from the Controller first. See *Unlinking SwitchLinc Timer from an INSTEON Controller*, above.
2. If you are using SwitchLinc Timer to control any INSTEON Devices other than the light it is wired to, unlink those Devices from SwitchLinc Timer. See *Unlinking a Controlled INSTEON Device from SwitchLinc Timer*, above.
3. Press and hold the Paddle Top for 10 seconds -- then release.
4. Tap the SET Button all the way in -- then release.
5. Push the SET Button all the way in and hold for 10 seconds -- then release.
6. A few seconds after you let up on the SET button, SwitchLinc Timer will turn the light it is wired to fully ON, indicating that the factory reset is complete. SwitchLinc Timer is now reset to all the default settings and ready for fresh programming and use.

#### NOTE

**Note:** Unless they have been unlinked, INSTEON Devices that have been previously linked to SwitchLinc Timer will still respond to paddle presses, even after a factory reset. The reason is that the INSTEON Devices themselves have not been unlinked from SwitchLinc Timer. Follow the procedure *Unlinking a Controlled INSTEON Device from SwitchLinc Timer*, above, to unlink individual INSTEON Devices.



## X10 PROGRAMMING OPTIONS

SwitchLinc Timer is backward-compatible with X10, meaning that it can respond to X10 commands from an X10 Controller and it can send X10 commands to X10 devices. However, **to operate SwitchLinc Timer in X10 mode, you must first set up an X10 Primary Address.** As It ships from the factory, or after a factory reset procedure, SwitchLinc Timer will have no X10 Primary Address set up.

### Setting the X10 Primary Address

**You must do this before SwitchLinc Timer will respond to X10 commands.** You can use any of the 256 possible X10 addresses for the X10 Primary Address.

1. Set SwitchLinc Timer to **Linking Mode** by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds until the top LED in the LED Bar begins blinking slowly and the controlled light flashes.
2. Using an X10 Controller, send the **X10 Primary Address** you want to set up **three times**. You have about 4 minutes to perform this step before SwitchLinc Timer's Linking Mode times out automatically.
3. Once SwitchLinc Timer has received the X10 Address three times, SwitchLinc Timer will confirm that it has set its Primary X10 Address by blinking the top LED in its LED Bar and flashing the light that it is wired to.

### Removing the X10 Primary Address

1. Set SwitchLinc Timer to **Linking Mode** by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top** for 10 seconds until the top LED in the LED Bar begins blinking slowly and the controlled light flashes.
2. Set SwitchLinc Timer to **Unlinking Mode** by pressing and holding the **Paddle Top again** for 10 seconds until the controlled light flashes again.
3. Using an X10 Controller, send **any X10 Address three times**. It does not matter what the X10 Address is as long as it is the same one each time. You have about 4 minutes to perform this step before SwitchLinc Timer's Unlinking Mode times out automatically.
4. Once SwitchLinc Timer has received the X10 Address three times, SwitchLinc Timer will confirm that it has removed its Primary X10 Address by blinking the top LED in its LED Bar and flashing the light that it is wired to.



### HOW TO USE SWITCHLINC TIMER

#### Using the Paddle

1. The Paddle Top makes your load go ON and the Paddle Bottom makes your load go OFF.
2. Press the top of the paddle to turn on the switch and activate the built in timer so it will automatically turn off in 15 minutes.
3. Tap the on paddle top again and it will stay on for 1 hour. After turning the SwitchLinc V2 Timer on, each tap to the paddle top will add an additional hour to the timer: two taps equals 2 hours, three taps equals 3 hours, up to a maximum of 24 hours.
4. Press and hold the paddle top for about 2 seconds to use the SwitchLinc V2 Timer like a standard switch - it will stay on until you turn it off. Note: When you use another Insteon device to control the switch, or use the SwitchLinc v2 Timer to control another INSTEON device, the timer function does not apply. It will act like a standard SwitchLinc Relay V2.

## COLOR OPTIONS FOR SWITCHLINC TIMER

### Paddle and LED Colors are Changeable

You can change the color of SwitchLinc Timer's LEDs and also its paddle and trim frame to match the décor of any room.

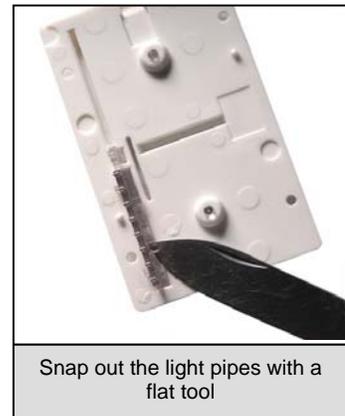
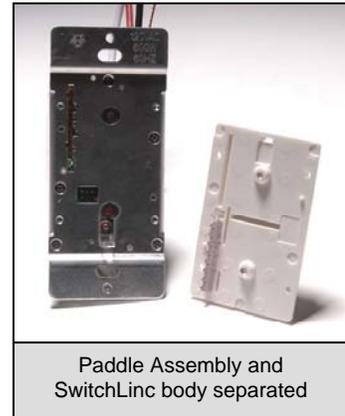
SwitchLinc Timer comes standard with a white paddle assembly, but with an ivory paddle assembly included. You can optionally purchase almond (#2400AL), black (#2400BK), brown (#2400BR), or gray (#2400GY) SwitchLinc Color Change Kits from [www.smarthome.com](http://www.smarthome.com).

Light-pipe color change kits for the LEDs are also available from [www.smarthome.com](http://www.smarthome.com). Each SwitchLinc Indicator Color Change Kit (#2400L) contains five each of blue, red, green, amber, and clear light-pipes.

### How to Change Paddle and LED Colors

You can remove the front paddle and trim frame assembly before or after SwitchLinc Timer is installed. During the changeover process, the power and the load may remain on and operating. There are no dangerous voltages or unsafe areas under the paddle.

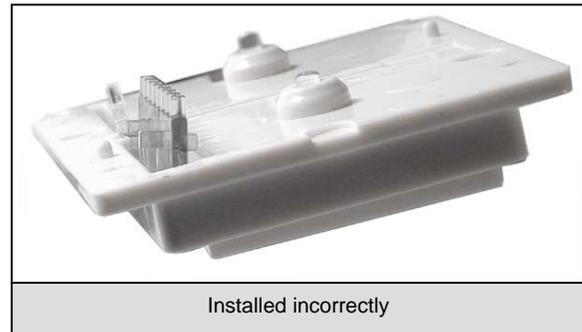
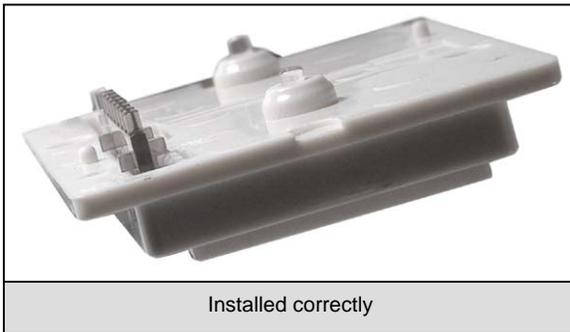
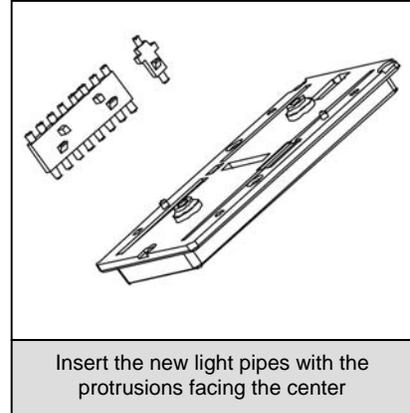
1. If SwitchLinc Timer is already installed in the wall, remove the faceplate from the switch junction box.
2. Remove the four Phillips screws that hold the paddle assembly to the metal frame.
3. Pull the entire paddle frame straight away from the switch. You may have to wiggle the bottom of the frame to get it free of the bottom SET Button.
4. Using a flat blade, remove the large light pipe as shown. The light pipe will snap out of the frame. Do the same for the small light pipe.



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5. Orient the new small light pipe with its protrusion facing toward the center of the frame and snap it into place. If placed in backwards or reversed, it will not click into place. Refer to the diagram.
6. Orient the new large light pipe with the side that has the most protrusions facing toward the center of the frame. Using only finger pressure, snap the light pipe into the frame.



7. If both light pipes are installed correctly, they will stick straight out from the back of the frame. If installed incorrectly, they will appear to be tilted as shown in the photos.
8. Gently place the paddle assembly back onto the front of SwitchLinc Timer. A little force may be necessary to snap the assembly over the SET Button. Reinstall the four screws that you removed in Step 2.

## ABOUT INSTEON

### Understanding Why an INSTEON Network Is Reliable

INSTEON messages travel throughout the home via Powerline Carrier (PLC) signals on the existing house wiring, and also via wireless Radio Frequency (RF). As the messages make their way to INSTEON devices being controlled, they are picked up and retransmitted by all other INSTEON devices along the way. This method of communicating, called a *mesh network*, is very reliable because each additional INSTEON device helps to support the overall network.

To further ensure reliability, every INSTEON device confirms that it has received a command. If an INSTEON Controller does not receive this confirmation, it will automatically retransmit the command up to five times.

### Further Enhancing Reliability

As signals travel via the powerline or RF throughout the home, they naturally become weaker the farther they travel. The best way to overcome signals getting weaker is to increase the coverage of the mesh network by introducing more INSTEON devices.

It is possible that some audio-video products, computers, power strips or other electrical equipment may attenuate INSTEON signals on the powerline. You can temporarily unplug suspected devices to test whether the INSTEON signal improves. If it does, then you can plug in filters available from Smarthome that will permanently fix the problem.



### Using Smarthome's SignalLinc RF to Upgrade Your INSTEON Network

SignalLinc™ RF Signal Enhancers are ideal for improving signal strength and network coverage throughout your home. SignalLinc RF acts like another member of the dual-band mesh network, tying it together by simultaneously retransmitting INSTEON signals across both radio-frequency and the powerline. It also provides an access point for RF-only INSTEON devices, such as handheld controllers.

In addition, two SignalLinc RFs provide a wireless path for INSTEON signals to travel between the two separate electrical circuits, called *powerline phases*, found in most homes. Without a reliable method for coupling opposite powerline phases, some parts of your home may receive INSTEON signals intermittently. With at least one SignalLinc RF plugged into one of the powerline phases, and at least one more plugged into the opposite powerline phase, INSTEON powerline signals will be strong everywhere in your home.





## About INSTEON and X10

### Possible BoosterLinc Interference with INSTEON

If you have installed older Smarthome Plug-In BoosterLinc™ X10 Signal Boosters or certain other BoosterLinc-enabled products, the older BoosterLinc technology may interfere with INSTEON communications.

Plug-In BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters, Smarthome #4827, shipped after February 1, 2005, with V3.0 or later firmware, are fully compatible with INSTEON.

The following Plug-In BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters use older firmware that may cause interference with INSTEON:

- White BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters, #4827, shipped before February 1, 2005, with V2.5 or earlier firmware
- All Gray BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters, #4827

Try unplugging the older BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters to see if this helps with INSTEON interference. If it does, please call 800-SMARTHOME (800-762-7846) for help with replacing your older BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters with newer INSTEON-compatible ones.

The following pre-INSTEON SmartHome products have BoosterLinc technology that you can turn on or turn off when you set the X10 Address for the product. If turned on, the BoosterLinc technology may interfere with INSTEON.



- KeypadLinc™ 6 with Integrated Dimmer, #12073W, #12073WB and #12073WW



- SwitchLinc™ Relay 2-Way, #23883 and #23883T



- ToggleLinc™ 2-Way Dimmer, #23890, and Switch, #23893

#### NOTE

To disable BoosterLinc X10 Signal Amplification on these products:

1. Press and hold the SET Button.
2. Send the X10 Primary Address.
3. Send an X10 OFF command.

You can send an X10 ON command in Step 3 to re-enable the BoosterLinc feature.

If you have any of these products and the BoosterLinc feature is turned on, please consult your User's Guide or call 800-SMARTHOME (800-762-7846) for help with turning it off. You may then wish to install newer INSTEON BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters, which Smarthome can help you with.

### INSTEON's Effect on X10

If your existing X10 devices seem to be working less reliably after installing INSTEON devices, remember that INSTEON devices can absorb X10 signals just as X10 devices do, and that INSTEON devices do not repeat X10 signals. Installing INSTEON-compatible BoosterLinc X10 Signal Boosters, Smarthome #4827, or a SignalLinc Plug-In Coupler-Repeater, #4826, can increase X10 signal levels.

Please call 800-SMARTHOME (800-762-7846) if you have any questions or would like more help.



**TROUBLESHOOTING**

| <b>Problem</b>   | <b>Possible Cause</b>   | <b>Solution</b>  |
|--|---|--|
| The LED Bar on my SwitchLinc Timer is not turning on at all and it won't control my light. | SwitchLinc Timer is not getting power.  | Make sure the circuit breaker is turned on.  |
|  |   | Check junction box wires to ensure all connections are tight and no bare wires are exposed.  |
|  |   | Check the light fixture to ensure all connections are tight and no bare wires are exposed.   |
| The switch I'm replacing only has two wires.   | SwitchLinc Timer needs a NEUTRAL wire in order to operate.  | Look in the rear of the junction box for a group of white wires all tied together with a wire nut. Those are the NEUTRAL wires. Connect SwitchLinc Timer's white wire there. |
| My SwitchLinc Timer is not receiving signals from INSTEON or X10 Controllers.              | The SwitchLinc Timer and the Controller are on opposite powerline phases.   | Make sure two SignalLinc RF Signal Enhancers are properly installed to bridge the two powerline phases.  |
|  | The Controller is plugged into a power strip.   | Powerline signals can't travel through power filters. Plugging the Controller directly into a wall outlet works best.  |
|  | Other modules are loading down the signal.  | Move the other modules or the Controller to another outlet.  |
| My SwitchLinc Timer is not linking to or working with an INSTEON Controller or Device.     | The INSTEON signal may be too weak.   | Add new INSTEON devices or move around existing INSTEON devices. All INSTEON devices act as INSTEON Network repeaters.   |
|  |   | Make sure you are not experiencing interference with older X10 BoosterLinc technology. Upgrade to INSTEON BoosterLincs.  |
| My SwitchLinc Timer doesn't always respond to an INSTEON Controller.                       | The INSTEON Controller may have been reset without first unlinking SwitchLinc Timer from it.                      | Re-link SwitchLinc Timer to the INSTEON Controller.  |
| The light turned on by itself.   | Another Controller, a timer, or stray X10 signals triggered SwitchLinc Timer.                                     | Check scene membership and remove any unwanted links from SwitchLinc Timer, or perform a Factory Reset to clear it.  |
|  |   | Install a powerline signal blocker in your home to keep X10 signals from neighboring homes from interfering. Consider not using SwitchLinc Timer in X10 mode.                |
|  |   | If the above doesn't work, perform a Factory Reset.  |
| SwitchLinc Timer turns on, but not off, using another Controller.                          | The load is producing electrical noise that is interfering with SwitchLinc Timer's reception of powerline signal. | Install a powerline noise filter like Smarthome's #4835 between the load and SwitchLinc Timer.   |
|  |   | Install additional INSTEON Devices to boost the INSTEON signal.  |
|  |   | Increase the X10 signal strength with an INSTEON-compatible X10 booster to overcome the powerline noise.   |
|  |   | Remove the X10 Address from the button on your INSTEON Controller so it doesn't send both INSTEON and X10 commands.  |

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| <p>When I press a button on my SwitchLinc Timer, it takes a long time for other INSTEON Devices it is controlling to respond.</p> | <p>You may have removed an INSTEON Device that your SwitchLinc Timer is trying to operate. SwitchLinc Timer is re-trying the missing INSTEON Device.</p> | <p>If the INSTEON Device is still available, unlink it from SwitchLinc Timer by following the directions in the section <i>Unlinking a Controlled INSTEON Device from SwitchLinc Timer</i>, above.</p> <p>Reset SwitchLinc Timer by following the directions in the section <i>Resetting SwitchLinc Timer to Its Factory Default Settings</i>, above.</p> |
| <p>My SwitchLinc Timer doesn't respond to X10 address A1 when I first set it up.</p>  | <p>Unlike previous X10-only products, SwitchLinc Timer does not have an X10 Primary Address set up at the factory.</p>                                   | <p>Set up an X10 Primary Address by following the instructions in the section <i>Setting the X10 Primary Address</i>.</p>   |
| <p>SwitchLink Timer is locked up</p>  | <p>A surge or excessive noise on the powerline</p>   | <p>See <i>Resetting SwitchLinc Timer to Its Factory Default Settings</i>, above.</p>  |
| <p>SwitchLinc Timer is getting warm to the touch.</p>   | <p>It is normal for wall controllers to get warm (but not hot).</p>  | <p>SwitchLinc Timer will dissipate about 1 Watt per 100 Watts controlled. Using metal junction boxes, removing insulation around the outside of the box, or controlling a smaller load can help lessen the heat.</p>  |

If you have tried these solutions, reviewed this User's Guide, and still cannot resolve an issue you're having with SwitchLinc Timer, please:

- Search our online knowledge base at <http://smarthome.custhelp.com>.
- Call our Support Department at 800-SMARTHOME (800-762-7846).
- Email us at [tech@smarthome.com](mailto:tech@smarthome.com)T.



## SPECIFICATIONS

### SwitchLinc Timer V2 Specifications

| General                        |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Smarthome Product Number       | 2476S, INSTEON SwitchLinc Timer V2 Switch  |
| Warranty                       | 2 years  |
| Operation                      |  |
| LED Bar Brightness Indicator   | 8 White LEDs,<br>Optional Green, Blue, Amber, or Red with #2401L kit                               |
| Manual Operation Modes         | INSTEON only, X10 only, INSTEON and X10 Combo Mode   |
| Combo Mode Message Order       | INSTEON, X10, INSTEON cleanup  |
| Multi-Way Circuit Support      | One SwitchLinc controls load,<br>Cross-Link any number of SwitchLincs or other INSTEON Controllers |
| Setup Memory                   | Non-volatile EEPROM  |
| INSTEON Features               |  |
| INSTEON Addresses              | 1 hard-coded out of 16,777,216 possible  |
| INSTEON Links                  | 417 out of 16,777,216 possible   |
| INSTEON Powerline Frequency    | 131.65 KHz   |
| INSTEON Minimum Transmit Level | 3.2 V <sub>pp</sub> into 5 Ohms  |
| INSTEON Minimum Receive Level  | 1 mV <sub>pp</sub> nominal   |
| INSTEON Messages Repeated      | Yes  |
| X10 Features                   |  |
| X10 Primary Address            | 1 optional (comes unassigned)  |
| X10 Scene Addresses            | 255 possible   |
| X10 Status Response            | Supported  |
| X10 Resume Dim                 | Supported (by setting Local On-Level to zero)  |
| X10 Powerline Frequency        | 120 KHz  |
| X10 Minimum Transmit Level     | 3.2 V <sub>pp</sub> into 5 Ohms  |
| X10 Minimum Receive Level      | 10 mV <sub>pp</sub> nominal  |
| X10 Messages Repeated          | No   |

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| <b>Mechanical</b>           |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Paddle Type                 | True rocker action   |
| Paddle and Trim Frame Color | White installed, Ivory included;<br>Optional Almond, Black, Brown, or Gray with #2400xx kits   |
| Wire Nuts                   | 5 included   |
| Mounting                    | Mounts in single or multiple-ganged junction box.<br>Control 200 W less load for each immediately adjacent SwitchLinc Relay installed. For example, 600 W load control becomes 400 W with another relay to the immediate right or left. Use a triple-gang box with a mechanical switch in the center to avoid de-rating. |
| Operating Conditions        | Indoors, 40 to 104°F, up to 85% relative humidity  |
| Dimensions                  | 4.1" H x 1.8" W x 1.2" D   |
| Weight                      | 3.6 oz   |
| <b>Electrical</b>           |  |
| Supply Voltage              | 120 Volts AC +/- 10%, 60 Hertz, single phase   |
| Surge Protection            | MOV rated for 150 Volts  |
| Power Wire Leads            | 6", 16 AWG, stranded,<br>600V, 105°C insulation, ends stripped and tinned,<br>LINE (black), LOAD (red), NEUTRAL (white)  |
| Ground Lead                 | 6", 18 AWG, stranded, bare copper  |
| Load Types                  | Wired-in incandescent lighting and inductive loads   |
| Maximum Load                | 480 Watts incandescent, 13A resistive  |
| Minimum Load                | No minimum load required   |
| Certification               | Safety tested for use in USA and Canada (ETL #3017581)   |



## Certification

SwitchLinc Timer V2 has been thoroughly tested by ITS ETL SEMKO, a nationally recognized independent third-party testing laboratory. The North American ETL Listed mark signifies that the product has been tested to and has met the requirements of a widely recognized consensus of U.S and Canadian product safety standards, that the manufacturing site has been audited, and that the manufacturer has agreed to a program of quarterly factory follow-up inspections to verify continued conformance.



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**Smarthome, Inc.**  
**ATTN: Receiving Dept.**  
**16542 Millikan Ave.**  
**Irvine, CA 92606-5027**

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