

WeatherProducer Supplement

Hot Button Quick Start

The WeatherProducer Hot button feature allows users to jump to a specific show element in the WeatherProducer show player. This behavior is often necessary when the news producer or director signals to the talent that they are out of time. The Hot button feature is activated from a remote button which also includes frame advance capability.

Installation

CAUTION: *Installation of the Hot button feature requires system shutdown.*

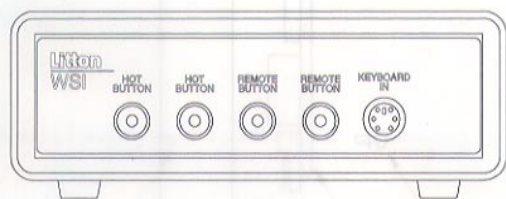
To install follow the steps below:

1. Verify that you have:
 - an installed WeatherProducer system
 - a WeatherProducer 3.0 upgrade CD
 - a WSI remote button
 - a WSI remote button interface box
2. Install the WeatherProducer upgrade software on your system.
3. Enable the Hot_button_enabled parameter in the system configuration file (ww_config.txt) section [SHOW]:

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Hot_button_enabled = T
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4. Shut down the WeatherProducer system.
5. Unplug the keyboard from the workstation designated to control the Hot button.

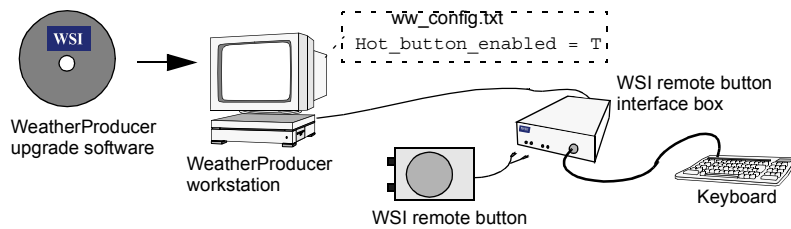
Figure 2: Remote button interface box, front view



6. Plug the remote button interface box into the workstation's keyboard connector.
7. Plug the detached keyboard into the connector on the front of the remote button interface box.
8. Plug the remote button into the front of the remote button interface box, one connector into a Frame Advance plug, one connector into a Hot button plug.

Installation is now complete. The steps are summarized in the figure below. Proceed to the next section for information on how to implement the Hot button feature.

Figure 3: Graphic summary of Hot button installation



Using the Hot button

To activate the Hot button for a show at any time during play, press both buttons on the WSI remote button. The show will finish playing the current element then jump to the “hot element” during show transition. The hot element is the show element tagged as the hot element by the user, or if no show element has been tagged, the last element in the show. **This jump is not possible if the show has advanced past the hot element.** Note:

- Only one hot element can be set per show. To set a hot element select the show element in the current show player window then tag the element by toggling the selection Hot Button from the Show Element menu. A banner will overlay the show element indicating it is associated with the Hot button. If a hot element is not established during the creation of a new show and the Hot button is activated, the show jumps to the last show element. Hot element selection is preserved with the show.
- To select a different hot element simply tag another show element with the Hot Button toggle. The former hot element will deactivate.
- If the hot element is deleted or removed from a show the last element of the show becomes the hot element. If a hot element is dragged or dropped from another show it ceases to be a hot element.
- To disable the Hot button feature (for all shows) set the system configuration file parameter Hot_button_enabled (section [SHOW]) to false. When disabled, all WSI remote buttons become Frame Advance buttons.

For more information refer to your WeatherProducer documentation or call WSI Customer Support Services.

Remote button specifications

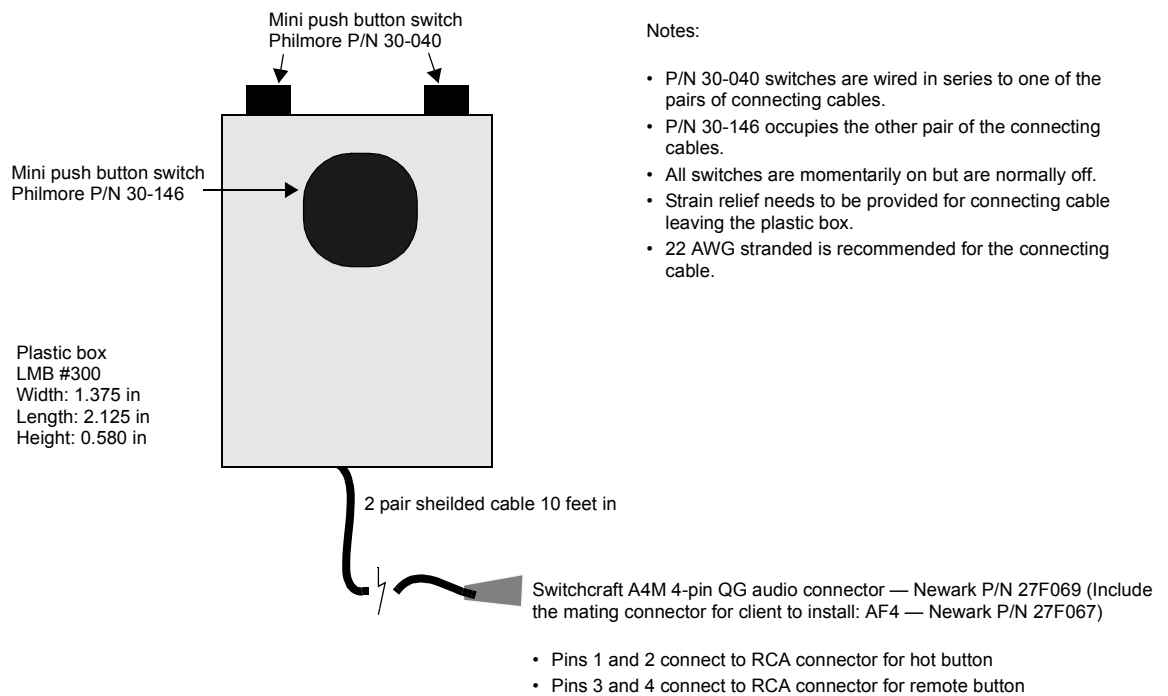
Refer to Figure 4 below for a diagram of the WSI remote button.

Hot button activation. The two buttons located on top of the remote must be depressed simultaneously and will momentarily close pins 1 and 2 on the QG audio connector.

Advance button. The Advance button is a single button located on the face of the remote. When it is depressed it will momentarily close pins 3 and 4 on the QG audio connector.

Both sets of pins on the QG audio connector must be converted to RCA jack connectors to interface with the WSI remote button interface box.

Figure 4: WSI remote button with hot button





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