



A new system creates big magic on a small stage: showcase lighting with Axis from ERCO

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Lüdenscheid, January 2024. If a brand having decades of experience in museum lighting develops a new system for showcases, lighting designers and users are justified in expecting a lot. With [Axis](#), ERCO now presents a modular lighting system that sets the benchmark for quality of light in showcases: caring, effective, flexible and precise. And of course with digital connectivity. The system includes miniaturized stem luminaires, surface-mounted luminaires and semi-recessed luminaires that can be individually adapted to their tasks.

ERCO lighting tools are already in use in thousands of galleries and museums around the world to optimally display architecture and exhibits. For many curators, exhibition organizers and conservators, the quality of light and design quality of ERCO spotlights for track sets the standard. The new [Axis system](#) provides just such qualities on a miniaturized scale. Axis completes the existing ERCO product range for museums, thus allowing the highly consistent implementation of holistic lighting concepts for multi-level atriums with large sculptures, halls and galleries of any format and small-scale cabinets – and now also in showcases, displays and dioramas.

With extremely variable positioning

When illuminating exhibits in showcases it's all about creating magic on a small stage – whilst optimally protecting sensitive materials and colors. LED lighting with [Axis](#) therefore fulfills high conservation requirements: free of UV components, with qualitative color rendering (up to CRI>97) and with a very low damage factor of 0.140 – 0.187mW/lm. Based on this certitude, exhibition organizers can devote themselves entirely to the perfect display of their exhibits.

[Axis](#) functions with spherical pan-and-tilt LED light heads with a diameter of just 1" (25mm). The system offers various options for positioning these light heads: the single, twin and 4-gang semi-recessed luminaires integrate elegantly into showcase bases and ceiling panels. As a modular surface-mounted luminaire, one or more light heads on a cylindrical base project into the showcase. The variable stem luminaire provides additional flexibility in terms of the height of the light points. The stable mechanical and electrical connection of up to three light heads (two light heads with ceiling mounting) is established without tools using magnetic holders. In combination with the three interchangeable lens optics – spot (approx. 17°), flood (approx. 32°) and wide flood (approx. 45°) – exhibits can be illuminated in nuanced ways from all desired directions. [Axis](#) uses the same lens technology as the 'large' ERCO spotlights to achieve optimum efficiency and quality of light. This means: precise, brilliant, highly uniform beams of light with no spill light.

Adaptable – thanks to individual accessories

After the positions of the light heads in the showcase and their beam angles have been determined it is a matter of lighting up: Axis semi-recessed luminaires feature 360° rotation and pivoting through 140°. The magnetic Axis modules of the stem and surface-mounted luminaire can be freely rotated around their cylindrical axis and the light heads can be swiveled through 270°. An Axis control gear unit can supply up to 12 light heads, and such a group can be dimmed directly on the control gear using a potentiometer, wirelessly via Casambi Bluetooth or via 0-10V and a gateway with DALI – as low as 1% luminous flux. The luminous flux of individual light heads can also be individually reduced using clip-on, accessory neutral density filters. Various lens units, blue light filters for additional protection of sensitive exhibits, soft focus and sculpture lenses as well as anti-glare attachments such as snoots or honeycomb louvers are also available as accessories, making [Axis](#) extremely customizable.

Independently tested and certified

The specific strengths of [Axis](#) are especially evident in combination with other ERCO lighting tools such as 48V spotlights and wallwashers. Axis luminaires provide precise accent lighting from a short distance, with e.g. Eclipse 48V spotlights being used at larger distances or for higher illuminances. In larger showcases, 48V wallwashers are able to uniformly illuminate the rear walls whilst Axis effectively display the individual exhibits.

The selection of LED light colors for Axis corresponds to the ERCO standard: 2700 to 4000K with CRI 92 and 3000K with CRI 97 are available. As with the spotlights, the LEDs assembled in Axis also have an especially high color matching of 1.5 SDCM, meaning that even trained eyes will not be able to detect a difference in the color location – the appearance is completely uniform. Axis is also currently the only ENEC and UL certified showcase lighting on the market, thus offering a high and independently tested safety standard. This is an important argument for all professionals in museums who will be working with [Axis](#) showcase lighting in the future and entrusting their irreplaceable collection objects to its light.

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Discover Axis showcase spotlights – For big magic on a small stage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0uSVS066DE>

More about Axis: https://www.erco.com/press/7887/en_us



More about Axis



Watch the video

Technical features

ERCO lens system:	Spherolit lens, collimating optic made of optical polymer
Light distributions:	Spot (17°) Flood (32°) Wide flood (45°)
ERCO LED module:	High-power LED
Light colors:	2700K CRI 92, 3000K CRI 92, 3000K CRI 97, 3500K CRI 92, 4000K CRI 92
Housing:	Stem and mounting plate: aluminum profile, color: black; light head: polymer/metal, color: Black
Installation:	stem, surface-mounted, semi-surface-mounted
Control gear:	switchable, dimmable on control gear unit, 0-10V via bridge, Casambi Bluetooth

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The semi-recessed luminaires integrate elegantly into showcase bases and ceiling panels. As a modular surface-mounted luminaire, one or more light heads on a cylindrical base project into the showcase. The variable stem luminaire provides additional flexibility in terms of the height of the light points.

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The Axis system offers various options for positioning its miniaturized, pivotable light heads: the single, twin and 4-gang semi-recessed luminaires integrate elegantly into showcase bases and ceiling panels.

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As a modular surface-mounted luminaire, one or more light heads on a cylindrical base project into the showcase. The stable mechanical and electrical connection of up to three light heads (two light heads with ceiling mounting) is without tools via magnetic holders.

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The height-adjustable Axis stem luminaire features additional flexibility for positioning the light points. The magnetic Axis modules can be freely rotated around their cylindrical axis and the light heads can be swiveled through 270°.

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About ERCO

ERCO is an international specialist for high-quality and digital architectural lighting. The family-owned company, founded in 1934, operates globally in 55 countries with independent sales organisations and partners.

ERCO understands light as the fourth dimension of architecture – and thus as an integral part of sustainable building. Light is the contribution to making society and architecture better and, at the same time, preserving our environment. ERCO Greenology® – the corporate strategy for sustainable lighting – combines ecological responsibility with technological expertise.

At the light factory in Lüdenscheid, Germany, ERCO develops, designs and manufactures luminaires with a focus on photometric optics, electronics and sustainable design. The lighting tools are developed in close collaboration with architects, lighting designers and electrical designers. They are used primarily in the following applications: Work and Culture, Community and Public/Outdoor, Contemplation, Living, Shop and Hospitality. ERCO lighting experts support designers worldwide in transforming their projects into reality with highly precise, efficient and sustainable lighting solutions.

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