

DALI GatewaysReplacing a DALI Gateway

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Introduction

Occasionally, you may need to replace a DALI gateway or exchange it for another type. In such cases there are specific steps and procedures to follow. This document explains the individual steps, including the role of the i-bus® Tool.

This procedure applies to all ABB DALI gateways!

Objectives of the document

- Enable the commissioner to replace DALI gateways with minimum effort and to restore the required system functions.
- Explain the role of the i-bus® Tool

Procedure for replacing DALI gateway hardware



Fig. 1 DG/S 1.64.1.1



Fig. 2 DG/S 2.64.1.1

Essentially, replacing the hardware for an ABB DALI gateway does not change or affect the DALI.

This is a special case where DALI short addresses and group assignments in the DALI devices themselves remain intact.

Here are the basics:

All DALI settings are, and remain, stored in the DALI devices themselves.

DALI gateways always have a stored copy of the overall DALI configuration, including the group assignments, fade times, scenes and so on for each individual DALI device. This copy of the group assignment can only be adjusted or changed with the i-bus® Tool.

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Why is this data from the individual DALI devices saved in the DALI gateway?

This data is stored in case it's needed to restore a device's configuration at any point. The DALI gateway cannot distinguish between a newly added/replaced DALI device and an existing one. So generally speaking, if a DALI restore is required on a DALI device, the entire stored configuration has to be reloaded into the ballast.

If a DALI gateway needs replacing, there are two possible scenarios.

- 1. Replacing a gateway in a DALI system that is already configured
- 2. Transferring a special configuration to an existing system

What do you need to do?

1. Switch off the 230 V mains power at the DALI gateway

This puts the DALI devices into a predefined state called "System Failure Level".

You can predefine this in the parameters.

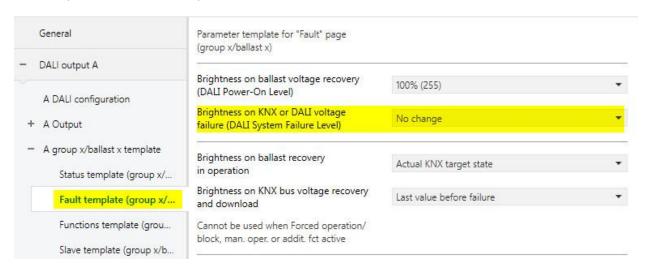


Fig. 3 ETS parameters

2. Replace the DG/S x.64.1.1 with the new hardware

Program the DALI gateway with the project's applicable or **latest** application.

Note: You can pre-load the application before installing the gateway in the DALI system.

3. This next step is extremely important!

When you switch the mains power back on, the DALI gateway automatically scans the devices connected to it. While scanning, the gateway compares its internal copy of the configuration with the DALI installation. After the scan, the i-bus® Tool will indicate a conflict. In other words, the existing group assignments in the gateway do not match those stored in the ballast. In such cases, the DALI gateway does not independently overwrite the existing configuration in the DALI devices!

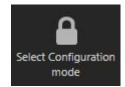
Connecting the DALI gateway to the i-bus® Tool

General:

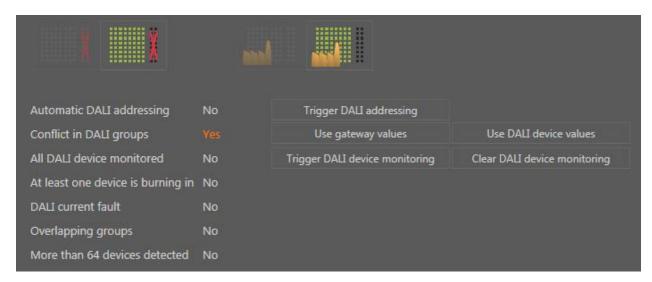


The conflict is shown on the "General page" of the i-bus® Tool

DALI:



Switching to configuration mode



Configuration mode enables the control buttons shown on the right.

Replacing a gateway in a DALI system that is already configured



This option allows the DALI gateway to poll configurations such as group assignments and scenes on the individual DALI devices, and save them in the gateway. When this process is complete, the conflict will disappear from the display.

This is the usual procedure when replacing a gateway.

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Transferring a special configuration to an existing system

Use gateway values

This option allows the gateway to load/overwrite its stored configurations to the individual DALI devices. Use this function if you want to restore a specific, preset configuration to the DALI devices, e.g. if the DALI configuration was previously set and tested or you can copy configurations.

Caution:

A new gateway from the factory has no stored group information about the detected DALI devices! Be aware that if you choose this option when replacing a gateway, it will permanently delete all of the group assignments in the individual DALI devices!

References to other documents

- FAQ Home and Building Automation
- FAQ Replacing a DALI gateway
- Engineering Guide Database