



GTmini

Cree XP-L HI

It uses the NarsilM v1.3 Firmware

USER MANUAL

Safety precautions

- Use only reputable 18650 cells of known origin. Quality high drain cells (over 10A), from Samsung, Panasonic, Sanyo, Sony or LG are recommended.
- A short tube for use with a 18350 cell is also available.
- Use a reliable battery charger. Never over-charge or over-discharge cells.
- Remove and recharge cells when the low voltage indication is given by the GTmini (repeated step-downs in light level and eventual shutdown of the light).
- The extraordinary energy density that 18650 cells offers also means that hazardous conditions are created when a cell is short-circuited or damaged. Always treat cells with respect and properly dispose of damaged cells.
- The GTmini is a very high-intensity flashlight. Do not point the GT directly at a person, animal, moving vehicles or flammable materials.
- When running at higher output levels the head of the GT will quickly heat up. This is normal. The temperature may exceed 60°C in 3-5 minutes, so please take the necessary precautions when handling the GTmini.

Quick start

- Unscrew the tail-cap and insert a 18650 cell. Note that the Lamp requires button-top type. (Use a 18350 cell with the short tube)
- Double check the polarity every time before closing: The battery must point with plus (nipple) towards the head.
- Screw the tail-cap back. The GTmini will flash twice when electrical contact is made. Continue to tighten the tail-cap to a gentle stop. Do not over-tighten.
- All functions are performed using the single side button. Note that pressing this button continuously for more than **16 seconds** enters the UI configuration settings (indicated by the light blinking). If this is done inadvertently, exit the configuration settings by simply releasing the button briefly then pressing it again continuously for about 4 s until all the resulting blinks stops.
- The GTmini comes factory-set to use the **RAMPING** UI: From **OFF**, press&hold the side button. The light output will ramp up from a very low level to full power. Release the button when the required light level is reached. (The full ramp takes about 3 s. To signal 'End of Ramp' it does a subtle blink) Use a single-click at any time to turn the GTmini **OFF**. Please see below for further details.
- There is a very small drain on the battery while **OFF**. This should not be of any concern, but we recommend removing the cells (or partially loosening the tail-cap) if the GTmini will not be used for several months.
- By default the button back-light is illuminated while the GTmini is **OFF**. When you switch the Lamp **ON**, the button light gets off. This is normal and is done to easily locate the button in a dark environment. Turning the GTmini **ON**, then **OFF**, in rapid succession, disables the back-light until the next use. This is also normal.
- If you transport this light in a bag or your coat pocket use at least the electronic lock-out! It will burn things on higher levels!

Default UI: Smooth ramping

This feature-rich UI provides for smooth ramping of the light output between 0 and 50%, with an easily-accessible 100% **TURBO** mode. The ramp only to a lower level reduces heat, while the lamp is still plenty bright.

Turn the GTmini ON: single-click the button, GTmini turns **ON** using the previously used light output level

Ramp light level: press&hold button

Reverse ramp: while ramping in one direction, release button briefly and press&hold again

Instant TURBO: double-click

Turn the GTmini OFF: single-click

MOON mode: from **OFF**: press the button and release as soon as the Lamp turns on

Strobes: double-click for **TURBO**, and then double-click again

The strobes are deactivated by default. (Use single-clicks to cycle forward through the different types of strobes, but you have to be quick: If resting on a strobe longer than 1.2 s it locks in and the next single-click is **OFF**. Press&hold at any time to cycle backwards through the strobes.)

Battery status: triple-click (4 blinks, a short pause, then 1 blink would indicate 4.1 V average per cell, for example)

Electronic lock-out: four clicks to disable the GTmini, same to re-enable the lamp

MOMENTARY mode: five clicks (loosen and re-tighten the tail-cap to return to normal operation)

Factory reset: triple-click (battery status mode), then double-click (driver temperature mode), double-click again (firmware version mode), then press&hold for about 2 s. Four blinks confirm a successful reset.

Alternative UI: Mode-sets

The GTmini is factory-set to operate using the contemporary **RAMPING** user interface, as described in the previous section. However, the GTmini can also be operated using a more conventional **MODE-SET** style user interface. (See next section for detail on how to set UI options).

Using the **MODE-SET** UI the output does not ramp, it steps from one mode to the next using single-clicks.

Turn the GTmini ON: single-click

Next mode: single-click before the current mode 'locks in' (1.2 s)

Previous mode: press&hold

Last mode [100%]: from **OFF**: press&hold

Turn the GTmini OFF: single-click button, after resting on a mode more than 1.2 s (mode locked in)

Strobes: press&hold

The strobes are deactivated by default. (Use single-clicks to cycle forward through the different types of strobes, but you have to be quick: If resting on a strobe longer than 1.2 s it locks in and the next single-click is **OFF**. Press&hold at any time to cycle backwards through the strobes.)

Battery status: from **OFF**: single-click followed by press&hold (4 blinks, a short pause, then 1 blink would indicate 4.1 V average per cell, for example)

Electronic lock-out: from **OFF**: double-click followed by press&hold, same to re-enable the GTmini

Factory reset: from **OFF**, single-click followed by a press&hold (battery status mode), then double-click (driver temperature mode), double-click again (firmware version mode), then press&hold for about 2 s. Four blinks confirm a successful reset.

Advanced operation

By default the firmware is set to suit most users and applications, but several settings are user-configurable. To enter the configuration settings, press&hold the button for about 16 s (3 s if in the MODE-SET UI), do not release until a double flash followed by a single blink is seen. The single blink is the prompt for the first setting. Click the button as many times as required for that setting, or leave the setting alone and simply wait for the next double flash, this time followed by two blinks, indicating that we are now at setting #2, etc.

The GTmini confirms each click with a blink. A press&hold skips to the next setting. A continuous press exits the setup menu completely. Four blinks indicate that the setup is completed.

The available settings differ, depending if the GTmini is currently set to the RAMPING UI or the MODE-SET UI. Note that changing setting 1 flips to the other UI and immediately kicks you into the table for that UI:

RAMPING user interface settings		
Setting	Function	Clicks
1	User interface	1: MODE-SET 2: RAMPING [default]
2	MOON level	1-7 [default 3]
3	Auto step-down	1: Disable 2: Temperature [default]** 3: Timed, requires another 1-6 clicks for 60s, 90s, 2m, 3m, 5m, 7m respectively
4	Strobes	1: Disable [default] 2: Strobe 1 only 3: All strobes

MODE-SET user interface settings		
Setting	Function	Clicks
1	User interface	1: MODE-SET 2: RAMPING [default]
2	Mode-set	1-12 [default 4]
3	Moon mode	1: Disable 2: Enable [default]
4	Mode order	1: Low to high [default] 2: High to low
5	Mode memory	1: Disable [default] 2: Enable
6	MOON level	1-7 [default 3]
7	Auto step-down	1: Disable 2: Temperature [default]** 3: Timed, requires another 1-6 clicks for 60s, 90s, 2m, 3m, 5m, 7m respectively
8	Strobes	1: Disable [default] 2: Strobe 1 only 3: All strobes

** If [temperature] is selected for auto step-down, the GTmini goes to 100% output. Leave the GT to heat to the desired limit, and then click to set that temperature as the trip point (the GTmini is huge, so this can take 20 minutes or longer, use fresh cells for this). Or click within 5 s to keep previous setting.

The mode-sets for the GTmini:

Mode-set no.	Modes [% of light]							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	100							
2	11	100						
3	11	30	100					
4	1.2	11	40	100	[default]			
5	1.5	11	20	40	100			
6	1.2	11	15	25	50	100		
7	0.8	3.2	6.5	10	20	60	100	
8	0.7	2.3	5.2	11	25	41	70	100
9	1.2	5.3	9	22				
10	1.2	5.3	9	22	54			
11	1.2	5.3	9	22	54	100		
12	11	16	25	37	52	62	78	96

Note that **MOON** mode is enabled by default, adding one extra mode (mode 0) to the above.

Pre-programmed strobes (disabled by default):

Strobe	Type
1	16 Hz
2	Police strobe (dual frequency)
3	Biking (low light with hi-vis stutter)
4	2 s beacon
5	10 s beacon

Additional UI settings are available to control the button back-light. While in the battery check mode, press&hold the button. A double flash followed by a single blink is again the prompt for the first setting:

Advanced UI settings		
Setting	Function	Clicks
1	Button LED on while GTmini OFF	1: Disable 2: Enable [default]
2	Battery level blinks on button LED only	1: Disable [default] 2: Enable
3	Button LED	1: Disable 2: Enable [default]

Specifications

Emitter: Cree XP-L High Intensity, neutral white or cold white, mounted on copper DTP MCPCB

Flux: >1200 lm

Intensity: >135,000cd (ANSI throw >750 m)

Firmware: Tom E's open-source NarsilM v1.3 adapted by Texas_Ace

User interface: [1] By default the GTmini is set to use the very intuitive Narsil smooth **RAMPING** UI. Instant access to a 2.5 A **TURBO** mode is also provided.

[2] A more conventional discrete level **MODE-SET** UI is available as an alternative. Any one of 12 pre-defined mode-sets can be selected.

[3] **MOMENTARY** mode is useful for signaling purposes or rapidly/briefly lighting up targets.

Battery: One button-top 18650 (or 18350 with the short tube). Protected cells are recommended. Cells are not included.

Driver: 17 W, 4.5 A FET driver. Parasitic drain while **OFF** is ~27 μ A.

Reflector: 43 mm ID, aluminum, smooth finish

Lens: Glass with anti-reflective coating

Body: Aluminum with Type III hard-coat anodizing

Button: Tactile with back-lit rubber boot

Ingress rating: Equivalent to IP68, underwater 2 meters

Weight: Approximately 150g without cells

Dimensions: 50 mm \varnothing head x 132mm length

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