

Getting Started with Clyde

Power Up!

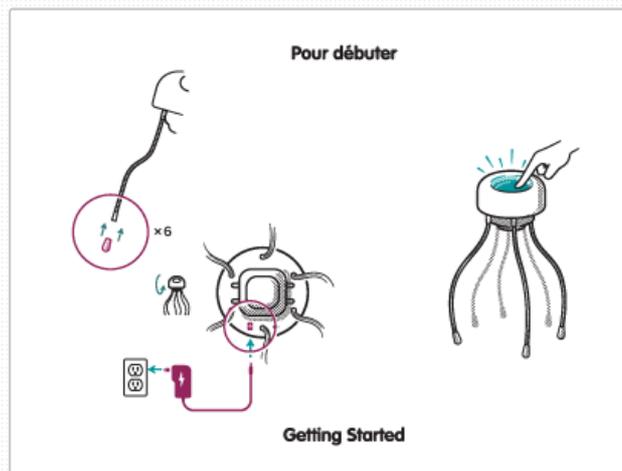
Clyde is the lamp you can modify. But before we modify anything, let's get to know what he does by default.

Basic Setup

If you haven't done so yet, untwist the legs. Clyde will be delighted to stand on his own feet after being cramped in a box for so long. Clyde does not need all six legs to stand up, so feel free to play with their positioning. You can make Clyde cocky, or shy, just by positioning him differently.

Insert all six non-skid feet to give Clyde a better grip.

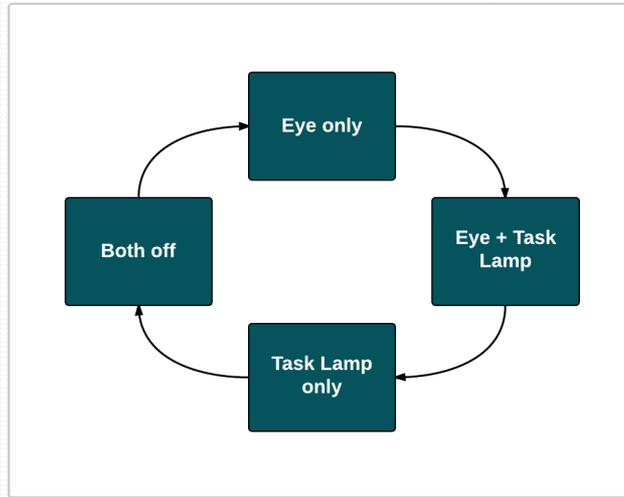
Clyde is now ready for a first power-up. Take the power cable, the round end goes into Clyde's underbelly - there's really just one place it can be inserted into. Plug the other end in the wall power outlet. And voilà! Clyde will light up! There's no switch to turn on or off.



Clyde's Behavior

On powering on, Clyde will run a calibration test. A successful calibration test will result in the eye glowing a pleasant teal colour. It should be pretty quick, less than a second.

Once you have that teal colour, you can press the eye to turn the task lamp on. (The task lamp is the white one, typically directed downwards towards a desk surface) Press the eye again and the eye itself will turn off. Press it one more time and the task lamp will turn off too, leaving Clyde in a waiting state. Each press on the eye lets Clyde move to the next step in a lighting cycle.



Please note that none of Clyde's cool behaviours will work out of the box. Only the task lamp, and the teal eye lamp will be available to you for now. To get more out of Clyde, you will have to install some personality modules. More on that later.

Common Problems

Sometimes the calibration test will fail, resulting in the task lamp slowly fading in and out (or breathing) for a few seconds, then staying on. This is Clyde's way of getting your attention that something is not to his liking.

To understand why a calibration might fail, it's important to understand the process of

calibrating. A press on Clyde's eye is detected by two infrared sensors situated inside Clyde's dome. Once the two infrared sensors can see each other, this information is passed on to Clyde's brain.

Infrared Light

Let's start with the easiest one to fix, even if it's not the most common one. Did we mention the calibrating sensors were infrared? Well, if there's a strong source of infrared nearby, they won't be able to talk to each other properly. Experience has shown that Clyde in bright direct sunlight might experience problems, Clyde is a bit vampiristic we could say. If that's your case, move Clyde elsewhere, or at the very least, cover Clyde with your hands, and try again. (or try at night)

Connecting Cable

Now, a common problem happens with the cable allowing the infrared sensors to communicate with Clyde's brain. You will have to unplug Clyde and open up its dome by turning it slightly with an anti-clockwise motion. [link to opening up Clyde videos] Thankfully Clyde has good hygiene and you will not get your hands too dirty. You will see a small cable made of three wires (red, brown and black) that attaches the dome to the base. The two white ends of that cable may have come undone in shipping. Ensure they are securely pushed in. Do a visual check of the three cables. Is there any visible damage? If you pull gently on each of the three wires, one by one, does it come out of its socket? If it does, please contact us at support@fabule.com. If all seems well, close up Clyde and try again by plugging it in.

Infrared sensors

There's a small possibility that the two infrared sensors may be misaligned. Unplug and open Clyde and make sure the two sensors are straight and parallel. If they aren't, and are just slightly out of line, you can gently re-align them. If they are not parallel, please contact us at support@fabule.com to let us know. Power up Clyde, and wait for that teal colour.

Deformed Silicone Eye

If none of the above lets Clyde calibrate properly, there's a remote possibility that the silicone used for the eye has been deformed. This may happen if the silicone eye is screwed in too tightly and the eye is not able to spring back to its original shape. Try to loosen the screws and see if the eye pops back up.

When none of this works

If you've gone through all those steps and Clyde still doesn't calibrate, please contact us at support@fabule.com so we can investigate with you.

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