# VS2500 PageCall Compact Paging Center

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## Introduction



The Visiplex VS2500 PageCall is a powerful microprocessor based desktop paging system capable of addressing 1000 pagers. It consists of a fully featured encoder with a 2 line by 16-character LCD display and a numeric keypad mounted in an attractively styled housing and a 2-watt internal transmitter. The VS2500 is compatible with the Visiplex series of transmitters ranging from 2 to 200 watts. A 2 or 4-watt transmitter can be installed internally at the factory. Larger transmitters are accommodated on an external (remote) basis. Non-Visiplex transmitters can also be used with the VS2500. Some connect on a standard basis; others

may require a local to tone control adapter (consult Visiplex).

#### Standard Features of the VS2500

- 2 lines by 16 characters LCD display
- Numeric keypad, plus four Alpha menu keys
- Can page Alphanumeric and Numeric pagers
- 512 or1200 baud rate selections for each POCSAG pager
- Desk or wall mount
- Single RJ-45, RS232 serial connection
- 48 dry contact or analog alarm point inputs with user programmable alphanumeric messages using Windows<sup>™</sup> based programming software
- Built-in memory battery backup
- 1000 fully user configurable pager database
- Built-in real time clock
- 1 year factory warranty

#### **Optional Features of the VS2500**

The VS2500 desktop encoder has extraordinary capabilities beyond the standard features. These options may be classified in 3 basic categories. These are: **Encoder**, **RF**, and **Service**. Each of these categories is listed below with the available features. In addition, customization is possible (consult your Visiplex Sales Representative with your special requirements).

#### **Encoder Options**

- An internal modem for Wide Area Paging and dial in remote access
- A telephone line interface (RJ-11) for remote synthesized voice prompt and alarm input status
- A second RS-232 (RJ-45) serial port interface to enable Fire/Alarm, Nurse Call, and local systems to interface with the VS2500
- Input expansion modules (48 or 96 each)
- Software interface for Audio/Visual Nurse Call Systems (Transitions interface/flash mode input)
- Synthesized voice prompt to enable voice alarm notification for two-way radios, voice pagers, and telephones
- Printed Reports Package
- Transition Interface (Flash mode input for Audio Visual nurse call systems)
- Event Controlled Relay Module to activate or deactivate electronic equipment

#### **Transceiver Options**

- Internal 100mW Digital Transmitter
- Internal 2-Watt Digital Transmitter
- Internal 4-Watt Digital Transmitter
- Remote high power 10-200 watt transmitters

For more information about radio transceiver, see also Appendix A.

#### Service Options:

- Advance replacement service agreement
- Person to Person Dedicated Technical Support

Prior to any VS2500 programming, make sure all the connections to power and the external (if used) transmitter are done properly. Refer to the installation section for more details.

#### **General Screen Information**

The VS2500 menu screens that require data entry are made up of a series of visual prompts. The prompt for each field appears on the top line of each screen.

#### Page Menu

The page menu appears soon after the VS2500 is turned on. The menu, shown below, is used for sending a page to a pager or accessing the Programming and Administration Menus.



Enter a pager number to send a page Press the corresponding letter key to advance to each of the Menus.

#### Send A Page

When entering the pager number, the leading zeros can be ignored. For instance, to page pager #002, you can enter 002, 02 or 2. Any of the three will alert pager 002 in the database. If the leading zeros are not entered, the # key must be entered after the pager number. After entering the pager number, the next screen will automatically display:

ENTER	MESSAGE:
—	

If the pager is a numeric pager, you may enter up to a 16-digit numeric message now. A 16-digit message will be sent automatically upon entering the  $16^{th}$  digit. If less than 16-digits are entered, you must press the # key to send your message. If the pager is a tone only/vibrate only pager, the page will be sent immediately after entering the pager number.

#### Page By Phone

If your VS2500 unit has the optional **Page by Phone** feature, the paging process is as follows:

- 1. Call the VS2500 paging system analog extension from any standard touch-tone telephone.
- 2. When the system answers you will hear the voice prompt "Enter Pager Number". After the voice prompt, enter the pager number.
- **3.** If the pager type is *numeric* or *alphanumeric*, you will hear a second voice prompt "Enter Message" The user may enter a numeric message using the telephone keypad. If this is a *tone only* pager, you will hear "page sent" because no data entry is needed.

- 4. To end any message, press the # key or hang up.
- 5. After the page is sent, the system will prompt, "page sent".

#### Menus and Programming Options

To access each menu, select the corresponding letter key on the keypad.

#### Menu A – Single Alarm Programming

Enter Password: 2500

Enter Input Number: Enter alarm point number 001-048, you wish to program. Select Input type: (1-4) or (5-8)\*\*, followed by the **#** key

- 1: Dry Contact, Normally Open (N.O.)
- 2: Dry Contact, Normally Closed (N.C)
- 3: Voltage, High Low
- 4. Voltage, Low High
- 5. Pulsing, High Low
- 6. Pulsing, Low High
- 7. Double Mode, Low
- 8. Double Mode, High

Double Mode – System will activate alarm on either pulse or steady voltage change.

\*\* Options 5-8 must have been originally requested upon system purchase (Option VS1577)

#### IF USING VOLTAGE INPUT TYPE (3-8) ONLY:

Select threshold level: 000 (-24V) to 230 (+24V), followed by the # key

The threshold level can best be described as the voltage level at which the system will sense a change in state. For example, if your threshold level is +12V, once the voltage on the alarm point goes above or below that level, the system will sense a change in state.

Select Activation Plan: 0 or 1, followed by the # key

- 1: Always Active (Default)
- 0: Non-Active

Enter three-digit pager ID to send alarm message to, followed by the # key.

Enter three-digit pager ID you wish to send a cancel message to (000 – No Page), followed by the **#** key.

Select Number of Repeat Pages: 0-3, followed by the # key.

- 0: No Repeat (Default)
- 1: Up to Four Times
- 2: Up to Ten Times
- 3: Until Cancelled

Select Length of Input Delay: 0-3, followed by the # key.

- 0: No Delay (Default)
- 1: 10 Seconds
- 2: 30 Seconds
- 3: 120 Seconds

If using a VS1508 Relay Module, select which relay corresponds with the alarm point. Press the # key to move to next option.

Update Changes? Press **#** key to save, or \* key to escape without saving. Enter Input Number: Enter the next alarm point you wish to program, or press the \* key to exit.

#### Menu B – Administration Menu

Enter Password: 2500 Select Option:

- 1: Pager Programming
- 2: Enter new time
- 3: View Last Message
- 4: Paging coverage Test Mode
  - Sends test page every thirty seconds to pager 100.
- 5-6: Not used
- 7: Preprogrammed Messages List
  - Press the # key to scroll messages
- 8: Reset All Data? Press # key to reset system, or \* to escape.
  - WARNING: All alarm point programming will be lost!
- 9: Com Port Baud Rates and Parity Settings\*
  - 1. 300, 7E1
  - 2. 300, 8N1
  - 3. 1200, 7E1
  - 4. 1200, 8N1
  - 5. 2400, 7E1
  - 6. 2400, 8N1
  - 7. 9600, 7E1
  - 8. 9600, 8N1

\*Change will affect both com ports, they cannot be programmed separately.

0: Factory Settings

#### Programming Pagers Into VS2500

From Menu B, select option 1

Pager To Edit:

Enter three-digit pager ID number (001-999)

Pager Cap code:

Enter the seven-digit cap code from the back of the pager.

Pager Type: (Select pager type 1-4), followed by the **#** key.

1: Alpha pager

2: Numeric pager

3: Voice pager

4: Tone Only pager

Pager Format: (Select format 1-4), followed by the # key.

1: Pocsag (Most common)

2: Golay

3: Two-Tone

4: 5/6 Tone

Pager Mode: (Select Mode 1-9), followed by the # key.

1: 512 bps, Mode - 0

- 2: 512 bps, Mode 1
- 3: 512 bps, Mode 2
- 4: 512 bps, Mode 3
- 5: 1200 bps, Mode 0
- 6: 1200 bps, Mode 1
- 7: 1200 bps, Mode 2
- 8: 1200 bps, Mode 3
- 9: 2400 bps, Mode 1

Pager Group: (Designate which group, if any, pager belongs in), followed by the # key.

Pager to Edit: Repeat above steps to program next pager.

If finished programming pagers, press \* key twice.

#### Menu C – Multiple Alarm Point Programming Menu

Enter Password: 2500

From Input: Enter alarm point number you wish to being programming

To Input Number: Enter alarm point number you wish to end programming

Input Type: Begin programming alarm points as you would a single alarm point, refer to Menu A above.

#### Menu D – Alarm Point Monitoring

The system will then show the status of the alarm point and voltage on the alarm point. Once the alarm point is tripped, the status and voltage will both change.

Press \* to enter different alarm point to view, or \*\* to exit menu D.

#### Resetting the Database

The Reset Database feature deletes all information stored in the VS2500 database, including all pager information and all pre-programmed alarm messages.

Selecting <8> in the Administration menu will bring the next screen:

RESET DATABASE: ARE YOU SURE?

If you are sure you want to reset the database, hit the #(pound) key to confirm. Any other key will exit the Database Reset mode. After confirmation the unit screen will confirm that all system data was cleared.

<u>CAUTION:</u> Selecting the Reset Database option deletes all system information. Do not select this option unless you are sure you want to lose all information on pagers as well as all preprogrammed messages. You may want to transcribe this information to paper first, or use the optional PC software (page 14) to backup the data to a computer.

#### PABX Demo Script

 Telephone Input With Voice Prompt Option allows access to the paging system from a touch tone telephone. This feature works as follows: Dial the system PABX access code. This is a special extension number assigned in a phone system for connecting to the VS2500 telephone access port. You will hear the following voice prompts (or similar):

#### A. To send a numeric or voice message:

System:	Please enter pager number
User.	Enters three digit pager number
System:	Please enter message / Please wait & please speak message (if voice pager)
Üser.	Enters call back number . Press #(pound) or hang up to send the message.
Note:	If an invalid pager number is entered, the system voice will respond "Invalid
	pager" (or similar)

#### For Remote (external) Transmitter System

Connect the VS2500 paging encoder to the external Visiplex transmitter as follows: Supply a 4-wire cable terminated with a male RJ-45 connector. Plug the male RJ-45 connector into the female RJ-45 (RS232) connector, shown above. Use caution when connecting the cable to the paging unit to avoid damaging the connector.

The transmitter end of the cable (male DB-25) should be connected at the back of the transmitter unit to the jack labeled Transmitter Input (female DB-25). Plug the antenna coax cable or the Rubber Duck antenna into the RF-OUT coax jack at the back of the transmitter unit.

Plug the power cord supplied with your external transmitter to the back of the transmitter box and the other end into a 120VAC wall outlet. Turn the transmitter power switch (located on the back of the transmitter box) to ON. *Note:* Contact Visiplex tech support for connections to non-Visiplex transmitters.

#### **Telephone Line Interface Option**

Connect the RJ-11 PHONE input to your RJ-11 analog telephone extension. If you need to initiate a page from an off premise location, be certain that you can dial this telephone extension from the outside. VS2500 is limited to a single telephone input.

#### Alarm Contact Inputs

The VS2500 paging encoder has a standard of 48 alarm inputs (J1 and J2) to allow connection of remote analog contact closures. Connect to the alarms by whatever means is appropriate for your installation. The software to program the VS2500 and alarm inputs is required to program alphanumeric alarm input messages.

#### System Password

The VS2500 Administration Menu factory set password is 2500.

#### **Transceiver Options**

- Internal 2-watt transmitter with rubber duck antenna (standard in VS2500)
- Internal 4-watt transmitter with rubber duck antenna (optional in VS2500).
- External Visiplex transmitters from 10-150 watts are available to meet most applications. Certain hard to cover buildings or areas within a building may require the use of both low power and high power transmitter(s) or multiple low power transmitters. Remote transmitters require two twisted shielded pair between the VS2500 and transmitter. Use 22 or 24 gauge wire.
- Various antennae are avialable that are suitable for most applications. Fiberglass encased antennas, mounted externally and connected to the transmitter provides paging coverage both inside a building and for some distance away from the facility. How far (miles) that a system will page depends on several things such as; antenna height, transmitter power and area topography. These parameters and others combine to determine the paging coverage of a system. Other antenna are designed for use within a building. The magnetic mount antenna, for example, is the ideal cost effective way to extend paging coverage beyond that of the standard rubber duck antenna within a building.
- Coaxial cable is used to connect the transmitter output to the antenna. The length of the coaxial cable should be kept as short as possible to minimize the loss of signal. To keep power losses to an absolute minimum, mount the transmitter as close to the outside antenna as possible. Do not, for example, coil up 100 feet of coaxial cable to go 20 feet. One half of your transmitter output power will be lost in 100 feet of coaxial cable. The type of coaxial cable supplied by Visiplex is LMR-400. This is similar to, but of better quality (less loss) than RG-8U coaxial cable.

### Appendix B

#### **Service Options**

Visiplex systems are covered by a one year factory warranty. Factory warranty means repairs will be performed at Visiplex. Warranty does not cover loss, physical, lightning, water damage, etc. Since this is a factory warranty, the equipment must be sent to Visiplex for repair.

If this level of service is not satisfactory, Visiplex offers an Advanced Replacement program as follows:

- You need to purchase an Advanced Replacement Service Policy. (P.O. needed)
- Separate P.O. for the repair of your defective system
- Note: Parts are not covered under the Advanced Replacement Service Policy.
- Visiplex will ship you (Overnight) an Advanced Replacement unit identical to the one in the field.
- Ship us the defective unit. Visiplex will repair it and return it to you within 10 business days, if possible.
- You must return the Advanced Replacement unit to Visiplex within 30 days, otherwise you will be invoiced for the full cost of the replacement unit.
- **Pagers** are covered by a factory one year parts, 120 days labor warranty unless the 3 year extended warranty had been purchased at the same time as the pagers. Again, warranty or extended warranty does not cover loss, physical or water damage, etc.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

± 3.5 kHz (tone page)

Within ± 0.0025% from -30° to +60° C (+25° C ref.)

At least 40dB below ± 3.0 kHz deviation at 1000 Hz

### General

Operating Temperature Range:	0 to +40° C
Storage Temperature Range:	-10 to +60° C
Operating Humidity Range:	10 to 65 %
Frequency Range:	403-433 MHz 438-470 MHz
Data Rate (RF):	500-2400 BPS
Speaker Audio Level:	500mW
Page Types:	Tone alert, Tone & Voice, Numeric, Alphanumeric
Two-Way Types:	PL, Carrier-Squelch
Power Supply Input:	90 - 250 VAC
Weight:	2 lbs.
Dimensions:	7 1/2" wide x 5" deep x 13/4" high
Internal Transmitter	
RF Power Output:	VS2500-2 2.0 W minimum VS2500-4 4.0 W minimum
Modulation:	± 3.5 kHz (data page) ± 5.0 kHz (voice)

**Frequency Stability:** 

FM Noise:

Spurious & Harmonic Frequencies: 75 db

## **RF Modules**

<u>RECEIVER, UHF:</u> Frequency Stability:	(30C to +60 C at +25 C reference) +0.00025%	
Sensitivity (12 dB SINAD):	0.35 μV max	
Intermodulation (EIA SINAD):	70 dBm	
Channel Spacing:	25 kHz	
Adjacent Channel Selectivity (EIA):	70 dB	
Modulation Acceptance:	+5.0 kHz, min.	
Spurious Rejection:	EIA: 75 dB CEPT: 70 dB	
Image Rejection:	EIA: 60 dB CEPT: 70 dB	
Telephone		
Input impedance:	Off-Hook AC 600 ohm nominal	
Telephone Audio:	DTMF Receive Level Dynamic Range: -26 dBm min.	
	DTMF Receive Frequencies Tone nominal +/- 1.5% and +/- 2 Hz; 697,770,852,941,1209,1336,1477 and 1633.	
Telephone Line Type:	Line level (end to end station level ) DTMF capability	
FCC Registration Number:	GOX KS1000	

## VS2500 MENU AND PROGRAMMING QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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Update Changes? Press # key to save, or \* key to escape without saving.

Enter Input Number: Enter the next alarm point you wish to program, or press the \* key to exit.

#### Menu B – Administration

Enter Password: 2500 Select Option: 1: Pager Programming Enter three-digit pager ID Enter seven-digit pager cap code (address) Select pager type, followed by the # key 1: Alphanumeric 2: Numeric 3: Voice 4: Tone Only Page Select pager format, followed by the # key 1: POCSAG 2: GOLAY 3: TWO TONE 4: 5/6 TONE Select pager BPS and Mode, followed by the # key 1-4: 512 BPS, Mode 0-3 5 - 8: 1200 BPS, Mode 0-3 9-0: 2400 BPS, Mode 1-2 Enter Pager Group (if applicable), followed by the # key 2: Enter new time 3: View Last Message 4: Send Coverage Test Page to Pager 100 every 30 seconds 5-6: Not used 7. View Preprogrammed Messages 8: Reset All Data? Press # key to reset system. WARNING: All alarm point programming will be lost! 9: Com Port Baud Rates and Parity Settings\* 1:300,7E1 2:300,8N1 3: 1200, 7E1 4: 1200, 8N1 5: 2400, 7E1 6: 2400, 8N1 7:9600,7E1 8:9600,8N1 **0:** Factory Settings Menu C – Multiple Alarm Point Programming

Enter Password: 2500

From Input: Enter three-digit alarm point number you wish to being programming

To Input Number: Enter three-digit alarm point number you wish to end programming

Input Type: Begin programming alarm points as you would a single alarm point, refer to Menu A above.

#### Menu D – Alarm Point Monitoring

Enter Alarm Point you wish to view.

The system will then show the status of the alarm point and voltage on the alarm point.

Once the alarm point is tripped, the status and voltage will both change.

NOTE: A page will not be sent while in Monitoring Mode. Once you exit Menu D, all pages will be sent.

Press \* to enter different alarm point to view, or \*\* to exit menu D.