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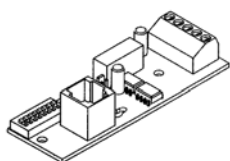
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BASIC OVERVIEW & KEY FEATURES

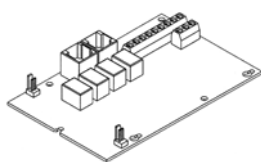
The fire alarm panel to which this manual relates is fully compliant with EN54 Parts 2 and 4. Its features include:-

- Two, four or eight detector circuits (dependent on the model purchased);
- Four conventional sounder circuits;
- Two auxiliary input connections ('class change' and alert);
- Four auxiliary open collector output connections (remote fire, auxiliary fire, fault and reset);
- Push button access code or keyswitch entry (dependent on the model purchased) to a wide range of Engineering functions, including:-
 - Selectable zone delay facility
 - Zone test facility
 - Coincidence (double-knock) facility
 - Non-latching zones facility
 - Comprehensive fault diagnostic facilities
- A wide range of secure user functions (as detailed in the separate User Manual / Log Book) including the ability to disable/enable a large number of system functions, as specified in EN54;
- A common negative volt line, allowing optional three wire connection of detectors and sounders - a useful retrofit solution when replacing many older mains based systems;
- A flush or surface mountable plastic lid and enclosure;
- System expansion connections for the following optional add-ons:-



Up to eight two-wire repeater panels

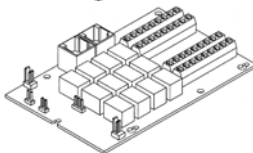
One Network Driver Card (illustrated) is required at the Master to allow it to communicate with the Repeater network (Repeaters are supplied with a Network Driver Card already fitted). Each Repeater mimics the indicators of the Master and allows the user to access all access level one and access level two functions from remote parts of a site.



One Relay Output Card

Provides four voltage free relay outputs (reset, fault, aux. fire and remote fire), directly controlled from the fire alarm panel.

or



One Relay Output per Zone Card

Provides the same relay outputs as the Relay Output Card plus an additional eight relays for output per zone facilities.

For further information on all of the above devices, please contact your Distributor.

IMPORTANT NOTES



This equipment must only be installed and maintained by a suitably skilled and technically competent person.

THIS EQUIPMENT IS A PIECE OF CLASS 1 EQUIPMENT AND MUST BE EARTHED

Items supplied with this panel

- Installation & Maintenance Manual (i.e. this manual).
Explains how to install, commission and maintain the fire alarm control panel.
This manual must not be left accessible to the User.
- User Manual / Log Book.
Gives detailed operational information, some of which will need to be referenced by the installation engineer when setting-up the panel. Sections of this manual must be completed by the engineer prior to system handover.
- Torx key, for unfastening / securing the panel lid.
- Electrical Accessory Pack, containing the following items:-
 - 8 x 0.47 μ F 50V capacitors
 - 4 x 6K8 0.25W resistors
 - 1 x red battery lead
 - 1 x black battery lead
 - 1 x green battery jump lead
 - 2 x nylon cable ties (for securing batteries into the panel enclosure)

System design

Fire alarm system design is beyond the scope of this document. A basic understanding of general fire alarm system components and their use is assumed.

We strongly recommend that a suitably qualified and competent person is consulted in connection with the design of the fire alarm system and that the system is commissioned and serviced in accordance with the laid down specification and national standards. The fire officer concerned with the property should be contacted at an early stage in case he has any special requirements.

We recommend you read BS 5839: Pt 1: 1988 "Fire Detection and Alarm Systems for Buildings (Code of Practice for System Design, Installation and Servicing)" available at your local reference library or from the BSI.

Equipment guarantee

This equipment is not guaranteed unless the complete system is installed and commissioned in accordance with the laid down national standards by an approved and competent person or organisation.



This product has been manufactured in conformance with the requirements of all applicable EU Council Directives.

THE FIRE PANEL ENCLOSURE

The panel is supplied with a plastic detachable lid, a plastic back box and a minimum of two separate PCBs. The relative location of these PCBs is indicated in Figure 1 below.

The panel can be surface or semi-flush mounted. It must be sited internally in an area not subject to conditions likely to affect its performance, e.g. damp, salt-air, water ingress, extremes of temperature, physical abuse, etc. It should be sited at a height where it is easily accessible and in a prominent position within the building. Ideally, the indicators on the front of the enclosure should be at eye level.

Typical locations for the panel are in the entrance foyer/hallway of a building at ground floor level (the first and most obvious point of contact for emergency services) or a security office that is likely to be permanently manned.

Removing the lid and base PCBs

To protect the electronics from damage and to expose the base mounting holes, the panel's lid and PCBs should be removed prior to first fix installation.



Anti-static handling guidelines

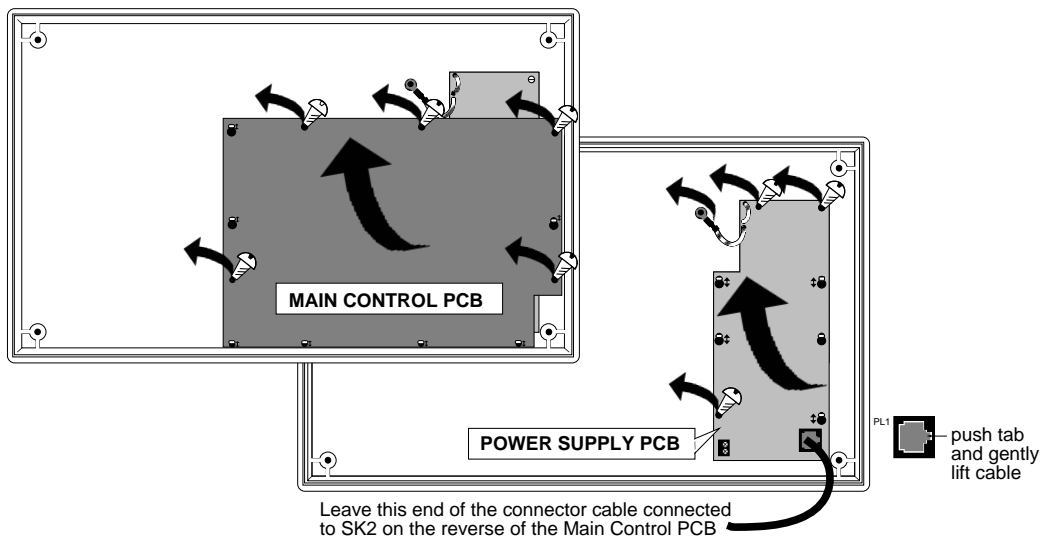
Please ensure that the following electro-static handling precautions are taken immediately prior to handling the panel's PCBs or any other static-sensitive components:-

Before handling any static-sensitive items, operators should rid themselves of any personal electro-static charge by momentarily touching any sound connection to safety earth, e.g. a radiator.

Always handle PCBs by their sides and avoid touching the legs of any components.

PCBs should be stored in a clean, dry place which is free from vibration, dust and excessive heat. Retaining the PCBs in a suitable cardboard box will also guard them against mechanical damage.

Figure 1 : Location of the panel's base PCBs and removal details



- 1 Take the fire alarm panel out of its box and undo the four lid screws using the torx key provided. Remove the lid to expose the Main Control PCB (the Power supply PCB is located underneath).
- 2 Carefully remove the five retaining screws on the Main Control PCB and slide the PCB up and over the mounting pillars, taking care not to damage any of the components.
- 3 Disconnect the telecoms-style connecting cable at PL1 on the Power Supply PCB, making sure that the cable remains connected to the reverse of the Main Control PCB to prevent it being misplaced. Care should be taken when detaching this connector to depress the locking tab to prevent damage.
- 4 Pull the Power Supply's earth strap off the spade connector at the main chassis earth point.
- 5 Carefully remove the three retaining screws on the Power Supply PCB and slide the PCB up and over the mounting pillars, again taking care not to damage any of the components.

FIRST FIX

All System wiring should be installed to meet BS 5839: Pt1: 1988 and BS 7671 (Wiring Regulations). Other national standards of installation should be used where applicable.

Cable types and limitations

To comply with EMC (Electro Magnetic Compatibility) regulations and to reduce the risk of electrical interference in the system wiring, we recommend the use of screened cables throughout the installation. Acceptable, commonly-available screened cables which can be used on both the sounder and detector circuits include FP200™, Firetuff™, Firecel™, MICC (Pyro™) or any other cable complying with BS 6387 categories C, W, Z.

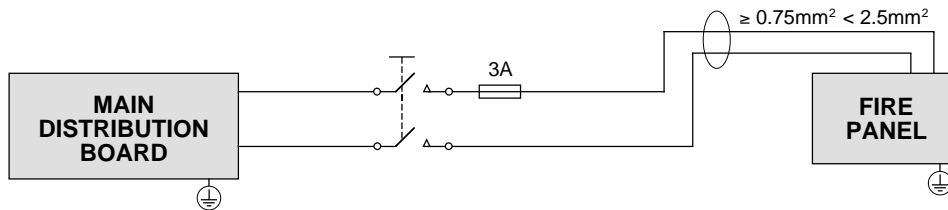
Correct cable glanding is essential and due regard should be made to any system specifications which demand a certain cable type.

Consult BS 5839: Pt 1: 1988 “Fire Detection and Alarm Systems for Buildings (Code of Practice for System Design, Installation and Servicing)” for further clarification.

Mains wiring

The requirement for the mains supply to the fire alarm panel is fixed wiring, using three core cable (no less than 0.75mm² and no more than 2.5mm²) or a suitable three conductor system, fed from an isolating switched fused spur, fused at 3A. This should be secure from unauthorised operation and be marked ‘FIRE ALARM: DO NOT SWITCH OFF’. The mains supply must be exclusive to the fire panel.

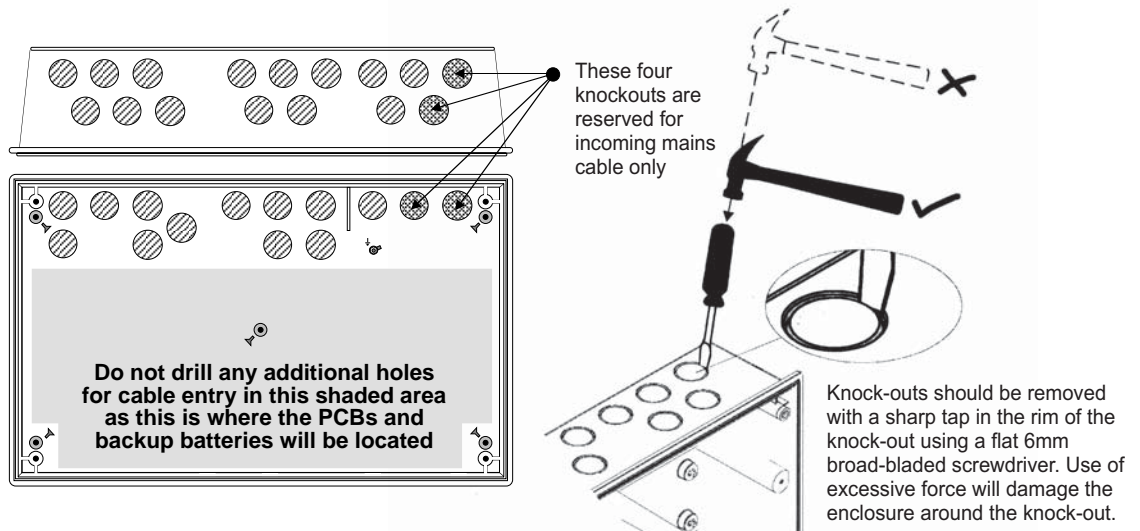
(As an alternative to a switched fused spur, a double pole isolating device may be used (see diagram below) providing it meets the appropriate national wiring regulations).



Planning the cable layout in the panel

The detector and sounder circuit cabling is classed as extra low voltage and should be segregated away from mains voltages. Careful planning is needed to ensure this, refer to Figure 2 (below) for guidance and important information on how to remove the panel’s knockouts. Always ensure that if a knock-out is removed, the hole is filled with a good quality cable gland. Any unused knockouts must be securely blanked off.

Figure 2 : Location of knockouts for cable entry and knockout removal details



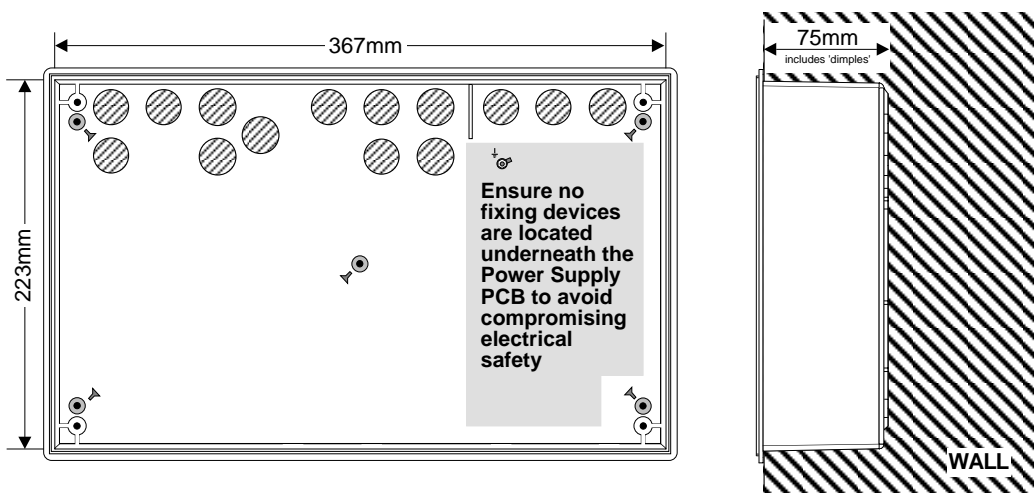
Fixing the base to the wall

Using the five mounting holes provided (see figure 3 below), fix the base securely onto/into the wall. The mounting holes are suitable for use with No.8-10 or 4-5mm countersunk screws.

Assess the condition and construction of the wall and use a suitable screw fixing.

Any dust or swarf created during the fixing process must be kept out of the fire alarm panel and great care must be taken not to damage any wiring or components.

Figure 3 : Internal view of the back box with PCBs removed / side view for flush mounting

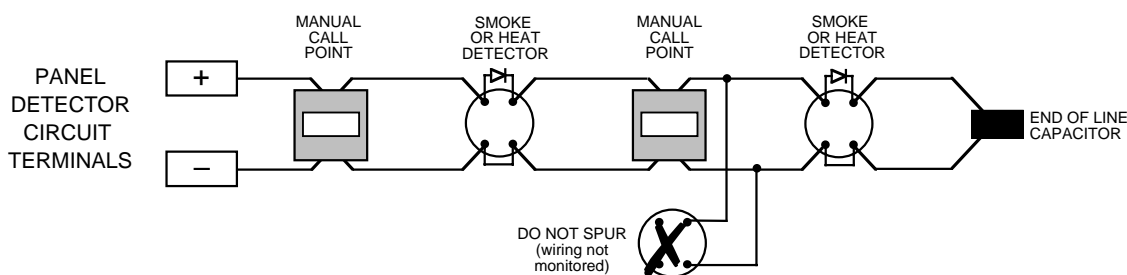


Typical detector circuit wiring

Depending on the model purchased, two, four or eight detector circuit connections are available on the fire alarm panel.

Refer to the specification on page 24 for the maximum number of devices that may be fitted to each circuit. Note that the number of devices affects the standby time of the system, and this should be taken into consideration when selecting the standby battery. See page 23 for more information.

Figure 4 : Typical detector circuit wiring



An end of line capacitor (provided in the panel's accessory pack) must be connected across the terminals of the last device on each circuit to allow the wiring to be monitored.

Detector bases with integral continuity diodes must be used to ensure manual call points remain operational when a detector head is removed from its base.

Manual call points with integral resistors must be used to prevent a short circuit fault occurring instead of a fire condition when activated.

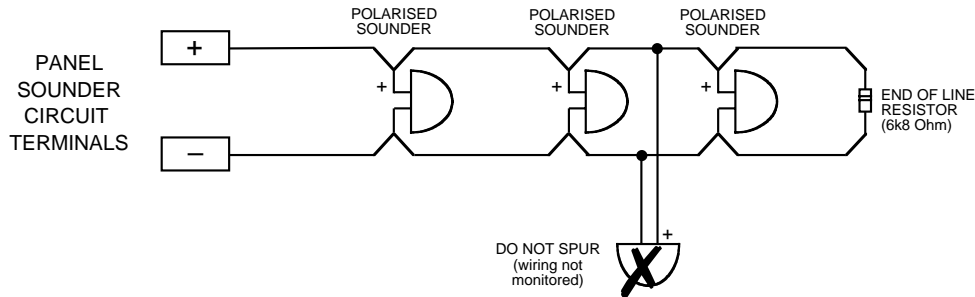
For more specific device wiring information, please refer to the manufacturers' own instructions.

The wiring for each detector circuit should be connected to the relevant 5mm connector block on the Main Control PCB and their screens terminated at the panel's base earth post (see pages 10 and 11 for detailed second fix connection information).

Sounder circuit wiring

Four conventional sounder circuits are available on the fire alarm panel. These can accommodate up to 40 polarised sounders (at 20mA) or 32 bells (at 25mA) per system. If a full complement of sounders or bells are to be used, they should be split as equally as possible across all four sounder circuits.

Figure 5 : Typical sounder circuit wiring



All sounders must be polarised as unpolarised sounders will show a sounder fault.

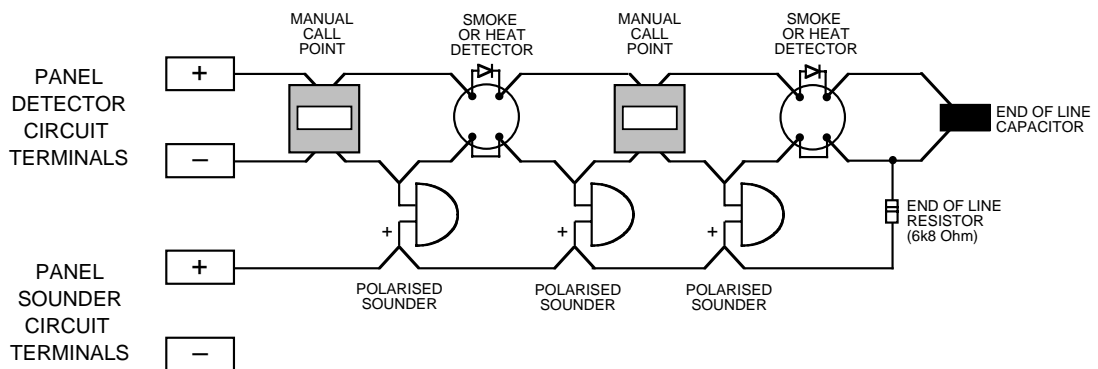
A 6k8 end of line resistor (provided in the panel's accessory pack) must be connected at the end of each sounder circuit to allow the wiring to be monitored.

The wiring for each sounder circuit should be connected to the relevant 5mm connector block on the Main Control PCB and their screens terminated at the panel's base earth post (see page 13 for detailed second fix connection information).

Optional three-wire detector / sounder circuit connection method

An optional three wire detector / sounder connection method is also available. This method is very similar to the four wire method explained above and on the previous page except the detector and sounder circuits share a common 0V return wire.

Figure 6 : Typical three-wire detector / sounder circuit wiring



The advantages of the three wire method are that it utilises standard system components, can sometimes lead to cost savings on installation (depending on the layout of the building) and is an easy retrofit solution for many older mains based systems.

Disadvantages include its failure to meet the current standards since any fault on the common wire affects both circuits. We strongly advise therefore that this method is only used with the approval of the fire officer concerned.

Some cautionary points about the three wire method:-

- If a detector is removed, all the sounders must still operate. Therefore only use detector bases with continuity diodes in their positive legs (removing the head from a detector base which a continuity diode in its negative leg will cause a fault on the detector and sounder circuits).
- The common negative wire should be connected to the panel's sounder circuit negative. It should also be of low impedance as it carries all the current for the sounders and detectors.
- If the sounders draw a lot of current or the wiring runs are long and have excessive resistance, the voltage on the negative wiring may rise and cause the detectors to reset. This must be checked. We cannot give exact figures as it varies from detector to detector.

Auxiliary input wiring

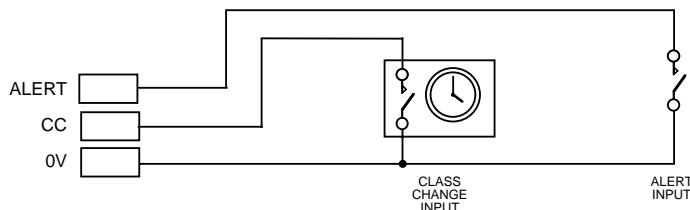
Two non-latching auxiliary input connections are available on the fire alarm panel:-

Alert Input (ALERT): Operates the sounders intermittently when connected to 0V.

Class Change Input (CC): Operates the sounders continuously when connected to 0V.

If either of the above are triggered, they WILL NOT operate the panel's remote or auxiliary fire outputs.

Figure 7 : Typical auxiliary input wiring



The wiring for each input should be connected to the relevant 5mm connector block on the Main Control PCB and their screens terminated at the panel's base earth post (see page 13 for more details).

Auxiliary output wiring

Five auxiliary open collector output connections are available on the panel, as detailed below:-

Reset Output (RESET): Turns on during the panel's reset cycle. Can be used for resetting fire alarm system devices such as roller-shutter doors or beam detectors. This output remains active for approximately one second after all other outputs have returned to normal.

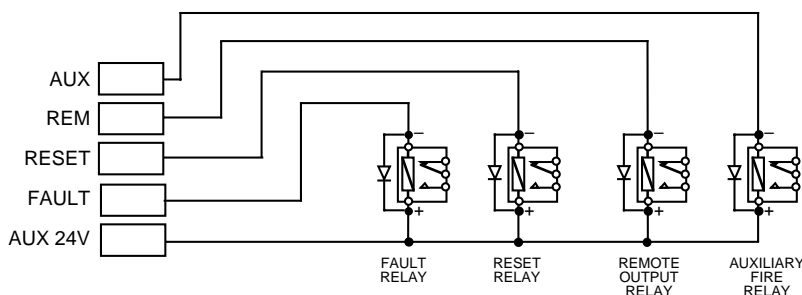
Remote Output (REM): Turns on during any new fire alarm condition or when the panel's Silence/Activate Sounders button is pressed to manually evacuate the building. The output turns off when the panel is silenced. This output does not turn on when the Class Change or Alert inputs are asserted (unless there are other fire alarm conditions present on the system). **Note:** It is possible to delay the activation of the Remote Output to correspond with any zone delay(s) that have been programmed into the panel at Access Level 3. If required, the remote output can be disabled by the user. When the Remote output is activated the Remote Output light will be lit. This output will not operate from a non-latching zone.

Auxiliary Fire Output (AUX): Turns on during any fire alarm condition and off when the panel is reset. This output does not turn on if the Class Change or Alert inputs are asserted or if the panel's Silence/Activate Sounders button is pressed to manually evacuate the building (unless there are other fire alarm conditions present on the system). **Note:** It is possible to delay the activation of the Auxiliary Output to correspond with any zone delay(s) that have been programmed into the panel at Access Level 3. If required, the Auxiliary Output can be disabled by the user. This output will not operate from a non-latching zone.

Fault Output (FAULT): This output is normally energised. When a fault occurs, the output turns off to ensure failsafe operation even in the event of total power loss. It is important that the peripheral part of the system this output drives is able to handle the output's 'normally on' condition. If required, this output can be disabled by the user.

Auxiliary 24V Output (AUX24V): This output provides a positive voltage supply for peripheral loads (such as relays) which are controlled from the above outputs. It is protected by a current limiting fuse which trips if one or more of the loads are shorted. This affects all loads and results in appropriate faults being reported at the panel. The current consumed by this output must be considered when calculating battery stand-by times. **DO NOT CONNECT DOOR HOLDER CIRCUITS TO THIS OUTPUT AS THEY WILL REDUCE BATTERY STAND-BY TIME - USE A SEPARATE POWER SUPPLY.**

Figure 8 : Typical auxiliary output wiring



To protect the output stage, only 24V polarised relays with back EMF diodes should be used. If any of the relays are to be used to switch mains potentials, then suitable relays should be chosen and installed and wired accordingly, so as not to compromise the electrical safety of the fire alarm system.

The wiring for each output should be connected to the relevant 5mm connector block on the Main Control PCB and their screens terminated at the panel's base earth post (see page 13 for more details).

SECOND FIX

Connecting the panel

Connecting the panel's internal connections and PCBs is best undertaken immediately prior to commissioning.

Before you begin, we recommend you check all devices on the detector and sounder circuits are correctly connected (see pages 7 and 8) and that cable integrity is verified throughout the installation. **Important:** DO NOT use a high voltage insulation tester with any electronic devices connected.

Faults occurring in the wiring which are not picked up at this stage will almost certainly result in spurious and intermittent faults when the equipment is energised.

Installing the Power Supply PCB

The panel's Power Supply PCB combines the functions of a mains to d.c. switched mode power supply unit, battery charging unit and battery monitoring unit.



WHEN CONNECTED, THE POWER SUPPLY PCB STORES VOLTAGES AT UP TO 400Vd.c. AND MAY BE LETHAL IF TOUCHED. DO NOT TOUCH THE PCB WHILST THE RED 'HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES PRESENT' INDICATOR IS LIT.

Under no circumstances should the fire alarm panel be operated without the Power Supply PCB correctly mounted in the panel's enclosure and the three retaining screws securely tightened.

The PCB should be positioned in the panel as shown in figure 9 on page 11.

Connecting the mains

The general requirement for the mains supply to this equipment is described on page 6.

DO NOT attempt to connect mains to the panel until you are fully conversant with the layout and features of the Power Supply PCB, as described above and in figure 9 on page 11.

The incoming mains cable should be brought into the panel at the top right hand side of the enclosure and terminated at the connector block (CONN1) on the Power Supply PCB.

Make sure the mains earth wire is connected directly to this connector block and NOT to the secondary base earth post which is provided for making off detector and sounder circuit screens.



The Power Supply PCB's earth strap MUST be connected to the spade on the chassis earth post before operation. The spade is compressed against a shoulder on the post via the lowest nut. The earth post may appear loose, this is intended by design.

Connecting the stand-by batteries

Two new, good quality and fully charged 12V valve regulated lead acid batteries are required as the emergency stand-by power supply for the panel. **Caution:** No other type of batteries should be used due to risk of explosion.

The batteries should be connected in series and located in the panel's enclosure as shown in figure 10 on page 11. The battery leads, link wire and nylon cable ties are provided in the panel's accessory pack. Run the battery leads through the slits in the panel's lower plastic ribs and secure the batteries into position using the nylon cable ties as shown.

The panel's sophisticated battery monitoring unit protects the batteries against deep discharge by activating a cut off circuit when the stand-by supply voltage reaches 21V approx. If batteries are not fitted, are discharged or in poor condition, a PSU fault will show at the fire alarm panel.

The capacity of the batteries used will depend upon the required stand-by time. To calculate the batteries required for any given stand-by period, please refer to the calculation guide on page 23.

Always dispose of used batteries according to the battery manufacturer's instructions.

Figure 9 : Power Supply PCB layout and mains connection details

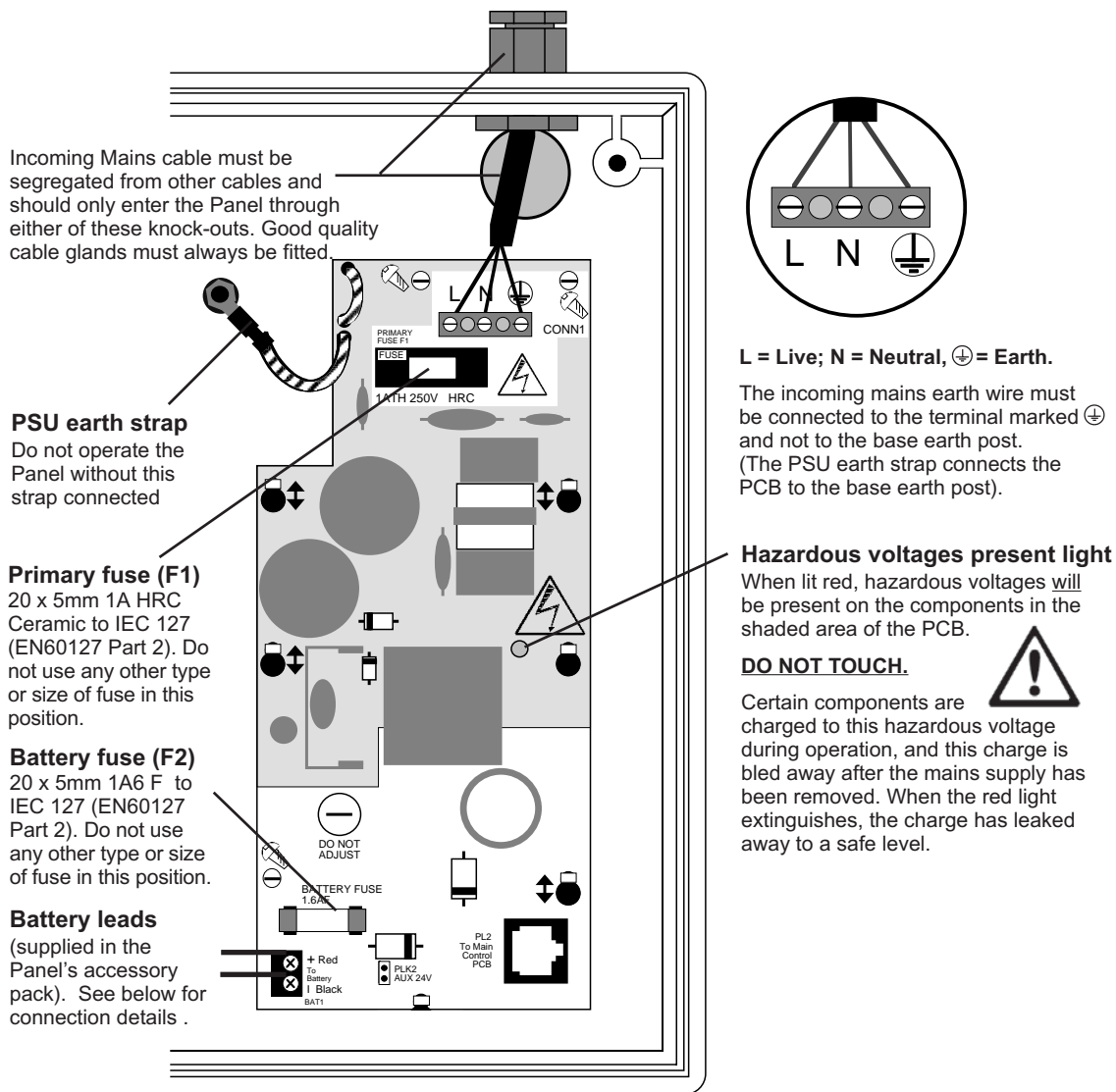
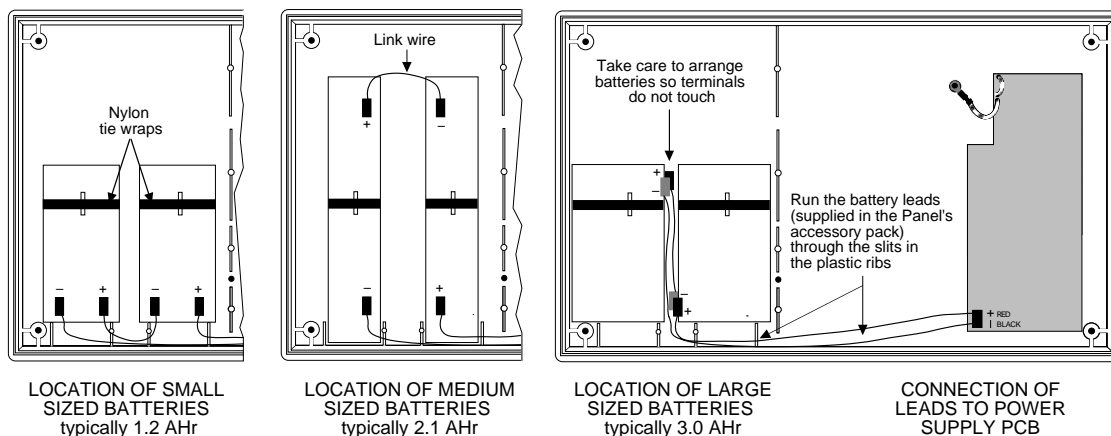


Figure 10 : Battery location and connection details



Installing the Main Control PCB

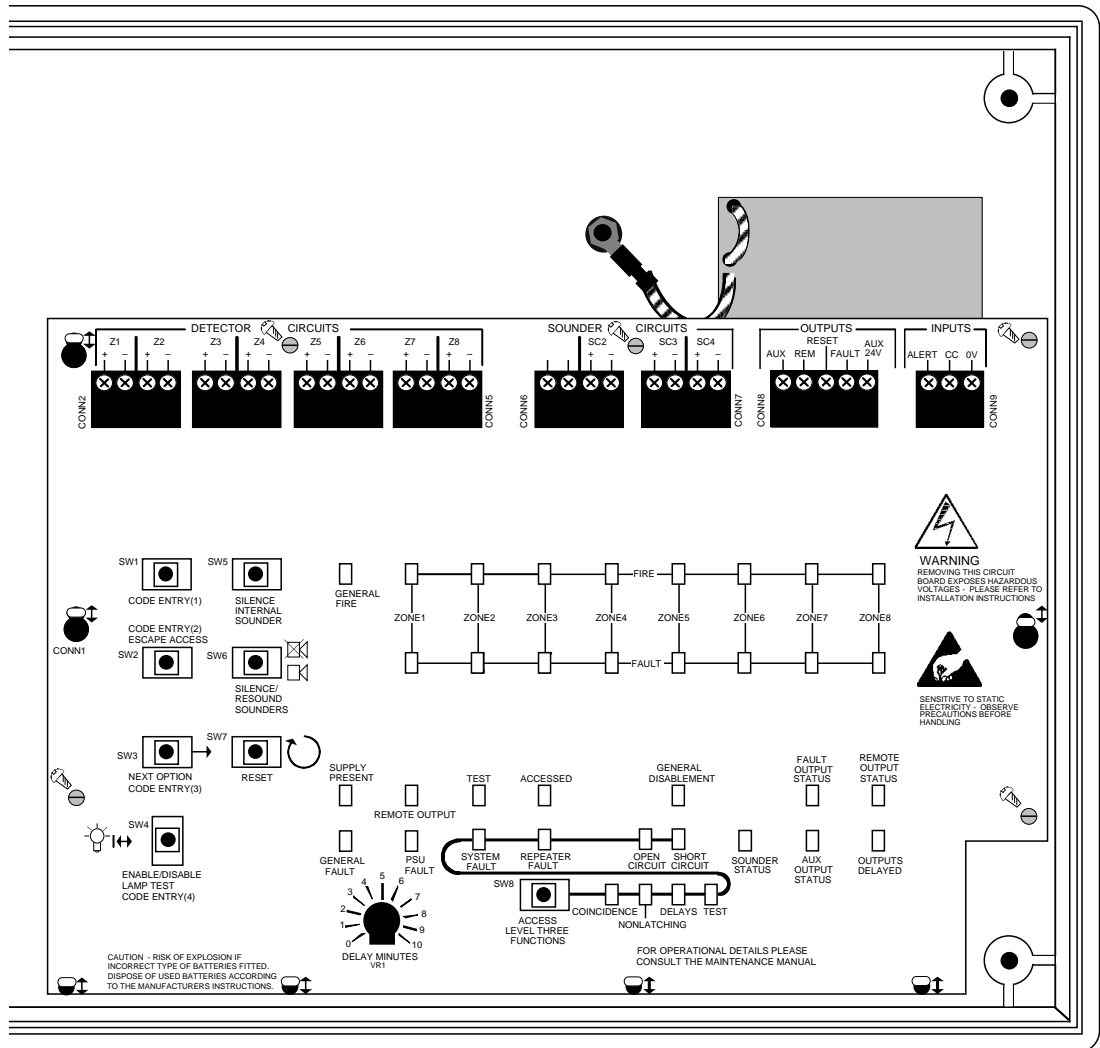
The panel's Main Control PCB provides all the connections for the system's detector circuits, sounder circuits, auxiliary inputs and auxiliary outputs. It also provides the engineer with access to a wide range of engineering functions, details of which appear later in this manual.

Before any connections can be made, the Main Control PCB must first be securely positioned inside the fire alarm panel (see Figure 11 below) using the five retaining screws. As the PCB is presented to the panel, remember to attach the telecoms-style connecting cable to SKT2 on the reverse of the Main Control PCB and to PL1 on the Power Supply PCB.

Important: SKT1 on the reverse of the Main Control PCB is for the connection of optional system expansion devices such as Network Driver Cards (for repeater panels) and Relay Output Boards. If any of these devices are to be used, refer to the individual installation instructions supplied with them as they will need to be fitted to the panel before the Main Control PCB.

All of the 5mm connector blocks located across the top of the PCB can be removed to aid installation. Take care when reconnecting them that you do so the correct way round. We recommend that you clearly label all system wiring to reduce the likelihood of incorrect connection.

Figure 11 : Main Control PCB layout

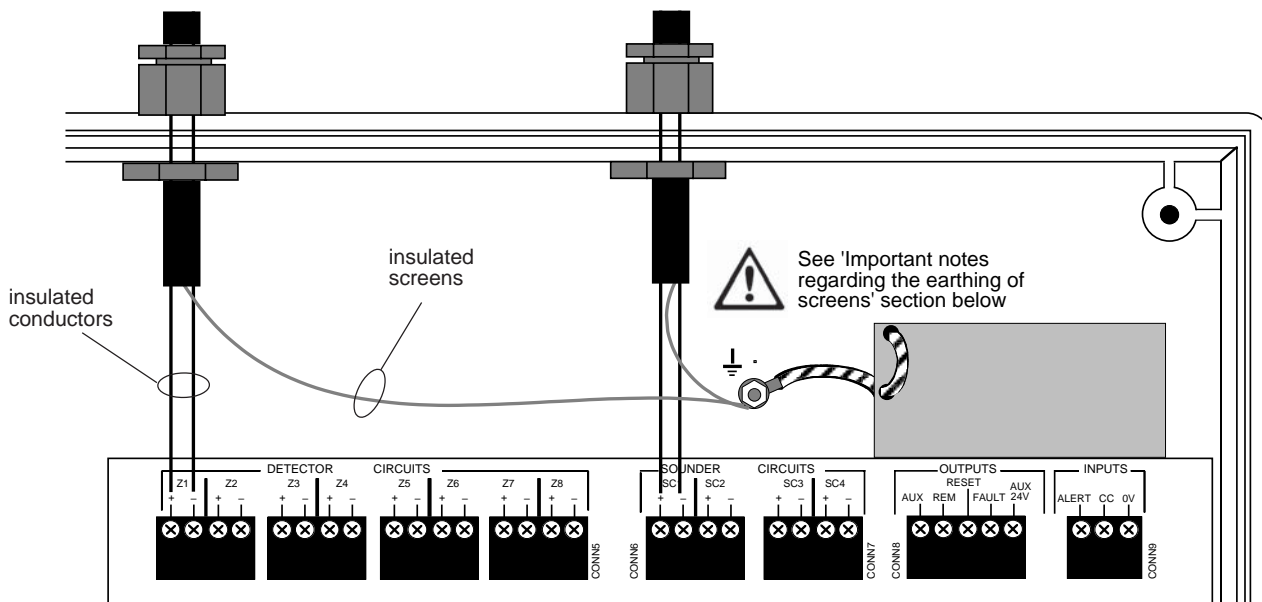


Connecting the detector and sounder circuits

Incoming detector and sounder circuits should be connected to the relevant connector block on the Main Control PCB as shown in Figure 12 below.

For typical detector and sounder circuit wiring diagrams, please refer to pages 7 and 8.

Figure 12 : Detector and sounder circuit connection



Connecting the auxiliary inputs and outputs

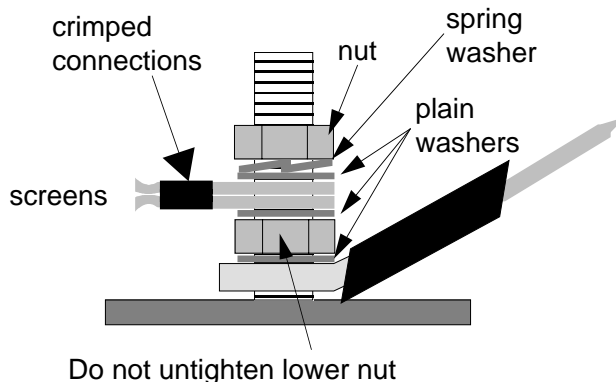
Incoming auxiliary input and output cables should be connected to the relevant CONN8 or CONN9 connector block terminals on the Main Control PCB. If screened cables have been used, all screens should be adequately insulated and connected between the nut and washers on the base earth post (see inset) using eyed crimp connectors (as per the detector and sounder circuit examples shown in Figure 12).

For a full description of the inputs and outputs available on the panel, including typical wiring diagrams, please refer to page 9.

Important notes regarding the earthing of screens



All screens should be adequately insulated and connected between the nut and washers on the base earth post (see right) using suitable eyed crimp connectors. **Do not disturb the lower nut, this must be secure to ensure earth continuity.** The base earth post is provided for terminating earth screens or drains and not as the main earthing point. The system designer or installer must review the external earth bonding (if required) with respect to the national wiring rules. That is, if the type of installation requires protective earth bonding, then this must be applied externally and in conjunction with the type of earthing system employed on that particular site. This must always be done with regard to the appropriate national wiring rules.



PROGRAMMING THE PANEL

An overview of the panel's controls

Three control levels are available on the panel - general user (access level one), authorised user (access level two) and engineer (access level three), as detailed below:

General user controls (access level one)

When the panel is in its normal state, the indicator lights on the front of the enclosure give a comprehensive overview of the system's current status. Any fire and fault conditions are clearly displayed, disablements highlighted and the status of all outputs reported. The only functions that can be performed when the panel is in this state are:-

- Muting the panel's internal sounder.
- Overriding any delays which may have been programmed into the panel.
- Putting the panel into Access Level Two to make active the authorised user controls (see below).

Authorised user controls (access level two)

To avoid unauthorised changes to critical parts of the fire alarm system, certain fire alarm panel controls are only available to authorised users. These include:-

- Silencing the sounders.
- Resetting an alarm condition.
- Manually activating the alarm sounders (to evacuate a building)
- Testing the indicator lights.
- Disabling or enabling any (or all) of the following:
zones, sounders, the fault output, the remote output, the auxiliary fire output and delays.

The authorised user controls can be accessed by entering the code **2 1 4 3** using the buttons on the panel front (or, on the keyswitch version of the panel, by turning the key to the vertical position).

For detailed information on how to use the general and authorised user controls, please refer to the User Manual / Log Book.

Engineer controls (access level three)

The following controls are available to competent service personnel only:-

- The programming of coincidence (double knock).
- The setting-up zones for non-latching operation.
- The programming of delays.
- The invoking of test procedures.
- Fault diagnosis.

A brief overview of these functions appears below. Details of how to gain access to the engineer controls and how to use them appears on pages 16 and 17. We recommend, however, that you carefully read the sections below before attempting to implement any changes to the factory defaults or existing system set-up.

Engineer functions

Coincidence

The programming of coincidence (also referred to as 'double knock') is a feature often used on sites where the consequence of a false alarm is onerous, e.g. where the panel is used to trigger a sprinkler or gas extinguishant system.

Coincidence is programmed into the panel in pairs of zones, the pairs being zones 1 and 2; zones 3 and 4 (if fitted), zones 5 and 6 (if fitted); and zones 7 and 8 (if fitted)

When any of these pairs are programmed to operate in coincidence mode, there must be alarms on both zones before the sounders and outputs are turned on. If only one of the pair goes into alarm, the panel will indicate the alarm condition by illuminating the relevant indicator on the front of its enclosure and sounding its internal sounder, thus prompting the user to investigate.

If found to be false, the alarm can be reset by the user. If found to be a true fire condition, the user can manually activate the alarm sounders and outputs by entering access level two and pressing the SILENCE / RESOUND SOUNDERS button.

From an installation point of view, detectors on zones assigned for coincidence should be installed in close proximity to each other. This ensures if the user is not around to investigate the cause of the alarm, that a detector in alarm on one zone is quickly confirmed by its neighbour on the corresponding zone in the event of a real fire.

Alarms raised in zones not set up for coincidence will be processed as normal.

Non Latching Zones

Any or all of the zones on the fire alarm panel can be set up for non-latching operation.

Alarms raised from non-latching zones are indicated as normal but when the alarm stimulus that triggered the zone is cleared, the alarm condition at the panel automatically clears too (i.e. a manual panel reset is not required). Please note: alarms raised on non-latching zones will not trigger the panel’s auxiliary fire and remote outputs.

Non-latching zones are often used to interconnect fire panels to prevent a ‘deadly embrace’ situation (this is a permanent unresettable alarm condition arising from multiple fire panels simultaneously flagging latching alarm conditions).

Delays

A delay of up to 10 minutes from the fire alarm panel being triggered to its alarm sounders and outputs being activated can be programmed into the panel by the engineer. This is a particularly useful feature for schools, nightclubs and other public places where the nuisance and panic caused by a false alarm must be avoided.

The delay period can be set between 1 and 10 minutes by adjusting the VR1 control on the Main Control PCB (pictured right) with a terminal screwdriver. It should be noted that the delay period will apply to all delayed zones.



Use a small terminal screwdriver to adjust the length of the Delay period. For information on how to assign individual Zones so the Delay period applies to them see pages 16 and 17

When an alarm occurs on a delayed zone, it is processed as normal. However, the activation of the sounders and outputs is postponed until the delay period has expired, thus allowing the cause of the alarm to be investigated by the user.

During the delay period, the output delays light on the front of the panel pulses to indicate the delay is operative. Pressing the SILENCE / RESOUND SOUNDERS button will override the delay at any time and result in the sounders and outputs being turned on. Pressing the panel’s reset button during a delay period (i.e. in the event of a false alarm) will return the system to normal.

Test

To aid commissioning and assist routine maintenance checks, a non-latching “one man walk test” facility is available.

When a detector or manual call point is triggered on any zone(s) in test, the alarm sounders operate for approximately one second on and eight seconds off. This cycle continues until the cause of the alarm is removed (either by the test smoke clearing from the detector or the manual call point being reset), at which point the detector circuit also automatically resets.

As the engineer walks around the site, additional devices on the zone(s) in test can be checked with the momentary activation of the alarm sounders confirming correct operation.

Zones programmed for test, will be indicated at the panel by their fault lights pulsing quickly in synchronisation with the general test light.

Should an alarm occur on a zone that is not programmed for test, the alarm will be processed in the normal way. All zones that are in test will have their tests temporarily suspended until the alarm(s) from the other zones are reset. At this point zone testing may resume. In other words, the alarm will operate correctly despite being in test mode.

Fault diagnosis

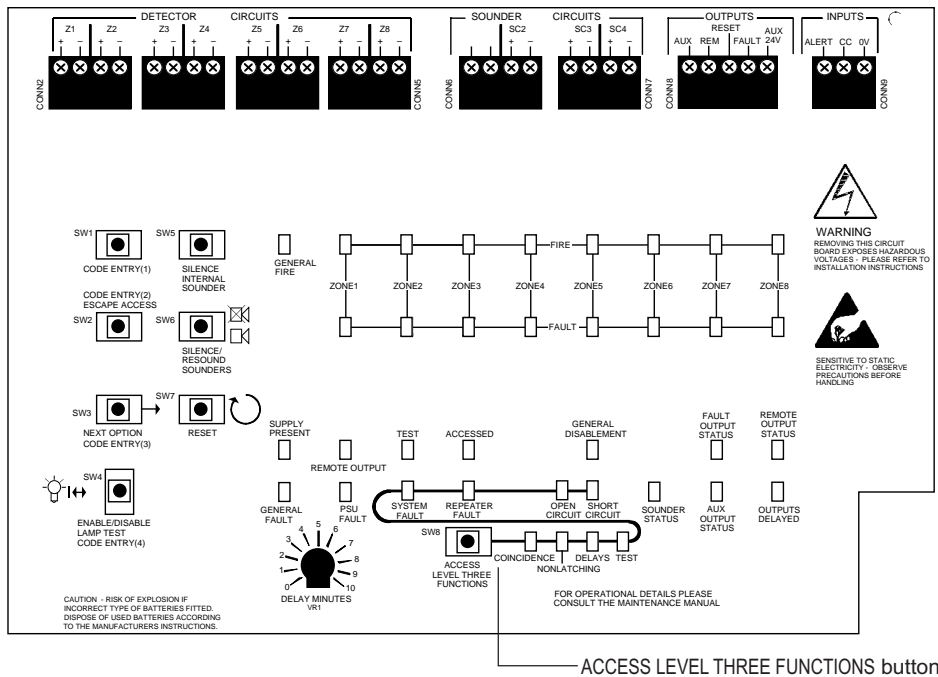
A wide range of fault diagnosis features are available at access level three. These are described in detail on pages 18 to 22 of this manual.

Accessing the engineer controls

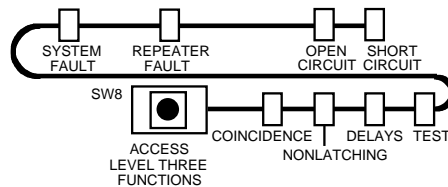
Before programming the panel, please refer to pages 14 and 15 for an overview of the various engineering functions available and the effect their implementation will have on the way the system operates.

To gain access to the panel's engineer functions, remove the panel lid using the Torx key provided and press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button on the Main Control PCB (see Figure 13 below).

Figure 13 : Location of the panel's programming tools on the Main Control PCB



When the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button is pressed for the first time, the accessed light will be lit steady, and the first function (coincidence) will be selected and indicated by its yellow light flashing (see right).



Every time the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button is pressed the next access level three function is selected. NB: these functions are graphically linked on the Main Control PCB by an 'S' shaped line (see above). Pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button after the last selection returns the user to the first function again. To escape access level three at any time press the ESCAPE ACCESS button.

- Notes:**
- 1) Access level three functions that are pertinent to zones temporarily use the zone fault indicators to show which zones have been programmed for that function. This means any fault or disablement indication is suppressed until the programming of the relevant function is complete.
 - 2) When the panel's lid is removed, it is still possible to access the panel's authorised user controls. This is done by entering the 2 1 4 3 entry code (or, on the keyswitch version of the panel, by turning the key to the vertical position). For detailed information on the authorised user controls, please refer to the separate User Manual / Log Book.

To program coincidence

1. Press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the COINCIDENCE light flashes (any pairs of zones that are already programmed for coincidence will now have their zone fault lights lit steady).
2. To change the coincidence configuration press the NEXT OPTION button (the fault lights for zones 1 and 2 will flash slower than the COINCIDENCE light if not programmed for coincidence, or at the same rate if they are).
3. If required, toggle between the two states by pressing the ENABLE/DISABLE button.
4. To confirm your choice, press the NEXT OPTION button - this will move you on to the next pair of Zones (if available)

- Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the process is complete.

To finish the function, press the ESCAPE ACCESS button or move onto the next programming function (Non-latching Zones) by pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button.

To program non latching zones

- Press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the NONLATCHING light flashes (any zones that are already programmed for non latching operation will now have their zone fault lights lit steady).
- To change the non latching configuration press the NEXT OPTION button (zone 1's fault light will flash slower than the NONLATCHING light if not programmed, or at the same rate if it is).
- If required, toggle between the two states by pressing the ENABLE/DISABLE button.
- To confirm your choice, press the NEXT OPTION button - this will move you to the next zone (if available)
- Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the process is complete.

To finish the function, press the ESCAPE ACCESS button or move onto the next programming function (delays) by pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button.

To program delays

- Press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the DELAYS light flashes (any zones that are already programmed for delays will now have their zone fault lights lit steadily, and similarly, if the Remote Output or Auxiliary Output are delayed, then their relevant status lights will be lit steady. Note that any existing fault indications will be temporarily suppressed during this programming function. On exiting the function, the previous indications will be restored.
- To change the delays configuration press the NEXT OPTION button (zone 1's fault light will flash slower than the DELAYS light if not programmed, or at the same rate if it is).
- If required, toggle between the two states by pressing the ENABLE/DISABLE button.
- To confirm your choice, press the NEXT OPTION button - this will move you to the next zone (if available).
- Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the Zone selection process is complete.
- Pressing the NEXT OPTION button when on the last Zone will now select the Remote Output for editing. The output's current status will be shown by the Remote Output Status light, in the same way as for the zones.
- If required, toggle between the two states by pressing the ENABLE/DISABLE button.
- Pressing the NEXT OPTION button will now select the Auxiliary Output for editing. The output's current status will be shown by the Auxiliary Output Status light, in the same way as for the zones.
- If required, toggle between the two states by pressing the ENABLE/DISABLE button.
- Pressing the NEXT OPTION button will return the selection to Zone1. To complete the function move to stage 11.
- Set the delay period which will apply to all delayed zones or outputs by adjusting the VR1 control on the Main Control PCB with a terminal screwdriver (this can be anything from 1 to 10 minutes), then press the ESCAPE ACCESS button or move onto the next programming function (test) by pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button.

Note: even if delays are programmed into the panel, the user can still decide not to use them. See the disablement section of the User Manual/Log Book for more details.

To program zones into test

- Press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the TEST light flashes (any zones that are already programmed for test will now have their zone fault lights lit steady).
- To change the test configuration press the NEXT OPTION button (zone 1's fault light will flash slower than the TEST light if not programmed, or at the same rate if it is).
- If required, toggle between the two states by pressing the ENABLE/DISABLE button.
- To confirm your choice, press the NEXT OPTION button - this will move you to the next zone (if available)
- Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the process is complete. **Important:** Before testing any of the zones you have programmed for test, you must first press the ESCAPE ACCESS button. Any zone(s) in test will now be lit steady and the general test light will also be lit. Testing can now commence. Remember to take the relevant zones out of test when testing is complete.

Note that the 'System Fault', 'Repeater Fault', 'Open Circuit' and 'Short Circuit' options are for fault diagnosis purposes, as detailed on pages 18 to 22.



The relevant part of the System Set-Up Data chart on Page 13 of the User Manual must be updated if you implement or make any changes to the coincidence or delay features.

FAULT DIAGNOSIS

When a fault occurs on a critical part of the fire alarm system, the panel responds by activating its internal sounder and illuminating the general fault light and any other fault light(s) relating to the fault. The panel's fault output will also activate (provided it has not been disabled).

The type of faults typically indicated at the fire alarm panel are highlighted below. A more precise diagnosis of fault conditions is available at access level three (the summaries below refer to the sections you should read later in this manual for further information).

Unless otherwise stated, repairing any particular fault condition will automatically clear the fault from the panel. If the panel is reset whilst faults still exist, the faults will reappear after a short period of time.

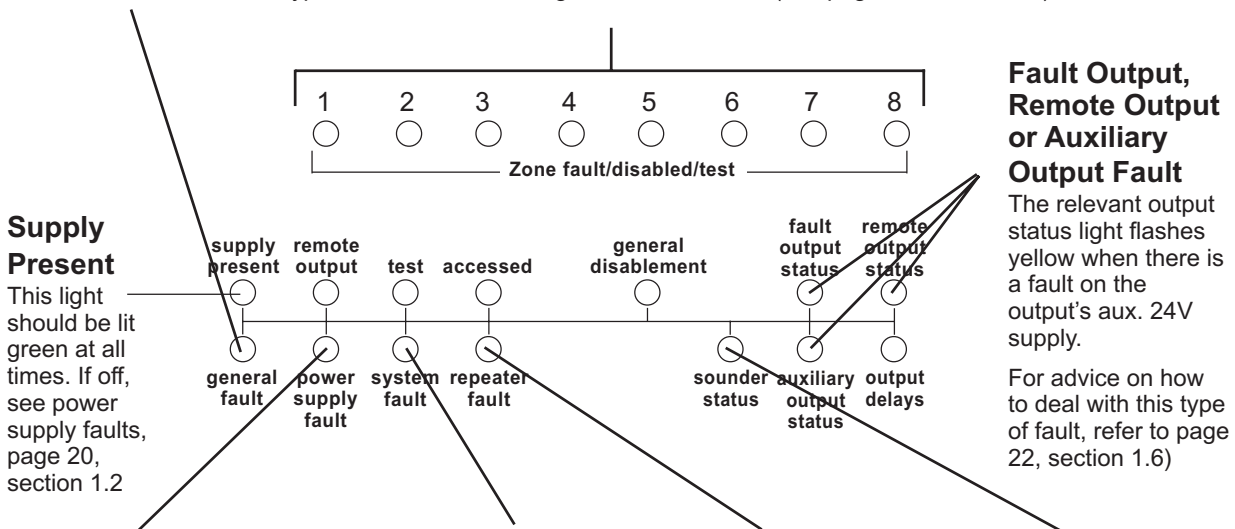
Note: it is possible to mute the panel's internal sounder at any time by momentarily pressing the SILENCE INTERNAL SOUNDER button.

General Fault

The general fault light flashes yellow when there is a fault on any part of the fire alarm system. It is always lit in tandem with at least one other fault light which conveys more precise information on the type of fault detected.

Zone Fault

All of the panel's zone circuits are monitored for open and short circuit faults and detector head removal (unless there is an alarm condition or the zone is in test or disabled). All faults are indicated by the relevant zonal fault indicator pulsing yellow. It is possible to determine exactly what type of zone fault has occurred by entering access level three (see page 19, section 1.1)



Supply Present

This light should be lit green at all times. If off, see power supply faults, page 20, section 1.2

Fault Output, Remote Output or Auxiliary Output Fault

The relevant output status light flashes yellow when there is a fault on the output's aux. 24V supply.

For advice on how to deal with this type of fault, refer to page 22, section 1.6)

Power Supply Fault

The power supply fault light flashes yellow when one or more of the following has occurred:-

- 1) The mains supply is too low or has failed completely.
- 2) The mains fuse has ruptured.
- 3) The battery fuse has ruptured.
- 4) The battery supply voltage is too low.
- 5) The panel's power supply unit is faulty.

For typical symptoms and advice on how to correct the above, see page 19, section 1.2

System Fault

The system fault light flashes yellow when one or more of the following has occurred:

- 1) There is a microprocessor "watchdog" fault.
- 2) The microprocessor's site memory has been corrupted.
- 3) The microprocessor's program menu has been corrupted.
- 4) The Main Control PCB is faulty.

It is possible to determine exactly what type of system fault has occurred by entering access level three (see page 21, section 1.3)

Repeater Fault

The repeater fault light flashes yellow when the master panel cannot communicate with one or more repeater panels (if fitted).

It is possible to determine which of the repeaters are affected by entering access level three (see page 22, section 1.4)

Sounder Fault

All sounder circuits are monitored periodically for open and short circuit faults (unless disabled or in an alarm condition).

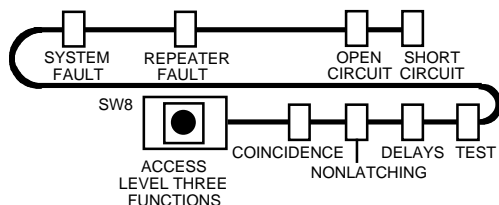
If any faults are detected, the panel's sounder status indicator pulses yellow.

For advice on how to determine which circuit is faulty and how to deal with this type of fault, refer to page 22, section 1.5.

1.1 Zone Faults

■ **To find out if an open circuit or head out fault has occurred on a detector zone:-**

1. Remove the Panel's lid using the torx key provided and press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button on the Main Control PCB to gain access to the panel's engineer functions (see below)



2. Continue pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the OPEN CIRCUIT light pulses.

Any existing Zone fault indicators are suppressed and the Zone indicator(s) for any Zone(s) with an open circuit or head out fault are illuminated. For example, if the wiring on Zone 6 is broken or one of its detector heads have been removed, Zone 6's Fault indicator will be lit.

■ **To find out if a short circuit fault has occurred on a detector zone:-**

Follow steps 1 and 2 outlined above until the SHORT CIRCUIT light pulses.

Any existing zone fault indicators are suppressed and the zone indicator(s) for any zone (s) that have a short circuit fault are illuminated. For example, if the wiring on zone 4 has been shorted, zone 4's fault indicator will be lit.

To escape access level three, press the ESCAPE ACCESS button at any time.

Suggested action:

- (a) Disconnect the faulty detector zone completely and refit the end-of-line capacitor at the Panel. If the fault condition clears this confirms there is a wiring fault.
- (b) Double check and refit the wiring and the end-of-line capacitor on the zone. Trace the fault with consideration for the type of fault indicated (see above).

Note: a common short circuit fault is a detector head badly seated in a base which is not making a true connection.

1.2 Power Supply Faults

A power supply fault is indicative of one or more of the following faults. Page 11 of this manual **must** be referenced when carrying out any of the suggested action procedures described below.

■ **The mains supply is too low or has failed completely.**

Symptoms: the Panel runs on batteries, but not on mains. The red hazardous voltages present light on the Power Supply PCB is lit.

Suggested action:

- (a) Isolate the mains supply and remove the mains connector block (CONN1) from the Power Supply PCB.
- (b) Position the connector block so that the live and neutral connections can be probed. Taking all due precaution, reapply the mains and measure the voltage.
- (c) Isolate the mains supply again.

If the reading was incorrect (see Technical Specifications, page 24) repair the mains supply.

If the reading was correct, check to see if the primary mains fuse (F1) is ruptured.

If the fuse is intact and the red hazardous voltages present light on the Power Supply PCB is lit, then the PSU is faulty and should be replaced.

This section is continued on page 20

■ **The primary mains fuse (F1) is ruptured.**

Symptoms: the panel runs on batteries, but not on mains. The red hazardous voltages present light on the Power Supply PCB is off.

Suggested action:

(a) Isolate the mains supply, remove the Main Control PCB and check the PSU's primary mains fuse (F1) for continuity.

(b) If the fuse is ruptured it will be due to an excessive mains surge or a PSU fault.

Check the components on the PSU for damage. If none is found replace the fuse with the correct type and reconnect the mains supply. If the red lethal voltages present light does not come on then the PSU is faulty and should be replaced.

■ **The battery fuse (F2) is ruptured.**

Symptoms: the panel runs on mains, but not on batteries.

Suggested action:

(a) Isolate the mains supply and disconnect the batteries.

(b) Remove the Main Control PCB and check the Battery Fuse (F2) on the Power Supply PCB for continuity.

(c) If the fuse is ruptured check the Power Supply PCB and Main Control PCB for signs of damage. If none is found, replace the fuse with the correct type, ensuring that the fuse clip is not damaged when re-inserting the fuse.

(d) Refit the Main Control PCB and reconnect the batteries.

If the green 'Supply Present' light is lit, reconnect the mains supply and check that the power supply fault has cleared. If the 'Supply Present' light is not lit, either the Power Supply PCB or the Main Control PCB is faulty and should be replaced.

(e) If the Battery Fuse (F2) is intact, proceed to check the battery voltage (see below).

■ **The battery voltage is too low.**

Symptoms : the panel runs on mains, but may or may not run on batteries.

If the mains supply has failed and the battery supply has been discharged to the point where the voltage is too low (i.e less than 21V), the panel will automatically turn off to avoid damaging the batteries by allowing them to deep discharge. The panel will not restart unless fresh, fully charged batteries are connected, or the mains supply is restored.

If the mains supply has not failed, but the total battery voltage is less than 21V, the PSU will not charge the batteries to avoid damage to the charging circuit. If the batteries can be charged, the panel will still show a power supply fault until they have sufficient charge, at which point the power supply fault will automatically be cleared. Depending on battery size and the depth of discharge, this may take several hours. If the batteries are in poor condition they must be replaced.

Please note that the charging circuit is set up during manufacturing, and is temperature compensated. There is no need to adjust the voltage.

If the batteries are in good condition and all the other checks have been performed and no faults found, the Power Supply PCB is faulty and should be replaced.

NB: batteries that are not connected, connected in reverse or with opposite polarities will also cause a power supply fault condition.

■ **Supply Present light not lit**

If the supply present light is not lit one of the following faults has occurred:

(1) Both the mains supply and the standby batteries have failed. This could be because the mains supply has failed and the batteries have been exhausted.

Suggested action: Restore the mains supply and the 'Supply Present' light should come back on. However, if the batteries are discharged this will be recognised as a fault by the panel and indicated as such. See "Battery voltage too low" above.

(2) The Power Supply PCB, the Main Control PCB and/or the cable that connects them is faulty.

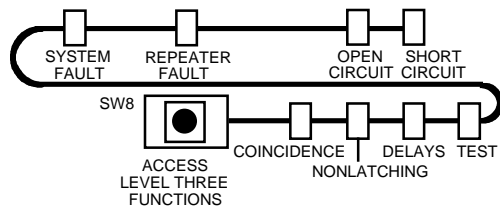
If the mains supply is present (indicated by the red lethal voltages light being lit on the Power Supply PCB), check that the connector cable between the Power Supply PCB and the Main Control PCB is fully inserted at both ends. If so, either the Power Supply PCB and/or the Main Control PCB and/or the connector cable are faulty and should be replaced.

1.3 System Faults

System faults are unique in that they do not automatically clear when rectified. A total of three different types of system fault can occur - watchdog fault, site memory corruption fault or PLL (phase lock loop) fault.

■ **To find out which type of system fault has occurred:-**

1. Remove the Panel's lid using the torx key provided and press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button on the Main Control PCB to gain access to the panel's engineer functions (see below). **Note:** If pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button (or any other button) does not cause any change in state, the Main Control PCB is faulty and must be replaced.



2. Continue pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the SYSTEM FAULT light pulses.

If there is a **Watchdog Fault**, Zone 1's fault light will be lit.
 If there is a **Site Memory Corruption Fault**, Zone 2's fault light will be lit
 If there is a **PLL Fault**, Zone 3's fault light will be lit

To escape access level three press the ESCAPE ACCESS button at any time.

For a detailed description of what each fault is and suggested action on how to cure it see below:-

■ **Watchdog Fault**

This type of system fault occurs when the panel's microprocessor has failed to operate correctly (perhaps due to excessive electrical interference) and the panel's "Watchdog" circuit has been unable to bring it back under control. A common symptom of this is the panel's controls locking-up.

Suggested action:

Press the panel's RESET button and, if still in access level three, the ESCAPE ACCESS button. This should clear the fault. If the fault persists, the Main Control PCB is faulty and must be replaced.

■ **Site Memory Corruption Fault**

This type of system fault occurs when site specific data retained in the panel's microprocessor is found to be corrupt.

Suggested action:

- (a) Check all the site specific data (delays, disablements, etc) at user and engineering level. The System Set-Up Data Chart on page 13 of the User Manual / Log Book will include much of the information you need to do this.
- (b) If errors are found, reprogram the panel accordingly to clear the corruption.
- (c) If no errors are found, temporarily change some data. For example, disable zone 1, exit user mode and then re-enable zone 1 to return to the original settings. This should clear the fault. If the fault persists, the memory is damaged and the Main Control PCB must be replaced.

■ **Program Memory Corruption Fault**

This type of system fault occurs when the microprocessor's memory is found to be corrupt.

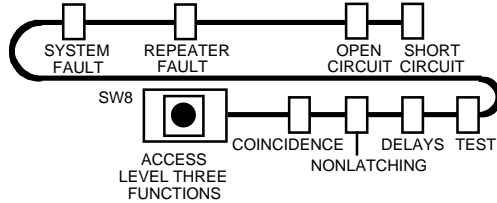
Suggested action:

Reset the panel. The fault will clear. Wait for 2 minutes, if this fault re-occurs then the memory is damaged and the Main Control PCB must be replaced. (If the fault does not re-occur, then there was a momentary disturbance during the microprocessor's self checking routine and no further action needs to be taken). If the fault persists, the Main Control PCB is faulty and must be replaced.

1.4 Repeater faults

■ **To find out which of the repeater panels are faulty:-**

1. Remove the panel's lid using the torx key provided and press the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button on the Main Control PCB to gain access to the panel's engineer functions (see below).



2. Continue pressing the ACCESS LEVEL THREE FUNCTIONS button until the REPEATER FAULT light pulses. Any existing zone fault indicators are suppressed and the zone indicator(s) corresponding to the repeaters in fault are illuminated. For example, if repeaters 2 and 7 are faulty, the fault indicators for zones 2 and 7 will be lit.

To escape access level three press the ESCAPE ACCESS button at any time.

Suggested action: Refer to the Repeater Panel Instructions for repeater fault-finding advice.

1.5 Sounder faults

■ **To determine which of the panel's four sounder circuits are faulty:-**

(a) Disconnect each sounder circuit from the Main Control PCB in turn and measure the resistance between the two wires. A good circuit will present only the end of line resistor value. Any other resistance value shows a fault.

(b) If the readings from all sounder circuits are correct, take their End of Line resistors and connect them to the sounder circuits at the panel without the sounder circuit wiring. If the Fault still persists, the panel is faulty and must be replaced.

(c) If a sounder circuit fault is detected, correct the fault and reconnect the sounder circuit. The sounder fault will automatically clear within 60 seconds.

Note: If the sounder circuit is shorted and the alarm voltage applied, the relevant sounder fuse will trip. When the fault is removed, the fuse will automatically reset.

1.6 Fault, remote or auxiliary fire output fault

If the panel's 24V auxiliary output, which is typically used to supply relays switched by the fault, remote and auxiliary outputs, is subject to current overload, its protection fuse will trip. This will result in the fault, remote and auxiliary fire outputs showing a fault condition by flashing their respective lights.

Repairing the fault will reset the fuse, and clear the associated fault indicators.

INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE

Periodic maintenance and inspection details are given on page 5 of the User Manual/Log Book. Some of the requirements listed can only be carried out by competent persons. These are detailed below:

For the quarterly and annual inspection

Remove the panel front and inspect the battery and its connections to ensure they are in good condition.

Disconnect the mains supply, and start an alarm condition with the sounders operative and check that the batteries can supply the load current.

This test state should be maintained as long as is practical, to exercise the batteries to the fullest extent.

For the 5 year inspection

The batteries must be replaced with new batteries, since the 5 year replacement period is based on the manufacturing date of the batteries, not the installation date.

APPENDIX

Stand-by battery calculation guide

The standby time of the fire alarm panel after the mains has failed depends on the quiescent loading of the panel, the alarm load of the panel, and the capacity of the batteries.

To determine the capacity of batteries required for any given stand-by period, the following formula should be used:-

$$\text{Standby Time in Ahr} = 1.25 \times ((T \times A) + H \times (P + Z))$$

The multiplier 1.25 is present to account for lost capacity over the life of the batteries.

H = Number of hours standby required

P = The quiescent current of the Panel = 0.025A

This figure is with the Mains failed, beeper operative and the Power Supply and General Fault indicators lit. If there are other quiescent drains on the Panel then these must be added in.

Z = The total quiescent current of all zone devices

As a guideline, the quiescent current of most modern detectors is typically 0.00005A (50 μ A), and that of manual call points is zero. To obtain accurate figures consult the device manufacturers' own specifications.

A = The total alarm current of the sounders (plus any other devices connected to other alarm outputs).

T = The amount of time in hours required for the alarm (most commonly being half an hour).

Example 1:

The panel has 70 detectors each consuming 50 μ A each, 20 Sounders at 20mA each, the required standby time is 24 Hours, and the required alarm time is 0.5 Hours.

$$Z = 70 \times 0.00005 = 0.0035A$$

$$P = 0.025A$$

$$A = 20 \times 0.02 = 0.4A$$

$$H = 24$$

$$T = 0.5$$

$$\text{Standby Time in Ahr} = 1.25 \times ((0.5 \times 0.4) + 24 \times (0.025 + 0.0035)) = 1.1Ahr$$

Therefore, batteries with at least 1.1Ahr capacity are required.

Example 2:

The panel has 100 detectors each consuming 50 μ A each, 40 Sounders at 20mA each, the required standby time is 72 Hours, and the required alarm time is 0.5 Hours.

$$Z = 100 \times 0.00005 = 0.005A$$

$$P = 0.025A$$

$$A = 40 \times 0.02 = 0.8A$$

$$H = 72$$

$$T = 0.5$$

$$\text{Standby Time in Ahr} = 1.25 \times ((0.5 \times 0.8) + 72 \times (0.025 + 0.005)) = 3.2Ahr$$

Therefore, batteries with at least 3.2Ahr capacity are required.

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technical specifications

POWER SUPPLY SPECIFICATION	
Mains supply voltage	230V 50/60Hz
Mains rated current	350mA maximum
Internal power supply	19V - 28.5V (27 V Nominal). Ripple 7V maximum (battery fault)
Total output current limited to	1.5A @ 230 Va.c.
Supply and battery charger monitored for failure	YES (battery charger is also temperature compensated)
Batteries monitored for disconnection & failure	YES
Batteries protected against deep discharge	YES (Deep discharge cut off approx. 21 Volts)
Max. battery size and type	2 x 12V 3.3Ahr VRLA (Valve Regulated Lead Acid) connected in series
Mains fuse	240V 1A HRC ceramic 20mm compliant with IEC (EN60127 PT2)
Battery fuse	1.6A F 20mm compliant with IEC (EN60127 PT2)
Current draw from battery (Mains failed)	1.5A maximum
DETECTOR CIRCUIT SPECIFICATION	
Number of circuits	2,4 or 8 depending on version purchased
Max cable length per circuit	500metres
Line monitored for open circuit and short circuit	YES
Line monitored for detector removal	YES - end of line monitoring device modules provided
Maximum allowable impedance (each conductor)	20Ω
Maximum cable capacitance	0.27μF
Call point resistor value	470 to 680Ω
Max. number of smoke/heat detectors per zone	25
Max. combined number of detectors & manual call points	32 per zone
SOUNDER CIRCUIT SPECIFICATION	
Number of circuits	4
End of line resistor value	6800Ω 5% Tol. 0.25W (blue, grey, red, gold)
Each circuit monitored for open and short circuit	YES - indicated by common fault.
Alarm voltage	27V maximum, 20V minimum (final battery voltage)
Sounder circuit fuses	Each circuit protected by resettable fuses (200mA min. hold current; 400mA max. trip current; Approx. 50mA when tripped. Reset when faults removed)
Maximum total sounder output current to all outputs	4 x 200mA = 800mA
Maximum No. of Bells @ 25 mA	32
Maximum No. of electronic sounders @ 20 mA	40 (Sounders must be polarised)
AUXILIARY OUTPUTS	
Type	Non monitored open collector transistor.
Max. sink current	30mA each
Max open circuit voltage	27Vd.c.
Reset output	Active during reset cycle
Remote output	Active during any unsilenced fire condition (provided all relevant delays have expired)
Auxiliary output	Active during any fire condition (provided all relevant delays have expired)
Fault output	Active when no faults are present - failsafe to open circuit
24V aux power output (for use with the above)	This output is protected by a resettable fuse (100mA min. hold current). Fuse resets when fault removed.
AUXILIARY INPUTS	
Class Change (makes sounders sound continuously)	Connect to 0V to trigger. Max input voltage 27V. (Non-latching).
Alert (makes sounders pulse intermittently)	Connect to 0V to trigger. Max input voltage 27V. (Non-latching).
DIMENSIONS	
Physical size and weight	Size = 380 x 235 x 96mm appox; Weight = 1.75kg (without batteries)
OPERATING CONDITIONS	
The components are selected to operate within their specification when the environmental conditions outside the enclosure comply with class 3k5 of IEC 721-3-3 : 1978. Temperature Range: -5 to +40°C. Maximum relative humidity: 95%	