

User Manual



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Note: This manual provides information on the AdaptAlert m-TX module available for use with WirelessAlert products.

Please consult your WirelessAlert Agent or technician for assistance with the more advanced m-TX applications.

Warning: Wiring of WirelessAlert products for control of '3rd Party', high power, 230 V mains power and or three phase devices, must be performed by a qualified electrician. Suitably rated external relays and contactors must be used to prevent damage to products.

Pay close attention to the guarantee conditions.

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AC	Alternating Current
DB	Decibels
Dbi	Decibel isotropic (For Antenna gain)
DBm	Decibel milliwatt (For Radio signal)
DC	Direct Current
DIP	Dual inline package
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications
LED	Light Emitting Diode
mA	Milli Amps
MA	MaxAlert
MHz	Megahertz
m-TX	433 MHz Mini transmitter
PIR	Passive Infra-Red
TA"	TextAlert
uA	Micro Amps



1 Introduction

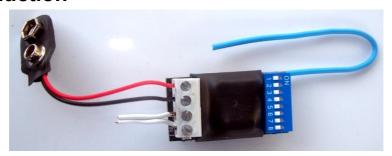


Figure 1: Miniature Transmitter (m-TX) module

The miniature transmitter (m-TX) (Figure 1) operates as a miniature wireless radio transmitter for adapting a wide range of '3rd party' wired sensor devices to function as wireless devices, capable of triggering zones on VoiceAlert, MaxAlert, and or TextAlert II (If you are not familiar with any of these products, please contact your WirelessAlert Agent).

Warning: Operation and correct installation of m-TX modules requires knowledge of how particular '3rd party' sensor devices receive and respond to trigger events. To ensure correct installation of m-TX modules, please make sure you understand how the '3rd party' sensor has been wired onto your existing wired alarm panel 'INPUT' (if you have one) and the type of trigger signal the sensor sends through to the 'INPUT' when triggered.

The m-TX can be configured for a combination of 6 different modes of operation. It is vital you select the correct mode/s for the type of '3rd party' sensor used, otherwise you may interfere with the operation of the sensor and prevent a trigger signal from being delivered to the 'INPUT' on your existing wired alarm panel. If you are unsure, please contact your WirelessAlert Agent for assistance.

2 Specifications

2.1 General

Dimensions: 45mm x 23mm x 15mm (excluding antenna)

Operating temperature: 0° C -50° C (32 F - 122 F)

Waterproof specification: None

2.2 Electrical

The m-TX can accept power voltages from 5 to 12v DC across its (+) and (-) terminals. A 9v battery is an ideal power source. Alternatively, wire the m-TX onto the 3rd party device's power source.

The m-TX is designed to be extremely frugal in terms of power consumption. It draws about 10uA under normal conditions (all modes), and about 35mA while it is transmitting.

Warning: Do not connect power onto the (IN) / (IN) terminals as this may damage the circuitry associated with these terminals. The (IN) / (IN) terminals require 'potential free only' triggering from '3rd party' devices.



2.3 RF Specifications

433 MHz Transmitter module.

3 Onboard Features

Please refer to Figure 2

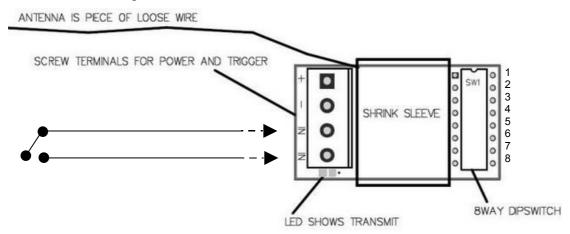


Figure 2: m-TX Module Onboard Layout

3.1 Onboard LED

The m-TX has a single onboard LED. Upon startup (connecting power), the LED will give the user an indication of the selected operating mode. If it flashes four times in quick succession, it means that "Toggle" mode is selected. If it flashes only once, it means "Normal" (NO/NC) mode is selected. The LED will further also light up each time the m-TX transmits a message.

Note: LED indication for the other modes is not provided. You can determine additional mode settings by looking at the particular DIP switch setting (see configuration of m-TX below).

3.2 Screw Terminal Connector Block

(+) / (-) power terminals for connection of power

(IN) / (IN) trigger terminals for wiring m-TX onto '3rd party' sensor.

3.3 8 pin DIP switch

The 8 pin DIP switch is used to set a unique transmit code for the m-TX modules and to configure the m-TX for a specific mode of operation.

4 Software Setup

The m-TX does not require software for configuration.

5 Hardware Setup

No hardware setup is required apart from the wiring of the m-TX onto the '3rd party' sensor device and the configuration of correct mode (see below).



6 Configuration

6.1 Setting the Dip Switch Code

The m-TX DIP switch code must be set to match a specific zone code present on VoiceAlert, MaxAlert or TextAlert II in order to trigger zone when the 3rd party sensor detects an intruder. Please refer to respective product User Manuals for zone programming instructions. There are eight DIP switches (pins) that can be set to either the ON (up) position or the OFF (down) position. Set switches 1 to 5 to create a unique code for each m-TX (switches 1 to 5 are for code selection only and do not influence mode m-TX operation). Set switches 6,7 and 8 depending on the mode of operation you require as described in **Mode Selection** list below.

Note: Please make a record of all the DIP switch codes you have set on all your m-TX modules for future reference if you wish to adjust zones and or for adding additional m-TX modules to a specific zone.

6.2 Mode Selection

The most current firmware has six different modes of operation.

The m-TX can be configured for one or a combination of modes by the adjusting DIP Switches 6, 7 and 8 on the DIP switch as follows:

- If DIP8 is OFF, "Normal" mode is activated.
- If DIP8 is ON, "Toggle" mode is activated.
- If DIP7 is OFF, "Multiple Transmit" mode is activated.
- If DIP7 is ON, "Single Transmit" mode is activated.
- **If DIP6 is OFF**, "Retransmit every 1 min" mode is activated (does not function in conjunction with "Toggle" mode).
- If **DIP6** is **ON**, "Retransmit every 5 sec" mode is activated (does not function in conjunction with "Toggle" mode).

6.2.1 Normal Mode

In this mode, the m-TX will respond to a set of contacts closing or opening on the IN terminals. When power is applied to the m-TX, it will sense the current status of the input. If it senses that the input contact is currently closed (such as when it is connected to a Normally Closed contact), then it will henceforth wait for the contacts to open before transmitting. Conversely, if it senses that the inputs are open during startup, it will henceforth sit around and wait for the contacts to close before transmitting. If the activating condition persists, the m-TX will transmit once every minute or once every 5 seconds (depending on selected mode).

Example: The m-TX is connected to a door contact that is normally closed. When the door is opened, the door's magnetic contact switch opens. This contact is wired into the input of the m-TX, and the m-TX battery is connected while the door is closed. Thereafter, each time the door opens, the m-TX will



trigger. If the door is opened, and remains ajar, the m-TX will transmit for a few seconds, and then keep quiet for a minute. If the door remains open for longer than 1 minute, the m-TX will repeat the transmission approximately once per minute, until the door is finally closed. Had the m-TX battery been connected while the door was open, it will trigger as soon as the door is closed.

6.2.2 Toggle Mode

Certain wired PIR sensors tend not to supply a pulse on its contacts when movement is detected. Instead they supply a "change of state". So assuming the sensor has its contacts open after it is powered up. Upon detecting movement, it will close the contact, and remain close until movement is again detected, at which time the contact is opened again. It can thus be said that the sensor output is toggled each time that movement is detected. The m-TX Toggle mode is designed to work in this type of scenario. In Toggle mode, the m-TX will transmit for a short period each time the input changes. It will not transmit once per minute, but instead will ONLY transmit once at each status change event.

6.2.3 Multiple Transmit Mode

Each trigger event induces multiple (three to four) radio signal transmissions in rapid succession.

6.2.4 Single Transmit Mode

Each trigger event induces a single radio signal transmission.

6.2.5 Retransmit (1 minute) Mode

Retransmits radio signal, after every one minute of elapsed time, if trigger remains active (only works in conjunction with "Normal" mode).

6.2.6 Retransmit (every 5 sec) Mode

Retransmit radio signal, after every five seconds of elapsed time, if trigger remains active (only works in conjunction with "Normal" mode).

6.3 Firmware Update

m-TX modules loaded with most current firmware will have all of the above optional modes. In addition, you will be able to activate or deactivate a particular mode by simply sliding the respective DIP switch to the ON or OFF position.

The earliest m-TX units did not feature all of the above modes and required a hard restart (disconnect, then reconnect power) to activate or deactivate a particular mode setting. If your unit does not appear to enter any one of the above modes, you may have its firmware upgraded free of charge by sending it to WirelessAlert. Please contact your WirelessAlert Agent for assistance with this.



7 Suggested Housing of m-TX for Outdoor Use

Some applications will require use of m-TX outdoors. A suitable waterproof PVC housing (Figure 3) should be used to protect the m-TX module and batteries if you are using 9 Volt batteries to power the m-TX. Metal housings are not suitable, as they will block the radio signal from the m-TX. Ideally, you may be able to house the m-TX inside the '3rd party' sensor's housing provided there is enough space to do so. This should be the case with some of the larger '3rd party' PIR and Beam sensors.

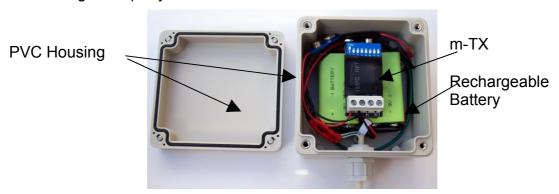


Figure 3: m-TX module inside PVC housing.

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8.1 Technical Support Contact

For Technical Support please email: techsupport@wirelessalert.co.za

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