

# **User's Manual**



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# **1. Introduction**

The **FLEX** radio remote control systems are designed for control of industrial equipment and machinery such as overhead traveling cranes, jib cranes, gantry cranes, tower cranes, electric hoists, winches, monorails, conveyor belts, mining equipment and other material handling equipment where wireless control is preferred.

Each **FLEX** system consists of a transmitter handset and receiver unit. Other standard-equipped accessories include transmitter waist belt, spare transmitter power key, clear vinyl pouch, "AA" alkaline batteries, compass direction decal sheet and user's manual.

List of notable features include:

- \* 62 user-programmable channels Advanced synthesized RF controls with 62 built-in channels, no more fixed channel and fragile quartz crystals to break.
- \* Automatic channel scanning receiver No more hassle of climbing up the crane to change receiver channels.
- \* Over one million unique ID codes (20bit) Each and every Flex system has its own unique ID codes and serial number, never repeats.
- \* Advanced controls The Flex system utilizes advanced microprocessor controls with 32bit CRC and Hamming Code, which provide ultra fast, safe, precise, and error-free encoding and decoding.
- \* Unique I-CHIP design The I-CHIP functions in a way that is very similar to SIM card used on mobile phones, with the ability to transfer system information and settings from one transmitter to another without the hassle of resetting the spares.
- Reliable push buttons The in-house designed push buttons with gold-plated contacts are rated for more than one million press cycles.
- Low power consumption Requires only two "AA" Alkaline batteries for more than 150 hours of operating time between replacements.
- \* Ultra-durable nylon and fiberglass composite enclosures Highly resistance to breakage and deformation even in the most abusive environments.
- Full compliance All systems are fully complied with the FCC Part-15 Rules, European Directives (Safety, EMC, R&TTE, Machinery) and Industry Canada Specifications (IC).

# 2. Radio Controlled Safety

Flex radio remote control system should be operated by persons with sufficient amount of knowledge and skill in equipment operation and safety. Persons being trained to operate a radio remote controlled equipment should possess the knowledge of all hazards peculiar to radio remote controlled equipment operation, ability to judge distance and moving objects, equipment capacity and radio remote controlled safety rules. Radio remote controlled equipment should not be operated by any person with insufficient eyesight, hearing, illness, and under influence of drugs and medications that may cause loss of equipment control.

Below are some general operating safety tips that should be strictly followed when operating radio remote controlled equipment.

- 1. Prior to operation always check the transmitter handset for any damage that might inhibit proper operation.
- 2. Always check if the red emergency stop button is working properly prior to operation.
- 3. Check the Status LED on the transmitter for any signs of low battery power (refer to page 31).
- 4. Check the Status LED on the transmitter for any signs of irregularities (refer to page 31).
- 5. The equipment's limit switches, if any, should be checked prior to operation or at the beginning of each shift.
- 6. If the power to the equipment is removed, the operator should turn off the transmitter power immediately until the power to the equipment is restored.
- 7. If the equipment fails to respond properly to operator's command the operator should stop operation, turn the transmitter power off, and then report the condition to their supervisor.
- 8. The transmitter power should be turned off after each use. If the transmitter handset is not in use always turn the power off and stored it in a safe or designated location. Never leave the transmitter handset unattended in the working area.
- 9. Make sure the system is not set to the same channel as any other Flex systems in use within a distance of 300 meters (900 feet).
- 10. Never operate a crane or equipment with two transmitter handsets at the same time.

# **3. General System Information**

# A. TRANSMITTER HANDSET

## 1. External Illustration





- 1. Push Button #1
- 2. Push Button #2
- 3. Push Button #3
- 4. Push Button #4
- 5. Removable Power Key Switch
- 6. Emergency Stop Button

- (Fig. 02)
- 7. Strap Ring
- 8. System Information
- 9. System Channel
- 10. Crane Number
- 11. Battery Cover
- 12. Approval Information

## 2. Internal Illustration



(Fig. 03)

- 1. Encoder Board
- 2. Arial Antenna
- 3. Transmitting Module
- 4. Status LED Display
- 5. Function LED Displays

(Fig. 04)

- 6. I-CHIP
- 7. Function Dip-Switch
- 8. Channel Dip-Switch
- 9. Battery Contact Mechanism

# **B. RECEIVER UNIT**

## 1. External Illustration



(Fig. 05)

- 1. External Antenna Jack (optional)
- 2. Power LED Display
- 3. Status LED Display
- 4. SQ LED Display

- 5. COM LED Display
- 6. Shock Mounts
- 7. Output Contact Diagram
- 8. Cord Grip

## 2. Internal Illustration





- 1. Receiving Module (top)
- 3. Relay/AC Line Filter Board (bottom)
- 2. Decoder/Relay Board (middle)
- 4. Power Transformer

# 4. Function Settings

# A. TRANSMITTER HANDSET

#### 1. System Channel Settings

(Fig. 07)



Set the transmitter channel by adjusting the channel dip-switch located on the backside of the transmitter encoder board (refer to Fig. 07 above). Only the first six (6) positions are used for channel programming (refer to Fig. 08 below). The system channels table located on page 24 illustrates which dip-switch setting corresponds to which channel. Once the transmitter channel is altered do make sure to change receiver channel as well. The channel on both transmitter and receiver must be identical in order for system to work. To change receiver channel please refer to page 15.

Example:



Top slot  $\rightarrow$  "1" Bottom slot  $\rightarrow$  "0"

The above dip-switch setting **"1 0 0 1 0 0"** corresponds to "channel 36" in the system channels table on page 24.

## 2. Continuous Transmitting Time Adjustment



After the push button is released the transmitter will continue to transmit neutral signals to the receiver for up to one (1) minute. After one (1) minute the transmitter will cease transmission thus temporarily disconnecting the receiver MAIN.

After the push button is released the transmitter will continue to transmit neutral signals to the receiver for up to three (3) minutes. After three (3) minutes the transmitter will cease transmission thus temporarily disconnecting the receiver MAIN. Please contact your local dealer if your application requires transmitting on time other than the preset value above.

#### 3. Push Button Functions with LED Displays

#### A. Transmitter Toggle Push Button Settings

Set transmitter toggle (latching output relay) function by adjusting the 8-position function dip-switch located on the backside of the transmitter encoder board (refer to Fig. 09 & 10 below). The LED 1 through LED 4 shown inside the shaded box (see below) illustrates which LED on the transmitter will light up when the designated push button (PB1  $\sim$  PB4) is pressed.



(Fig. 09)



(Fig. 10)

|   | DIP      | PB1    | PB2    | PB3    | PB4    |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 00000000 | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal |
| 2 | 00000001 | Normal | Normal | Normal | LED 4  |
| 3 | 00000010 | Normal | Normal | LED 3  | LED 4  |
| 4 | 00000011 | Normal | LED 2  | LED 3  | LED 4  |
| 5 | 00000100 | LED 1  | LED 2  | LED 3  | LED 4  |

\*  $PB1...PB4 \rightarrow Push button number$ 

\* Normal  $\rightarrow$  Normal momentary contact

\* LED 1...LED 4  $\rightarrow$  Transmitter toggled with designated LED Display

#### **B.** A/B Selector Push Button Settings

There are four (4) different types of A/B selector sequence available on the Flex system. Choose the one that is most suitable for your application.

| Type-A selector sequence | : | $A \to B \to A \to B \dots$   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Type-B selector sequence | : | $Off \to A \to B \to Off \to A \to B \dots$   |
| Type-C selector sequence | : | $A \to B \to A {+}B \to A \to B \to A {+}B \dots$   |
| Type-D selector sequence | : | $\mathrm{Off} \to \mathrm{A} \to \mathrm{B} \to \mathrm{A}{+}\mathrm{B} \to \mathrm{Off} \to \mathrm{A} \to \mathrm{B} \to \mathrm{A}{+}\mathrm{B}$ |

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|    | DIP      | PB1    | PB2    | PB3    | PB4    |
|----|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 6  | 00011101 | Normal | Normal | A/1&2  | Normal |
| 7  | 00011110 | Normal | Normal | B/1&2  | Normal |
| 8  | 00011111 | Normal | Normal | C/1&2  | Normal |
| 9  | 00100000 | Normal | Normal | D/1&2  | Normal |
| 10 | 00100001 | Normal | Normal | Normal | A/3&4  |
| 11 | 00100010 | Normal | Normal | Normal | B/3&4  |
| 12 | 00100011 | Normal | Normal | Normal | C/3&4  |
| 13 | 00100100 | Normal | Normal | Normal | D/3&4  |
| 14 | 00100101 | Normal | Normal | A/1&2  | A/3&4  |
| 15 | 00100110 | Normal | Normal | A/1&2  | B/3&4  |
| 16 | 00100111 | Normal | Normal | A/1&2  | C/3&4  |
| 17 | 00101000 | Normal | Normal | A/1&2  | D/3&4  |
| 18 | 00101001 | Normal | Normal | B/1&2  | B/3&4  |
| 19 | 00101010 | Normal | Normal | B/1&2  | C/3&4  |
| 20 | 00101011 | Normal | Normal | B/1&2  | D/3&4  |
| 21 | 00101100 | Normal | Normal | C/1&2  | C/3&4  |
| 22 | 00101101 | Normal | Normal | C/1&2  | D/3&4  |
| 23 | 00101110 | Normal | Normal | D/1&2  | D/3&4  |

\*  $PB1...PB4 \rightarrow Push button number$ 

\* Normal  $\rightarrow$  Normal momentary contact

\*  $A/1\&2...D/3\&4 \rightarrow A/B$  Selector type with designated LED Display (LED 1&2 or LED 3&4)

#### 4. Channel Change via Push Buttons

Other than CHANNEL dip-switch on the encoder board, the transmitter channel can also be changed directly on the push buttons. Please refer to the instruction below on how to change transmitter channel via push buttons.

Press and hold PB1, PB2 and PB3 and rotate the power key to START position at the same time.
A series of green and red blinks will appear on the Status LED showing the current channel setting. A green blink represents the tens (+10) and a red blink represents the units (+1).

Examples: 2 green blinks followed by 5 red blinks represents channel 25. 6 red blinks represents channel 06.



b. Select new channel by pressing PB1 and PB2 on the transmitter. Press PB1 to increment the units (+1) and PB2 to increment the tens (+10).



Examples: Press PB2 two times and then PB1 four times will give you channel 24. Press PB1 nine times with give you channel 09.

- c. When finished, the newly selected channel will appear on the Status LED via series of green and red blinks again.
- d. Exit the channel programming by turning off the transmitter power.
- e. Make sure the receiver channel is set identical to the transmitter. Please refer to page 15 and page 30 on how to change receiver channel.
- f. Please note that when the CHANNEL dip-switch inside the transmitter is changed, the priority will revert back to the new channel set on the CHANNEL dip-switch.
- g. Please note that when channel is set beyond channel 62 via PB1 and PB2 (i.e. channel 63, 68, 88, etc...), the system will recognize it as channel 62.

#### 5. Program 4-digit Security Code

Prior to rotating the transmitter power key-switch to START position to begin operation, you must first enter a 4-digit security code in order to proceed further. When this 4-digit security code is input correctly after turning on the transmitter power, a green light will appear on the Status LED... proceed to START activation. If this 4-digit security code is input incorrectly, an orange light will appear on the Status LED... system locked. If this occurs, then you must reset the e-stop button and input the correct 4-digit code. Please refer to the instruction below on how to program the 4-digit security code.

a. Press and hold PB1, PB2, PB3 and PB4 and rotate the power key to START position at the same time.



- b. A constant orange light will appear on the Status LED telling you that you are in the security code programming mode.
- c. For newly purchased system with the security code function deactivated (default setting), press PB1 four times (1111) to activate the security code function. At this time the Status LED on the transmitter will blink orange slowly telling you that the 4 digits entered is correct. Then select your own 4-digit security code by pressing PB1, PB2, PB3 or PB4 on the transmitter (four presses randomly). At this time a fast orange blinks is displayed on the Status LED telling you to reconfirm the 4-digit security code you have just entered. A green light will appear once you have re-entered the same 4-digit security code again (programming completed). If red light is shown on the Status LED after you have re-entered the security code (incorrect input), then you must reset the transmitter power and then repeat step a, b and c again.

Steps: Press and hold PB1~PB4 and rotate power key to START position  $\rightarrow$  constant orange  $\rightarrow$  press PB1 four times (for new systems) or 4-digit security code  $\rightarrow$  slow orange blinks  $\rightarrow$  enter the new 4-digit security code  $\rightarrow$  fast orange blinks  $\rightarrow$  re-enter the same 4-didgit security code again  $\rightarrow$  green light.

- d. If you wish to cancel the security code function, then repeat a, b, c above and press PB1 four times as your new security code (security code function disabled).
- e. If you do not remember the 4-digit security code, then you must contact your dealer or distributor for further assistance.

#### 6. I-Chip

I-CHIP functioned in a way that is very similar to a SIM card inside a mobile phone, which stores information such as your phone number, account number, phone book and other settings. I-CHIP works exactly the same way, as it stores information such as system serial number/ID code, channel and push button configurations.

When replacing a transmitter handset, just take the I-CHIP out of the old transmitter and install it into the new one (refer to Fig. 11 below). The new transmitter handset will then operate according to the information stored in the I-CHIP unless the settings on both Channel and Function dip-switch are changed thereafter. Basically the microprocessor will operate according to the last setting change either on I-CHIP or the dip-switches.

For safety purposes, system serial number/ID code stored inside the I-CHIP can not be changed directly on the transmitter encoder board. Only channels and push button configurations can be changed directly on the encoder board via Channel and Function dip-switches. There are only two ways that you can change transmitter serial number/ID code; 1) via I-CHIP programming port located on the decoder module inside the receiver unit, please refer to page 23 on how to program the I-CHIP (serial number/ID code) via receiver unit; 2) via an external I-CHIP programmer or duplicator unit available from the factory. Please ask your local dealers for assistance if your system requires serial number/ID code adjustments.





(Fig. 11)

### **B. RECEIVER UNIT**

#### 1. System Channel Settings





Even though Flex system is equipped with automatic channel scanning receiver, the user can also set the receiver channel manually. Please refer to page 30 on how automatic channel scanning receiver works.

Set the receiver channel by adjusting the channel dip-switch located on the receiver module (refer to Fig. 12 above), only the first six (6) positions are used for channel programming (refer to Fig. 13 below). The system channels table located on page 24 illustrates which dip-switch setting corresponds to which channel. Once the receiver channel is altered do make sure to change transmitter channel as well. The channel on both transmitter and receiver must be identical in order for system to work. To change transmitter channel please refer to page 9.



The above dip-switch setting **"1 0 0 1 0 0"** corresponds to "channel 36" in the system channels table on page 24.

#### 2. Output Relay Configurations

#### a. Output Relay Types

 Three (3) output relays per motion – shared 2<sup>nd</sup> speed output relay Output relays with Forward 1<sup>st</sup> speed (F1), Reverse 1<sup>st</sup> speed (R1) and Forward/Reverse 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (F/R2). Forward and Reverse 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (F/R2) shared the same output relay.



2. Four (4) output relays per motion – separate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> speed output relays Output relays with Forward 1<sup>st</sup> speed (F1), Reverse 1<sup>st</sup> speed (R1), Forward 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (F2) and Reverse 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (R2). Forward and Reverse 2<sup>nd</sup> speed with separate output relays.



#### b. Output Relay Actions at 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed

1. **3-output relays configuration with Closed/Closed contact at 2<sup>nd</sup> speed** At 2<sup>nd</sup> speed, both 1<sup>st</sup> speed (F1 or R1) and 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (F/R2) output relays are closed (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function).



2. 4-output relays configuration with Opened/Closed contact at 2<sup>nd</sup> speed At 2<sup>nd</sup> speed, only the 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (F2 or R2) output relay is closed (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function).



**3. 4-output relays configuration with Closed/Closed contact at 2<sup>nd</sup> speed** At 2<sup>nd</sup> speed, both 1<sup>st</sup> speed (F1 or R1) and 2<sup>nd</sup> speed (F2 or R2) output relays are closed (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function).



#### c. ON/OFF Push Button Function

The user can set any of the two adjacent push buttons on the transmitter to behave like a mechanical ON & OFF rocker switch (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function). When "On" output relay is closed ("On" push button pressed), the "Off" output relay will open automatically, or vise versa.



#### d. Magnet ON/OFF Push Button Function

The user can set any of the two adjacent push buttons on the transmitter to control a magnet. To activate the magnet just press the push button with the Magnet symbol. To deactivate the magnet, for safety purpose, you must first press and hold the Magnet push button and then press the OFF push button. Press the OFF push button by itself can not deactivate the magnet (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function).



#### e. Brake Function

When the transmitter push button is released from  $2^{nd}$  speed up to  $1^{st}$  speed, both  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  speed output relays will open for up to 1.0 second and then with  $1^{st}$  speed output relay closed thereafter (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function).

#### f. External Warning Function

The user can install an external warning device (rotating lights, horn, etc...) to a special "Function output relay" located inside the receiver. The user can choose which push button pairs or crane motions he desired to have external warnings when push button is pressed (refer to page 20 on how to set to this function).

#### g. Momentary Contact

When push button is released the output relay corresponds to that push button will open (refer to page 21 on how to set to this function). This type of contact is usually applies to external application such as horns or buzzers.

#### h. Toggled Contact

When push button is released the output relay corresponds to that push button will remained closed (maintained contact) until next time the user presses the same push button again (refer to page 21 on how to set to this function). This type of contact is usually applies to external application such as lights.

#### i. 3<sup>rd</sup> Speed Push Button Function

This function allows the crane to travel an additional step beyond  $2^{nd}$  speed. For example, if the operator is pressing the "UP" push button down to  $2^{nd}$  speed, pressing the  $3^{rd}$  speed push button (with "UP" push button still hold at  $2^{nd}$  speed) will toggle between  $2^{nd}$  speed and  $3^{rd}$  speed (refer to page 21 on how to set to this function).



#### j. Auxiliary STOP Push Button Function (JP3 must be inserted)

The auxiliary STOP function acts as a  $2^{nd}$  emergency stop button. Other than by emergency stop button and transmitter power key switch, the receiver MAIN is also deactivated when this auxiliary stop push button is pressed (refer to page 21 on how to set to this function).



#### 3. Receiver Auto-Scanning Settings

#### **Receiver Channel Dip-switch**



\* If the first 6 dip-switch positions on the receiving module is set to Ch.01 ("000000" or "000001"), when set to 2-channel scanning (type-3 above), then the receiver will only scan Ch.01 and Ch.02.

#### 4. Dip-Switch Settings

#### a. Interlocked Functions

Interlocked means the two adjacent push buttons can not be activated simultaneously at the same time as it will cancel each other out. Interlocked settings are usually applied to forward and reverse motions. Each dip-switch on the decoder module corresponds to one (1) motion or two (2) adjacent push buttons (refer to Fig. 14 & 15 below). Only the first 7 dip-switch positions are used (counting from left to right), the 8<sup>th</sup> dip-switch position (far right) is not used.

(Fig. 14)





| Manufact        | ure preset  |                     |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| Dip<br>Settings | Function Descriptions   | # of Relays<br>Used |
| 0000000         | Normal (single speed only, F2 & R2 relays not used)   | 2                   |
| 0000001         | Closed/Closed Relay Action at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Speed (separate 2 <sup>nd</sup> speed relay)  | 4                   |
| 0000010         | Closed/Closed Relay Action at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Speed (shared 2 <sup>nd</sup> speed relay)  | 3                   |
| 0000011         | Opened/Closed Relay Action at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Speed (separate 2 <sup>nd</sup> speed relay)  | 4                   |
| 0000110         | On (right button) & Off (left button)   | 2                   |
| 0001001         | On + Start / Off + Start Prior to pressing the button you must<br>first rotate and hold the power key switch at START position<br>to activate On or Off relays. | 2                   |
| 0000111         | Safety Magnet On & Off  | 2                   |
| 0001010         | FWD/REV toggled (latching)  | 2                   |
| 0010000         | Normal + External Warning*  | 2                   |
| 0010001         | Closed/Closed Relay Action + External Warning*  | 4                   |
| 0010010         | Closed / Closed Relay Action + External Warning*  | 3                   |
| 0010011         | Opened/Closed Relay Action + External Warning*  | 4                   |
| 0100001         | Closed/Closed + Brake   | 4                   |
| 0100010         | Closed/Closed Relay Action + Brake  | 3                   |
| 0100011         | Opened/Closed Relay Action + Brake  | 4                   |
| 0110001         | Closed/Closed Relay Action + Brake + External Warning*  | 4                   |
| 0110010         | Closed/Closed Relay Action + Brake + External Warning*  | 3                   |
| 0110011         | Opened/Closed Relay Action + Brake + External Warning*  | 4                   |

\* External warning function requires installing an external warning device such as horn and rotating lights to the function relay output.

#### b. Non-Interlocked Functions

Contrary to interlocked settings, non-interlocked settings allow the two adjacent push buttons be used simultaneously at the same time. Non-interlocked settings are usually applied to crane's auxiliary functions such as lights, horn, 3<sup>rd</sup> speed and auxiliary stop. Each dip-switch on the decoder module corresponds to one (1) motion or two (2) adjacent push buttons (left & right push buttons).

| Function<br>Code | Dip<br>Position<br>Setting<br>#1 | Dip Position Setting<br>#2 ~ #4 (left button)<br>&<br>#5 ~ #7 (right button) | Function Description  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| А                | 1                                | 000  | Normal (momentary) contact  |
| В                | 1                                | 001  | Toggled (latching) contact  |
| С                | 1                                | 010  | Acceleration (3 <sup>rd</sup> speed)  |
| D                | 1                                | 100  | Normal + Start function. For added safety,<br>you must first rotate and hold the power key<br>switch at "START" position and then press<br>the intended push button at the same<br>time to activate the output relay. |
| Е                | 1                                | 111  | Auxiliary Stop  |

| Example #1: Left button (set to function code A) / right button (set to function code A) | $\rightarrow$ | 1 000 000 |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Example #2: Left button (set to function code B) / right button (set to function code B) | $\rightarrow$ | 1 001 001 |
| Example #3: Left button (set to function code A) / right button (set to function code C) | $\rightarrow$ | 1 000 010 |
| Example #4: Left button (set to function code E) / right button (set to function code A) | $\rightarrow$ | 1 111 000 |

! When set to "Auxiliary Stop" do make sure that JP3 is inserted (refer to jumper settings next page).

#### 5. Jumper Settings

Jumper settings are applied to functions such as Start command, system information (serial number/ID code) programming and system testing. The jumpers  $#3 \sim #7$  are located on the decoder/relay board between the receiving RF module and the output relays (refer to Fig.16 below).



(Fig. 16)

| Manufacture preset |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Jumper Settings    | Function  |
| JP3<br>(Blank)     | After 1 or 3 minutes of transmitter inactivity (MAIN deactivated), press<br>any push button on the transmitter to reactivate the receiver MAIN.                 |
| JP3<br>(Inserted)  | After 1 or 3 minutes of transmitter inactivity (MAIN deactivated), rotate the transmitter power key-switch to "START" position to reactivate the receiver MAIN. |
| JP6<br>(Blank)     | Program system serial number/ID code and channel from decoder module<br>to I-CHIP.  |
| JP6<br>(Inserted)  | Program system serial number/ID code and channel from I-CHIP to decoder module.   |
| JP7<br>(Inserted)  | For system test only, receiver MAIN disabled.   |

#### 6. I-Chip Programming Port



I-CHIP programming port located on the decoder module (refer to Fig. 17 above) inside the receiver is designed for the purpose of transferring system serial number/ID code either from I-CHIP to receiver or from receiver to I-CHIP. If you wish to transfer system information from receiver to I-CHIP, just insert the I-CHIP onto the programming port (JP6 jumper not inserted), wait until the Status LED on the decoder module turned constant green (within 2 seconds), and then take the I-CHIP out of the programming port (programming completed). At this time the I-CHIP should also possess the same serial number/ID code as the receiver. If the Status LED on the decoder module displayed a constant red light after inserting the I-CHIP (programming failed), then you must reinsert the I-CHIP one more time. On the other hand, if you wish to transfer system information from I-CHIP to receiver, then you must first insert JP6 jumper prior to inserting the I-CHIP, then wait for the green light to appear on the Status LED. At this time the receiver should also possess the same system information as the I-CHIP. Please note that the receiver unit must be powered in order to proceed with the programming.

#### 7. Fuse Ratings

| FUSE #   | 110~120VAC   | 220~240VAC   | 380~400VAC   | 410~460VAC   | 24VAC        | 42 & 48VAC   | 9~36VDC       |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| F1 ~ F8  | 5.0A (clear)  |
| F9 ~ F10 | 0.5A (blue)  | 0.5A (blue)  | 0.5A (blue)  | 0.5A (blue)  | 1.0A (red)   | 1.0A (red)   | 2.0A (purple) |

| Channel | Frequency  | Dip-switch<br>Setting | Channel | Frequency  | Dip-switch<br>Setting |
|---------|------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| 01      | 433.000MHZ | 000000                | 32      | 433.775MHZ | 100000                |
| 01      | 433.000MHZ | 000001                | 33      | 433.800MHZ | 100001                |
| 02      | 433.025MHZ | 000010                | 34      | 433.825MHZ | 100010                |
| 03      | 433.050MHZ | 000011                | 35      | 433.850MHZ | 100011                |
| 04      | 433.075MHZ | 000100                | 36      | 433.875MHZ | 100100                |
| 05      | 433.100MHZ | 000101                | 37      | 433.900MHZ | 100101                |
| 06      | 433.125MHZ | 000110                | 38      | 433.925MHZ | 100110                |
| 07      | 433.150MHZ | 000111                | 39      | 433.950MHZ | 100111                |
| 08      | 433.175MHZ | 001000                | 40      | 433.975MHZ | 101000                |
| 09      | 433.200MHZ | 001001                | 41      | 434.000MHZ | 101001                |
| 10      | 433.225MHZ | 001010                | 42      | 434.025MHZ | 101010                |
| 11      | 433.250MHZ | 001011                | 43      | 434.050MHZ | 101011                |
| 12      | 433.275MHZ | 001100                | 44      | 434.075MHZ | 101100                |
| 13      | 433.300MHZ | 001101                | 45      | 434.100MHZ | 101101                |
| 14      | 433.325MHZ | 001110                | 46      | 434.125MHZ | 101110                |
| 15      | 433.350MHZ | 001111                | 47      | 434.150MHZ | 101111                |
| 16      | 433.375MHZ | 010000                | 48      | 434.175MHZ | 110000                |
| 17      | 433.400MHZ | 010001                | 49      | 434.200MHZ | 110001                |
| 18      | 433.425MHZ | 010010                | 50      | 434.225MHZ | 110010                |
| 19      | 433.450MHZ | 010011                | 51      | 434.250MHZ | 110011                |
| 20      | 433.475MHZ | 010100                | 52      | 434.275MHZ | 110100                |
| 21      | 433.500MHZ | 010101                | 53      | 434.300MHZ | 110101                |
| 22      | 433.525MHZ | 010110                | 54      | 434.325MHZ | 110110                |
| 23      | 433.550MHZ | 010111                | 55      | 434.350MHZ | 110111                |
| 24      | 433.575MHZ | 011000                | 56      | 434.375MHZ | 111000                |
| 25      | 433.600MHZ | 011001                | 57      | 434.400MHZ | 111001                |
| 26      | 433.625MHZ | 011010                | 58      | 434.425MHZ | 111010                |
| 27      | 433.650MHZ | 011011                | 59      | 434.450MHZ | 111011                |
| 28      | 433.675MHZ | 011100                | 60      | 434.475MHZ | 111100                |
| 29      | 433.700MHZ | 011101                | 61      | 434.500MHZ | 111101                |
| 30      | 433.725MHZ | 011110                | 62      | 434.525MHZ | 111110                |
| 31      | 433.750MHZ | 011111                |         |            |                       |

# **5. System Channels Table**

# 6. Receiver Installation

# A. OUTPUT RELAY CONTACT DIAGRAM

Push button 1~2

Push button 3~4





#### MAIN / Function



- \* For 3-relay (shared  $2^{nd}$  speed) and 4-relay (separate  $2^{nd}$  speed) configuration please refer to page 16~20.
- \* For 4-relay closed/closed and 4-relay opened/closed relay configuration please refer to page 16~20.
- For 9~36VDC power supply, wire #1 corresponds to the negative charge (-) and wire #3 corresponds to the positive charge (+), wire #2 is for GROUND.
- \* Wire #6 is for "Normal Close" single main output and wire #8 is for "Normal Open" dual main outputs.

# **B. PRE-INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS**

- 1. Make sure the transmitter and receiver are with identical serial number/ID code and channel.
- Make sure the receiver is not set to the same channel as any other systems in use in the surrounding area.
- 3. Make sure that the crane or equipment is working properly prior to installation.
- 4. Make sure the power source to the receiver is set correctly.
- 5. Switch off the main power source to the crane or equipment prior to installation.

# C. STEP-BY-STEP INSTALLATION



- 1. For best reception the location of the receiver should be visible to the operator at all time.
- The location selected should not be exposed to high levels of electric noise. Mounting the receiver next to an unshielded variable frequency drive may cause minor interference. Always locate the receiver as far away from variable frequency drive as possible.
- Ensure the selected location has adequate space to accommodate the receiver (refer to Fig. 18 on page 26).
- 4. For better reception, make sure the receiver is in an upright position.
- Drill two holes (8mm in diameter) on the control panel or location where the receiver is to be installed (see diagram below).
- 6. Make sure the two bolts are tightened after installation.
- 7. For system wiring please refer to page 25.



## **D. SYSTEM TESTING**

- Turn on the power source to the receiver and test the MAIN relay output by pressing the red emergency stop button and observe that it properly opens and closes the mainline disconnect contactor.
- Test the operation of each function to ensure it corresponds to the transmitter direction labels or the pendent it is replacing.
- 3. Test the limit switches (if any) to see if they are working properly.
- 4. If your new remote control is replacing an existing pendant, make sure it is completely disconnected and placed in a safe location to prevent unwanted control command.

# 7. Operating Procedure

# A. TRANSMITTER OPERATION

#### 1. General Operating Procedure

a. Reset the red emergency stop button located on the top left hand side of the transmitter handset by rotating it either clockwise or counter clockwise, the red button will pop up.



b. Turn on the transmitter power by inserting the black-colored key into the power key slot located on the top right hand side of the transmitter handset and rotate it clockwise to "On" position.





- c. After turning the transmitter power on, check the Status LED on the transmitter handset for any sign of system irregularities (refer to "Status Light Indicators & Warnings" on page 31). If the system is normal the Status LED will light up green for two (2) seconds.
- d. If there are no signs of any system irregularities, then rotate the power key-switch further to START position for up to 1.0 second to activate all transmitter push button functions and as well as the receiver MAIN. Then press any push button on the transmitter to begin operation. Pressing any push button prior to initiating the START command will result in no signal transmitted (blinking orange light).



- e. In case of an emergency, press down the red emergency stop button will immediately disconnect the receiver MAIN and as well as the transmitter power. To resume operation, rotate the red button clockwise or counter-clockwise, it will pop up. Then rotate the power key-switch to START position for up to 1.0 second to activate all transmitter push button functions and the receiver MAIN. Please note that every time when you turn the transmitter power off and back on again or after resetting the emergency stop button, all push button functions will be locked to avoid any unintentional controls. For safety, initiating the START command after turning on the transmitter power or after resetting the emergency stop button is strictly required.
- f. After 1 minute of inactivity (push button not pressed) the receiver MAIN will be disconnected temporarily. To resume operation, just press any push button on the transmitter (depending on JP3 setting on page 22). If this 1-minute inactivity time is not sufficient for your application, you can also extend this inactivity time from 1 minute up to 3 minutes (refer to Continuous Transmitting Time Adjustment on page 9). The receiver MAIN will also be disconnected temporarily when the receiver encounters strong radio interference or when the operator is controlling the crane or equipment beyond the transmitting range.
- g. Turn off the transmitter power by rotating the power key counter-clockwise to "Off" position; it will disconnect the transmitter power and the receiver MAIN altogether. Turn it further counter-clockwise to release the key.

#### 2. A/B Selector Push Button Operating Procedure

Pressing the "Select A/B" push button will toggle between output relay A, B, A+B respectively. There are 4 different types of Select A/B sequence available, please refer to page 11 for instructions on how to set Select A/B functions.





## 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Speed Push Button Operating Procedure

When a push button is hold at 2<sup>nd</sup> speed, pressing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Speed push button one time will activate the 3<sup>rd</sup> speed output relay (toggled). If the operator wants 2<sup>nd</sup> speed again, just press the 3<sup>rd</sup> Speed push button one more time.



#### 4. Automatic Channel Scanning Operating Procedure

After changing transmitter channel (refer to page 9), turn on the transmitter power and rotate the power key switch to "Start" position and hold it there for up to 1.0 minute. Within this 1-minute period the receiver will search (channel  $01 \sim$  channel 62) and lock onto the newly selected transmitter channel automatically. Please note that in order for the receiver to switch to auto-scanning mode, prior to changing the transmitter channel, you must first deactivate the receiver MAIN by shutting off the transmitter power or press down the emergency stop button. Please refer to page 19 if you do not want the receiver to auto-scan all 62 channels.

Change Transmitter Channel



#### 5. Changing Transmitter Batteries

Changing transmitter batteries by unscrewing the battery cover located on the backside of the transmitter (refer to Fig. 19 below). During battery installations make sure that the blue ribbon is centered between the two batteries. After changing the batteries also make sure that all screws are tightened to avoid water, moisture, dirt, grease, or other liquid penetration.







(Fig. 19)

# **B. STATUS LIGHT INDICATORS & WARNINGS**

# 1. Transmitter STATUS Light Indication

| Туре | Display Type                              | Indication   |
|------|---|--|
| 1    | Constant red                              | Voltage below 1.9V at initial power on,<br>transmitter power and receiver MAIN shuts off.<br>Voltage below 1.8V during operation,<br>transmitter power and receiver MAIN shuts off.  |
| 2    | 1 red blinks followed by a 2-second pause | Voltage below 1.85V during operation, warning,<br>change batteries suggested.  |
| 3    | 2 red blinks followed by a 2-second pause | The pushbutton is defective after turning on the transmitter power.  |
| 4    | No light displayed                        | When defective push button condition occurs<br>(2 red blinks, type 3 above), find out which push<br>button is defective by pressing all the push<br>buttons on the transmitter one at a time. If the<br>push button is in good working order, the LED<br>will not light up when pressed. If the push<br>button is defective the LED will continue to<br>display 2 red blinks when pressed. |
| 5    | 3 red blinks followed by a 2-second pause | EEPROM error.  |
| 6    | 4 red blinks followed by a 2-second pause | Transmitting error, system can not locked on to the designated channel.  |
| 7    | Constant green for up to 2 seconds        | Transmitter power on with no faults detected.  |
| 8    | Blinking green                            | Transmission in progress.  |
| 9    | Blinking orange                           | Transmitter push button functions locked.  |

| Туре | Display Type (Green & Red) | Indication  |
|------|----------------------------|---|
| 1    | Fast green blinks          | Decoding in process                               |
| 2    | Slow green blinks          | Decoding on standby                               |
| 3    | Two red blinks             | Receiver MAIN jammed or defective                 |
| 4    | Fast red blinks            | Incorrect transmitter serial number/ID code       |
| 5    | Constant red               | Receiver under-voltage, LV output relay activated |
| 6    | No light displayed         | Decoding microprocessor is defective              |

## 2. Receiver STATUS Light Indication

# 3. Receiver SQ Light Indication

| Туре | Display Type (Red)    | Indication               |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1    | Fast blinks           | Transmission received    |
| 2    | Completely off        | No transmission          |
| 3    | Blinks intermittently | Other radio interference |

## 4. Receiver POWER Light Indication

| Туре | Display Type (Red) | Indication           |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | On                 | Power to receiver    |
| 2    | Off                | No power to receiver |

# 5. Receiver COM Light Indication

| Туре | Display Type (Red) | Indication              |
|------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1    | On                 | Power to relay Board    |
| 2    | Off                | No power to relay board |

# C. TROUBLE SHOOTING TIPS

| Problems  | Possible Reasons                                 | Suggestions   |
|---|--|---|
|   | Transmitter low battery power                    | Check the transmitter battery level.  |
|   | Emergency stop button activated prior to startup | Prior to turning on the transmitter power<br>switch make sure that the red emergency<br>stop button is elevated.  |
| No responds when transmitter push   | Transmitter push button<br>functions locked      | Initiate the Start command by rotating the power key-switch to START position.  |
| button is pressed<br>(Improper startup &  | Incorrect system RF channel                      | Check and make sure that the transmitter<br>handset and receiver unit both have the<br>same channel.  |
| settings)   | Incorrect system serial number/ID code           | Check and make sure that the transmitter<br>handset and receiver unit both have the<br>same serial number/ID code.  |
|   | System out of range                              | Make sure that the operating distance is within the control range.  |
| No responds when<br>transmitter push<br>button is pressed<br>(Damaged hardware) | Defective transmitting and receiving module      | Check the SQ display on the face of the<br>receiver unit. If it does not light up<br>when push button is pressed then either<br>the transmitting or receiving module is<br>defective. First replace the transmitting<br>module. If SQ display still not lid when<br>push button is pressed then go ahead<br>and replace the receiving module. |
| (~~~~~)   | Defective encoder<br>board or decoder module     | If still no responds, then replace the<br>transmitter encoder board. If still<br>doesn't work then the decoder module<br>is defective.  |
| No AC nomento   | Incorrect input voltage                          | Make sure the source voltage is set correctly.  |
| the receiver  | Blown fuse                                       | Check for any blown fuse.   |
|   | Incorrect wiring                                 | Check input voltage connection.   |
| Outputs do not<br>correspond to<br>transmitter                                  | Incorrect output connection                      | Check the system wiring again. Please<br>refer to the output contact diagram inside<br>this manual or on the receiver cover.  |

# 8. System Specifications

| Frequency Range               | : | 433 ~ 434 MHz   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of Channels            | : | 62 channels   |
| Channel Spacing               | : | 25 KHz  |
| Modulation                    | : | Digital Frequency Modulation based on   |
|                               |   | Manchester Code, 20bit address, 32bit CRC   |
|                               |   | Parity Check and Hamming Code.  |
| Encoder & Decoder             | : | Microprocessor-controlled   |
| Transmitting Range            | : | >100 Meters / 300 Feet  |
| Hamming Distance              | : | >6  |
| Frequency Control             | : | Synthesized PLL (Phase Lock Loop)   |
| Receiver Type                 | : | Frequency Auto Scanning   |
| Receiver Sensitivity          | : | -116dBm   |
| Spurious Emission             | : | -50dB   |
| Antenna Impedance             | : | 50 ohms   |
| Responding Time               | : | 40 Milliseconds (average)   |
| Transmitting Power            | : | 1.0mW   |
| Enclosure Type                | : | NEMA-4  |
| Enclosure Rating              | : | IP-66   |
| Output Contact Rating         | : | 250V @ 8 Amps   |
| Transmitter Operating Voltage | : | DC 3.0V   |
| Receiver Power Consumption    | : | 2.5 ~ 8.0 VA  |
| Operating Temperature         | : | $\text{-25}^\circ\text{C} \sim 75^\circ\text{C} \text{ / -13}^\circ\text{F} \sim 167^\circ\text{F}$ |
| Transmitter Dimension         | : | 138mm (L) x 69mm (W) x 34mm (H)   |
| Receiver Dimension            | : | 180mm (L) x 150mm (W) x 82mm (H)  |
| Transmitter Weight            | : | 192g / 6.8oz  |
| Receiver Weight               | : | 2.1kg / 4.6lb (include output cable)  |

# 9. Spare Parts

| 1.  | Transmitting Module (433/434MHz)           | TRB 01        |
|-----|--|---------------|
| 2.  | Encoder Board (complete with push buttons) | ENB 04        |
| 3.  | I-CHIP (complete)                          | ICP 01        |
| 4.  | Receiving Module                           | <b>RVB 01</b> |
| 5.  | Decoder/Relay Board                        | DRB 13        |
| 6.  | AC Line Filter Board                       | LFB 07        |
| 7.  | Power Transformer                          |               |
|     | DC 9~36V                                   | PTF 14        |
|     | AC 24V                                     | PTF 06        |
|     | AC 42V                                     | PTF 07        |
|     | AC 48V                                     | PTF 08        |
|     | AC 110~120V                                | PTF 09        |
|     | AC 220~240V                                | PTF 10        |
|     | AC 380~400V                                | PTF 11        |
|     | AC 410~460V                                | PTF 12        |
| 8.  | Transmitter Top Casing                     | TTC 01        |
| 9.  | Transmitter Bottom Casing                  | TBC 01        |
| 10. | Transmitter Battery Cover                  | TBC 04        |
| 11. | Receiver Top Casing                        | RTC 05        |
| 12. | Receiver Bottom Casing                     | RBC 05        |
| 13. | Receiver Mounting Plate                    | RMP 05        |
| 14. | Cord Grip                                  | CGR 03        |
| 15. | Shock Mount                                | SMT 02        |
| 16. | 2-Step Push Button                         | PBN 02        |
| 17. | 3-Stage Mechanical Selector Switch         | SWT 01        |
| 18. | Push Button Rubber Boot                    | PRB 01        |
| 19. | Emergency Stop Button                      | EMS 01        |
| 20. | Transmitter Power Keys Switch              | PWK 01        |
| 21. | Waist Belt                                 | WBT 01        |
| 22. | Strap Ring                                 | STR 01        |
| 23. | Safety MAIN relay                          | SMR 01        |
| 24. | Regular Output Relay                       | RLY 02        |
| 25. | Clear Vinyl Pouch                          | CVP 01        |

# **CE** EU Declaration of Conformity **CE** (EMC, R&TTE, SAFETY & MACHINERY)

#### For the following equipment:

| Product                   | : | Flex Series Radio Remote Control System       |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Multiple Listee Model No. | : | Flex 4ES/EX, Flex 8ES/EX, Flex 12ES/EX        |
| Manufacturer's Name       | : | Advanced Radiotech Corporation                |
| Manufacturer's Address    | : | 1F, 288-1, Hsin Ya Road, Chien Chen District, |
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We herby declare, that all major safety requirements, concerning the CE Mark Directive 2006/42/EC and Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC, Electromagnetic Compatibility Directives 2004/108/EC, R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC are fulfilled, as laid out in the guideline set down by the member states of the EEC Commission.

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