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# **FP1500**

**Analogue Addressable Fire  
Panel**

## **User Guide**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION



*This fire panel has been designed and manufactured in compliance with EN54-2 and EN54-4 1997 standards.*

This is a detailed manual for the proper use of the system. To avoid potential problems and accidents, it is advised that manual is studied before using this equipment.

## 1.1 General description

This fire panel has been designed to guarantee high reliability and ease of use. Its loop structure allows for flexible system configuration.

In addition to the standard loop outputs the fire panel includes: two serial ports (RS232 and/or RS485); two monitored sounder outputs; two voltage-free contact relays; an auxiliary 24 VDC output.

A PC, external printer, modem, GSM modem or Ethernet network connection module can be connected to the fire panel via the RS232 port. This supports short-distance communications up to 15 metres.

The RS485 port supports communications up to 1.2 km and allows for the creation of connected fire and repeater panels networks.

The FP1500 fire panel is available in one and two loop versions.

## 1.2 Safety precautions and warnings



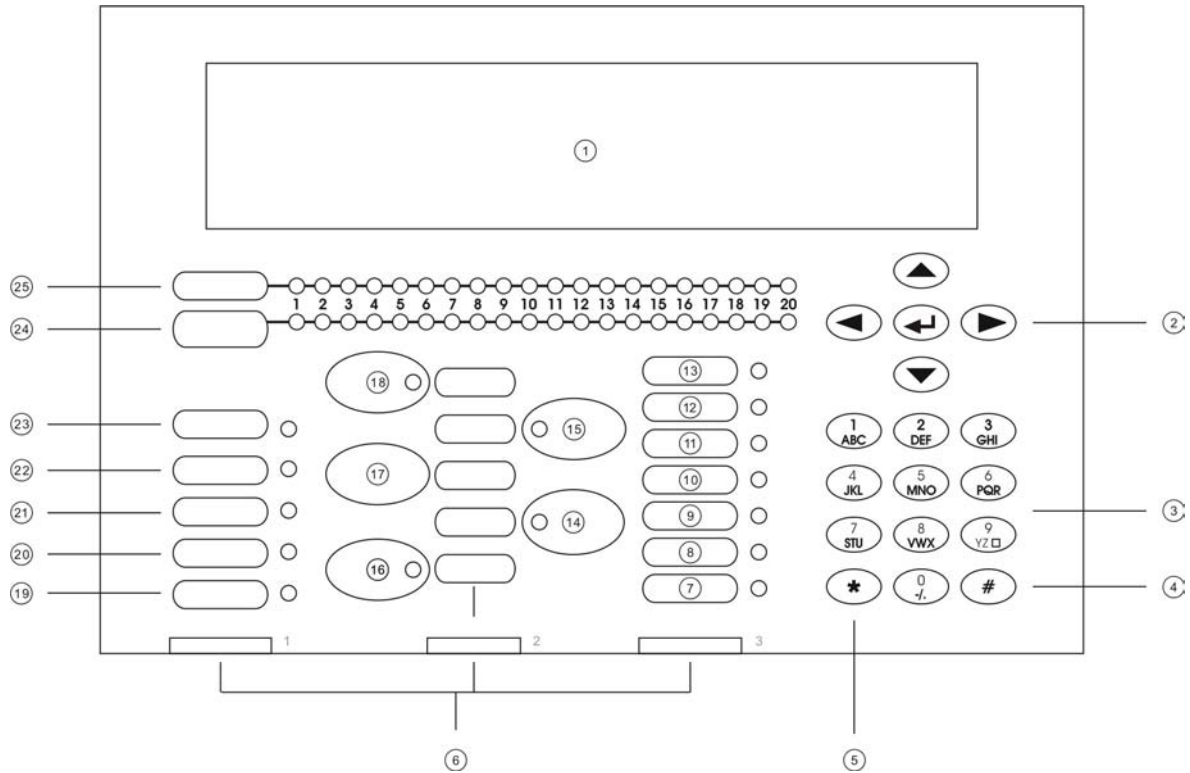
*The proper way of supplying current to the panel is:*

- *First connect the mains (110 VAC or 230 VAC).*
- *Then connect the batteries.*

*Not following this recommendation may damage the system.*

# 2 THE CONTROL PANEL

## 2.1 General view of the control panel



- |                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. LCD                           | 14. Silence Buzzer key / LED         |
| 2. Navigation and enter (↵) keys | 15. Sounders Silence key / LED       |
| 3. Alphanumeric keypad           | 16. Evacuation key / LED             |
| 4. Exit menu key                 | 17. Reset key                        |
| 5. Change key                    | 18. Sounders On key / LED            |
| 6. Language card slots           | 19. Test LED                         |
| 7. Earth Fault LED               | 20. Disabled LED                     |
| 8. Relays Disabled LED           | 21. Fault LED                        |
| 9. Sounder Delay LED             | 22. Fire LED                         |
| 10. Sounder Fault / Disabled LED | 23. Supply On LED                    |
| 11. System Fault LED             | 24. Fault / Disabled / Test zone LED |
| 12. Supply Fault LED             | 25. Fire zone LED                    |
| 13. Out of Service LED           |                                      |

## 2.2 Keyboard functions

### 2.2.1 Keys

The main keys in the control panel are:

Key	Description
Sounders On	Activates all sounders.
Sounders Silence	Silences all sounders.
Silence Buzzer	Silences the internal buzzer while an incident or fault is investigated.
Reset	Resets the system.
Evacuation	Sets the system to alarm status releasing all sounders and any other programmed events through the relay outputs.

### 2.2.2 Keypad

Use the alphanumeric keypad to:

- Enter text and numbers.
- Select menu options using the \* key.
- Cancel an operation and exit the current menu using the # key.
- Confirm an entry using the ↵key.
- Navigate alarm faults in the display using the up / down arrow keys.
- Navigate numeric fields using the left / right arrow keys.

### 2.2.3 LED indicators

The main LED indicators in the control panel are:

Key	Description
Supply On	Mains power is ON.
Fire	An alarm has been detected and is indicated in the corresponding zone LED.
Fault	A general fault has been detected.
Disabled	An output or device has been disconnected making the installation incomplete. Full protection cannot be guaranteed.
Test	Highlights that a test is being performed at a certain part of the installation.
Supply Fault	The fire panel is not properly powered due to either a mains shutdown or a battery problem.

Sounder Fault / Disabled	One (or more) of the sounder outputs has a problem or is disabled.
System fault	There is a malfunction in the fire panel.
Relays disabled	A relay output has been disabled. The fire panel is not able to release any safety device in the event of a potential risk situation.
Sounder Delay	The fire panel has detected a fire but has not activated the sounders or relays as a time delay has been programmed.
Earth Fault	There is a current leakage. Cable runs must be checked.
Silence Buzzer	The internal buzzer has been silenced.
Out of Service	The fire panel does not work.

## 2.3 Access levels and passwords

Following EN54 standard (1997), part 2, the fire panel has different access levels as a security measure. The configuration and control menus can be accessed only if the appropriate password is entered.

**Level 1:** All the panel indications are operational, but only visual control of the fire panel is allowed to verify that everything is working properly. The controls are blocked. No password is required to access this level.

**Level 2:** This level is reserved for the person or persons responsible for controlling the proper operation of the fire system. Up to 10 different passwords can be defined by the installer. The user can access the panel controls and switch on and off zones and adjust the time and the date, but cannot make changes in the configuration.

There are two additional access level reserved for the installation specialist and the manufacturer.

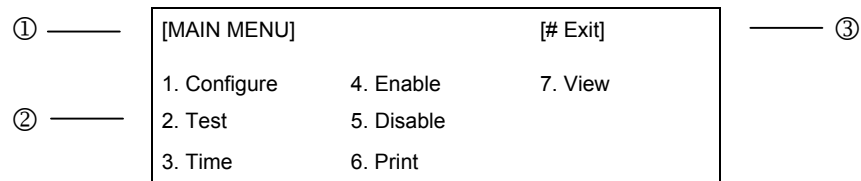
# 3 THE USER MENU

## 3.1 Introduction and menu access



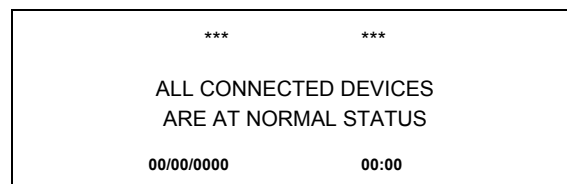
Instructions in this section refer to access level 2. See section 2.3 Access levels and passwords.

The LCD has 4 lines of information of 40 characters each. The menu is structured in the following way:



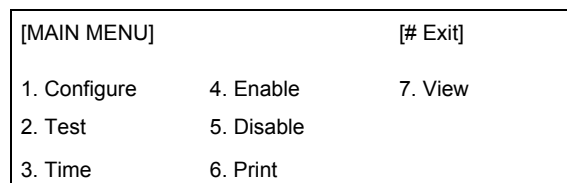
1. Menu title; 2. Menu options; 3. Use the # key to exit the current menu.

When set-up of the system is complete and all devices configured, the control panel displays the following message:



To access the user menu press  $\leftarrow$  and enter your password. Once the password has been entered the **Main Menu** is displayed.

## 3.2 The main menu



### 3.2.1 Configure

The **Configure** option is not available to standard users. Configuration may only be performed by qualified personnel.

### 3.2.2 Test

Allows tests on the panel LED indicators and display. From the **Main Menu** select **Test**. The following options appear:



**LED:** If selected the message *Checking LEDs* is displayed and the fire panel switches the panel LED indicators on one by one to verify all work properly.

**LCD:** If selected the system tests the panel LCD.

**Zone:** This option tests outputs (alarms) without requiring a manual reset of the system. When selected the system asks if outputs should be released. If yes the outputs will be activated briefly and then silenced automatically.

It is also possible to select which zones to test. To check the outputs from zone 1 to zone 10 enter the following:

Zone test	
From Zone	: [001]
To Zone	: [010]
Release Outputs	: [YES]

The Test LED indicator will be lit and a test screen displayed in the LCD until the test is completed.

To cancel all tests and / or return to the previous menu press the # key.

### 3.2.3 Time

Updates the system time setting. The default time format is 24 hour.

### 3.2.4 Enable / Disable

Zones, devices, the keyboard, the delay mode and relays / sounders may all be enabled or disabled.

To **Enable** an item select **Enable** from the **Main Menu**. The following menu is displayed:

[ENABLE]	[# Exit]
1. Zone	4. Delayed Mode
2. Devices	5. Relay / Sounders
3. Keyboard	

To **Disable** an item select **Disable** from the **Main Menu**. The following menu is displayed:

[DISABLE]	[# Exit]
1. Zone	4. Delayed Mode
2. Devices	5. Relay / Sounders
3. Keyboard	



*The following procedures apply to both enabling and disabling features of the system. Choose **Enable** or **Disable** from the **Main Menu** as required.*

### 3.2.4.1 Zone

Select **Zone** from the **Disable Menu**. The system will ask which zone is to be disabled . Enter the zone to be modified.

Disable zone number : [001]

The fire panel will activate the internal buzzer to confirm a zone has been disabled. Press **↵** to silence the buzzer.

A message will confirm the details of the event and the time it was performed.

Incidence : 1 of 1 at 00 :00

**\*\*ZONE DISABLED\*\***

Panel: 1    Zone: 1

A disabled zone will be highlighted with the corresponding Disabled LED indicator on the panel.



*Devices assigned to a disabled zone will **not** be controlled by the fire panel but output signals (sounders, relays) will remain active.*

### 3.2.4.2 Devices

Every element of the installation can be enabled or disabled independently.

Select **Devices** from the **Disable Menu**. The system will ask for the loop number and the device address.

Loop : [01]    Address : [001]

Enter the loop number and the device address and press **↵**. The Disabled LED will be activated.

The device may be enabled again following the same procedure in the **Enable Menu**.



*Signals from a disabled device will not be processed by the fire panel but output signals (sounders, relays) will remain active.*

### 3.2.4.3 Keyboard

The control panel keyboard may also be disabled by selecting **Keyboard** from the **Disable Menu**.

To re-activate the keyboard a level 2 access password must be entered (see section 2.3 Access levels and passwords).

#### 3.2.4.4 Delayed mode

A time delay can be programmed in any zone for daylight hours or for a specified period of the day. It may only be programmed in access level 3 (i.e. by the installer) but can be disabled and enabled as required from access level 2.

Delay modes allow the user to verify the cause of the alarm before outputs (relays and sounders) are activated.

When this option is enabled the corresponding LEDs of the front panel are switched on.

When the fire panel detects a fire and a delay has been programmed only the fire panel internal buzzer is activated. Through the LCD display and corresponding LEDs, the system informs the operator about the device that originated the alarm and that the system is in the first phase of a delayed alarm.

By pressing the **Silence Buzzer** key, the system moves into the second delayed alarm phase, normally programmed to be long enough to allow confirmation of the cause of the alarm and apply the appropriate corrective actions.

If the Silence Buzzer key is NOT pressed, the system moves into the confirmed alarm mode.

The fire panel must be **Reset** before the programmed delay for phase 2 has expired, else the confirmed alarm will be triggered.



*Manual call points always trigger a confirmed alarm situation as no delay is allowed.*

When **Delayed Mode** is selected, the system asks for the number of days that this delay mode should be active. Using the \* key enter the required number. Once activated, the Delayed Mode LED is switched on.



*To enable the delay mode permanently, enter 200 days.*

#### 3.2.4.5 Relay / Sounders

This option is useful to check the system without releasing the sounders and outputs.

Select **Relay / Sounders** from the **Disable Menu** and select the item to be disabled from the following screen.

1. Sounders	[Enabled]
2. Relays	[Enabled]

An access level password is requested to complete this option and a confirmation screen details the event.

<p style="text-align: center;">Event: 1 of 1 at 00:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**RELAYS DISABLED**</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel: 1</p>
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If sounders or relays are disabled the fire panel will activate its internal buzzer to warn that outputs have been disconnected. The internal buzzer can be silenced using the **Silence Buzzer** key.

Outputs may be enabled again following the same procedure in the **Enable Menu**.

### 3.2.5 Print

The **Print** option in the **Main Menu** allows the operator to print system information using an external printer connected to the panel.

[PRINT]	[# Exit]
1. Devices	4. Disabled
2. History	5. Options
3. Mode	

- **Devices:** Print the status of devices connected to a loop and the text assigned to each.
- **History:** The system records a history of events. It is possible to print all of these events or only part of them (e.g. the events of the last week).
- **Mode:** The printer may be in one of three modes:
  - **Auto:** This is the default and recommended mode. A short report is printed for every system event.
  - **Manual:** Prints only when the user decides to print.
  - **OFF:** The printer is switched off.
- **Disabled:** Print a list of all disabled devices.
- **Options:** To select the port used by the printer.

### 3.2.6 View

The **View** option in the **Main Menu** allows the operator to check the current status of selected devices in the installation.

[VIEW]	[# Exit]
1. Devices	4. Outputs
2. History	5. Disabled
3. Faults	6. Events

**Device:** This displays the status of a single device on a loop. The loop number and device address must be entered to view the device details.

Loop: [01]	Zone: [01]	Address: [001]
Type:	Analogue value:	
Zone:		
Point:		

**History:** Allows the operator to view the list of events that the system has recorded. Navigate using the left / right keys on the keyboard.

**Faults:** View current faults in the system.

**Outputs:** View the status of sounders and relays. Use **Enter** or **↔** to jump from one output to the next.

Details available:

- If an output is enabled or disabled (ON/OFF).
- If an alarm event (event 1) has occurred.
- If an alarm event has occurred after a delay (event 2).

Relay	Status	Event 1	Event 2
1	ON	000	000



*If the **Sounders Silence** key has been pressed before checking outputs all sounders will be shown as OFF.*

**Disabled:** Allows the operator to view zones and devices that have been disabled.

There are two options:

- **Zones:** to check disabled zones either partially or completely.
- **Devices:** to check disabled detectors across the installation.

**Events:** View all events recorded by the system. Each event is identified with a number (from 1 to 999).

## 4 WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF ALARM OR FAULT



*Read the following steps carefully. The operator must be familiar with the fire system and control panel LED indicators to react effectively to an alarm situation.*

### 1. KEEP CALM

In an alarm situation the fire panel activates the sounders. It is critical to remain calm at this time so that the correct decisions may be taken and procedures followed.

### 2. PRESS ANY KEY AND ENTER THE USER PASSWORD

Any key enables the keyboard in an alarm situation. An access level password is required.

### 3. SILENCE THE INTERNAL BUZZER

Use the **Silence Buzzer** key to silence the internal buzzer. Silencing sounders may also help create better conditions to assess the situation in case of a possible fire (the sounders are automatically reactivated after a few moments if the fire condition has not been reset).

*The cause of the alarm has still not been determined.*

### 4. IDENTIFY THE CAUSE

The control panel LED indicators help identify the cause of the event that has triggered the current alarm (e.g. fire, fault etc).

### 5. ACT

If an alarm situation is confirmed follow the emergency procedures defined for your site.

### 6. SYSTEM RESET

**Reset** the system when all incidents have been solved.

# 5 MAINTENANCE

Maintenance measures recommended in EN54-14 and any other applicable local authority laws and requirements must be followed.

## 5.1 By the user

**Daily:** The control panel must indicate normal functioning. Any faults must be noted down in the register and the maintenance company called. Check that any previously registered faults have been fixed.

**Monthly:** As a minimum, a manual call point or detector must be activated to test the control panel and the alarm devices connected to it. It is recommended to test a different zone every month. Any malfunction should be written down in the register, taking corrective measures as soon as possible.

**Batteries:** The batteries must be replaced periodically as recommended by the manufacturer. The useful life of the battery is 4 years. Avoid the total discharge of the batteries.

**Cleaning:** The exterior of the control panel should be cleaned with a damp cloth. Do not use solvents or liquids.

## 5.2 By the maintenance company

### Quarterly:

- Check the entries in the on-site register and the records of the control panel, implementing the appropriate corrective actions as required.
- Check all the battery connections and the voltage.
- In each zone, check the fire alarms, faults and auxiliary functions of the control and signalling equipment.
- Check the control and signalling equipment to determine a possible increase in humidity or any other type of deterioration.
- Check if there has been any structural alteration that may affect the functioning of the detectors, manual call points or sounders.
- Any defect must be noted down in the on site register and the corrective actions taken as soon as possible.

### Annually:

- Put the control panel in "Test" and check the configuration of the system. Verify that all the detectors and manual call points work according to the manufacturer's recommendations and programmed configuration.
- Visually inspect all the equipment connections and make sure they are safely fastened, that they have not been damaged and that they are appropriately protected.
- Examine and test all batteries.
- Any defect must be noted down in the on site register and corrective action taken as soon as possible.

# 6 APPENDICES

## 6.1 Appendix 1: Applicable standards

This fire panel has been designed in compliance with EN54-2 and EN54-4: 1997 standards. EN54-2 includes basic and optional requirements. The optional requirements included are:

Subject	Section	Name
Indication	8.4	Total loss of power supply
Controls	7.12	Coincidence detection
	7.11	Output delay
	9.5	Disconnection of an addressable point
	10	Test status
Outputs	7.8	Fire alarm device output

### Auxiliary functions not required in the EN54-2/4

In addition to the compulsory and optional functions defined by EN54-2/4, this control panel incorporates the following functions not required by the standard.

- Auto-search options.
- Allocation of 10 access level 2 passwords.
- Ability to configure by zone: logical events, general events etc.
- RS485 outputs.
- RS232 outputs.
- Auto-search serial ports.
- Edition of points from the control unit.
- Edition of zones from the control unit.
- Edition of manoeuvre from the control unit.
- Storage of events in a history file.
- Language selection.





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