

Installation and User Guide

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SM-SN-1 Mains Operated Smoke Alarm
 WSM-SN-1 Mains Operated Smoke Alarm Wi-Safe 2°
 HM-SN-1 Mains Operated Heat Alarm
 WHM-SN-1 Mains Operated Heat Alarm Wi-Safe 2°

PLEASE READ THIS GUIDE IN FULL BEFORE USING YOUR ALARM!

This user guide is also available in large text and other formats. Please call **0800 171 2009** for further information.

230V AC($^{(n)}$ 50Hz mains powered smoke/heat alarm. Non replaceable 3V battery backup. CLASS II apparatus. The normal operating temperature range for this product is -10°C to 45°C. WARNING: Wiring should be installed by a qualified electrician in accordance with BS7671. We advise you to follow the new harmonized cable colour coding as specified in BS7671.

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INTRODUCTION



This user guide covers a number of different models. Some of the illustrations may look different to your particular model.

✓ DO:

- Leave this guide with the end user.
- Connect the alarm as late as possible in an installation, particularly in new builds, to avoid contamination.
- Remove the dust cover before applying power.
- Ensure that after any building work or after repositioning large items of furniture (beds, sofas, shelving units etc.), you carry out an alarm test on all alarms to ensure they are still working.
- Test your alarm weekly as well as testing any other interconnected alarms.
- Make sure your alarm is situated in one of the recommended locations only.

X DO NOT:

- Expose this alarm to moisture, dripping, splashing, steam or condensation.
- Paint the alarm.
- Install heat alarms in escape routes instead of smoke alarms.
- Test your alarm with a naked flame. The test button tests the alarm's full functionality.
- Ignore any alarm in the network if it is sounding, it is warning you of a potentially hazardous situation.

SMOKE ALARM SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

Thermoptek[®] technology combines the very latest in optical sensing with a thermal enhancement providing a fast reaction to both fast flaming and slow smouldering fires in a single alarm. Thermoptek technology constantly monitors for temperature change. If a rate of temperature rise is detected the sensitivity of the smoke alarm is increased, providing a quicker response time to both fire types.

HEAT ALARM SENSOR TECHNOLOGY

Thermistek[™] technology incorporates a unique radiant heat dish (patent pending) to heighten performance when exposed to a radiant heat source in real fire situations. Constantly monitoring for temperature change, if an increase in temperature is detected, the rate of rise is measured and if predicted to exceed a pre-determined threshold will sound the alarm. This predictive quality provides a quicker response time in rapidly increasing temperatures.

Heat alarms are designed for areas where dust and fumes may trigger frequent nuisance alarms in conventional smoke alarms - ideal for attics, garages and kitchens. The HM-SN-1 / WHM-SN-1 are fixed point heat alarms using Thermistek sensing technology. All alarms are approved to class A1 and will activate when the temperature reaches a preset range of 54 °C to 65 °C.

LITHIUM BATTERY TECHNOLOGY

All SONA mains powered smoke and heat alarms have a built in, sealed for life lithium battery (back-up); designed to power the alarm in the event of a mains failure.

SYSTEM GRADES AND CATEGORIES

The mains powered SONA[™] alarms with 10 year life are suitable for Grade D systems. It is important to determine the correct alarm system grade and category for the dwelling prior to installation.

A Grade D system is required for:

- New or materially altered dwellings, up to three storeys with no floor exceeding 200 m².
- Existing dwellings with poor or inadequate fire protection, up to three storeys with no floor exceeding 200 m².
- Individual dwelling units of two or more rooms in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) of one or two-storeys, with no floor exceeding 200 m².

There are three Levels of Detection (LD). Generally the greater the fire risk the more comprehensive the system should be.

LD1 = Maximum Protection. Alarms in all circulation spaces that form part of escape routes and all areas where a fire might start.

LD2 = Medium Protection. All circulation spaces and escape routes (e.g. hallways and landings) are covered together with a provision of higher fire risk areas (e.g. kitchen and living rooms).

LD3 = Minimum Protection. Alarms in all circulation spaces that form part of escape routes.

* Ensure that a Grade D system is adequate for the dwelling you are installing the alarms in.

POSITIONING

Locations of alarms must be compliant with either BS 5839: Part 6 or relevant Building Regulations if in any doubt. This alarm is not intended for any non-residential, commercial or industrial application, nor for any other purpose other than described in the above. For the best protection, heat alarms should always be installed as part of a complete fire protection system that includes smoke alarms.



- Smoke alarms for limited protection
- Additional smoke alarms for better coverage
- ▽ Heat alarms

√ DO:

- Install smoke alarms in circulation areas at a distance no greater than 7.5 m from the farthest wall, no greater than 7.5 m from a door to any room in which a fire might start and no greater than 7.5 m from the next smoke alarm.
- Install heat alarms on the ceiling, ideally in the centre of the room.
- · Install sufficient alarms to compensate for closed doors and obstacles.
- Install yourThermistek heat alarm at a distance no greater than 5.3 m from the farthest wall, no
 greater than 5.3 m from a door to any room in which a fire might start and no greater than 5.3 m
 from the next heat or smoke alarm.

× DO NOT:

- Install the alarms within 1500mm (1.5m) of a fluorescent light fitting and keep wiring at least 1000mm (1m) from these fittings.
- Install alarms on circuits containing fluorescent light fittings or dimmer switches.
- Install alarms within 300 mm (12") of light fittings or room corners.
- Install smoke alarms in wall positions that are less than 100mm (4") or more than 300mm (12") away from the ceiling.
- Locate the Thermoptek smoke alarm close to bathrooms or showers as it can be susceptible to nuisance alarms from steam.
- Install heat alarms on a wall.

HARDWIRE INSTALLATION

The alarm base plate is designed to be permanently mounted, using its own built-in terminal block to connect it to the mains. The base plate can be screwed directly to the ceiling.

- IMPORTANT: The circuit used to power the alarm must be a 24 hour voltage circuit that cannot be turned off by a switch. BS 5839: Part 6 states that: For mains powered alarms, each with an integral standby supply (Grade D), the mains electricity supply should take the form of either a) an independent circuit at the dwelling's main circuit board, in which case no other electrical equipment should be connected to this circuit (other than a dedicated monitoring device installed to indicate failure of the mains electricity supply to the alarms); or b) a separately electrically protected, regularly used local lighting circuit.
- Ensure a permanent connection to the fixed wiring of the building is made in a suitable junction box.
- Remove the terminal block cover.
- If trunking is required, snap the break-out tab away from the base plate prior to connection.
- The wiring must be connected to the terminal block as follows:

Live (L) - Connect to the Live in the house wiring.

Neutral (N) - Connect to the Neutral in the house wiring.

Interconnect (I) - If desired, join the Interconnect wire between the alarms.

• Use the (_) terminal to safely terminate any copper Earth or green/yellow cable.



WARNING: Mixing the Live and Neutral connections when interconnecting alarms will damage all the alarms. DO NOT use the Earth wire for the interconnect connection.



Either feed the wire through the hole in the base plate or through the YT2 trunking.



Line up the alarm with the base plate and gently apply pressure until the alarm clicks into place. Switch on the mains electricity supply.



Check that the green LED is on and that the red LED is flashing once approximately every 45 seconds. The LEDs are located on the front of the alarm.

HARDWIRE INTERCONNECT - SM-SN-1 and HM-SN-1

For multiple alarm installations use a 'three core and earth' style cable between all the alarms to be interconnected. Connect the interconnect cable between each alarms 'l' terminal. The interconnect wire (minimum 0.75 mm² cable) must be treated as Live, it should be insulated and sheathed.

× DO NOT:

- Exceed the maximum of 30 interconnected alarms on a network.
- Exceed 250 m of connecting wire per circuit.
- Connect SONA alarms to any other models produced by another manufacturer.



WIRELESS INTERLINK - WSM-SN-1 and WHM-SN-1

The SONA WSM-SN-1 and WHM-SN-1 are designed to be wirelessly interlinked with up to 50 products within the Wi-Safe 2 product range. They are not designed to communicate with wireless alarms from other ranges or manufacturers. These alarms need to be 'learned-in' or interlinked in order to communicate with each other. If one alarm activates, all other interlinked alarms will also sound.

Wi-Safe 2 eliminates the need for interconnecting wires around a property making future system modifications easy and cost effective. AC Smoke and Heat alarms will still need a mains supply in accordance with BS 5839: Part 6 and Building Regulations.

IMPORTANT: Obstructions such as steel reinforcement in concrete could block or impede the wireless signal. While the wireless range is over 200 m in clear air / clear line of sight, the effective range may be reduced by walls and other obstructions in the building. It is recommended not to exceed 35 m as the maximum distance between alarms in a network.

X DO NOT:

- Exceed the maximum of 50 alarms interlinked in a network.
- Connect SONA alarms to any models produced by another manufacturer.



How to 'learn-in' two wireless alarms into a network:

Install Alarm 1 as described earlier (see 'Hardwire Installation'). Install the base plate for Alarm 2 in one of the recommended locations.



 Using a ballpoint pen briefly push and release the 'learn button' on the back of Alarm 2. The red LED next to the learn button will flash briefly then light up for approximately 5 seconds.



- During these 5 seconds you need to briefly press the test button on Alarm 1 to wirelessly interlink the two alarms. Alarm 1 will give an audible sound consisting of two cycles of three loud beeps.
- 3. The red LED on the wireless module of Alarm 2 will flash to indicate that it has been 'learned-in' successfully. If the test button is not pressed quickly enough, the 'learn-in' process will fail. If this happens, repeat the process.



To complete the installation, fit Alarm 2 onto its base plate. Additional alarms should be 'learned-in' in the same way. When 'learning-in' additional alarms, any alarm already in the network, can be used as 'Alarm 1'. You do not have to 'learn-in' to every alarm in the network.

MIXED SYSTEMS

✓ DO:

Ensure there is only one wireless connection into each network. For example if you
have a hardwired network upstairs and a wireless network downstairs only one
of the hardwired products should be linked into the wireless network, connecting
both systems.

Interconnecting both hardwired and wireless products together in a network:



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ALARM TEST

- Remove the dust cover from each alarm before use.
- Test the alarms on a weekly basis.
- Keep this guide in a safe place for future reference.
- Test all alarms after repositioning large items of furniture to ensure they still work.



1. Check the red operating LED flashes once every 45 seconds in standby mode.



3. An audible alarm consisting of two cycles of three loud beeps should occur and then stop automatically.





2. Briefly press the test button in the centre and release.



4. The red LED on the alarm will flash rapidly during the audible signal.

ALARM SMART SILENCE™

Your alarm features 'Smart Silence' technology. In the event of a known false alarm your alarm can be temporarily silenced by pressing the central test button. Your alarm will automatically return to full sensitivity within 10 minutes.



During the reduced sensitivity mode the red LED on your alarm will continue to flash more rapidly than normal, approximately once every 10 seconds. Only use the alarm silence function after making sure that there is no fire emergency situation. Do not block the vents on the alarm or disable the alarm in any way, as this will remove your protection.

NOTE: If the level of heat/smoke reaching the alarm is very high the alarm silence will be overridden and the alarm will continue to sound.

SLEEP EASY™

Low battery warnings often start at night or when it may be inconvenient to replace your alarm. You can silence the audible 'low battery' chirp for a period of 8 hours by pressing the test button. After this period the audible chirp will start again. This process can be repeated for a maximum of 10 times. Your alarm will still detect heat /smoke during this time, however you must replace your alarm within 30 days, as it may have insufficient power to warn you of a real fire situation after this time. **WARNING:** Your alarm cannot be silenced if the chirp is indicating a fault. In this instance, the unit should be replaced immediately to ensure protection in the event of a fire.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Solution
Your SONA alarm does not sound during testing	 Make sure you push the centre of the test button firmly. If the alarm has been recently fitted and it still fails to self test then contact Technical Support. If you are in the process of 'learning-in' the alarm and it does not test, repeat the process.
The green LED does not illuminate when the mains power is on	 Make sure the alarm is correctly located on the base plate. Ensure the mains power supply is on. Inspect the circuit breaker/fuse in the power circuit to the alarm. Call a qualified electrician to inspect the house wiring and connection.
The amber LED is flashing and the alarm is making a 'chirping' sound	 If the amber LED is flashing at the same time as the chirp, this indicates a low battery condition and the alarm should be replaced as soon as possible and certainly within 30 days. If the amber LED is flashing at a different time to the chirp, this indicates a fault and the alarm should be replaced as soon as possible. If the amber LED is double flashing and the alarm is making a 'chirping' sound, this indicates that the wireless module has a low battery condition, or is faulty. The alarm should be replaced as soon as possible.
Your SONA alarm chirps intermittently	 Check the location of your alarm (see 'Positioning'). Check that your alarm is definitely the source of chirping; make sure the noise isn't coming from another alarm. If the alarm is chirping once approximately every 45 seconds and the amber LED is flashing around the same time, it indicates that the battery is low. The unit should be replaced within 30 days. If the alarm is chirping once every 4 hours, it is indicating that another alarm in the network has entered a low battery condition. Locate the alarm with the low battery and replace the alarm as soon as possible and in any event within 30 days.

Your SONA alarm fails to successfully learn-in to a network	• Make sure your alarm is 'unlearned' before trying to learn-in to a network. Do this by pressing and releasing the learn-in button located on the back of the alarm, immediately press and hold the learn-in button, during which the red LED will remain solid. When the LED goes out, release the button. The LED will flash twice followed by three quick flashes, indicating that it has successfully been unlearned. You can then follow the learn-in process as described in 'Wireless Interlink'.
Other interlinked	• Interlinked units that have sensed smoke/heat can't be silenced remotely.
units fail to	If one or more units remain in alarm, all other interlinked units will emit
silence when one	their audible warning again within 4 minutes. Vacate property if there is a
unit is silenced	fire hazard.

WARNING: Storage in low humidity and certain transportation conditions may cause electrostatic charges to build up in the alarm system housing. Although harmless this may increase the length of time that the horn sounds upon test button operation. The condition may be cleared by wiping the inside and outside of the plastic cover with a damp cloth.

If you have any questions about the operation of your alarm, please contactTechnical Support between **9am - 5pm Monday – Friday.** Telephone: **0800 171 2009** or e-mail: **technicalsupport@sonasafety.com** You can also visit the support section of our website **www.sonasafety.com**.

BE PREPARED

Smoke and heat alarms properly installed and maintained are an essential part of a good home safety programme. Review fire hazards and eliminate dangerous conditions whenever possible. When fire strikes, a prepared and practised escape plan could prove vital. Consider and discuss the following hints:

- Ensure everyone is familiarised with the alarm signal.
- Always test doors with your hands before flinging them open. If they feel warm, fire may have walled up behind them – leave closed and find another escape route.
- Don't waste time collecting possessions. Arouse all occupants and leave the building. Your life is more valuable!
- GET OUT, STAY OUT, GET THE FIRE BRIGADE OUT.

- Keep everyone in a set meeting place after you escape.
- If trapped inside, stay close to the floor, cover your mouth with a cloth and conserve breath as you crawl to safety.
- Keep all windows and doors closed except for escape purposes.
- Prepare and practice an escape plan before a fire starts.
- Draw a floor plan. Have fire drills often. Practise your escape.

IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE ALARM, ALWAYS ASSUME THAT THIS IS AN ACTUAL FIRE AND FOLLOW YOUR FIRE EMERGENCY PLANS.

MAINTENANCE



Insert screwdriver here

Your smoke and heat alarms should be cleaned every 3 months, by firstly turning off the mains electricity supply and then using a vacuum cleaner fitted with the soft brush attachment. Switch the power back on once you have finished.

If you need to remove your alarm from its base plate, turn off the mains electricity supply, use a small screwdriver and insert into the hole at the base of the alarm (illustrated here). Push the screwdriver in and the alarm should fall free from the base plate. Please be aware that the alarm will fall as soon as pressure is applied to the screwdriver, be prepared to catch it.

DISPOSAL



Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with your other household waste. The alarm is ideally suited for disposal within the waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) recycling scheme. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your local authority, retailer or contact Technical Support for recycling/disposal advice as regional variations apply. Your alarm can be unlearned from a network, as described in 'Troubleshooting'. Once it is removed

from its base plate it is automatically disabled and ready to be disposed of.

WARNING: Do not burn or dispose of in fire. WARNING: If your alarm is dropped or damaged, as a precaution, it should be removed from the building.

WARRANTY

Sprue Safety Products Ltd warrants to the original purchaser that its enclosed alarm be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal residential use and service for a period of 5 years from the date of purchase. Provided it is returned with postage prepaid and proof of purchase date, Sprue Safety Products Ltd hereby warrants that during the 5 year period commencing from the date of purchase Sprue Safety Products Ltd, at its discretion, agrees to replace the unit free of charge.

The warranty on any replacement SM-SN-1/WSM-SN-1 / HM-SN-1 /WHM-SN-1 alarm, will last for the remainder of the period of the original warranty in respect of the alarm originally purchased – that is from the date of original purchase and not from the date of receipt of the replacement product. Sprue Safety Products Ltd reserves the right to offer an alternative product similar to that being replaced if the original model is no longer available or in stock. This warranty applies to the original retail purchase from the date of original retail purchase and is not transferable. Proof of purchase is required. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from accident, misuse, disassembly, abuse or lack of reasonable care of the products Ltd's control, such as Acts of God (fire, severe weather etc.). It does not apply to retail stores, service centres or any distributors or agents. Sprue Safety Products Ltd will not recognise any changes to this warranty by third parties.

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Wireless: WTSL-SN-1

