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1 Introduction



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The Critical Alarm Enunciator is a local alarm notification device that is available in two models: the CAE 33 and the CAE 42. The CAE 33 monitors three discrete alarms and three battery plant low voltage alarms. The CAE 42 monitors two discrete alarms and four voltage alarms. All information in this manual applies to all CAE models, unless otherwise noted.

The CAE receives alarm input from monitored devices, provides audiovisual notification to local personnel, and then relays alarms to your existing alarm collection equipment. The CAE provides local notification of alarms through its integrated front-panel LED voltage meter, 6 alarm notification LEDs, and an audible speaker signal. The speaker can be silenced by pressing the LOCAL ACK (acknowledge) button on the bottom of the unit.

You can reverse the input polarity of the discrete alarms, set the voltage thresholds of the voltage alarms, and select between Normal and Major/Minor(Mj/Mn) alarm modes by using the configuration DIP switches on the top panel of the unit. See Section 7, "Configuration," for instructions on setting the DIP switches.

2 Shipping List

While unpacking the Critical Alarm Enunciator, please make sure that all of the following items are included. If some parts are missing, or if you ever need to order new parts, please refer to the part numbers listed and call DPS Telecom at (800) 622-3314.





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Mounting Template D-OC-CAEMNT



Power Screw Lug Barrier Plug 1-820-00862-00



One 1 Amp GMT Fuse 1-741-01000-00



Two Wood Screws 1-000-80750-50

3 Specifications

Dimensions:	5" H x 4" W x 2" D (12.7 cm x 10.2 cm x 5.1 cm)				
Weight:	3 lbs (1.4 kg)				
Mounting:	Wall mount				
Power Input:	+24 VDC or -48 VDC				
Current Draw:	+24VDC unit: 550 mA -48VDC unit: 250 mA				
Fuse:	1 Amp GMT				
Discrete Inputs:	CAE 33: 3 CAE 42: 2 (3 in Mj/Mn Mode)				
Alarm Detection Speed:	100 msec				
Analog Inputs:	1 (battery plant monitoring input)				
Analog Input Range (+24 Analog Input Range (-48	VDC unit): +21.4 VDC to +30 VDC VDC unit): -44 to -56.5 VDC				
Control Outputs:	6 (alarm relay outputs)				
CAE 33:	3 threshold level alarms 3 alarm relays				
CAE 42:	4 threshold level alarms 2 alarm relays				
Maximum Current:	1 Amp				
Visual Alarm Display:	6 unicolour LEDs, voltage readout				
Speaker output volume:	0 - 85 dB @ 1 meter				
Operating Temperature:	32° to 140° F (0° - 60° C)				
Operating Humidity:	0%–95% noncondensing				

4 Features of the CAE

4.1 Features of the CAE 33



Fig. 1. The features of the Critical Alarm Enunciator 33

4.2 Features of the CAE 42



Fig. 2. The features of the Critical Alarm Enunciator 42

5 Installation

5.1 Tools Needed

To install the Critical Alarm Enunciator, you'll need the following tools:



Wire Strippers/Cutter

Small Standard No. 2 Screwdriver

5.2 Mounting

To mount the Critical Alarm Enunciator, drive the two included wood mount screws. Mount the CAE by attaching the mounting template cutout to the back of the unit and placing the unit on the two wood screws. Press the unit back to secure it to the wall.

5.3 Power Connection

To connect the Critical Alarm Enunciator to a power source, follow these steps:

- 1. Remove the fuse from the bottom panel of the CAE and make sure that the power supply to the unit is off.
- 2. Remove the screw lug barrier plug from the bottom panel of the CAE.
- 3. For a CAE +24VDC unit, connect a +24 VDC line to the +24V terminal and a battery ground to the GND terminal of the screw lug. For a CAE -48VDC unit, connect a -48VDC line to the -48V terminal and a battery ground to the GND terminal of the screw lug. Seat the barrier screws firmly, but be careful not to nick the bare wire.
- 4. Push the plug firmly back into its socket. Note that this connection is keyed and the plug must be properly aligned within the socket.
- 5. With the CAE fuse still removed, turn on the power supply.
- 6. On a CAE +24VDC unit, the voltmeter should read between +21.4 and +30 VDC. CAE -48VDC unit, the voltmeter should read between -44 to -56.5 VDC. If the reading is outside this range, check your power supply.
- 7. Do not power the unit until all connections have been made.
- 8. Insert the fuse to power the CAE.

5.4 Alarm Connections



Fig. 3. Alarm Input and Alarm Output connectors

Alarm connections are located on the left side panel of the Critical Alarm Enunciator. Alarm Input and Alarm Output are screw-lug connectors.

5.4.1 Alarm Inputs

Alarm inputs are connected to the CAE 33 and CAE 42 via screw-lug terminals. The Alarm Inputs in the CAE 33 and 42 are identical, see Figure 4 for example.



Fig. 4. Alarm Input pinouts

5.4.2 CAE 33 - Alarm Output

Alarms are relayed from the CAE via screw-lug terminals. For each alarm output, there is a pin corresponding to normally open (NO), normally closed (NC), or common (CO).



Fig. 5. CAE 33 alarm output screw-lug terminal pinouts

5.4.3 CAE 42 - Alarm Output

Alarms are relayed from the CAE via screw-lug terminals. For each alarm output, there is a pin corresponding to normally open (NO), normally closed (NC), or common (CO).



Fig. 6. CAE 42 alarm output screw-lug terminal pinouts

6 Operation

6.1 Discrete Alarms



Fig. 7. The CAE receives input from monitored devices, provides local notification, and relays alarms to existing alarm collection equipment.

The CAE receives alarm input from monitored devices, provides audiovisual notification to local personnel, and then relays alarms to your existing alarm collection equipment.

When the CAE receives an alarm input, the LED corresponding to the activated alarm point will **FLASH RED** and the speaker will sound.

To acknowledge the alarm and silence the speaker, press the LOCAL ACK button on the bottom panel of the unit. The alarm LED will turn **SOLID RED** to indicate that the alarm has been acknowledged. The speaker only sounds when an alarm occurs, and will not sound again upon clearing.

The speaker is set at the factory to the maximum volume. You may adjust the volume of the alarm with the Volume Control wheel located on the right side of the CAE.

The input polarity of the discrete alarms can be reversed using the configuration DIP switches on the top panel. See Section 7.1, "Alarm Input Polarity Settings," for instructions.

6.2 Voltage Alarms



Fig. 8. CAE 33 voltage alarm LEDs.

The CAE 33 has three voltage alarms: High Voltage (HV1), Low Voltage (LV1) and Very Low Voltage (LV2). Whereas, the CAE 42 has four voltage alarms: High Voltage (HV2), High Voltage (HV1), Low Voltage (LV1) and Very Low Voltage (LV2).

	Voltage Alarm Indic	cators
000	VERY HIGH (HV2)	
C . O . D	HIGH (HV1)	
	LOW (LV1)	
BATT VOLTS	VERY LOW (LV2)	

Fig. 9. CAE 33 voltage alarm LEDs.

If the battery voltage reaches the **High Voltage** level, the **High Voltage 1 LED** will **FLASH RED** and the **ALARM** will sound. When the LOCAL ACK is pressed, the speaker will cease and the LED will light **SOLID RED**.

If the battery voltage reaches the Very High Voltage level, the High Voltage 2 LED will FLASH RED and the ALARM will sound. When the LOCAL ACK is pressed, the speaker will cease and the LED will light SOLID RED.

If the battery voltage drops below the Low Voltage level, the Low Voltage LED will FLASH RED and the ALARM will sound. When the LOCAL ACK is pressed, the speaker will cease and the LED will light SOLID RED.

If the battery voltage drops below the Very Low Voltage level, the Very Low Voltage LED will FLASH RED and the ALARM will sound. When the LOCAL ACK is pressed, the speaker will cease and the LED will light SOLID RED.

Note: The speaker only sounds when an alarm occurs, and will not sound again upon clearing.

If you select the Mj/Mn (Major/Minor) Mode, a second dot will appear in the LED voltage readout screen, see Figure 10. To select the Mj/Mn Mode see Section 7.2 "Major/Minor Mode."



Fig. 10. Second dot indicates Mj/Mn Mode

You can adjust the voltage alarm thresholds to use the CAE with either VRLA or flooded system battery plants.

CAE	Battery Type	LV1 (Low Voltage 1)	LV2 (Low Voltage 2)*	HV1 (High Voltage 1)	HV2 (High Voltage 2)*
24	Flooded	25.4	22.4	27.9	28.4
VDC	VRLA	26.0	23.0	28.5	29.0
-48	Flooded	-51.8	-44.8	-54.3	-54.8
VDC	VRLA	-53.0	-46.0	-55.5	-56.0

* = only available on CAE 42

Table A.. Voltage Threshold settings

For instructions on adjusting voltage alarm thresholds, see Section 7.3, "Voltage Threshold Settings."

6.3 3-Digit Voltage Readout



Fig. 11. Voltage readout/Test panel.

The 3-digit voltage readout on the front of the CAE allows for a visual confirmation of the current voltage of the unit without the need to attach an outside voltometer to the unit. When powered up, the voltage readout will display rLA or Fld to let you know that the unit is in either VRLA or Flooded mode.

On a CAE +24 VDC, the voltage readout can visually display readings between 21.4V and 30.0V. On a CAE -48 VDC, the voltage readout can visually display readings between -44.0V and -56.5V. If the voltage reading should fall outside of this range, the closest displayable voltage (21.4 or 30.0) will flash on the display, followed by under bars (___) if the voltage is below 21.4V (-44.0V), or over bars (___) if the voltage is above 30.0V(-56.5V).

On power up, the CAE will display one of two short messages in the voltage readout to let the user know what mode the unit is in. The message beings: dps cae 33 (or 42) 1.0f (the firmware version) and the voltage readout settings — see Table B for voltage readout.

CAE	Battery Type	HV1 (High Voltage 1)	HV2 (High Voltage 2)*	LV1 (Low Voltage 1)	LV2 (Low Voltage 2)*	Battery Type
24	rLA (VRLA)	27.9	28.4	25.4	22.4	rLA (VRLA)
VDC	FId (Flooded)	28.5	29.0	26.0	23.0	FId (Flooded)
48	rLA (VRLA)	54.3	54.8	51.8	44.8	rLA (VRLA)
VDC	FId (Flooded)	55.5	56.0	53.0	46.0	FId (Flooded)

Table B. Voltage readout settings

* = only available on CAE 42

To display the mode message again, press and hold the LOCAL ACK button for three seconds. To skip this message hold the LOCAL ACK button before powering up.

6.4 Test Mode

Your Critical Alarm Enunciator comes equipped with a built-in voltage test mode. This mode allows testing of threshold crossings to send alarms to the NOC that could not otherwise be tested without running the battery down—a great feature for alarm audits.



To begin the test mode, press the Momentary Voltage Test Mode button located on the right side of the CAE. Rotate the Voltage Simulation Wheel until the readout simulates a High, Low, or Very Low voltage reading. When the appropriate threshold has been achieved, an alarm will notify you the test was successful.

The CAE is factory configured with the volume at maximum.

Note: you will not be able to test HV2 after 23.5 volts or HV1 after 23.2 volts.

7 Configuration



Fig. 13. Configuration DIP switches

All user-adjustable options on the Critical Alarm Enunciator can be set using the DIP switches on the left side panel of the unit. The CAE ships with all DIP switches set in the **DOWN** or **OFF** position, which represents the default settings for all options.

When the DIP switches are used to configure the CAE, the unit will automatically reboot itself so that the changes take place immediately. A scrolling message will appear with most of your new settings in the Voltage Readout LED screen.

Table B summarizes all of the CAE's DIP switch settings.

	DIP Switches							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Function	n Discrete Alarm Input Polarity Selection		Reserved (Factory		Alarm Mode	Voltage Threshold Selection		
DOWN (default)	Alarm 1 NO	Alarm 2 NO	Alarm 3 NO	USED		pre-set: Do not	Normal	VRLA
UP	Alarm 1 NC	Alarm 2 NC	Alarm 3 NC			change)	Major/Minor	FLOODED

Table B. DIP switch options

7.1 Alarm Input Polarity Settings



Fig. 14. DIP switches 1-4 set the discrete alarm inputs for normal or reversed polarity

The polarity of the three discrete alarm inputs can be reversed using DIP switches 1–3. The DIP switch numbers match the numbers of the alarms they control, so Switch 1 controls Alarm 1, Switch 2 controls Alarm 2, and Switch 3 controls Alarm 3.

When the switch is angled **DOWN**, the alarm input is **Normally Open**. (This is the **DEFAULT** setting.) When the switch is angled **UP**, the alarm input is **Normally Closed**.

7.2 Major/Minor (Mj/Mn) Mode



DIP switch 7: Mj/Mn Mode Fig. 15. Adjust DIP Switch 7 to select the Mj/Mn Mode.

When switch 7 is **Down**, the Normal mode is selected. In Normal mode, the CAE 42 can monitor four voltage alarms and two discrete alarms. The CAE 33 monitors three voltage alarms and three alarm points. The Alarm inputs are echoed 1 to 1 to the Alarm Outputs.

When switch 7 is **UP**, the Mj/Mn mode is selected. A second dot will appear in the LED voltage readout screen, see Section 6.2 "Voltage Alarms" for example. If there is an alarm, the Alarm 1 LED will flash a minor alarm notification. If there are two or more alarms, then the Alarm 2 LED will flash a major alarm. Alarm 1 LED will not flash, but it will be on when a major alarm occurs. Press the LOCAL ACK (acknowledge) button to silence the speaker and acknowledge the alarm.

Alarm Mode	CAE 33	LED Flash	CAE 42	LED Flash
	1 – 1	Alarm 1	1 – 1	Alarm 1
Normal Mode	2 – 2	Alarm 2	2 – 2	Alarm 2
	3 – 3	Alarm 3		
Mi/Ma Mode	<u>></u> 1 Minor (Mn)	Alarm 1	<u>></u> 1	Alarm 1
wj/wn wode	<u>></u> 2 Major (Mj)	Alarm 2	<u>></u> 2	Alarm 2

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7.3 Voltage Threshold Settings





You can adjust the voltage alarm thresholds to use the CAE with either VRLA or flooded system battery plants using DIP Switch 8.

CAE	Battery Type	LV2 (Low Voltage 2)	LV1 (Low Voltage 1)	Float	HV1 (High Voltage 1)	HV2 (High Voltage 2)*
	Flooded	22.4	25.4	26.4	27.9	28.4
24 VDC	VRLA	23.0	26.0	27.0	28.5	29.0
	Flooded	-44.8	51.8	-52.8	-54.3	-54.8
	VRLA	-46.0	-53.0	-54.0	-55.5	-56.0

Table D. Voltage threshold settings

* = only available on CAE 42

When Switch 8 is angled DOWN, the VRLA thresholds are selected. (This is the DEFAULT setting.)

When Switch 8 is angled UP, the FLOODED SYSTEM thresholds are selected.

8 Troubleshooting

Alarm Notification: If you experience problems with CAE alarm notification, test the unit by simulating an alarm. Reversing the polarity of the alarm and the associated DIP switches is an easy way to test alarm notification.

LED Flash: Each alarm LED should **FLASH RED** when an event occurs until the LOCAL ACK button is pressed. If the LED does not flash red, check the LED light and the power pack.

Speaker Sound: The speaker should sound each time an alarm notification occurs. If you notice the red light flashing but don't hear sound from the speaker, make sure the volume is turned up.

Acknowledge Button: The LOCAL ACK button will stop the LED flashing and the speaker notification each time an alarm is cleared. If the LOCAL ACK button does not disable both the alarm and the speaker, check the wiring connection to the LOCAL ACK button.

Fuse Alarm: If for any reason the power fuse of the CAE should fail, the Fuse Alarm (FA) LED on the front of the unit will light. Remove failed fuse and replace with a new one.

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