

# INTELLIGENT FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL

# GENERAL COMMISSIONING MANUAL

ISSUE 2C

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### **COMMISSIONING**

### **Introduction**

Commissioning involves checking that all connections have been made properly and that all hardware is functioning correctly.

The panel is supplied set to 'Installation mode'. In Installation Mode the green SYSTEM ON LED will flash on and off. The panel will automatically detect and memorize all the devices connected to the loops in the system.

The default settings of the system mean that the unit will be ready to operate and detect a Fire incident from the moment power is switched on. Therefore, the system will be fully functional without any additional setting up. All further actions will tailor it to the requirements of the specific installation at hand.

Once the connections and hardware have been checked it is possible to get the basic fire alarm system up and running very quickly - it is only necessary to have the system in Installation Mode for 90 seconds then set the system to 'Active Mode'. Programming of the system to provide more advanced functionality is covered in the next section.

### The Main Panel Buttons

### ALARM SILENCE

If a fire has been detected and the sounders are operating this button will silence the sounders. The LED will light when an alarm has been silenced; the panel buzzer will pulse when an alarm has been silenced.

If a fault is being reported this button will stop the panel buzzer sounding but the LED will not light.

### SYSTEM RESET

Soft resets the entire system. A soft reset should be satisfactory under almost all circumstances however a Master Reset can be performed using the PCB mounted switch on the main PCB (not shown) or by cycling the power on the Main Panel (removing both primary AC and secondary DC supplies).

**Note -** if an alarm has been detected it is necessary to silence the alarms using SOUNDER SILENCE before the SYSTEM RESET button will operate.

### LAMP TEST

Lights all the LEDS, turns on the LCD back light and sets all display pixels to black. Lamp test only operates whilst the key is depressed.

### SOUND ALARMS

Activates all sounders. A second press de-activates all sounders. The button LED is illuminated whilst the sounders are activated. SOUND ALARMS will not activate the Fire Brigade output signal. It is possible to define if pressing the SOUND ALARMS button will activate the systems' Fire I/O's.

### AUXILIARY RELAYS (DISABLEMENTS)

When this button is activated all relays and I/O modules connected to the system have their outputs disabled. This includes the normally energised FAULT relay, the FAULT I/O group and the EVAC relay. When these outputs are disabled the button LED is illuminated. Pressing the button again restores normal relay and I/O module operation.

### SELECTED DETECTORS (DISABLEMENTS)

Via the programming menus individual sensors may have selective disablement turned on. When this button is activated those sensors that have selective disablement turned on will not generate a fire alarm condition. When activated the button LED is illuminated.

If no devices have selective disablement turned on then this button press will have no effect. Pressing the button again restores normal sensor operation.

### ACTIVE DELAYS

Only when this button is activated (and the button LED illuminated) will the sounder, I/O module and Fire Brigade Transmission delays operate.

Pressing the button again will deactivate the delays and will result in immediate sounder and I/O operation and immediate sending of the Fire Brigade Signal.

### FIRE (QUEUE REVIEW)

If more than one fire has been detected then the LED next to this button will flash. Press the button to step through all detected fires. Once all fires have been reviewed the LED will be constantly illuminated. Subsequent fires will be added to the end of the queue and the LED will start to flash again.

After each button press the information will be displayed for 20 seconds. After that time the screen will revert back to the first fire.

### FAULT (QUEUE REVIEW)

If more than one fault has been detected, or if a fault and fire have been detected, then the LED next to this button will flash. Press the button to step through all reported faults. Once all faults have been reviewed the LED will be constantly illuminated. Subsequent faults will be added to the end of the queue and the LED will start to flash again.

After each button press the information will be displayed for 20 seconds. After that the screen will revert back to the first fault (or fire).

### TEST (QUEUE REVIEW)

If the LED next to this button is illuminated then a test mode has been selected via the programming menus. Pressing the button will show which sounders and zones have been set to test mode. If there are more zones under test than can be displayed then pressing the button again will show the next set of zones under test.

The information is displayed for 15 seconds before the default display is restored.

**Note -** a SYSTEM RESET will clear all test modes.

### DISABLED (QUEUE REVIEW)

If the LED next to this button is illuminated then there is at least one disablement active in the system. Pressing the button will display the disablements. If there are more disablements that can be displayed then pressing the button again will show the next set of disablements and so on.

The information is displayed for 15 seconds before the default display is restored.

Possible disablements include - printer, fire brigade transmission, auxiliary relays, loops, zones, detectors and sounders.

### **Getting The Main Panel Running**

If you have the optional printer fitted make sure that the printer paper is not being held firm by an elastic band or piece of string.

Note that if external sub-panels are not powered up and if the battery has not been connected the Main Panel WILL report faults when it is powered up. This is entirely normal. When this happens silence the buzzer by pressing ALARM SILENCE.

Apply AC power to the Main Panel.

The LCD should display the software version and the message 'INITIALISING'. This will be followed by the date and time (and the company name if it has been set). Within a few seconds faults will be reported, these will overwrite the date and time (and company name).

The SYSTEM ON LED on the fascia of the panel should be flashing green. This indicates that the system is in Installation Mode. If the LED is solid green the system is in Active Mode and needs to be put into Installation Mode - refer to the programming section for details on how to do this.

If the SYSTEM ON LED is flashing and information is being displayed on the LCD then the Main Panel is functional.

If the PROC FAULT LED is lit and a continuous tone is audible then remove power and confirm that the SIM CARD is fitted correctly.

### **Getting A Repeater Running**

Note that if the Main Panel is not powered up the Repeater WILL report a communication fault when it is powered up. This is entirely normal. When this happens silence the buzzer by pressing ALARM SILENCE.

Apply AC power to the Repeater.

The LCD should display the repeater software version and the message 'INITIALIZING'. This will be followed by the message 'NO COMMS TO MAIN PANEL'.

If the 'NO COMMS TO MAIN PANEL' message is being displayed then the Repeater is functional.

If the PROC FAULT LED is lit and a continuous tone is audible then remove power and confirm that the SIM CARD is fitted correctly.

A Repeater will also report a PROC FAULT if it has been assigned the same panel number as another panel on the system.

### **Getting A Standard Sub-panel Running**

If the Standard Sub-panel is fitted within the Main Panel or Repeater box and wired up correctly then the green COMMS OK LED should be either illuminated solidly or flashing when power is applied to the Main Panel or Repeater.

If the Standard Sub-Panel is not housed within Repeater or Main Panel box then it will be necessary to apply power to the Sub-panel.

If the COMMS OK is solid green then it is communicating correctly (via RS485 or TTL) with the Main Panel. If it is flashing then there is no communication with the Main Panel.

The amber FAULT LED will also light if there is no communication with the Main Panel.

If the COMMS OK is permanently lit, then the Sub-panel is functional.

### **Setting Panel Addresses And Types**

Each Repeater and Sub-panel needs a unique address. Each Repeater and Sub-panel also needs the detector type set.

### Main Panel Integrated Sub-panel

This has a fixed address of 01.

The default detector type is Apollo discovery<sup>™</sup>. In this mode all Apollo protocol devices (S90<sup>™</sup>, XP95<sup>™</sup> and Discovery<sup>™</sup>) are supported. (It is possible to change the detector type to Apollo S90<sup>™</sup>/XP95<sup>™</sup> only but this is rarely necessary.)

### Repeater Integrated Sub-panel

The default address for the Integrated Sub-panel on a Repeater is 02. The default detector type is Apollo Discovery<sup>™</sup>.

To set up the Integrated Sub-panel on a Repeater firmly depress the TEST (QUEUE REVIEW) and DISABLED (QUEUE REVIEW) buttons on the Repeater while powering up.

This will power the Repeater up in REPEATER INSTALL MODE. If it does not, try again, the buttons must be firmly held down during the power up process.

Once in REPEATER INSTALL MODE the following options are available:

Press SOUND ALARMS to clear the NVRAM Press FIRE (QUEUE REVIEW) to increment the panel number Press FAULT (QUEUE REVIEW) to decrement the panel number Press TEST (QUEUE REVIEW) to step through the available detector types Press SYSTEM RESET to save and exit REPEATER INSTALL MODE

If the system has not been commissioned or installed then it is recommended to clear the NVRAM. Note that this will also set the panel number back to 02 and the panel type to DISCOVERY<sup>™</sup>.

If the system has been installed then clearing the Repeater NVRAM will clear all the installation information and the SYSTEM **must** be put into INSTALLATION MODE to re-learn the fitted devices. A Main Panel Master Reset **must** also be performed so that all system settings are re-sent to all Repeaters and Sub-panels.

If the panel number is changed the SYSTEM **must** also be put into INSTALLATION MODE to learn the new panel number.

### Standard Sub-panels

The Standard Sub-panel addresses and detector types are set using the DIP switches on the Sub-panel.

Each Sub-panel has an 6 way DIP switch. The first 5 switches set the panel number. Switch 6 (A) sets the data protocol for the detectors fitted to the loops.

Note that addresses 01 and 02 are likely to be used by Integrated Sub-panels.



### SUB-PANEL NUMBER SWITCHES 1- 5

LOOP	ADDRESS	SWITCH				
Nº's		1	2	3	4	5
1-3	01	0	0	0	0	0
4-6	02	1	0	0	0	0
7-9	03	0	1	0	0	0
10-12	04	1	1	0	0	0
13-15	05	0	0	1	0	0
16-18	06	1	0	1	0	0
19-21	07	0	1	1	0	0
22-24	08	1	1	1	0	0
25-27	09	0	0	0	1	0
28-30	10	1	0	0	1	0
31-33	11	0	1	0	1	0
34-36	12	1	1	0	1	0
37-39	13	0	0	1	1	0
40-42	14	1	0	1	1	0
43-45	15	0	1	1	1	0
46-48	16	1	1	1	1	0

### PROTOCOL SWITCH A

MANUFACTURER'S PROTOCOL	SWITCH A 6
Apollo Series 90 <sup>™</sup> / XP95 <sup>™</sup>	1
Apollo Discoverv™	0

### **Getting Into Programming Mode**

When the Main Panel is powered up it will be necessary to enter the panel programming mode. Familiarize yourself with this section before proceeding to the next section in the manual and powering up the panel.

Programming mode is accessed via the miniature infra-red keypad (IR Keypad) or by connecting a PC (PS2) keyboard to the Main Panel. It is also possible to upload and download settings to a PC but to do this you must first enter the panel programming mode.



### **INFRA-RED KEYPAD**

- **HOME**: Return to first loop, zone, device etc.
- **B-SP**: Backspace
- **SHIFT**: Toggle this keypad to switch from alpha-numeric to numeric
- **ENTER**: Accept current selection
- **ESC**.: Reject. (ESCape from current selection)
- **EXIT**: Press both keys simultaneously to stop programming



Connecting A PS2 PC Keyboard To The Main Panel

The IR Keypad is typically the most convenient method to program the system. The sensor for the IR Keypad is just below the SOUND ALARMS button on the Main Panel and on a Repeater. Each time a key is pressed on the IR Keypad the Main Panel will beep.

If no beeps are audible then check the batteries in the IR Keypad.

The IR Keypad uses 2 x AAA batteries.

The IR Keypad Keys

To access the characters in RED, first press the SHIFT KEY. To return to the characters in BLACK press the SHIFT KEY again.

Each time a key press is received by the panel the panel emits a beep. The beeps when SHIFT is on are of a higher pitch than when SHIFT is off.

0-9 are used to input numbers
▲ and ▼ are used to select items
B-SP and ▶ are often used to change fields (move the cursor)
+/- are often used to select the loop
ENTER is used to select items and to store changes
ESC is used to abort changes and exit
HOME is often used to go back to the start of a function

Pressing both EXIT keys exits programming mode.

<u>Help</u>

Where possible help is displayed automatically. However additional help is sometimes available if you press the help key ':' the colon.

The first press will display help for 7 seconds, a second press will ensure the help is displayed for 20 seconds. Pressing any key whilst help is displayed will clear the help but this key press will be ignored.

### Logging In

To enter programming mode you need to log in.

The Main Panel must be powered up and must have initialized itself i.e. NOT be showing the 'INITIALISING' message.

Press ENTER on the IR Keypad (or keyboard). You must now input your unique customer access code (supplied with the panel). You have unlimited attempts but if code entry is not started within 10 seconds then the panel will revert back to it's default screen. While entering the code you are allowed up to 5 seconds between key presses.

### **Function Selection**

The programming functions are arranged using a menu system.

To select a function or sub-menu use either ▲ ▼ and ENTER or 0-9 and ENTER. HOME takes you to "1-Review". ESC takes you up a menu level.

Any number presses (0-9) will append a digit to what you see unless :

- 1) You are at the very top (1- Review) then the first press selects the first digit.
- 2) You are at the bottom then the press replaces the last digit.

The top level menus are:

Review Historic Log
 Text Descriptions & Names
 Zones - Disable & Assign
 Sounders - Disable & Assign
 Input/Output - Disable & Assign
 Device Set-up
 Monitor Device Counts & Test
 General

Most functions operate in a consistent manner using the standard keys. The item that is being changed is usually highlighted with a flashing cursor.

### **Getting The System Running**

Ensure all Sub-panels and Repeaters have unique addresses. Ensure all connectors are firmly in place. Ensure that all connections are tight, with no stray strands of wire. Ensure that the SIM CARD is securely fitted in all Main Panels, Repeaters and Standard Sub-panels

Power up all External Sub-panels and Repeaters then power up the Main Panel.

Ensure that the Main Panel is in Installation Mode (SYSTEM ON LED flashing). If not enter programming mode and select function 8-4-1 Active/Installation Mode and put the panel into Installation Mode.

Press SYSTEM RESET.

### Communications Check

Confirm that all standard Sub-panels have a solid green COMMS OK LED.

If the COMMS OK LED is flashing then there is no communication (via the Data Loop) to the Main Panel.

If the COMMS OK LED is solid green and the sub-panel has no other faults then the amber LOCAL FAULT LED should be extinguished. If the LOCAL FAULT LED is lit then information on the fault should be available at the Main Panel.

Confirm that all Repeaters are showing identical information (LEDs and LCD) to that displayed by the Main Panel.

### Main Panel Check

Press and hold LAMP TEST on the Main Panel.

All the LEDs should light, the LCD backlight should turn on and all pixels on the LCD should be black. (See below.)

All the LEDs should be illuminated. • • Release the LAMP TEST switch to end the test, all LEDs should extinguish except SYSTEM ON and any active indications

### Learning Which Devices Are Fitted

Enter programming mode.

If site specific data has NOT been pre-programmed then select function 8-3-1 Clear Customer Flash Memory and clear the customer flash. (You must NOT do this if you have been supplied with a SIM CARD pre-programmed with your site data.)

Select function 8-3-2 Clear Non-Volatile RAM and clear the NVRAM.

Exit Programming mode.

Press SYSTEM RESET.

Wait 90 seconds for the system to automatically learn which devices are present, program any Discovery<sup>™</sup> devices and report any faults.

(A SYSTEM RESET or Master Reset in Installation Mode results in an analogue loop power off period of 8 seconds [reset], an analogue loop charge up of 15 seconds then commencement of loop polling. 30 seconds after polling has started the Discovery<sup>™</sup> detectors are written to to set their LED 'flash when polled' status and their sensitivity mode. This takes up to 30 seconds. The initial 30 second wait is necessary to learn the presence of the devices before they can be written to.)

Review the faults (using the FAULT (QUEUE REVIEW) key if there is more than one). Note down the messages then remove power and rectify the faults.

Power up the system, let it initialize and enter programming mode.

Select function 7-1 Device Count, Type and Value Using the +/- keys to select the loop number and 0-9 or  $\blacktriangle \nabla$  to select the device confirm that all Sub-panels and devices are present.

Once all faults have been cleared and the system has been in Installation Mode for 90 seconds then the system can be put into Active Mode.

Note that there is no clear end to Installation mode because the system is constantly looking and learning. However if the system is put into Active Mode and Installation Mode hasn't had time to identify all system components you will very quickly be greeted with error reports regarding unexpected devices.

If devices are ever removed, replaced or added then Installation Mode must be selected so that the system can learn the new configuration. If you do not do this the system will report a fault.

**Note -** New SAM's (Self Addressable Modules) need a different installation process because they need to be assigned addresses before the panel can learn that they are present. This procedure is covered later in this manual in the section entitled "6-4 Automatic Address Setting (SAM)".

### Sounder Audibility Check

If the building is unoccupied then press SOUND ALARMS. All sounders should operate until the button is pressed again. Confirm that this is the case.

Note that Apollo loop sounders may take a second or two to respond.

If the building is occupied it is strongly recommended that the test sounders functions in programming mode are used. Enter programming mode and select 7-2 Test Sounders. Using this function, all the sounders can be checked.

### <u>Main Panel</u>

The Main Panel Conventional Sounders will sound for 1 second then be silenced for 9 seconds.

### Standard Sub-panels

Conventional Sounders and Loop Sounders are operated for 1 second then silenced for 9 seconds.

Note that the Loop Sounder operation is not synchronized to the loop sounder polling so the sounder operation may sound a little intermittent - this is OK.

### **Integrated Sub-panels**

Conventional Sounders and Loop Sounders are operated for 1 second then silenced for 9 seconds.

Conventional Sounder operation for a Repeater with Integrated Sub-panel will be synchronized to the Loop Sounder operation.

### Analogue Loop Monitoring

Check that a short circuit or open circuit is detected on every Analogue Loop.

### Open Circuit Test

Disconnect either the + or the - OUT connection for each Analogue Loop in turn. The connections will be found on the

Main terminal connection board in the Main Panel and Repeaters or directly on Standard Sub-panels.

Within a few seconds a circuit fault should be reported for every loop that has been disconnected. No individual detector faults should be reported. On standard sub-panels the amber LOCAL FAULT LED should also be illuminated.

Reconnect the wires and press SYSTEM RESET to clear the fault reports.

### Short Circuit Test

Connect the + to the - at the Analogue Loop IN connection terminals. Within a few seconds a circuit fault should be reported for every loop that has been short circuited. On Standard Sub-panels the amber LOCAL FAULT LED should also be illuminated.

If the short circuit is present for long enough and the Main Panel is Active Mode the panel will consider all devices on that Analogue Loop to have been removed - these faults will also be reported.

Remove the short circuits and press SYSTEM RESET to clear the fault reports.

### Conventional Sounder Monitoring

Check the Conventional Sounder circuits for open and short circuit fault detection.

Main Panels and Repeaters with Integrated Sub-panels have two Conventional Sounder circuits. Standard Sub-panels have two Conventional Sounder circuits.

Disconnect either the + or the - connection for each Conventional Sounder circuit in turn. Confirm that a fault is reported within a few seconds. On Standard Sub-panels the amber LOCAL FAULT LED should also be illuminated.

Restore the original connections and press SYSTEM RESET to clear the error reports.

Connect the + to the - at the Conventional Sounder connection terminals. Confirm that a fault is reported within a few seconds. On Standard Sub-panels the amber LOCAL FAULT LED should also be illuminated.

Remove the short circuits and press SYSTEM RESET to clear the fault reports.

**Warning -** if the Conventional Sounder outputs are short circuited while the sounders are active, the electronic overload protection is tripped and the system will report a sounder fault. Once the short circuit is cleared, a system reset will clear the faults.

### Detector Tests

If the devices have been assigned to Zones (on a pre-programmed SIM CARD or via the programming menus) then it is possible to test the detectors with limited or no sounder operation.

### Detector Tests By Zone

Before starting clear all faults, put the system into Active Mode, and press SYSTEM RESET.

Enter programming mode and select function 7-3 Sounders on Test Activation. This allows you to choose an audible confirmation that a device has detected a fire. The audible confirmation consists of a 1 second period of sounder operation.

ALL SOUNDERS ON DETECTOR TEST activates the Main Panel Conventional Sounders and all Conventional Sounders and Loop Sounders on the Sub-panel under test.

SUB\_PANEL SOUNDERS ON DETECTOR TEST only operates the Conventional Sounders and Loop Sounders on the Sub-panel under test. I.e. The Sub-panel that the detector under test is physically connected to.

Now select function 7-4 Test Zones to select the Zones which will be tested.

Exit programming mode, but DO NOT press SYSTEM RESET as this clears all test modes.

In test mode whenever a detector is activated the LED on that detector will be illuminated and the event will be reported on the main panel for 15 seconds. If selected, the sounders will also operate for 1 second.

Pressing TEST (QUEUE REVIEW) will report the Zones that are in Test Mode.

### Unassigned Detector Tests

If the detectors have not been assigned to a Zone then they can only be tested in normal (Active) mode. Using the programming menu ensure the system is set to Active Mode then exit programming mode and press SYSTEM RESET.

Carry out a fire test on each detector. Confirm the LED lights on the detector under test. Confirm that the fire is reported correctly at the Main Panel (and any Repeaters). Confirm that the sounders operate.

Note that sounders and detectors can be inhibited or delayed using the advanced features in the programming menus. If the sounders do not operate as expected first verify all the settings for the sounders and the device under test.

### Wrapping Up Installation And Commissioning

At this stage you may program the more advanced features of the system. The basic minimum usually involves assigning text labels to the device and Zones.

Once you have completed this or if you have a pre-programmed SIM CARD then do not forget to carry out the following steps:

Connect the batteries to the Main Panel, Repeaters and Sub-panels as described in the Installation section of this manual.

Test that the battery monitoring is functional by temporarily removing the blue wire between each pair of batteries. After a few seconds the fault should be reported on the Main Panel and Repeaters. Standard Sub-panels will also illuminate the amber LOCAL FAULT LED. (See below for more details on the test.)

When the blue wires are reconnected pressing SYSTEM RESET should clear the fault report.

Test that the primary supply monitoring is functional and that the battery system works. Switch off the AC supply to each power supply unit in the system (Main Panel, Repeaters and separate Standard Sub-panels). After a few seconds the fault should be reported on the Main Panel and Repeaters. Standard Sub-panels will also illuminate the amber LOCAL FAULT LED. (See below for more details on the test.)

Reconnect all AC supplies and press SYSTEM RESET.

Confirm that the system is in Active Mode - the SYSTEM ON LED is permanently lit.

Close the Main Panel and Repeater remembering to fit the three fascia panel retaining screws.

Close the panel box doors and lock them.

Give the keys to the person responsible for the fire alarm system.

### Master Reset

A Master Reset is not accessed through the programming menus. It occurs automatically when the Main Panel power is cycled (both primary and secondary supplies removed and reconnected). It also occurs when the PCB mounted push button fitted on the rear of the Main Panel main PCB is pressed.

A Master Reset (re)sends all settings to all sub-panels. Settings are otherwise only sent to sub-panels when they are changed using the programming functions.

When no detectors are isolated the Master Reset settings download will complete within 15 seconds (even with 32 sub-panels connected). This therefore happens whilst the INITIALISING message is being displayed. In the worst case (where 32 sub-panels are connected, all loops are fully populated and all detectors are isolated) this download will take 240 seconds.

In parallel with the settings download the sub-panels will power off their an analogue loops for a period of 8 seconds [reset] then allow an analogue loop charge up of 15 seconds before commencement of loop polling.

In Active Mode when the settings download is complete, and polling has commenced, the Discovery<sup>™</sup> detectors are written to to set their LED 'flash when polled' status and their sensitivity mode. This takes up to 30 seconds.

In Installation Mode the Discovery<sup>™</sup> write does not start until at least 30 seconds of polling has elapsed so that the presence of the Discovery<sup>™</sup> devices can be first learned.



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