

Voice Evacuation Control Panel FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X \& FIRE•COMMAND•25/50XE

## Fire Alarm System Limitations

An automatic fire alarm system-typically made up of smoke detectors, heat detectors, manual pull stations, audible warning devices, and a fire alarm control with remote notification capability-can provide early warning of a developing fire. Such a system, however, does not assure protection against property damage or loss of life resulting from a fire.
The Manufacturer recommends that smoke and/or heat detectors be located throughout a protected premise following the recommendations of the current edition of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 72 (NFPA 72),
manufacturer's recommendations, State and local codes, and the recommendations contained in the Guide for Proper Use of System Smoke Detectors, which is made available at no charge to all installing dealers. A study by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (an agency of the United States government) indicated that smoke detectors may not go off in as many as $35 \%$ of all fires. While fire alarm systems are designed to provide early warning against fire, they do not guarantee warning or protection against fire. A fire alarm system may not provide timely or adequate warning, or simply may not function, for a variety of reasons:
Smoke detectors may not sense fire where smoke cannot reach the detectors such as in chimneys, in or behind walls, on roofs, or on the other side of closed doors. Smoke detectors also may not sense a fire on another level or floor of a building. A second-floor detector, for example, may not sense a first-floor or basement fire.
Particles of combustion or "smoke" from a developing fire may not reach the sensing chambers of smoke detectors because:

- Barriers such as closed or partially closed doors, walls, or chimneys may inhibit particle or smoke flow.
- Smoke particles may become "cold," stratify, and not reach the ceiling or upper walls where detectors are located.
- Smoke particles may be blown away from detectors by air outlets.
- Smoke particles may be drawn into air returns before reaching the detector.
The amount of "smoke" present may be insufficient to alarm smoke detectors. Smoke detectors are designed to alarm at various levels of smoke density. If such density levels are not created by a developing fire at the location of detectors, the detectors will not go into alarm.
Smoke detectors, even when working properly, have sensing limitations. Detectors that have photoelectronic sensing chambers tend to detect smoldering fires better than flaming fires, which have little visible smoke. Detectors that have ion-izing-type sensing chambers tend to detect fast-flaming fires better than smoldering fires. Because fires develop in different ways and are often unpredictable in their growth, neither type of detector is necessarily best and a given type of detector may not provide adequate warning of a fire.
Smoke detectors cannot be expected to provide adequate warning of fires caused by arson, children playing with matches (especially in bedrooms), smoking in bed, and violent explosions (caused by escaping gas, improper storage of flammable materials, etc.).

While a fire alarm system may lower insurance rates, it is not a substitute for fire insurance!

Heat detectors do not sense particles of combustion and alarm only when heat on their sensors increases at a predetermined rate or reaches a predetermined level. Rate-of-rise heat detectors may be subject to reduced sensitivity over time. For this reason, the rate-of-rise feature of each detector should be tested at least once per year by a qualified fire protection specialist. Heat detectors are designed to protect property, not life.
IMPORTANT! Smoke detectors must be installed in the same room as the control panel and in rooms used by the system for the connection of alarm transmission wiring, communications, signaling, and/or power. If detectors are not so located, a developing fire may damage the alarm system, crippling its ability to report a fire.
Audible warning devices such as bells may not alert people if these devices are located on the other side of closed or partly open doors or are located on another floor of a building. Any warning device may fail to alert people with a disability or those who have recently consumed drugs, alcohol or medication. Please note that:

- Strobes can, under certain circumstances, cause seizures in people with conditions such as epilepsy.
- Studies have shown that certain people, even when they hear a fire alarm signal, do not respond or comprehend the meaning of the signal. It is the property owner's responsibility to conduct fire drills and other training exercise to make people aware of fire alarm signals and instruct them on the proper reaction to alarm signals.
- In rare instances, the sounding of a warning device can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss.
A fire alarm system will not operate without any electrical power. If AC power fails, the system will operate from standby batteries only for a specified time and only if the batteries have been properly maintained and replaced regularly.
Equipment used in the system may not be technically compatible with the control. It is essential to use only equipment listed for service with your control panel.
Telephone lines needed to transmit alarm signals from a premise to a central monitoring station may be out of service or temporarily disabled. For added protection against telephone line failure, backup radio transmission systems are recommended.
The most common cause of fire alarm malfunction is inadequate maintenance. To keep the entire fire alarm system in excellent working order, ongoing maintenance is required per the manufacturer's recommendations, and UL and NFPA standards. At a minimum, the requirements of Chapter 7 of NFPA 72 shall be followed. Environments with large amounts of dust, dirt or high air velocity require more frequent maintenance. A maintenance agreement should be arranged through the local manufacturer's representative. Maintenance should be scheduled monthly or as required by National and/ or local fire codes and should be performed by authorized professional fire alarm installers only. Adequate written records of all inspections should be kept.


## Installation Precautions

WARNING - Several different sources of power can be connected to the fire alarm control panel. Disconnect all sources of power before servicing. Control unit and associated equipment may be damaged by removing and/or inserting cards, modules, or interconnecting cables while the unit is energized. Do not attempt to install, service, or operate this unit until this manual is read and understood.
CAUTION - System Reacceptance Test after Software Changes. To ensure proper system operation, this product must be tested in accordance with NFPA 72 Chapter 7 after any programming operation or change in site-specific software. Reacceptance testing is required after any change, addition or deletion of system components, or after any modification, repair or adjustment to system hardware or wiring.
All components, circuits, system operations, or software functions known to be affected by a change must be $100 \%$ tested. In addition, to ensure that other operations are not inadvertently affected, at least $10 \%$ of initiating devices that are not directly affected by the change, up to a maximum of 50 devices, must also be tested and proper system operation verified.
This system meets NFPA requirements for operation at $0-49^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 32-120^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and at a relative humidity of $85 \% \mathrm{RH}$ (noncondensing) at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 86^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. However, the useful life of the system's standby batteries and the electronic components may be adversely affected by extreme temperature ranges and humidity. Therefore, it is recommended that this system and all peripherals be installed in an environment with a nominal room temperature of $15-27^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 60-80^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
Verify that wire sizes are adequate for all initiating and indicating device loops. Most devices cannot tolerate more than a $10 \%$ I.R. drop from the specified device voltage.

Adherence to the following will aid in problem-free installation with long-term reliability:

Like all solid state electronic devices, this system may operate erratically or can be damaged when subjected to light-ning-induced transients. Although no system is completely immune from lightning transients and interferences, proper grounding will reduce susceptibility. Overhead or outside aerial wiring is not recommended, due to an increased susceptibility to nearby lightning strikes. Consult with the Technical Services Department if any problems are anticipated or encountered.
Disconnect AC power and batteries prior to removing or inserting circuit boards. Failure to do so can damage circuits.
Remove all electronic assemblies prior to any drilling, filing, reaming, or punching of the enclosure. When possible, make all cable entries from the sides or rear. Before making modifications, verify that they will not interfere with battery, transformer, and printed circuit board location.
Do not tighten screw terminals more than 9 in-lbs. Over-tightening may damage threads, resulting in reduced terminal contact pressure and difficulty with screw terminal removal.
Though designed to last many years, system components can fail at any time. This system contains static-sensitive components. Always ground yourself with a proper wrist strap before handling any circuits so that static charges are removed from the body. Use static-suppressive packaging to protect electronic assemblies removed from the unit.
Follow the instructions in the installation, operating, and programming manuals. These instructions must be followed to avoid damage to the control panel and associated equipment. FACP operation and reliability depend upon proper installation by authorized personnel.

## FCC Warning

WARNING: This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause interference to radio communications. It has been tested and found to comply with the limits for class A computing device pursuant to Subpart B of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which is designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference when operated in a commercial environment. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

## Canadian Requirements

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class A limits for radiation noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

Le present appareil numerique n'emet pas de bruits radioelectriques depassant les limites applicables aux appareils numeriques de la classe A prescrites dans le Reglement sur le brouillage radioelectrique edicte par le ministere des Communications du Canada.

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This control panel has been designed to comply with standards set forth by the following regulatory agencies:

- Underwriters Laboratories Standard UL 864
- NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm Code

Before proceeding, the installer should be familiar with the following documents.

## NFPA Standards

This Fire Alarm Control Panel complies with the following NFPA Standards:
NFPA 72 National Fire Alarm Code
Note: Audible signal appliances used in public mode applications, are required to have minimum sound levels of 75 dBA at 10 feet ( 3 meters) and a maximum level of 120 dBA at the minimum hearing distance from the audible appliance.
To ensure that the appliance is clearly heard, the audible appliance sound level must be at least 15 dBA above the average ambient sound level or 5 dBA above the maximum sound level with a duration of at least 60 seconds, depending on which level is greater, with the sound level being measured 5 feet ( 1.5 meters) above the floor.

Underwriters Laboratories Documents:
UL 38 Manually Actuated Signaling Boxes
UL 217 Smoke Detectors, Single and Multiple Station
UL 228 Door Closers-Holders for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 268 Smoke Detectors for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 268A Smoke Detectors for Duct Applications
UL 346 Waterflow Indicators for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 464 Audible Signaling Appliances
UL 521 Heat Detectors for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 864 Standard for Control Units for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 1481 Power Supplies for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 1638 Visual Signaling Appliances
UL 1711 Amplifiers for Fire Protective Signaling Systems
UL 1971 Signaling Devices for Hearing Impaired

Other:
NEC Article 250 Grounding
NEC Article 300 Wiring Methods
NEC Article 760 Fire Protective Signaling Systems
Applicable Local and State Building Codes
Requirements of the Local Authority Having Jurisdiction (LAHJ)

## Fire•Lite Documents

Fire•Lite Device Compatibility Document Document \#15384
FCPS-24F(E) Field Charger/Power Supply Document \#50079
MS-9200(C)/E Technical Manual Document \#51003

## CHAPTER 1 <br> Product Description

IMPORTANT: The FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X and FIRE•COMMAND•25/50XE main circuit boards (identified by software version 2.0 or higher) and option modules FC-AAM25X, FC-XRM70 and FC-RMM are NOT compatible with the previously released FC-25/50 panel (identified by software version 1.0 and the FC-AAM25 option module).

The FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X Voice Evacuation Control Panel (VECP) is a single-channel, 25 watt, $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$, emergency voice evacuation panel. The panel includes dual field programmable message capability (up to 60 seconds) and an integral microphone. The base configuration also includes a power supply module with battery charger. An optional second 25 watt amplifier is also available for backup purposes or to provide an additional channel of 25 watts. Optional $70 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ conversion modules are also available for installations where $70 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ speakers are to be installed or already exist. The modular design allows for ease-of-serviceability.

Two Command Input Circuits can be independently field programmed for activation by an FACP Notification Appliance Circuit reverse polarity or by closure of a supervised normally open contact. Terminals are provided for NAC input and output to allow installation of the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X anywhere along the NAC circuit being used to activate it. Options via the Command Inputs allow one 60 second message over both amplifiers simultaneously or by selecting amplifiers individually, two 30 second messages may be selected.

Significant technological enhancements set the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X apart from other voice panels. These enhancements include full supervision in both active (alarm or music) and standby conditions. Supervision is provided for:
$\checkmark$ amplifier outputs
$\checkmark$ field wiring (shorts and opens)
$\checkmark$ message generator
$\checkmark$ all tone generators
$\checkmark$ microphone

If the message generator fails, the system automatically reverts to the primary tone generator. If the primary tone generator fails, one of three backups become enabled.

Power is fed independently to each amplifier so that a short circuit in one amplifier will not shut down the other. Full output power of 25 watts per amplifier is generated while in a low battery condition. Power is not diminished when the $70 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ option is installed. Audio is amplified from modern integrated circuits as opposed to transformer technology. This provides for very low signal distortion for crystal clear audio.

Primary applications for the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X include structures such as restaurants, schools, auditoriums, places of worship, buildings with occupancies over 50, etc. The FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X is designed to interface directly to addressable or conventional fire alarm control panels, act as a complete stand-alone unit or can be used with the Fire•Command Distributed Audio (FC-25/50DA) panel to distribute audio in systems that require more than 50 watts.

The FIRE $\cdot$ COMMAND•25/50XE offers the same features as the FIRE $\cdot$ COMMAND•25/50X but allows connection to 220/240 VAC input.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, FC-25/50X (FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X) is used in this manual to refer to both the FC-25/50X (FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X) and FC-25/50XE (FIRE•COMMAND•25/50XE) Voice Evacuation Control Panels.

### 1.1 Product Features

- 25 watts ( $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ ) audio power (expandable to 50 watts)
- Optional 70.7 V RMS conversion module available for each amplifier
- Modular design for maximum system flexibility
- Unobstructed module access and removable terminal blocks for ease of servicing and module replacement
- Designed to allow easy system expansion
- Dual Command Input circuits field selectable to be activated from 12 or 24 VDC Notification Appliance Circuits (reverse polarity) or contact closures
- Single Style Y or Z speaker circuit (expandable to two with optional 25 watt expander amplifier)
- Integral supervised microphone
- Integral digital message repeater with 'primary' and 'secondary' dual-message capability
- Standard, prerecorded message:
"May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. The signal you have just heard indicates a report of a fire in this building. Please proceed to the nearest exit and leave the building.
Do not reenter the building unless directed to do so by the proper authorities."
- Field-selectable message capability and custom message field recording capability using local microphone or compatible audio input jack
- Two 30 second or one 60 second custom message
- Integral tone generators field selectable for steady, slow-whoop, high-low or chime tones
- Higher wattage capability available by using the Fire•Command Distributed Audio (FC-25/50DA) panel or multiple master configurations.
- Powered by an internal power supply and battery charger (up to 18 AH ) module FC-PSM(E)
- Piezo sounder for local trouble
- Independent Form-C trouble relay
- 35 mA auxiliary power output for addressable control modules (when interfaced with the Fire•Lite MS-9200(E) FACP or equivalent) and End-of-Line power supervision relays
- Integral Dress Panel
- Optional FC-RMM Remote Microphone Module (requires FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module) - refer to FC-RMM Product Installation Document \#51247
- Optional local playback speaker and record control functions
- Auxiliary Audio Input for recording custom message from compatible source or playing music over the system with prior approval of Local Authority Having Jurisdiction (LAHJ)
- Manual Evacuate/Message Override two position switch for transmission of stored voice messages or microphone interrupt
- System LEDs (visible with cabinet door closed):
$\checkmark$ Power ON (green)
$\checkmark$ System Trouble (yellow)
$\checkmark$ Alarm (red)
$\checkmark$ Microphone Trouble (yellow)
$\checkmark$ Tone Generator Trouble (yellow)
$\checkmark$ Message Generator Trouble (yellow)
$\checkmark$ Record (green)
- Other System LEDs (located on modules)
$\checkmark$ Ground Fault (yellow) - FC-PSM(E) Power Supply Module
$\checkmark$ Battery Trouble (yellow) - FC-PSM(E) Power Supply Module
$\checkmark$ AC On (green) - FC-PSM(E) Power Supply Module
$\checkmark$ Amplifier Supervision (green) - Amplifier Module
$\checkmark$ Wiring Fault/Amplifier Fail (yellow) - Amplifier Module

FIGURE 1-1: Command Board with Supplied Power Supply Module


FIGURE 1-2: Command Board With Amplifiers

CAUTION: Match proper polarity connections to field wiring and


### 1.2 Specifications

## TB3 Terminals - not used

CAUTION: Terminals must have no wiring connected to them.
Internal Power Supply/Battery Charger FC-PSM(E) - Plugs into P7 of the main circuit board
AC Power - TB1 of Power Supply/Battery Charger Module
FC-25/50X with FC-PSM Power Supply/Battery Charger Module: $120 \mathrm{VAC}, 60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{amp}$.
FC-25/50XE with FC-PSME Power Supply/Battery Charger Module: 220/240 VAC, $50 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{amp}$.
Wire size: minimum \#14 AWG with 600 V insulation.

AC Loss Relay - TB2 of FC-PSM(E) Power Supply/Battery Charger Module
Operation: Relay transfers on loss of AC power to the Power Supply/Battery Charger Module for independent monitoring by DACT.
TB2 AC Loss relay contact rating: 2.0 amps @ 30 VDC (resistive), $0.6 \mathrm{amps} @ 125$ VAC (resistive)
Battery (lead acid only) - P2 of FC-PSM(E) Power Supply/Battery Charger Module
Maximum Charging Circuit: Normal Flat Charge - 27.6V @ 0.800 amp
Maximum Charger Capacity: 18 Amp Hour battery. (FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X cabinet holds maximum 7 Amp Hour Battery. Larger batteries require Fire $\cdot$ Lite \#BB-17F or other UL listed battery cabinet).

Command Input Circuits - TB2 Terminals $\mathbf{3 ( + )} \boldsymbol{\&} \mathbf{4 ( - )}$ and TB5 Terminals $\mathbf{3 ( + )} \boldsymbol{\&} \mathbf{4 ( - )}$
CMD1 and CMD2 Command Input Circuits on Terminals 3 and 4. Terminal 1(-) and 2(+) are output terminals which provide feed through of the NAC circuits to NAC devices downstream.

Power-limited and supervised circuitry
Operation: Both circuits independently field programmable to activate amplifiers on NAC polarity reversal or contact-closure.
Normal Operating Voltage: 10.5 VDC - 29 VDC (UL tested range: $-15 \%,+10 \%$ )
NAC Reverse Polarity Current: 1.6 mA maximum.
Contact Closure Operation Current (requires 4.7 K , $1 / 2$ watt End-of-Line Resistor P/N 71245): 6.6 mA maximum
Standby Current: n/a
Audio Amplifier Module - Standard Amp plugs into P4 of main circuit board, optional Amp [FC-AAM25X] plugs into P3 of main circuit board

Backup Audio In - TB2, Terminals $1 \& 2$ (Out Terminals 3 \& 4)
Operation: Optional amplifier provides backup to standard amplifier. Switch S1 on the backup amplifier must be 'ON' and jumpers placed from backup amplifier TB2 Terminal 3 to standard amplifier TB2 Terminal 1 and from backup amplifier TB2 Terminal 4 to standard amplifier TB2 Terminal 2. Refer to Chapter 5 for additional information.

Speaker Circuit - TB1 Terminals 3(+) \& 4(-) Style Y, 5(+) \& 6(-) Style Z, $1 \& 2$ Shield (Standby and Alarm Polarity Shown)

Power-limited circuitry
Operation: Circuit can be wired Style Y or Style Z
Normal Operating Voltage: $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ ( $70.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ operation possible by plugging optional FC-XRM70 conversion module into P 1 of audio amplifier).
Output Power: 25 watts ( 20 watts when background music is employed).
Maximum total capacitance for each speaker circuit: 250 uF .
End-of-Line Resistor required for Style Y circuit

## Master CMD Out - TB6 Terminals 1(-) \& 2(+)

Provides trigger for additional units. Will drive MR-101C or MR-201C relays (manufactured by Air Products and Controls) to provide alarm relay contacts.
Supervised and power-limited circuitry
Programmable Operation: Output reverses polarity on activation of Manual Evacuate switch, when either CMD1 or CMD2 are activated (in alarm), or during emergency and nonemergency paging
Normal Operating Voltage: 24 VDC regulated, filtered. Reverse Polarity Current: 60 mA maximum.
Standby Voltage: -5 VDC. Short Circuit Current: 0.5 mA . Maximum Line Resistance: 130 ohms.

## Specific Application Power - TB4 Terminals 1(+) \& 2(-)

Up to $35 \mathrm{~mA} @ 24 \mathrm{VDC}$ is available for powering control modules and associated End-of-Line power supervision relays.
Power-limited circuitry. Refer to the Device Compatibility Document for a list of compatible devices.

## Form-C Trouble Relay - TB1

TB1 Form-C relay contact rating: 2.0 amps @ 30 VDC (resistive), $0.6 \mathrm{amps} @ 125$ VAC (resistive).

## External Audio Input

RCA Jack Input (female connector)
Input Impedance: 3 K ohms maximum
Input Voltage: $700 \mathrm{mV}_{\text {RMS }}$ maximum
Input Current: 1 mA maximum @ 700 mV
Requires preamplifier output. Mates to an RCA phono 'plug' - 3 mm diameter, 10 mm length, 9 mm shell diameter. Microphone connector for Fire $\bullet$ Lite standard microphone P/N:45025

### 1.3 Controls and Indicators

FIGURE 1-3:Controls and Indicators

## Front Panel Switches:

- Two Position Toggle Switch:
$\checkmark$ MANUAL EVACUATE - up position (latching)
$\checkmark$ MESSAGE OVERRIDE (microphone paging) - down position (momentary)
- TROUBLE SILENCE (REC) - momentary depression silences the local piezo when system is in trouble condition. Switch is also used for recording customized messages. See "S1 DIP Switch Settings" on page 17 and 2.2 'S5 DIP Switch Settings' on page 18 for additional information on recording messages.
- MESSAGE PLAYBACK - for reviewing recorded message (requires optional FC-LPS module).


## LEDs (visible with panel door closed):

- Power On - green LED
- System Trouble - yellow LED
- Alarm - red LED
- Microphone Trouble - yellow LED
- Tone Generator Trouble - yellow LED
- Message Generator Trouble - yellow LED
- Record LED (REC) - green LED


### 1.4 Circuits

## Input Circuits - CMD1 and CMD2

- The two input circuits are independently field programmable to accept Notification Appliance Circuits or normally open contacts. Terminals are provided to allow feed-through of the NACs, allowing placement of the VECP anywhere along a Notification Appliance Circuit. A trouble on the VECP will cause relay contacts at the out terminals of CMD1 to open, causing an NAC circuit trouble at the FACP. Note: The VECP will not open the out terminals while in alarm. Monitoring VECP troubles while in alarm requires use of independent trouble relay at TB1.
- Programming CMD1 and/or CMD2 for activation on contact closure will allow activation of the amplifiers on a normally open contact transfer to the closed condition. Contact wiring is supervised for open conditions. A short will cause amplifier activation (contact closure).


## RCA Jack

- RCA Jack provides convenient connection to an audio source such as a tape player for recording a new digital message. It may also be used for background music if approved by local AHJ.


## Output Circuits

- Special Application Power Output, 35 mA @ 24 VDC.
- Power Supply/Battery Charger FC-PSM(E) module provides power for the main circuit board in standby and alarm at maximum power.
- The FC-PSM(E) module also provides a 24 Volt Battery Charger (up to 18 AH batteries) @ 800 mA maximum.


## Master Command Output Bus

- Normal Operating Voltage: 24 VDC regulated, filtered. Reverse Polarity Current 60 mA maximum
- Output reverses polarity on activation
- Control bus for the Fire $\cdot$ Command Distributed Audio panel (FC-25/50DA) or other Fire•Lite UL listed audio products


## Notification Appliance Circuit

- One NAC Speaker Circuit Style Y or Style Z with each FC-AAM25X amplifier module.


## Relays

- One Form-C Trouble Relay on main circuit board. Contacts are rated $2.0 \mathrm{amps} @ 30 \mathrm{VDC}$ (resistive) and 0.6 amps @ 125 VAC (resistive)
- One Form-C AC Loss relay is provided on the FC-PSM(E) Power Supply/Battery Charger module. Contacts are rated $2.0 \mathrm{amps} @ 30 \mathrm{VDC}$ (resistive) and 0.6 amps 125 VAC (resistive).


## FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module

- Connector P5 provides a connection for the optional FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module which is used to connect the FC-RMM Remote Microphone Module to provide remote microphone paging capabilities.


## P1 Connector (future use)

## Local Speaker

- Connector P2 provides a connection for an optional, removable local speaker P/N: FC-LPS, to be used for reviewing the digital message without broadcasting over the system speakers. Refer to Figure 3-18, "Installation of Speaker Module," on page 35. This option module must be installed to take advantage of the Playback feature. (The FC-LPS must be removed after use).


### 1.5 Components

## Main Circuit Board

The Master Unit main circuit board contains the system's CPU, tone generators, auxiliary 35 mA output, DIP switches for field programmable features, digital message recorder/generator, integral microphone input and preamplifier, other primary components and wiring interface components. One amplifier module is supplied mounted to the main circuit board. Optional modules can be plugged in and mounted to the

FIGURE 1-4: Main Circuit Board
 main circuit board. The main circuit board is delivered premounted in the cabinet.

## FC-PSM(E) Power Supply/Battery Charger Module

This power supply module plugs into connector P7 located in the lower left corner of the main circuit board thus allowing the VECP to be powered from its own internal power supply. The FC-PSM module is powered by 120 VAC, $60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{amp}$ primary power and the FC-PSME module is powered by $220 / 240 \mathrm{VAC}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{amp}$ primary power. An integral battery charger is capable of charging up to 18 Amp Hour batteries. Primary AC power to the $\operatorname{FC}-\mathrm{PSM}(\mathrm{E})$ is constantly monitored. Upon loss of AC power or AC brownout, the AC Loss Relay contacts change state and the AC ON LED extinguishes. A switch option (S1) may be used to select immediate or 6 hour delay of AC Loss Relay transfer (for independent monitoring by DACT).

## Audio Amplifier Module [FC-AAM25X]

A single Audio Amplifier Module is installed in the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X. The amplifier provides 25 watts of power at $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$. An optional module, P/N: FC-XRM70, converts the $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ output to $70.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$. One fully supervised and power-limited speaker circuit is provided on the amplifier module. The circuit can be wired for Style Y (Class B) or Style Z (Class A) operation.

LEDs are provided to indicate Amplifier Supervision (green indicates amplifier is functional) and Circuit Trouble (yellow indicates field wiring fault or amplifier fault). The LEDs are only visible with the panel door open.

## Cabinet

FIGURE 1-5: Cabinet
The cabinet is red with an attractive navy blue front overlay. A clear window allows viewing of status LEDs and location of microphone. The backbox measures $18.5^{\prime \prime} \times 15.5^{\prime \prime} \times 4.25$ " and provides space for two batteries (up to 7 Amp Hours).

## Batteries

The cabinet provides space for 7 Amp Hour batteries. If larger than 7 Amp Hour batteries are to be installed (18 AH maximum), use the Fire•Lite BB-17F battery box or similar UL listed battery box. Batteries and BB-17F battery box must be ordered separately.


## Dress Panel

The Dress Panel is supplied standard with the system. It mounts to the cabinet with two supplied screws. The Dress Panel protects the user from high voltages and circuit boards from accidental damage. All system LEDs are visible with the Dress Panel installed.

### 1.6 Optional Modules

## FC-AAM25X Audio Amplifier Module

FIGURE 1-6: Dress Panel


An optional second identical audio amplifier can be plugged into connector P3 located in the lower center of the main circuit board in the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X. This amplifier also provides 25 watts of power at $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ and can therefore be used to expand system power to 50 watts (providing dual 25 watt speaker circuits) or it can be used as a backup amplifier. An option module can also be used to convert the $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ output to $70.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$.
Note: For ease of access, all wiring should be connected to the terminals on the main circuit board terminal blocks TB2, TB4, TB5 and TB6 prior to installing the secondary Audio Amplifier Module.

## FC-XRM70 Transformer Module 70.7 V $_{\text {RMS }}$

This optional module plugs into connector P1 of the Audio Amplifier Module and provides conversion from $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ to $70.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ at full rated 25 watts output power.

## FC-LPS Local Playback Speaker

This optional speaker module plugs into connector P 2 located in the lower right corner of the VECP main circuit board. This unit allows reviewing of the digital message locally without broadcasting it over the system speakers. The optional module must be installed in order to take advantage of the Playback feature. It may be temporarily used to test recorded messages. A mounting kit is included for this purpose. The FC-LPS cannot be permanently mounted in the enclosure and must be removed after use.

## FC-RMM Remote Microphone Module

The optional microphone module, which can be installed in a CAB-RMR, provides general paging capabilities through the remote microphone for an audio system. Announcements can be broadcast over the speaker circuits by depressing the Remote Microphone keyswitch. The FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module must be installed in the audio panel for connection to the FC-RMM (refer to the FC-RMM Product Installation Document \#51247 for installation information).

Note: Paging and alarm operations initiated from within the Fire•Command•25/50X main panel will override the remote microphone.

## CHAPTER 2

Field Programming

The FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X VECP can be field programmed using option DIP switches S1 and S5 located in the upper right side of the main circuit board. It is recommended that tone selection, message repeat cycles and background music options be reviewed and approved by the local AHJ. Refer to the following illustration for details on DIP switch placement in the ON and OFF positions.

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CAUTION: In order to minimize risk of damage to any circuits, do not use conductive tools when configuring DIP switches.

FIGURE 2-1: Field Programming DIP Switches


### 2.1 S1 DIP Switch Settings

- Switch 1 - Temporal pattern generated per ANSI S3.41 when Switch 1 is ON and Switches 2 and 3 are OFF $\mathrm{OFF}=$ No temporal pattern - tone generated as selected by Switches 2 and 3 (factory default setting). ON = Temporal pattern generated on steady tone. Switches 2 and 3 must be in the OFF position.
- Switches 2 and 3 - used to determine what tone will be transmitted over the speakers before and after the message is transmitted as well as the backup tone to be transmitted if the digital voice generator fails.

TABLE 2-1: Switch Settings for Tones

| SWITCH <br> $\mathbf{2}$ | SWITCH <br> $\mathbf{3}$ | TONE TRANSMITTED BEFORE AND <br> AFTER DIGITAL VOICE MESSAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OFF | OFF | STEADY |
| OFF | ON | SLOW WHOOP (factory default) |
| ON | OFF | Hi-Lo |
| ON | ON | CHIME |

- Switch 4 - used to determine if the tone selected by $S 1$ switches 2 and 3 will be generated before the message is transmitted:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{OFF}=\text { No tone before message } \\
& \mathrm{ON}=\text { Tone before message (factory default setting) }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Switch 5 - used to determine if the tone selected by S1 switches 2 and 3 will be generated after the message is transmitted:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { OFF = No tone after message } \\
& \text { ON = Tone after message (factory default setting) }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Switch 6, 7 and 8 - used to determine the number of times the voice message will repeat.
table 2-2: Switch Settings for Message Repeat

| SWITCH <br> $\mathbf{6}$ | SWITCH <br> $\mathbf{7}$ | SWITCH <br> $\mathbf{8}$ | NUMBER OF TIMES TO REPEAT DIGITAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VOICE MESSAGE |  |  |  |
| OFF | OFF | OFF | Tone only, no voice ${ }^{1}$ |
| ON | OFF | OFF | 3 |
| OFF | ON | OFF | 4 |
| ON | ON | OFF | 6 (factory default) |
| OFF | OFF | ON | 8 |
| ON | ON | ON | INFINITE (until FACP NAC or Manual Evacuate |
|  |  | switch is reset) |  |

1. Some jurisdictions require tone evacuate only. This option prevents voice messages from being generated. Verify with local AHJ if voice message is allowed and the number of times the message may be repeated.

### 2.2 S5 DIP Switch Settings

- Switch 1 - used to set the emergency paging time-out (fail-safe) option:

OFF = No time-out during emergency paging
ON $=$ Prerecorded message will restart if emergency paging exceeds three minutes

- Switch 2 - provides two distinct functions for message recording and speaker circuit selection as follows:


## Message Recordings:

When recording a message to be played back by the Digital Message Generator, Switch 2 is used to set the number of messages to be recorded:
OFF = one 60 second 'fire' message (factory default setting).
Note: Can also be recorded as one evacuate message in two languages; one language recorded immediately after the first language.
$\mathrm{ON}=$ two 30 second messages.
Note: Both messages can be 'fire' related or one may be 'nonfire' related, i.e. 'fire evacuation' and 'fire clear' messages or 'fire' and 'tornado warning' messages.

## Speaker/Message Selection

During panel operation, Switch 2 is also used to determine which speaker circuit(s) will be activated by Command Input Circuits $1 \& 2$ and which message will be transmitted. In order for the speaker circuit select function to operate, be certain to install the second amplifier and do not select the backup feature.

Switch 2 OFF (factory default setting) as shown in following Table:
table 2-3: One 60 Second Message - Amp Selected

| CMD1 | CMD2 | AMP1 | AMP2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | OFF | OFF |
| 0 | 1 | OFF | FIRE MESSAGE |
| 1 | 0 | FIRE MESSAGE | OFF |
| 1 | 1 | FIRE MESSAGE | FIRE MESSAGE |

Command Input \#1 (CMD1) activates only speaker circuit \#1 and transmits up to a 60 second 'fire' message
Command Input \#2 (CMD2) activates only speaker circuit \#2 and transmits up to a 60 second 'fire' message

Switch 2 ON as shown in following Table:
table 2-4: Two 30 Second Messages - Message Selected

| CMD1 | CMD2 | AMP1 | AMP2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | OFF | OFF |
| 0 | 1 | MESSAGE \#2 | MESSAGE \#2 |
| 1 | 0 | MESSAGE \#1 | MESSAGE \#1 |
| 1 | 1 | MESSAGE \#1 | MESSAGE \#1 |

Command Input \#1 (CMD1) activates speaker circuits $1 \& 2$ and transmits up to a 30 second 'fire' message over both speaker circuits.
Command Input \#2 (CMD2) activates speaker circuits $1 \& 2$ and transmits up to a 30 second 'nonfire' or second fire related message over both speaker circuits.

- Switch 3 - controls whether background music can be played over the speakers from the RCA Jack Input.
$\mathrm{OFF}=$ Background music disabled (factory default setting)
ON = Background music enabled
Note: NFPA 72 requires that speakers used as alarm notification appliances on fire alarm systems not be used for nonemergency purposes. Consult with the Local AHJ for authorization to use background music. Only 20 watts of power can be supplied per amplifier if background music is enabled.
- Switch 4 - used to determine how the Master Command Bus Output will function

OFF = Master Command Bus Output activates only when the VECP is in alarm
ON - Master Command Bus Output activates only during emergency or nonemergency paging

- Switch 5 - used to determine what will activate the Command Input \#1.
$\mathrm{OFF}=$ Activation on NAC polarity reversal (factory default setting)
$\mathrm{ON}=$ Activation on contact closure
- Switch 6 - used to determine what will activate the Command Input \#2.
$\mathrm{OFF}=$ Activation on NAC polarity reversal (factory default setting)
$\mathrm{ON}=$ Activation on contact closure
- Switch 7 - used to determine the source being used to record the digital voice message.

OFF $=$ Record from Microphone (factory default setting)
ON = Record from External Audio Input (RCA Jack)

- Switch 8 - used to enable recording of digital voice message. OFF = Recording not permitted, Trouble Silence/Rec key used for trouble silence (factory default) setting)
ON = Recording permitted, Trouble Silence/Rec key used to record voice message. Switch must be restored to default setting upon completion of recording.


### 2.3 S2-Record Bypass Switch

This switch, when placed in the down position, prevents accidental erasure of stored voice messages. See "REC Record Push Button" on page 20 for additional information.

UP Position $=$ The stored digital voice message may be overwritten with a new one.

### 2.4 REC - Record Push Button

The switch labeled TROUBLE SILENCE is also used for recording a customized message. The switch is not labeled as 'record' to help prevent unauthorized recording.

## Recording Instructions

Recording a custom message or messages into the VECP requires that the voice message(s) be input via the internal microphone or via the RCA Jack. Note that the background music feature must be disabled in order to record a new voice message.

1. Select whether a single 60 second message or two 30 second messages will be recorded by setting 55 switch 2 to the OFF position for one 60 second message or to the ON position for two 30 second messages.
2. Enable recording by setting S5 switch 8 to the ON position. The Trouble Silence key is now ready to be used in record operation.
3. Select the record input source by setting S5 switch 7 to the OFF position if recording via the microphone, or to the ON position if recording via the RCA Jack.
4. Slide the Record Bypass switch S 2 to the UP position to enable the message storage device.
5. Note the following while recording:
$\checkmark$ To alert the user that there is only five seconds of record time remaining, the REC LED will change from steady-on to flashing
$\checkmark$ The system Trouble LED and Trouble Relay will be on while recording but the Trouble Sounder will remain off. The system will not respond to the CMD inputs or Manual Evacuate switch while recording
$\checkmark$ It is not necessary to fill the entire 60 second or 30 second record time. The time limits represent the maximum time allotted. For dual language recordings, it is recommended that the 60 second option be selected. The two 30 second recordings should only be used for fire/nonfire or fire-evacuation/fireclear messages
$\checkmark$ Factory default messages are replaced with the custom messages recorded from the RCA jack or internal microphone

## Recording one 60 second message from the RCA jack

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. After five seconds, the REC LED will turn on steady and recording of the custom message may now commence.
3. Upon completion of the custom recording, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the process. The REC LED will extinguish.

## Recording two 30 second messages from the RCA jack

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. After five seconds, the REC LED will turn on steady and recording of the first custom message may now commence.
3. Upon completion of the custom recording, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the record process for the first message. The REC LED will now flash at a $1 / 2$ second rate for five seconds, to prompt for the recording of the second message.
4. After this period, the REC LED will turn on steady and recording of the second custom message may now commence.
5. Upon completion of the custom recording, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the recording of the second message. The REC LED will extinguish.

## Recording only the first $\mathbf{3 0}$ second message from the RCA jack

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. After five seconds, the REC LED will turn on steady and recording of the first custom message may now commence.
3. Upon completion of the custom recording, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the recording of the first message.
4. The REC LED will now flash at a $1 / 2$ second rate for five seconds. During that time, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the record process. The Trouble Silence key must be pressed within this five second time frame or accidental erasure of the second message will occur.

## Recording only the second 30 second message from the RCA jack

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. While the LED is flashing, press the Trouble Silence key again to advance to the beginning of the second message. The Trouble Silence key must be pressed within five seconds or accidental erasure of the first message will occur. The REC LED will now flash at a $1 / 2$ second rate for five seconds to prompt for the recording of the second message.
3. After five seconds, the REC LED will turn on steady and recording of the second custom message may now commence.
4. Upon completion of the custom recording, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the recording of the second message. The REC LED will extinguish.

## Recording one 60 second message from the microphone

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. Within five seconds, press the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will turn on steady. Speak into the microphone to record the custom message.
3. To terminate the record process, press the Trouble Silence key or release the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will extinguish.

## Playback Button

## Recording two 30 second messages from the microphone

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. Within five seconds, press the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will turn on steady. Speak into the microphone to record the first custom message.
3. Release the microphone push-to-talk switch to end recording the first message. The REC LED will now flash at a $1 / 2$ second rate to prompt for the recording of the second message.
4. Within five seconds, press the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will turn on steady. Speak into the microphone to record the second custom message.
5. To terminate the record process, press the Trouble Silence key or release the microphone switch. The REC LED will extinguish.

## Recording only the first $\mathbf{3 0}$ second message from the microphone

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. Within five seconds, press the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will turn on steady. Speak into the microphone to record the first custom message.
3. Upon completion of the custom recording, release the microphone push-to-talk switch to terminate the recording of the first message.
4. The REC LED will now flash at a $1 / 2$ second rate to prompt for the recording of the second message. During that time, press the Trouble Silence key to terminate the record process.

## Recording only the second 30 second message from the microphone

1. Press the keypad switch labeled Trouble Silence to begin recording. The green REC LED, located in the upper left hand corner of the Trouble Silence key, will begin to flash at a one second rate.
2. While the LED is flashing, press the Trouble Silence key a second time to advance to the beginning of the second message. The REC LED will now flash at a $1 / 2$ second rate to prompt for the recording of the second message.
3. Within 5 seconds, press the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will turn on steady. Speak into the microphone to record the second custom message.
4. To terminate the record process, press the Trouble Silence key or release the microphone push-to-talk switch. The REC LED will extinguish.

A
CAUTION! Be certain to slide the Record Bypass switch $S 2$ to the Down position when recording is completed. This will prevent accidental rerecording or deletion of the stored message(s). It is not possible to record with the $S 2$ Record Bypass switch in the Down position.

### 2.5 Playback Button

The Playback button can be used to review the stored voice message(s). By connecting the optional Local Playback Speaker Module, the message can be heard without transmitting it over the system speakers. Pressing the Playback button will cause the following:

- In a system set for one 60 second message, the message will play until the end or until the Playback button is pressed a second time.
- In a system set for two 30 second messages, the first message will play until the end or until the Playback button is pressed a second time, which will start the second message. The second message will play until the end or until the Playback button is pressed to stop the message.

Note that the voice message will repeat according to the S1 DIP switch settings (see 2.1 ' S 1 DIP Switch Settings' on page 17). Refer to Figure 3-18, "Installation of Speaker Module," on page 35, for additional information.

## CHAPTER 3

### 3.1 Mounting Options

The cabinet may be surface or semi-flush mounted. Semi-flush mounting requires use of the FC-TR trim ring illustrated in Figure 3-2. The door is removable during the installation period by opening and lifting it off the hinges. The cabinet mounts using two key slots at the top of the backbox and two additional $0.250^{\prime \prime}$ diameter holes located at the bottom.

Carefully unpack the system and check for shipping damage. Mount the cabinet in a clean, dry, vibration-free area where extreme temperatures are not encountered. The area should be readily accessible with sufficient room to easily install and maintain the panel. Locate the top of the cabinet approximately five feet above the floor with the hinge mounting on the left. Determine the number of conductors required for the devices to be installed. Sufficient knockouts are provided for wiring convenience. Select the appropriate knockout(s) and pull the required conductors into the box. Note that there are no knockouts on the back of the cabinet. All wiring should be in accordance with the National and/or Local codes for fire alarm systems.

### 3.2 Backbox Installation

## Surface Mounting

$\checkmark$ Open the door and lift the door off the pin hinges.
$\checkmark$ Mark and predrill holes for the top two backbox keyhole mounting bolts using the dimensions shown.
$\checkmark$ Install two upper fasteners in the wall with the screw heads protruding.
$\checkmark$ Using the upper 'keyholes', mount the backbox over the two screws.
$\checkmark$ Mark and drill the lower two holes.
$\checkmark$ Install the remaining fasteners and tighten all fasteners to complete backbox mounting.

## Semi-flush Mounting Using Optional FC-TR Trim Ring

FIGURE 3-2: FC-TR Trim Ring
$\checkmark$ Open Trim Ring hardware kit which contains six (6) screws and six (6) drywall anchors.
$\checkmark$ Remove VECP cabinet door by sliding door upward off pin style hinges.
$\checkmark$ Place FC-TR trim ring around VECP cabinet making certain that the hinge cut-outs are on the left hand or hinged side of the cabinet.
$\checkmark$ Making certain that the trim ring is placed around the VECP cabinet maintaining an equal distance from all four sides of the cabinet, mark the centers of all six FC-TR mounting holes.
$\checkmark$ Remove the trim ring and drill the holes where marked on the wall.

$\checkmark$ Install the six (6) supplied drywall anchors into the drilled holes.
$\checkmark$ Place the FC-TR trim ring around the VECP cabinet and secure in place using the six (6) supplied screws.

Draw wires through the respective knockout locations.
FIGURE 3-3:Cabinet Dimensions \& Knockout Locations


FIGURE 3-4: VECP Backbox and Battery Box

5. $\mathrm{BB}-17 \mathrm{~F}$ is required when using greater than 7 AH batteries.
6. Mount the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X (VECP) cabinet to the wall
7. Remove knockouts on bottom of VECP cabinet and top of BB-17F.
8. Using conduit, hang the $\mathrm{BB}-17 \mathrm{~F}$ from the VECP cabinet making sure there is at least $1 / 2$ " of clearance between the two cabinets.
9. Anchor the BB-17F to the wall.

### 3.3 Operating Power

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CAUTION: Several different sources of power can be connected to this panel. Disconnect all sources of power before servicing. The panel and associated equipment may be damaged by removing and/or inserting cards, modules or interconnecting cables while this unit is energized.

## Internal Power Supply/Battery Charger FC-PSM(E)

AC power connections are made to the FC-PSM(E) Internal Power Supply/Battery Charger. Primary power source is 120 VAC, $60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.0 \mathrm{amp}$ for the FC-PSM Power Supply/Battery Charger module and 220/240 VAC, 50 $\mathrm{Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{amps}$ for the FC-PSME Power Supply/Battery Charger module. Run a pair of wires (with ground conductor) from the protected premises main breaker box to TB1 of the FC-PSM(E). As per National Electric Code, use 14 AWG ( 1.6 mm O.D.) or heavier gauge wire with 600 V insulation. No other equipment may be connected to this circuit. In addition, this circuit must be provided with overcurrent protection and may not contain any power disconnect devices. A separate Earth Ground connection must be made to ensure proper panel operation and lightning and transient protection. Connect the Earth Ground wire (minimum 14 AWG) to one of the transformer mounting studs. Do not use conduit for the Earth Ground connection since this does not provide reliable protection.

## Secondary Power Source (Batteries)

Observe polarity when connecting the battery. Connect the battery cable to P2 on the Internal Power Supply Battery Charger module using the plug-in connector and cable provided. The battery charger is current-limited and capable of recharging sealed lead acid type batteries (See Figure 3-5 for battery orientation). The charger shuts off when the system is in alarm. Refer to page 46 for calculation of the correct battery rating.
CAUTION: Battery contains sulfuric acid which can cause severe burns to the skin and eyes, and can destroy fabrics. If contact is made with sulfuric acid, immediately flush the skin or eyes with water for 15 minutes and seek immediate medical attention.

FIGURE 3-5: Operating Power Connections


### 3.3.1 Power Supply/Battery Charger Module FC-PSM(E)

The FC-PSM module is powered by 120 VAC and the FC-PSME module is powered by 220/240 VAC. In addition to supplying operating power, the module is capable of charging 7 AH to 18 AH batteries. LEDs on the module indicate AC On (green), Battery Trouble (yellow) and Ground Fault (yellow). S1 is the AC Fail Delay switch. When positioned to the right, in the AC Fail Delay position, the panel will delay the deactivation of the AC Power Fail relay for independent monitoring by a DACT for six hours. Connector J1 of the Power Supply module plugs into connector P7 located in the lower left corner of the main circuit board.

TB2 provides AC power fail relay contacts which transfer on loss of AC power. Batteries connect to the P2 connector on the Power Supply Module. Up to 7 AH batteries can be installed in the cabinet. Larger batteries must be installed in an external UL listed battery cabinet such as the Fire•Lite BB-17F.

## Power Supply Replacement Procedure

Caution: Before installing any modules, make certain all power (AC and DC) has been removed.

1. Remove the four mounting screws from the top left and bottom left corners of the FC-PSM(E) module.
2. Carefully remove the power supply module by unplugging FC-PSM(E) connector J1 from main circuit board connector P7.
3. Install the new FC-PSM(E) power supply module by carefully aligning connector J 1 on the $\mathrm{FC}-\mathrm{PSM}(\mathrm{E})$ Module with connector P7 on the main circuit board and pressing the FC-PSM(E) securely into place being certain not to bend or break any connector pins.
4. Secure the FC-PSM(E) Module to the standoffs using the four screws removed in Step 1. It is important that the metal screws be used in order to help protect against electrical transients.
5. Continue with the FC-PSM(E) Transformer installation as described on the following page.

FIGURE 3-6: Installation of FC-PSM(E) Power Supply/Battery Charger Module


## Operating Power

### 3.3.2 Transformer Replacement Procedure

Caution: Before installing any modules or cables, make certain all power (AC and $D C$ ) has been removed.

1. Unplug XRM-24(E) cable from P1 on FC-PSM(E) module and remove transformer from mounting studs.
2. Position the new XRM-24 (120 VAC) Transformer Assembly or XRM-24E (220/240 VAC) Transformer Assembly, over mounting studs, with cable assembly oriented to the left as illustrated below.
3. Secure the Transformer to the studs with the two supplied nuts. Do not tighten one of the nuts until step 4.
4. Connect a wire from a solid earth ground to one of the Transformer mounting studs and tighten the nut. This connection is necessary in order to provide proper lightning and transient protection for the panel.
5. Plug XRM-24(E) Transformer cable assembly into connector P1 which is located in the lower left corner of the FC-PSM(E) Module. Note that the Transformer cable connector is keyed to prevent incorrect connection.
6. Complete the installation by connecting the AC power wires to Hot, Neutral and Earth terminals of TB1 on the FC-PSM(E) Module.
7. If batteries are being used, connect the batteries ( 18 AH maximum) to connector P 2 located to the left center of the FC-PSM(E) Module.
8. Apply power to the panel.

FIGURE 3-7:Installation of Power Supply Transformer


Backbox


### 3.4 Auxiliary DC Power Output Connections

The Auxiliary DC power output is power-limited.
FIGURE 3-8: Auxiliary Power Connection
Special Application Power ( 35 mA @ 24 VDC ) is nonresettable power suitable for powering control modules and End-of Line Power supervision relays. See Device Compatibility Document for compatible devices.


### 3.5 Input Circuits

The VECP has two Command Input circuits (CMD1 and CMD2), which are used to activate the panel amplifiers which, in turn, transmit an audio signal over the system speakers. All field wiring for each circuit is power-limited and supervised for opens and ground faults.

Each CMD Command Input circuit can be independently field programmed to be triggered by a contact closure or by the reverse polarity of a Notification Appliance Circuit. CMD input and output terminals are provided to allow placement of the VECP anywhere along a Notification Appliance Circuit allowing nondedicated use of host FACP NAC for triggering. CMD1 has relay contacts (maximum current 2.0 amps ) before the out terminals which will open the outgoing NAC circuit during a VECP trouble condition. This causes an NAC trouble at the host FACP.

Note that the Command Input Circuit configurations can be independently set so that both circuits are triggered by the same type of input or by different types of inputs (Refer to Figure 3-9 on page 29).

FIGURE 3-9:Command Input Circuits


### 3.6 Output Circuits

## Master Command Output Bus

The Master Command Output is a 24 VDC reverse polarity output (TB6) which can be used to trigger additional FIRE $\cdot$ COMMAND•25/50X units, or the Fire $\cdot$ Command Distributed Audio panel. Refer to the FC-25/50DA manual, Document \#51244 for additional information. The Master Command Output may be programmed to activate on any alarm condition as triggered by the Command Inputs CMD1 or CMD2, when the manual evacuate switch is ON or during emergency or nonemergency paging. See "S5 DIP Switch Settings" on page 18.
When connecting the Master Command Output of the main panel to the Command Inputs of other FIRE $\cdot$ COMMAND•25/50X panels or to other devices, the wiring must be supervised by a 4.7 K EOL resistor connected across the out terminals of Command Input \#1 on the last panel.
In Example 1 illustrated below, the audio output from each unit is not synchronized. Each VECP may generate a different audio message if desired. Paging must be done at each individual panel's microphone.

FIGURE 3-10:Example 1 - Activating Multiple VECPs with Master CMD Output Bus (S5 switch 4 OFF)


The maximum line resistance from the main VECP to the last VECP is 130 ohms ( 65 ohms per conductor).

FIGURE 3-11:Example 2 - Activating MR-101C (or MR-201C) with Master CMD Output Bus (S5 switch 4 Off)


The MR-101C (one Form-C relay) and MR-201C (two Form-C relays), which are manufactured by Air Products and Controls, include an enclosure.

## Output Circuits

## Trouble Relay - TB1

The main circuit board provides a Form-C Trouble relay, for independent monitoring, rated for 2.0 amps @ 30 VDC (resistive) and 0.6 amp @ 125 VAC (resistive). This relay is 'fail safe', meaning that it is normally energized. Should system power via FC-PSM(E) shut off, this relay will deenergize, transferring its contacts.

## FIGURE 3-12:Trouble Relay



## AC Power Loss Relay - TB2

The FC-PSM(E) internal Power Supply/Battery Charger Module provides a Form-C AC Power Loss relay rated for 2.0 amps @ 30 VDC (resistive) and $0.6 \mathrm{amps} @ 125 \mathrm{VAC}$ (resistive).

FIGURE 3-13:AC Power Loss Relay


## Notification Appliance Circuit (Speakers)

Each Amplifier Module provides one Notification Appliance Circuit for speakers. The circuit can be wired Style Y (Class B) or Style Z (Class A). Each supervised and power-limited circuit is capable of 25 watts of power. The maximum total capacitance for each speaker circuit cannot exceed 250 uF . Refer to the Fire•Lite Device Compatibility Document for a listing of compatible speakers.

CAUTION: Match proper polarity connections to field wiring and speakers. Polarity shown is in the standby and alarm conditions.

FIGURE 3-14:Speaker Circuit Connections


Shielded cable is not required, however, shielded cable will reduce RFI/EMI emissions and susceptibility. For additional information, refer to Appendix E.

### 3.7 UL Power-limited Wiring Requirements

Power-limited and nonpower-limited circuit wiring must remain separated in the cabinet. All power-limited circuit wiring must remain at least $0.25^{\prime \prime}$ away from any nonpower-limited circuit wiring. Furthermore, all power-limited and nonpower-limited circuit wiring must enter and exit the cabinet through different knockouts and/or conduits. A typical wiring diagram for the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X is shown below.

FIGURE 3-15:Typical Wiring Diagram for UL Power-limited Requirements


### 3.8 Installation of Option Modules

### 3.8.1 Audio Amplifier Module [FC-AAM25X]

The optional audio amplifier module is identical to the module provided with the factory standard panel configuration. It can be used to provide a second 25 watt speaker circuit, increasing the total VECP power to 50 watts, or it can be used as a backup amplifier. LEDs on the amplifier module are for Amp Supervision (green - indicates amp functional) and Circuit Trouble (yellow - indicates wiring fault or amplifier fail). Connector J1 of the audio amplifier module plugs into connector P3 located at the bottom center of the main circuit board.

Caution: Before installing any modules, make certain all power (AC and DC) has been removed.

1. For ease of access, all wiring should be connected to the terminals on the main circuit board terminal blocks TB2, TB4, TB5 and TB6 prior to installing the secondary Audio Amplifier Module.
2. Remove mounting screw shown, from the main circuit board, and save (refer to illustration below).
3. Install one supplied metal standoff in location from which mounting screw was removed in Step 2.
4. Install the Audio Amplifier Module by carefully aligning the amplifier's J1 connector with the P3 connector on the main circuit board. Press the Module securely into place making certain not to bend or break any connector pins.
5. Secure the Audio Amplifier Module with the supplied screws plus the screw removed in Step 2. It is important to secure the module with the metal screws in order to help protect against electrical transients.
6. Configure the Audio Amplifier for primary or backup amplifier operation by setting switch S1 on the amplifier:
1) Position switch S1 in the DOWN position for primary operation which adds the new amplifier's 25 watts to total system power ( 50 watts total).
2) Position switch S1 in the UP 'Backup On' position to configure the amplifier as a backup in the event the primary amplifier fails.
7. Check to make certain the factory installed jumpers are in place on P 1 of the Audio Amplifier Module(s). Do not remove unless installing the FC-XRM70 Transformer Module. Refer to Figure 3-17 on page 34.
8. Connect field wiring to newly installed amplifier. Refer to Figure 3-14 on page 31 for illustration of speaker connections if amplifier is being used to expand system power to 50 watts (i.e. providing dual 25 watt speaker circuits). Refer to Figure 5-2 on page 42 for illustration of connections if amplifier is being used as a backup.
FIGURE 3-16:Installation of Optional Audio Amplifier


### 3.8.2 70.7 $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RMS }}$ Transformer Module (FC-XRM70)

The $70.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ Transformer Module can be used to convert the $25 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ amplifiers for installations where $70.7 \mathrm{~V}_{\text {RMS }}$ speakers already exist or are to be installed. Transformer connector J1 connects to amplifier connector P1.

Caution: Before installing any modules, make certain all power (AC and DC) has been removed.

1. Carefully remove the FC-AAM25X Audio Amplifier Module(s) from the main circuit board. Refer to Figure 3-16 on page 33 for installation procedures and reverse the steps.
2. Install the three standoffs supplied with the FC-XRM70 Module by inserting each supplied screw into the three holes on the solder side of the FC-AAM25X Audio Amplifier Module(s). Secure each standoff in place with the screws. Refer to Figure 3-17 for the location of the mounting holes.
3. Reinstall the Audio Amplifier Module(s) following the procedure accompanying Figure 3-16.
4. Remove the two factory installed jumpers from connector P1 of the Audio Amplifier Module(s). Refer to the illustration in Figure 3-17.
5. Carefully align the J1 connector on the FC-XRM70 Transformer Module(s) with the P1 connector on the Audio Amplifier Module and press securely into place. Make certain the pins are properly aligned to prevent bending or breaking of pins.
6. Secure the FC-XRM70 Transformer Module(s) to the Audio Amplifier Module(s) with the supplied screws.

FIGURE 3-17:70.7 $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RMS }}$ Transformer Module Installation


### 3.8.3 Local Playback Speaker Module (FC-LPS)

The Local Playback Speaker Module can be used to monitor the recorded digital message without transmitting the message over the system speakers. The speaker module plugs into P2 of the main circuit board. This optional module is necessary to take advantage of the Playback feature.

The Speaker Module is connected by simply plugging the module connector into P 2 of the main circuit board. The Speaker Module may be installed during the test period by using the supplied mounting hardware.

1. Remove the main circuit board mounting screw located to the right of power terminal block TB3.
2. Install the supplied metal standoff in the mounting hole just vacated in Step 1 and screw standoff into place.
3. Position the FC-LPS mounting bracket hole over the standoff and secure with screw removed in Step 1.
4. Plug the FC-LPS Local Playback Speaker Module's polarized connector into connector P2 on the main circuit board. P2 is located on the bottom right of the main circuit board near the Control/Indicator panel.
5. When testing is completed, remove the FC-LPS and standoff and reinstall the screw. The FC-LPS is not approved for permanent connection.

FIGURE 3-18:Installation of Speaker Module


## CHAPTER 4

### 4.1 Switch Function

### 4.1.1 Manual Evacuate/Message Override

FIGURE 4-1:Front Panel
Manual Evacuate/Message Override is a two position switch used for manually generating programmed evacuation tones/messages or for paging. It is visible through the window of the closed backbox door. The door must be unlocked and opened for access to the switch. Switch activation will cause the following:

- Placing the switch in the UP or Manual Evacuate latching position will generate the programmed evacuation tones/messages out of the amplifiers. Returning the switch to the normal position will stop the audio output.
- Holding the switch in the Down or Message Override nonlatching position interrupts the generated audio output from the amplifiers if the unit is in alarm. This allows use of the microphone for emergency paging. It is not necessary to hold the switch down when paging while the system is in the
 standby (nonalarm) state. Releasing the switch while in alarm, returns the VECP to generating audio evacuation tone(s)/messages(s).


### 4.2 LED Indicators

### 4.2.1 LEDs Visible with Backbox Door Closed (Refer to Figure 4-1 on page 36)

## Power On

A green LED that remains on while the DC power source is within correct limits. If this indicator fails to light under normal conditions, service the system immediately.

## System Trouble

This yellow LED turns on steady to indicate that a fault or abnormal condition exists and that the VECP may be inoperative.

## Alarm

A red LED that turns on steady when either CMD1 or CMD2 inputs are triggered. The LED also turns on when the Manual Evacuation switch is in the latched position.

## Microphone Trouble

This yellow LED turns on steady when the supervised microphone connection is open.

## Tone Generator Trouble

This yellow LED turns on steady when one of the supervised tone generators fail or fall below acceptable levels.
Message Generator Trouble
This yellow LED turns on steady when the supervised digital message generator fails or falls below acceptable levels.

## REC (Record) - Located on Front Panel Trouble Silence Button

This green LED pulses once every second when ready to record one 60 second message or twice every second when ready to record two 30 second messages. It turns on steady while recording and then pulses when five seconds of recording time remains. The LED shuts off when recording time has terminated.

### 4.2.2 LEDs Visible with Door Open and Optional Dress Panel Removed (Figure 1-1 \& Figure 1-2)

## AMP SUPR - Supervision (Audio Amplifier Module)

This green LED (one on each amplifier), when on steady, indicates that the amplifier is fully functional. The VECP constantly tests the amplifier to verify proper operation.

## Circuit Trouble (Audio Amplifier Module)

This yellow LED (one on each amplifier) turns on steady when a trouble is detected in the amplifier or to indicate an open or short circuit on the field wiring attached to the amplifier output terminals.

## Ground Fault (Power Supply/Battery Charger Module)

This yellow LED turns on steady when a ground fault condition is detected on the system.

## Remote Microphone Trouble (FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module)

This yellow LED turns on steady when a remote microphone trouble is detected from the FC-RMM or wiring Battery Trouble (Power Supply/Battery Charger Module)
This yellow LED turns on steady when the battery is disconnected or battery voltage drops below an acceptable level.

## AC ON (Power Supply/Battery Charger Module)

This green LED remains on while AC power is within correct limits. If this indicator fails to light under normal conditions, service the system immediately.

### 4.3 Operation

The VECP continuously monitors system status. When no system alarm or local trouble conditions exist, all LEDs are off except the Power On LED located on the front panel keypad, the amplifier supervision LED(s) and the AC ON LED located on the Power Supply/Battery Charger Module. The Notification Appliance Circuits (speakers) are off and all relays are in their normal state. Alarm and local troubles are annunciated by the VECP's LEDs.

### 4.3.1 Fire Alarm

The Voice Evacuation Control Panel will, upon detection of an alarm condition (either CMD1 or CMD2 Inputs):
$\checkmark$ Turn on the front panel Alarm LED steady
$\checkmark$ Activate (reverse polarity) Master Command Output Bus (if programmed)
$\checkmark$ Turn on the appropriate Notification Appliance Circuit speakers (depending on CMD input source)
$\checkmark$ Turn on the appropriate Audio Amplifier
$\checkmark$ Transmit the tone before message if programmed (repeating tone number of times programmed)
$\checkmark$ Transmit the appropriate (CMD2 can be programmed to transmit secondary 'nonfire' message) digital voice message (repeating message number of times programmed)
$\checkmark$ Transmit the tone after message if programmed (repeating tone number of times programmed)
$\checkmark$ Transmit a primary evacuation tone only (if programmed)

### 4.3.2 Fire Alarm Restoral

$\checkmark$ Turn off the Alarm LED located on the front panel
$\checkmark$ Deactivate the Master Command Bus (if programmed)
$\checkmark$ Turn off the Notification Appliance Circuits
$\checkmark$ Turn off the Audio Amplifiers
$\checkmark$ Turn off the digital voice message or tone at its present point in transmission

### 4.3.3 Manual Evacuation Switch Activation

The Voice Evacuation Control Panel will, upon activation of the Manual Evacuation switch:
$\checkmark$ Turn on the panel Alarm LED steady
$\checkmark$ Activate (reverse polarity) Master Command Bus (if programmed)
$\checkmark$ Turn on all Notification Appliance Circuit speakers
$\checkmark$ Turn on the Audio Amplifiers
$\checkmark$ Transmit the tone before message if programmed
$\checkmark$ Transmit the appropriate digital voice message (repeating message the number of times programmed)
$\checkmark$ Transmit the tone after message if programmed (repeating tone the number of times programmed)
$\checkmark$ Transmit a primary evacuation tone only if programmed (repeating tone the number of times programmed)

### 4.3.4 Manual Evacuation Switch Restoral

The Voice Evacuation Control Panel will, upon return of Manual Evacuation switch to normal position:
$\checkmark$ Turn off the panel Alarm LED
$\checkmark$ Deactivate (return to normal) Master Command Output Bus (if programmed)
$\checkmark$ Turn off all Notification Appliance Circuit speakers
$\checkmark$ Turn off the Audio Amplifiers
$\checkmark$ Turn off the digital voice message or tone at its present point in transmission

### 4.3.5 Message Override Switch

The Message Override switch is a momentary switch which interrupts the selected evacuation tone and/or message. While the unit is in alarm, holding the Message Override switch down shuts off the recorded message(s) or tones but leaves the amplifiers on. Pressing the microphone key allows manual emergency voice messages to override the built-in message(s). Releasing both the microphone key and the Manual Override switch causes the VECP to return to generating the recorded message(s) and/or tones. The Master Command Bus Output, if programmed to activate during microphone use, can be used to activate Fire $\cdot$ Command Distributed Audio panels to distribute the page announcement. Refer to the FC-25/50DA manual Document \#51244 for additional information.

### 4.3.6 Remote Microphone Option

The optional microphone module, which can be installed in a CAB-RMR, provides general paging capabilities through the remote microphone for an audio system. Announcements can be broadcast over the speaker circuits by depressing the Remote Microphone keyswitch. The FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module must be installed in the audio panel for connection to the FC-RMM (refer to the FC-RMM Product Installation Document \#51247 for installation information).

Note: Paging and alarm operations initiated from within the Fire•Command $\bullet \mathbf{2 5 / 5 0 X}$ main panel will override the remote microphone.

### 4.3.7 Trouble Condition Response

All trouble conditions will cause the following to occur (Note: All trouble conditions fully supervised in standby and alarm unless otherwise noted):
$\checkmark$ Deactivate the trouble relay
$\checkmark$ Turn on local piezo
$\checkmark$ Turn on the system Trouble LED
$\checkmark$ Open CMD1 input - ONLY if CMD1 is not in the alarm state

In addition to the above trouble responses, the following troubles will cause the specific responses noted:

## AC Loss

- Turn off the AC ON LED on the FC-PSM(E) module
- The Power On LED on the front panel remains on if battery power is supplied
- Deactivate the AC Loss Relay on the FC-PSM(E) (immediate or 6 hour delay depending on S1 position)

Battery Trouble (low or no battery)

- Turn on the Battery Trouble LED on the FC-PSM(E) module


## Ground Fault

- Turn on the Ground Fault LED on the FC-PSM(E) module


## Microphone Fault

- Turn on the Microphone Trouble LED on the front panel


## Tone Generator Fault

- Turn on the Tone Generator Trouble LED on the front panel


## Message Generator Trouble

- Turn on the Message Generator Trouble LED on the front panel


## CMD1 or CMD2

- Both inputs are supervised for open circuit condition when unit is programmed for Normally Open contacts, otherwise supervision is provided by the host Fire Alarm Control Panel NAC output


## Master Command

- Polarity reversal circuit supervised for open and short circuits while in standby only.


## Background Music

- When background music option is enabled via DIP switch S5 switch 3, the VECP will constantly monitor the external audio input RCA Jack. A fault condition will occur when the audio level input falls below acceptable limits for 75 seconds. Both amplifiers and speaker wiring continue to be fully supervised* when background music is output from the VECP. Note that when AC power is lost, the VECP will shut off background music to conserve batteries.
*Note that when the $70.7 V_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ Transformer Module is installed, the speaker cable is not supervised while in alarm or when background music is playing. The Local Authority Having Jurisdiction must approve the use of background music when the $70.7 V_{\text {RMS }}$ option is installed.


## Amplifier Fault

- Both amplifiers are constantly monitored for proper functionality. Should either amplifier fail, the AMP SUPR LED will turn off and the circuit Trouble LED will turn on. When the system is configured for backup, failure of the primary amplifier will cause the backup amplifier to be switched in.


## NAC (Speaker) Output

- The wiring to each amplifier is supervised for opens and shorts at all times in standby and while in alarm or when background music is enabled*. A wiring fault will cause the circuit Trouble LED located on each amplifier module to turn on. It should be noted that the green AMP SUPR LED may remain on for wiring faults.
*Note that when the $70.7 V_{\text {RMS }}$ Transformer Module is installed, the speaker cable is not supervised while in alarm or when background music is playing. The Local Authority Having Jurisdiction must approve the use of background music when the $70.7 V_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ option is installed.


## Remote Microphone

- The FC-RMM Remote Microphone Module and associated wiring are supervised for faults by the panel. The Trouble LED located on the FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module, which is mounted in the panel, will illuminate to indicate a trouble condition. Refer to the FC-RMM Product Installation Document \#51247 for a description of possible fault conditions


## Power LED

- Loss of primary and secondary power will extinguish the Power On LED.


## Internal Power Supplies

- Power fed to the amplifiers from the main circuit board is fully supervised. Should standby or alarm power feeds to either amplifier fail, the unit will go into trouble.

Note that a power trouble on one amplifier will not affect the power to the other amplifier.

### 4.3.8 Trouble Condition Restoral

All trouble condition restorals will cause the following to occur:
$\checkmark$ Reactivate the trouble relay
$\checkmark$ Turn off local piezo
$\checkmark$ Turn off the system Trouble LED
$\checkmark$ Close CMD1 input
In addition to the previous trouble condition restorals, the following specific restorals will occur:

## AC restoral

- Turn on the AC ON LED on the FC-PSM(E) module
- The Power On LED on the front panel remains on
- Reactivate the AC Loss Relay on the FC-PSM(E)


## Battery restoral

- Turn off the Battery Trouble LED on the FC-PSM(E) module

Ground Fault cleared

- Turn off the Ground Fault LED on the FC-PSM(E) module


## Microphone restoral

- Turn off the Microphone Trouble LED on the front panel


## Tone Generator restoral

- Turn off the Tone Generator Trouble LED on the front panel


## Message Generator restoral

- Turn off the Message Generator Trouble LED on the front panel


## Amplifier restoral

- The AMP SUPR LED will turn on and the circuit Trouble LED will turn off. When the system is configured for backup, restoral of the primary amplifier will cause the backup amplifier to be switched out


## NAC (Speaker) Output restoral

- The wiring to each amplifier is supervised for opens and shorts at all times in standby and while in alarm or when background music is enabled*. A restoral of a wiring fault will cause the circuit Trouble LED located on each amplifier module to turn off. It should be noted that the green AMP SUPR LED is on
*Note that when the $70.7 V_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ Transformer Module is installed, the speaker cable is not supervised while in alarm or when background music is playing. The Local Authority Having Jurisdiction must approve the use of background music when the $70.7 V_{\mathrm{RMS}}$ option is installed.


## Remote Microphone restoral

- Turn off the Remote Microphone Trouble LED located on the FC-MIM module


## Power LED - power restoral

- When primary or secondary power is restored, the Power On LED will turn on


## Internal Power Supplies restoral

- Power fed to the amplifiers from the main circuit board is fully supervised. Restoral of standby or alarm power feeds to either amplifier will cause the unit to clear the trouble indications


## CHAPTER 5 Application Examples

The FIRE $\cdot$ COMMAND•25/50X is a Voice Evacuation Control Panel which can be used, with a variety of Fire Alarm Control Panels, to provide emergency audio messages. This chapter contains a few application examples and is not meant to provide a comprehensive list of all possible VECP applications.

### 5.1 One Speaker Circuit

A very basic application consists of one FIRE $\cdot$ COMMAND•25/50X with one amplifier and a single speaker circuit. This configuration is suitable for small facilities requiring no more than 25 watts of output power. A single fire evacuation message will be generated during an alarm condition from the host FACP or activation of the Manual Evacuate switch.

In this application, the NAC from the host FACP is connected to CMD1. The CMD1 out terminals are then terminated with an EOL resistor for the FACP's Style Y NAC or the terminals are wired back to the host FACP for a Style Z NAC. S5 DIP switch 2 is set to OFF which causes the speaker circuit to be activated by the CMD1 input. S5 DIP switch 5 is set to OFF which causes CMD1 input to be activated by a reverse polarity condition.

## FIGURE 5-1: One 25 Watt Speaker Circuit



First Amplifier Mounted on Main Circuit Board

### 5.2 One Speaker Circuit With Backup

Another application consists of one FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X with one amplifier and a single speaker circuit. A second amplifier can be installed as a backup if desired. This configuration is suitable for small facilities requiring no more than 25 watts of output power. A single 60 second fire evacuation message will be generated during an alarm condition from the host FACP or activation of the Manual Evacuate switch.

In this application, the NAC from the host FACP is connected to CMD1. The CMD1 out terminals are then terminated with an EOL resistor for the FACP's Style Y NAC or the terminals are wired back to the host FACP for a Style Z NAC. S5 DIP switch 2 is set to OFF which causes the speaker circuit to be activated by the CMD1 input. S5 DIP switch 5 is set to OFF which causes CMD1 input to be activated by a reverse polarity condition.

Backup Amplifier switch S 1 is set to the 'Backup ON' position. 18 AWG or larger jumpers connect the Backup Amplifier TB2 Terminal 3 and Main Amplifier TB2 Terminal 1 as well as Backup Amplifier TB2 Terminal 4 and Main Amplifier TB2 Terminal 2. Upon failure of the first or main amplifier, the audio from the backup amplifier will be switched out to the speakers.

Note that in the optional 70.7 VRMS configuration, only the amplifier is backed-up; the FC-XRM70 coupling transformer is not. For this reason, it is not necessary to install an FC-XRM70 transformer module on the backup amplifier.
FIGURE 5-2: One 25 Watt Speaker Circuit With Backup


### 5.3 Two Speaker Circuits - One 60 Second Message On Both Amps

This application consists of one FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X with two speaker circuits which requires installation of the optional second amplifier. This configuration is suitable for small facilities requiring no more than 50 watts of output power. A 60 second fire evacuation message will be generated over both speaker circuits simultaneously during an alarm condition from the host FACP or when the Manual Evacuate switch is activated.

In this application, the one NAC from the host FACP is connected to CMD1 In terminals. The CMD1 Out terminals are then jumpered to the CMD2 In terminals. The CMD2 Out terminals may then be terminated with an EOL resistor for the FACP's Style Y NAC or the terminals may be wired back to the host FACP for a Style Z NAC. Note that additional NAC devices may be connected to the CMD2 Out terminals as illustrated in Figure 5-3.

S5 DIP switch 2 is set to OFF which causes transmission of the primary 'fire' message over speaker circuits 1 and 2 upon activation of CMD1 and CMD2. S5 DIP switch 5 is set to OFF which causes CMD1 input to be activated by a reverse polarity condition and S5 DIP switch 6 is set to OFF which also causes CMD2 input to be activated by a reverse polarity condition.

FIGURE 5-3: Two Speaker Circuits - One 60 Second Message On Both Amps


First Amplifier
Mounted on Main Circuit Board

Second Amplifier
Mounted on Main Circuit Board

### 5.4 Two Speaker Circuits - Two 30 Sec. Messages (Fire and Nonfire)

This application consists of one FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X with two speaker circuits which requires installation of the optional second amplifier. This configuration is suitable for small facilities requiring no more than 50 watts of total output power (provided on dual 25 watt speaker circuits). A fire evacuation message will be generated over both speaker circuits during an alarm condition from the host FACP and an emergency 'nonfire' message can be manually generated over both circuits.

In this application, one NAC from the host FACP is connected to the CMD1 In terminals. The CMD1 Out terminals are then terminated with an EOL resistor for the FACP's Style Y NAC or the terminals are wired back to the host FACP for a Style Z NAC. CMD2 is connected to a normally open contact which can be used to manually generate an emergency 'nonfire' message (i.e. tornado warning).

S5 DIP switch 2 is set to ON which causes transmission of the primary 'fire' message over speaker circuits 1 and 2 upon activation of CMD1 and transmission of the secondary 'nonfire' message over speaker circuits 1 and 2 upon activation of CMD2. S5 DIP switch 5 is set to OFF which causes CMD1 input to be activated by a reverse polarity condition and S5 DIP switch 6 is set to ON which causes CMD2 input to be activated by a contact closure.

FIGURE 5-4:Two Speaker Circuits - Two Messages


### 5.5 Two Speaker Circuits - One or Two Messages (CMD1 and CMD2 Amp Selection)

This application consists of one FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X with two speaker circuits which requires installation of the optional second amplifier. This configuration is suitable for small facilities requiring no more than 50 watts of output power. Depending on configuration switch settings and activation of one of the Command CMD inputs, a fire evacuation message can be generated over one or both speaker circuits or one of two different messages can be generated over both circuits.

In this application, one NAC from the host FACP is connected to CMD1. The CMD1 Out terminals are then terminated with an EOL resistor for the FACP's Style Y NAC or the terminals are wired back to the host FACP for a Style Z NAC. A second NAC from the host FACP is connected to CMD2. The CMD2 Out terminals are then terminated with an EOL resistor for the FACP's Style Y NAC or the terminals are wired back to the host FACP for a Style Z NAC.

S5 DIP switch 2 set to OFF causes transmission of one 60 second message. Activation of one or both CMD inputs determine which amplifier is on. S5 DIP switch 2 set to ON causes transmission of two 30 second messages. Control of which message to be played over both amplifiers is via CMD1 and CMD2 (refer to charts in Section 2.2). S5 DIP switches 5 and 6 are set to OFF which causes CMD1 and CMD2 inputs to be activated by reverse polarity conditions.

FIGURE 5-5: Two Speaker Circuits - One of Two Messages


## CHAPTER 6

## Power Supply Calculations

### 6.1 Overview

This section contains instructions and tables for calculating power supply currents in alarm and standby conditions. This is a four-step process, consisting of the following:

1. Calculating the total amount of AC branch circuit current required to operate the system
2. Calculating the power supply load current for non-fire and fire alarm conditions and calculating the secondary (battery) load
3. Calculating the size of batteries required to support the system if an AC power loss occurs
4. Selecting the proper batteries for your system

### 6.2 Calculating the AC Branch Circuit

The audio distribution panel requires connection to a separate, dedicated AC branch circuit, which must be labeled FIRE ALARM. This branch circuit must connect to the line side of the main power feed of the protected premises. No other non-fire alarm equipment may be powered from the fire alarm branch circuit. The branch circuit wire must run continuously, without any disconnect devices, from the power source to the transponder. Overcurrent protection for this circuit must comply with Article 760 of the National Electrical Codes as well as local codes. Use 14 AWG ( $2.00 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ) wire with 600 volt insulation for this branch circuit.

The FC-25/50X requires 1 amp from the AC branch circuit.

### 6.3 Calculating the System Current Draw

### 6.3.1 Overview

The secondary power source (batteries) must be able to power the system during a primary power loss. To calculate the non-fire alarm load on the secondary power source, use Calculation Column 1 in Table 6-3. The FC-25/50X must support a larger load current during a fire alarm condition and primary power loss. To calculate the fire alarm load on the secondary power source, use Calculation Column 2 in Table 6-3 .

When calculating current draw and the battery size, note the following:

- 'Primary' refers to the main power source for the audio panel
- 'Secondary' refers to the audio panel's backup batteries
- All currents are given in amperes (A). Table 6-1 shows how to convert milliamperes and microamperes to full amperes
TABLE 6-1: Converting to Full Amperes

| To convert.... | Multiply | Example |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Milliamperes $(\mathrm{mA})$ to <br> amperes (A) | $\mathrm{mA} \times 0.001$ | $3 \mathrm{~mA} \times 0.001=0.003 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| Microamperes $(\mu \mathrm{A})$ to <br> amperes (A) | $\mu \mathrm{A} \times 0.000001$ | $300 \mu \mathrm{~A} \times 0.000001=0.0003 \mathrm{~A}$ |

### 6.3.2 How to use Table 6-2 to calculate system current draws

1. Enter the quantity of devices in both columns
2. Enter the current draw where required. Refer to the Fire-Lite Device Compatibility Document for compatible devices and their current draw
3. Calculate the current draws for each in both columns
4. Sum the total current for each column
5. Copy the totals from Column 1 and Column 2 to Table 6-3

Following are the types of current that can be entered into Table 6-2 :
$\checkmark$ Calculation Column 1 - The standby current load that the audio panel must support (from the batteries) during a non-fire alarm condition and a loss of AC power.
$\checkmark$ Calculation Column 2 - The alarm current draw that the audio panel must support (from the batteries) during a fire alarm condition and a loss of AC power

Table 6-2 contains two columns for calculating current draws. For each column, calculate the current and enter the total (in amps) in the bottom row. When finished, copy the totals from Calculation Column 1 and Calculation Column 2 to Table 6-3.
table 6-2: System Current Draw Calculations

| Device Type | Calculation Column 1 <br> Secondary, Non-Fire Alarm Current (amps) |  |  |  | Calculation Column 2 <br> Secondary, Fire Alarm Current (amps) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Qty | X [curren | draw] = | total | Qty | X [current draw] = | total |
| Basic System consisting of: Main Circuit Board, FC-PSM(E) and one FC-AAM25X Audio Amplifier | 1 | X [0, | 40] | 0.240 | 1 | X [2.240] | 2.240 |
| FC-AAM25X <br> Audio Amplifier Module ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} {\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ (1 \text { max. } \end{array}\right)} \end{gathered}$ | $\text { X }[0 .$ |  |  | [ | X [2.00] |  |
| FC-RMM Remote Microphone Module with FC-MIM Microphone Interface Module | $\begin{gathered} {\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ (1 \text { max. } \end{array}\right)} \end{gathered}$ | X [0 | .06] |  | [ | X [0.030] |  |
| Power Supervision Relays | ] | X [ | ] |  | [ | X [ ] |  |
| Additional Current Draw from TB4 Auxiliary Power Output (0.035 amps maximum) | [ ] | X [ | ] |  | [ | X [ ] |  |
| Sum each column for totals | Secondary non-alarm: |  |  |  | Secondary alarm: |  |  |

Notes:

1. The FC-XRM70 Transformer Module draws no current in standby or alarm
2. The FC-LPS Local Playback Speaker Module draws no current in standby or alarm
3. In backup configurations, the optional FC-AAM25X draws no current in alarm
4. The FC-25/50X will turn off the background music in the event AC power is lost in order to conserve battery power. Background music requires approval from Local Authority Having Jurisdiction
5. Refer to the Fire•Lite Device Compatibility Document for compatible devices and their current draws

### 6.4 Calculating the Battery Size

Use Table 6-3 to calculate the total Standby and Alarm load in ampere hours (AH). This total load determines the battery size (in AH), required to support the FC-25/50X under the loss of AC power. Complete Table 6-3 as follows:

1. Enter the totals from Table 6-2 Calculation Columns 1 and 2 where shown
2. Enter the NFPA Standby and Alarm times (refer to 'NFPA Battery Requirements' below)
3. Calculate the ampere hours for Standby and Alarm, then sum the Standby and Alarm ampere hours
4. Multiply the sum by the derating factor of 1.2 to get the proper battery size (in AH )
5. Write the ampere hour requirements on the Protected Premises label located inside the cabinet door
table 6-3: Total Secondary Power Requirements at 24 VDC

| Secondary Standby Load <br> (total from Table 6-2 Calculation <br> Column 1) <br> [ $]$ | Required Standby Time <br> (24 or 60 hours) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Secondary Alarm Load <br> (total from Table 6-2 Calculation <br> Column 2) <br> [ | Required Alarm Time <br> (for 5 min., enter 0.084, <br> for 10 min., enter 0.168, <br> for 15 min., enter 0.250) <br> [ | $=$ | AH |

### 6.4.1 NFPA Battery Requirements

- NFPA requires 24 hours of standby plus 15 minutes activation for audio systems. The total ampere hours required cannot exceed 18 AH with an internal charger


### 6.4.2 Selecting and Locating Batteries

Select batteries that meet or exceed the total ampere hours calculated in Table 6-3. The audio panel can charge batteries in the 7 AH to 18 AH range. The FC-25/50X can house up to 7 AH batteries. Batteries larger than 7 AH up to 18 AH require an external UL listed battery cabinet such as the BB-17F.

The FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X digital message generator provides a 60 second record time which allows for a single fire message of 60 seconds length or two 30 second messages. One or two messages may be field programmed. Refer to 2.4 'REC - Record Push Button' on page 20. The FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X is provided with a factory recorded single 'primary' message which can be changed in the field. The prerecorded message (female voice) is:
"May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. The signal you have just heard indicates a report of a fire in this building. Please proceed to the nearest exit and leave the building. Do not reenter the building unless directed to do so by the proper authorities."

New 'primary' and 'secondary' messages can be recorded in the field. Be certain to get the approval of the Local Authority Having Jurisdiction prior to recording new messages. Following are some examples of 'primary' and 'secondary' messages which may be recorded in the field:

- "May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. There has been a fire reported on your floor. There has been a fire reported on your floor. Please proceed to the stairways and exit the building. Do not use the elevators."
- "May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. There has been a fire alarm reported in the building. There has been a fire alarm reported in the building. Please proceed to the stairways and exit the building. Do no use the elevators, but proceed to the stairways and exit the building."
- "May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. A tornado warning has been issued for this area. A tornado warning has been issued for this area. Please take all appropriate safety actions at this time."
- "May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. A hurricane warning has been issued for this area. A hurricane warning has been issued for this area. Please take all appropriate safety actions at this time."
- "May I have your attention please. May I have your attention please. An emergency condition exists on this floor. An emergency condition exists on this floor. Please proceed to the stairways and exit the building. Do not use the elevators."
- "May I have your attention. This is an emergency. Please walk to the nearest exit and go to your assembly areas and await further instructions. This is an emergency."
- "Your attention please. The fire alarm in this building has been activated. Please cease operations immediately and proceed into the nearest fire exit. Descend to street level and leave the building. Do not use the elevator."
- "There has been a Fire Emergency reported in this building. Proceed calmly to fire stairs. Do not use elevators. Do not contact the front desk unless evacuation assistance is required. Proceed directly to fire stairs. Fire personnel will assist disabled and elderly from the fire stairs. Floor Wardens report status by fire phone."
- "May I have your attention please. There has been a Fire Emergency reported in the building. While this is being verified, please leave the building by the nearest exit or exit stairway."
- "Attention. Your attention please. The building emergency condition has been cleared. You may return to your normal activities. The building emergency has been cleared. You may return to your normal activities."
- "Your attention please. A severe weather warning has been received. Please walk to the nearest safe area and wait for further instructions. Elevator lobbies, stairwells, bathrooms and auditoriums are designated safe areas in the event of severe weather. Stay away from windows and glass. Do not use the elevators."


## Appendix B <br> Addressable Module Connections

When configured with an addressable FACP such as the MS-9200(E), the FIRE $\cdot \mathrm{COMMAND} \cdot 25 / 50 \mathrm{X}$ may be triggered either by the FACP main NAC output or from addressable control modules. Figure B-1 illustrates CMD1 triggered by an addressable control module. The addressable control module may trigger the FIRE•COMMAND•25/ 50 X via reverse polarity (shown) or relay contact. The FACP monitors the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X for faults while in the standby or alarm state by wiring a monitor module to the trouble contacts as shown in Figure B-1. Activation of the addressable control module is controlled by the FACP. Refer to the MS-9200(E) manual for additional information.

FIGURE B-1:Addressable Module Connections


Notes:

1. Auxiliary Power terminals for special application power only. Wiring must remain in the room.
2. Supervise the wiring between the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X Auxiliary Power output and the control module with an EOL relay (A77-716B)
3. EOL resistor supplied with modules.

## Appendix C <br> Wiring Requirements

Connecting external system accessories to the FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X main circuits must be carefully considered to ensure proper operation. It is important to use the correct type of wire, wire gauge and wire run length per each circuit. Refer to the following table to specify wire requirements and limitations.

NOTE: If an SLC loop is to be run in conduit with FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X Notification Appliance Circuits, the risk of encountering problems can be greatly reduced by using twisted, shielded cable on the SLC and NACs.

TABLE C-1: FIRE•COMMAND•25/50X Wiring Requirements

| CIRCUIT CONNECTIONS |  | WIRE REQUIREMENTS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Circuit Type | Circuit Function | Wire Type \& Limitations | Recommended Maximum Distance (Feet) | Wire Gauge |
| AC Power FC-PSM(E) Module TB1 (nonpower-limited) | Primary Power Input to FC-PSM(E) Module, AC Voltage | See Note ${ }^{1}$ | Power Supplied must be 120 VAC, $60 \mathrm{HZ}, 1.0 \mathrm{amps}$ for FC-PSM and $220 / 240 \mathrm{VAC}, 50 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{amp}$ for FC-PSME (see Note ${ }^{1}$ ) | Terminals Support 12-18 AWG (see Note ${ }^{1}$ ) |
| Audio Output FC-AAM25X Module TB1 (power-limited) | Notification Appliance Circuit | See Note ${ }^{2}$ Untwisted, unshielded or twisted, shielded | See Note ${ }^{3}$ | 12-18 AWG |
| CMD1 and CMD2 Main Board TB2 and TB5 (nonpower-limited) | Triggers <br> FIRE•COMMAND | See Note ${ }^{1}$ <br> Untwisted, unshielded or twisted, shielded | Depends on Output (trigger) <br> Circuit <br> 9-32 VDC, 1.6 mA for polarity reversal relay must be rated at 0.5 amp, 24 VDC | 12-18 AWG |
| Main Board TB6 Master Command Bus Reverse Polarity (power-limited) | Output Trigger for Multiple <br> FIRE•COMMAND configurations | Untwisted, unshielded | 130 ohms maximum | 12-18 AWG |
| Trouble Relay Main Board TB1 (nonpower-limited) | Trouble Output | Maximum Current 2 amps | Depends on Input Circuit | 12-18 AWG |
| AC Los Relay FC-PSM(E) Module TB2 (nonpower-limited) | AC Loss Output | Maximum Current 2 amps | Depends on Input Circuit | 12-18 AWG |

1. Refer to NEC Standards.
2. Twisted, shielded wire is recommended for maximum protection against EMI and AFI emissions and susceptibility.
3. Must also meet NFPA 72 Standards for minimum and maximum sound levels.

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