

# STARLINK SL-1 WIRELESS BACKUP TELEMETRY UNIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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#### INTRODUCTION

The StarLink SL-1 is a fully supervised, wireless digital two-way backup subscriber unit supported by an extensive nationwide wireless network. The SL-1 is compatible with virtually any alarm control panel and is easy to install and test. The SL1 transmits alarm signals to the StarLink Control Center which are forwarded to ANY Central Station via standard CS receiver formats, including 4/2 and Contact ID. In addition, the StarLink Control Center will generate and report a Communications Failure signal in the event that the network does not receive the expected supervisory test signal from the Wireless Telemetry Unit during the scheduled period.

StarLink alarm signals are transmitted on a data-only digital network using DataTAC technology, which is not shared with cell phone users that may cause high traffic at peak times. StarLink alarm signals are always ensured the highest network priority, unlike control channel technology reporting systems.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **Electrical**

Input Voltage: 12.5VDC ± 15%

Standby Current: 20mA

Maximum Current: 2 AMPS (for less than 1 second)

**Physical** 

Dimensions: 192mm H x 78mm W x 34mm D (w/o antenna) (7.559" H x 3.07" W x 1.336" D

Mounting: #6 Screw Holes (4)
Input Connector: 5mm Screw Terminals

Output Connector: 2 mm (.08") Wire Antenna, Mini UHF Option

## **Environmental**

Operating

Temperature: -30°C - 55°(-22°F - 131°F) Humidity: 95% Non-Condensing

#### **Input Channels**

3 Channels: Positive Voltage Trigger (4.5 to

14.5) or

**Negative Trigger** 

(750-millisecond integration delay)

Channel 1: Selectable Option - SmartChannel for Bell Output - reads pulsed or steady and sends corresponding

code (10-second integration delay)

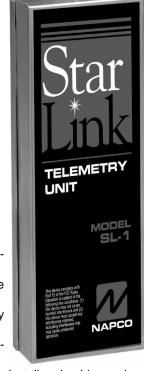
#### **GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDELINES**

- Since the mounting location can ONLY be selected based on RF performance, it is HIGHLY recommended that the installer carefully follow STEP 2 below BEFORE any wires are installed.
- Generally, high locations are best. DO NOT mount radio in basement or below grade as unpredictable performance may result.
- Whenever possible, DO NOT mount the SL-1 in non-climate controlled environments (i.e. attics may become extremely hot in summer, garages may become extremely cold in winter).
- Avoid mounting locations within 3 feet of AC power lines, fluorescent light fixtures, or large metal objects (air conditioners, metal garage doors, etc.).
- A fair amount of care may be required to mount the SL-1 so as to achieve an optimal RF path. The installer should spend as much time as needed to obtain the highest signal level possible.
- The SL-1 draws a substantial amount of current -- approximately 2 AMPS -- during transmit (less than one second). Therefore, follow the instructions for powering the SL-1 carefully!

## STEP 1: ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

To activate the StarLink Subscriber Unit, complete the Subscriber worksheet and then use one of the following StarLink activation methods (it is strongly recommended that the account is registered first to allow complete testing through to central station upon installation):

- Register the account on-line though the StarLink; go to http://www.napcosecurity.com and click STARLNK. NOTE: new StarLink
  Dealers must first set up an account by clicking Dealer Registration. Accounts registered via the internet are immediately activated and on-line.
- Fax the completed Subscriber worksheet toll-free to 631-789-9292. Worksheets received via fax are processed within 24 hours from receipt. Monday Friday, excluding Holidays.
- New accounts may be activated through the StarLink Automated Operator System toll-free at 1-800-645-9445, extension 333.
   This will provide a reporting account, but complete account details must be either faxed or supplied on-line shortly after activation..



#### STEP 2: SELECT A MOUNTING LOCATION

- Temporarily connect power to the SL-1 from a fully charged 12V (4AH minimum) battery. DO NOT mount the SL-1 at this time. Position the unit in the desired mounting location.
- Press the test button (S1), on the bottom right hand corner; the unit will transmit and display one long blink (see Fig. 1). Observe the coverage LED, count the number of blinks and compare to the Coverage Chart (right). Move the unit as required to achieve the best coverage (signal strength) possible. As needed, re-position the unit, transmit and watch the Coverage LED to indicate change. The unit will not transmit until 15 seconds have passed since last test. There is a 2 second delay between blink cycles.
- Once a location has been selected based on coverage, permanently secure the unit using #6 screws (not supplied) in at least 2 of the 4 mounting holes.



Fig. 1. Testing Signal Strength

# BLINKS	COVERAGE TABLE
0 BLINKS	NO NETWORKDO NOT INSTALLRe-position Unit
1 BLINK	VERY WEAK COVERAGEDO NOT INSTALLRe-position Unit
2 BLINKS	MARGINAL COVERAGEReposition Unit or Use High-Gain Antenna–INSTALL with CAUTION
3 BLINKS	GOOD COVERAGE SIGNALOK TO INSTALL
4 BLINKS	VERY GOOD COVERAGE SIGNALOK TO INSTALL
5 BLINKS	EXCELLENT COVERAGEOK TO INSTALL

# STEP 3: CONNECT INPUTS - CHANNEL TRIGGERING

**NOTE:** The SL-1 provides 3 Input channels for triggering alarm communications. While all three channels may be configured to sense positive (default) or negative inputs, Input 1 may be configured for Smart Channel Auto-sense which will report a BURG signal for a steady bell and a FIRE signal for a pulsing bell. All channels configured for positive or negative trigger have a 1 SECOND integration delay. The Smart Channel input will analyze Bell or Siren Driver output to determine if trigger is BURG or FIRE, and has a 7 SECOND integration delay.

! NOTE: DO NOT cut any resistors while the unit is under power.

## POSITIVE TRIGGER (INPUT #1, 2 or 3) (DEFAULT)

(For any "POSITIVE" voltage (+4.5 to 14.5VDC) trigger)

- To use this method for INPUT #1, make sure resistor R36 has NOT been cut
- Make sure resistor R30, R33, R31 (INPUTS #1, 2, 3 respectively) have NOT been cut.
- Connect SL-1 INPUT #1, 2, 3 (as applicable) to Positive trigger (Positive Voltage on alarm)
- INPUTS # 1, 2, 3 send codes 1, 2, 3, respectively

#### **NEGATIVE TRIGGER (INPUT #1, 2 or 3)**

(For any "NEGATIVE" or "Pull-to-Ground" trigger, such as NAPCO or DSC PGM lugs)

- To use this method for INPUT #1, make sure resistor R36 has NOT been cut
- CUT resistors R30, R33, R31 (INPUT #1, 2, 3 respectively), as applicable.
- Connect SL-1 INPUT #1, 2, 3 (as applicable) to Negative/Pull-to-Ground trigger (Goes Negative / "Pulls-to-Ground" on alarm)
- INPUT # 1, 2, 3 send codes 1, 2, 3, respectively

#### **SMART CHANNEL TRIGGERING FOR INPUT 1**

- To convert Input 1 to Auto Sense Trigger, CUT resistor R36
- ! (remove power from unit before cutting any jumpers.
- Follow the steps below for the desired trigger style.

#### SMART CHANNEL BELL POSITIVE TRIGGER FOR INPUT 1 (Fig 3)

(For NAPCO, ADEMCO and others with switched "BELL POSITIVE" terminals)

- Make sure resistor R30 has NOT been cut
- Connect SL-1 INPUT #1 to Alarm Control Panel BELL + terminal
- Steady Voltage (+4.5 to +14.5VDC) on INPUT #1 sends code 1D (BURG), pulsating Voltage (~800mS 8 SEC/cycle) sends code 1C (FIRE)

# SMART CHANNEL BELL NEGATIVE TRIGGER FOR INPUT 1 (Fig 4)

(For DSC and others with switched "BELL NEGATIVE" terminals)

- CUT resistor R30 to convert INPUT #1 to Negative Bell trigger
- Connect SL-1 INPUT #1 to Alarm Control Panel BELL terminal
- Constant Ground on INPUT #1 sends code 1D (BURG), pulsating Ground (~800mS – 8 SEC/cycle) sends code 1C (FIRE)

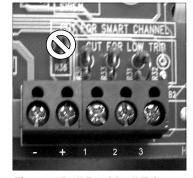


Fig. 3. "Bell Positive" Trigger

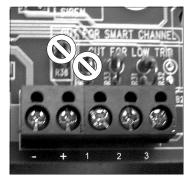


Fig. 4. "Bell Negative" Trigger

#### SMART CHANNEL SIREN DRIVER TRIGGER FOR INPUT 1 (Fig 5)

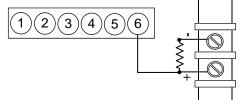
(For CADDX and other Alarm Control Panels with built-in siren drivers) ÙSE THIS METHOD ONLY IF SMART CHANNEL BELL POS OR BELL NEG CANNOT BE USED

- Connect SL-1 INPUT #1 to Alarm Control Panel Built-In Siren Driver terminal.
- Sweeping or Warble Siren Audio Tone (~500hz to 2khz) on INPUT #1 sends code 2D (BURG), Steady Siren Audio Tone (~1khz) sends code 2C (FIRE)
- NOTE: Observe LED D2 to determine correct polarity. D2 will light (steady or blinking) when connected to the correct SIREN terminal (see Fig. 5).

# **SUPERVISED OUTPUT TERMINAL (Optional)**

The StarLink SL-1 is a fully self-supervised 2 way radio that is in constant contact with the cell tower. If StarLink detects that it has lost contact with the tower, it will trigger a negative going output that can be connected to a 24 hour zone for a central station radio trouble report.

Wire the supervised output to the positive side of a control panel EOL zone programmed for 24 hour response



# STEP 4: APPLY POWER

- The SL-1 requires 12VDC. It draws less than 20mA during standby, and almost 2 AMPS during Transmit (for less than 1 second). It is recommended that the SL-1 be powered directly from the battery (4AH Minimum) of the alarm control panel, with a 3 AMP fuse in series. As the standby current is very low, the alarm control panel charging circuit will not be affected, and the battery is capable of supplying the 2 AMP current on transmit. DO NOT power the SL-1 from the aux. output of the control panel.
- 22-gauge wire may be used if mounted up to 50 feet from panel, and 18-gauge wire should be used for up to 100 feet.
- Connect power to (-) & (+) screw terminals (see Fig. 2).
- DO NOT short wires to metal case.

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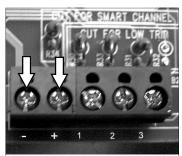


Fig. 2. Apply Power: NEG (-) and POS (+)

NOTE: THE SL-1 may be powered directly off the E14 lug of the following NAPCO control panels: GEM-P3200, P9600, X255, MA1008e, MA1016e. Lug E14 provides fused 12V battery power.

#### **STEP 5: SIGNAL VERIFICATION**

After triggering channels, use the StarLink Signal Verification to insure that the StarLink Network has properly received the signals.

- To verify that the signals have been received by the StarLink network online, go to http://www.napcosecurity.com and select the StarLink option. Enter your company ID number and the unit ID #.
- To verify that the signals have been received by the StarLink network via touch-tone phone, dial 800-645-9445 and press 333, enter SL-1 ID# and select the StarLink Verification option.
- ! IMPORTANT Verify that signals have been properly transmitted by the SL-1 have been properly received by your central station.

# CONSTANT SIGNAL STRENGTH INDICATOR

Every 16 seconds, the SL-1 receiver section turns on and listens to the cell tower. Depending on the signal strength detected, it will flash the Signal Strength LED from 1 to 5 times, providing a signal strength indicator that is updated constantly and always displayed. Refer to Coverage Table on page 2.

H WARNING: To ensure user's safety and to satisfy FCC RF exposure requirements, this unit must be installed so that a minimum separation distance of 40 cm or 60 cm is always maintained between the antenna of the transmitting device and nearby persons. Operation closer than this distance is not recommended. Use ONLY the following antenna supplied by StarLink to comply with this warning: Colinear Antenna, PN: HG3DB (60 cm)--or--1/2 Wave Rigid Whip Antenna, PN: G0DB (40 cm).

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B Unintentional Radiator, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the Instruction Manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of more of the following measures: 1. Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna; 2. Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver; 3. Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected; 4. Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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