



Solo 2 Lite

Single Loop Analogue Addressable Fire Control Panel

Installation Commissioning & Operating Manual



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1. Introduction

Solo 2 Lite is an analogue addressable fire detection and alarm control panel capable of covering a maximum of 16 zones with up to 127 individual Hochiki ESP or 126 Apollo S90 / XP95 / Discovery and XPlorer communications protocol devices.

Solo 2 Lite supports loop powered sounders. In the case of Hochiki CHQ-BS devices used as sensor bases, the sounders do not occupy an address in the range 1-127 thus leaving these addresses free for other devices.

Any number of devices can be allocated to any of the 16 zones, ensuring that any system configuration can be easily accommodated.

To ensure that the system is installed and commissioned with the minimum of trouble, it should be carefully planned before the installation is begun.

This involves allocating an address to each device (excluding Hochiki CHQ-BS base sounders) and allocating a message of up to 40 characters (including spaces) to each address to assist in the location of the devices.

Devices should then be grouped into zones in accordance with the appropriate fire detection systems design standard.

A fire alarm call point should be located near the panel.

The **Solo 2 Lite** control panel offers an extensive list of features and options for the control and monitoring of plant, equipment and sounders, which can be configured via the PC configuration programme.

Hochiki ESP Protocol offers an addressing range from 1 to 127 and Apollo S90 / XP95 / XPlorer and Discovery Protocol offers an addressing range of 1 to 126. However, some ancillary devices such as the Hochiki CHQ-S (switch monitor) and CHQ-B (bell controller) or Apollo Switch Monitor and Zone Monitor have "Sub-addresses" in addition to their main address.

Therefore a CHQ-S (switch monitor) for example, may have a main address of 123, input 1 sub-address at address 123.1 and input 2 at address 123.2.

The sub-addresses can be treated as if they were individual addresses, and each can be allocated to any zone, given an individual address message and be operated on by different cause and effect tables.

The control panel has the following options with requirements as defined in BS EN54-2 : 1999

- 1) Fault signals from points
- 2) Disablement of each address point
- 3) Test condition
- 4) Fire alarm devices (sounders)

2. Safety

Suppliers of articles for use at work are required under section 6 of the Health and Safety at Work act 1974 to ensure as reasonably as is practical that the article will be safe and without risk to health when properly used.

An article is not regarded as properly used if it is used 'without regard to any relevant information or advice' relating to its use made available by the supplier.

This product should be installed, commissioned and maintained by trained service personnel.

- (i) IEE regulations for electrical equipment in buildings
- (ii) Codes of practice
- (iii) Statutory requirements
- (iv) Any instructions specifically advised by the manufacturer

According to the provisions of the Act you are therefore requested to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that any appropriate information about this product is made available by you to anyone concerned with its use.

This equipment is designed to be operated from 230V 50Hz mains supplies and is of class 1 construction. As such it **must** be connected to a protective earthing conductor in the fixed wiring of the installation and a readily accessible double pole disconnect device shall be incorporated in the fixed wiring.

Failure to ensure that all conductive accessible parts of this equipment are adequately bonded to the protective earth will render the equipment unsafe.

Mains Transformer Technical Information

Type	-	6
Input	-	230V AC
Frequency	-	50/60 Hz
Power	-	100 VA
V Out	-	5, 14, 24 & 33V

3. Installation

Installation of the panel should be carried out by qualified personnel only.

The electronic components within the panel are vulnerable to physical damage and damage by electrostatic discharges. It is advisable to wear a wrist strap designed to prevent the build-up of static charges within the body, before handling any electronic circuit boards.

Never insert or remove boards or components with the power on.

Mounting the Cabinet

The site chosen for the location of the panel should be clean and dry and not subject to shock or vibration. The temperature should be in the range 5° to 35° C, the humidity should not exceed 95%.

Open the cover using the key provided.

Using the chassis as a template, mark the position of the fixing holes, ensuring that the wall is flat at the chosen location.

Drill and plug the wall then fix the cabinet using all fixings.

The polarity of the battery connection should be carefully checked before proceeding.

4. Cabling

Cables should be brought into the cabinet using the knockouts provided and using couplers to maximise the space within the enclosure.

Inlet bushings or cable glands should be used to maintain insulation.

The screen or drain wires should be bonded to the earth terminals provided.

The maximum size of cable, which can be terminated, is 2.5 mm.

The detection circuit communications protocol is highly immune to noise but sensible segregation from known noise generating sources such as mains cables and florescent light fittings is recommended.

Detection circuit cable size and type is dependent on the number and type of devices used and should be calculated for each installation.

Cabling for sounder circuits should be sized according to sounder load and cable length but 1.5mm should suffice in the majority of cases.

The control panel requires a 230V AC supply, which should be derived from a separate fused spur, labelled "Fire Alarm - Do Not Switch Off".

The mains supply must include an earth conductor connected to the fixed installation earthing system.

This equipment relies on the building installation for protection and requires a 5 amp protection device. The mains supply should use cable with a minimum cross section of 1.5mm.

5. Powering the Panel

Ensure that the panel is free from swarf, wire ends, knockout discs and any other debris.

NOTE: The panel cannot be powered by the battery until the mains is first connected.

5.1 Starting the Panel for the first time

When supplied, the panel will contain no configuration information and when mains power is first applied the display will show:

SYSTEM INTEGRITY CHECK

For about 7 seconds, followed by:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Configure automatically

Or, if the "▲ (Evacuate)" or "▼ (Silence)" button is pressed once, the display will change to:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Configures from PC

To select either of these, press the "▶ Enter (More Events)" button. It is usual to configure automatically at this stage as this tells you exactly what the panel has found connected to the loop and this can then be compared with what is expected.

At the "Configure Automatically" prompt press the "▶ Enter (More Events)" button to configure automatically, the panel will display:

AUTO CONFIGURATION
Turn memory write enable switch

Turn on the switch (located at the top of the display PCB inside the panel enclosure) and wait for the progress bar to fill the screen while the panel analyses the connected devices. After a couple of minutes the panel will display:

XXX devices found
Turn off memory write enable switch

(Where XXX is a 3-digit number representing the number of devices found).
Turn off the switch (located at the top of the display PCB) and the panel will now be running with all devices allocated to zone 1.

5.2 Starting a panel that has already been configured

If the panel contains configuration data, it will always run with that configuration when powered up or reset via the processor reset switch SW2 (see annex 3), as long as the write enable switch is in the OFF position.

6. Programming the Panel from the P.C. Application

If the system has been planned and the devices addressed carefully, commissioning the system using the PC configuration utility should be simple and straightforward. The PC configuration utility has many benefits over manual configuration such as defining cause and effect logic, rapid message allocation, suppliers name entry, day / night mode setting and storage / retrieval of site data and is strongly recommended as the preferred method of data entry.

6.1 Auto Addressing Hochiki CHQ-BS Base Sounders

If the system contains Hochiki CHQ-BS base sounders fitted above detection devices, then before a PC configuration is sent to the panel, the panel must be configured automatically as described in section 5.1.

This will ensure that the panel addresses all CHQ-BS base sounders automatically. Sounders are allocated an address that is 127 above the address of the sensor to which they are attached. Therefore a host sensor at address 3 for example, would automatically address the CHQ-BS base sounder to address 130. Whilst the CHQ-BS base sounder does not use one of the loop addresses in the range 1-127, it will still use one of the 200 total sub addresses permitted on the Solo 2 Lite panel.

Once the automatic base sounder addressing has been done, the panel can be configured from the P.C.

6.2 Transferring Configuration from PC to panel

On the P.C. start the Solo configuration programme and open the required configuration data file. Connect the special download lead to the serial port on the computer and to the connector J5 on the panel (see annex 2 & 3). Ensure that the PC is set to communicate with the correct serial communications port under the File-Options menu in the configuration program. This is usually COM 1 for most computers

NOTE: Sometimes the PC will produce an "earth fault" on the panel due to leakage currents. This can be ignored, as it will clear as soon as the programming lead is removed.

On the Solo 2 Lite panel, turn the "Write Enable" switch (located at the top of the display PCB) to the "On" position. Restart the panel via the internal "Processor Reset" switch (see annex 2 & 3). After the "System Integrity" check, the display will show:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Reconfigure automatically

Press the "▼ (Silence)" button - the display will change to:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Reconfigure from PC

Press the "► Enter (More Events)" button to select:

PC CONFIGURATION
Awaiting link, system not operational

On the PC, select "send to panel" option from the toolbar buttons. The PC will display a progress bar indicating each part of the configuration being sent. After the file has been transferred, the panel will display:

CONFIGURATION COMPLETE
Turn off memory write enable switch

Turn off the memory write enable switch and the panel will start "initialising". This process involves comparing the device configuration detected by the panel from the detection circuit with the configuration transferred from the PC.

If the two configurations match, and there is no field wiring or device problems the panel will display the time and date and the suppliers name (if entered on the PC configuration program).

The system is now running normally and should be thoroughly tested to verify that all devices location and zone references are correct and output device switching meets the system requirements.

6.3 Configuration Error Messages

If the configurations do not match, one or more fault messages will be displayed. These messages can be used to reduce addressing errors on field devices as follows:

6.3.1. Disconnected Device

DISCONNECTED 002/002
Addr xxx.x zone xx (device type)

Indicates that this device was configured by the PC utility but was NOT found by the panel.

6.3.2 Unexpected Device

UNEXPECTED DEVICE 001/002
Addr xxx.x

Indicates that this device was not configured by the PC utility but WAS found by the panel during initialisation. When both a Disconnected message and Unexpected message is shown, a reasonable assumption is that the unexpected device should have the address shown by the disconnected fault.

6.3.3 Double Address

DOUBLE ADDRESS 002/002
Addr xxx.x zone xx (device type)

Indicates that more than one device has been set to the same address. There will probably be a disconnected fault present on the system at the same time as a double address fault and this device is likely to be the one incorrectly addressed.

6.4 Transferring Configuration from panel to PC

Before any work is undertaken on a previously configured Solo 2 Lite panel, it is strongly recommended that the site configuration information is backed up onto the P.C. using the following procedure.

On the P.C. start the Solo configuration programme and create a new configuration data file.

Connect the special download lead to the serial port on the computer and to the connector J5 on the panel (see annex 2 & 3). *It may be necessary to remove the ribbon lead to the panel printer (if fitted) to gain access to this connector.* Ensure that the PC is set to communicate with the correct port under the File-Options menu in the configuration program. This is usually COM 1 for most computers

NOTE: Sometimes the PC will produce an "earth fault" on the panel due to leakage currents. This can be ignored as it will clear as soon as the programming lead is removed.

On the Solo 2 Lite panel, turn the "Write Enable" switch (located at the top of the display PCB) to the "On" position. Restart the panel via the internal "Processor Reset" switch (see annex 2 & 3). After the "System Integrity" check, the display will show:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Reconfigure automatically

Press the "▼ (Silence)" button - the display will change to:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Reconfigure from PC

Press the "▼ (Silence)" button again - the display will change to:

CONFIGURATION MENU
Transfer configuration to PC

Press the "► Enter (More Events)" button to select:

PC CONFIGURATION
Awaiting link, system not operational

On the PC, select "get from panel" option from the toolbar buttons. The PC will display a progress bar indicating each part of the configuration being sent.

After the file has been transferred, use the Save option on the P.C. to save the configuration to the P.C. disk drive.

On the Solo 2 Lite panel, turn the "Write Enable" switch (located at the top of the display PCB) to the "Off" position. Restart the panel via the internal "Processor Reset" switch.

The system will initialise all devices with the stored configuration information.

6.5 File transfer options

If power is applied to the Solo 2 Lite panel, or if it is restarted via Processor Reset SW2 with the "write enable" switch in the "On" position, the panel will first perform an "integrity check" then display the configuration menu options.

These 4 options can be viewed using the "▲ (Evacuate)" or "▼ (Silence)" buttons and selected using the "► Enter (More Events)" button as follows::

CONFIGURATION MENU
Reconfigure automatically

Erases memory contents and stores all devices found in zone 1. No location messages. Common sounder operation.

DISABLEMENTS

Press the "▲ (Evacuate)" button twice to view the Access Level 3 menu option. Press the "▶ Enter" button to select this menu option. Use "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" to increment and decrement each number. Use the "◀ Exit" and "▶ Enter" move the cursor left and right. To enter the number (1000), press and hold "▶ Enter " to enter the Access Level 3 menu options.

The display will then show:

DEVICE CONFIGURATION
Switch on write enable to view/change

Turn on the write enable switch. Located on top of the display PCB inside the panel.
The display will then show:

CONFIGURE ZONE
Addr xxx.x CHQ-CP zone 1

The actual address and device type will of course depend on what is connected at the lowest address on the system.

The available addresses and local programmable outputs can now be scrolled using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to select the first address to be allocated. The zone number can be incremented using the "▶ Enter" button, through the range 1 to 16. When Zone 16 is reached, pressing "▶ Enter" will set the zone back to Zone 1. It is not possible to decrement the zone number.

Note: Base Sounders will automatically be allocated the same zone as the sensor to which they are attached.

The information entered is stored dynamically i.e. it is not necessary to press the "▶ Enter" button to store the information, it is stored as soon as the next address or zone is selected.

Press the "◀ Exit" button to escape from the Zone allocation menu option.

7.4 Message Allocation

It is now possible to attach a 40-character message to each address if required.

This is done by pressing the "▼ (Silence)" button to view the "Configure Message" menu, then press "▶ Enter". The display will show:

EDIT TEXT ADDR XXX.X CHQ-CP

— .

Letters, numbers and punctuation marks can now be selected using the Use "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons. Use the "◀ Exit" and "▶ Enter" move the cursor left and right. This is repeated until the message is complete.

To enter the message, press and hold "▶ Enter" button.

To enter the next message, it is necessary to go back to the Zone Allocation menu and select the required address, then revert back to the message menu. The next message can now be entered as before. When all zones and messages have been entered, the write enable switch must be turned off. The system is now configured and will remember the programmed information, even if the power is removed.

7.5 Configuring Delays to Outputs

It is possible to set delays to panel and loop output devices. See section 11.3 for more details.

8. Testing the System

To ensure that the system operates as required it is first necessary to activate each device as shown on the installation plan and ensure that the correct panel response and message is displayed.

Once this has been established as being correct, the zone and address configurations should be recorded for future reference.

Next, the sounder outputs should be checked, making sure that they operate as required and that audibility levels are acceptable. If any special sounder sequencing or control of output devices has been programmed, all possible logical combinations should be checked to ensure that the required response is given.

Finally any use made of the volt free contacts or remote control inputs at the panel should be tested to ensure that they operate as intended.

The system should then be ready for handover to the client who should be given a copy of the operator's manual, fire log book and a set of keys for accessing the panel.

9. Using the Solo 2 Lite Panel

Operation of the fire alarm system should be as simple and straightforward as possible. Solo 2 Lite maintains this philosophy by utilising the minimum number of controls and highlighting the most important indications. This ensures that a concise and unambiguous indication of the status of the system is presented to the user at all times.

9.1 Front Panel Controls

There are 3 main controls required for the operation of the fire alarm system:

- i) A means of sounding the alarms from the panel
- ii) A means of silencing the alarms from the panel
- iii) A means of resetting the alarms from the panel

All other functions associated with the essential requirements of the system are automatic and require no user intervention.

Operation of all of the critical controls (with the exception of "Lamp Test" and "More Events") are inhibited in accordance with EN54-2, until the controls are enabled by operation of the "Enable Controls" keyswitch.

9.1.1 Access Level 1 Controls

9.1.1.1 Silence Buzzer

Operation of the Silence Buzzer in the event of a fire or fault will:

- i) Change the tone of the buzzer from continuous (or rapid pips for a fire event), to silent.
- ii) Illuminate the "Buzzer Silenced" LED.

9.1.1.2 Lamp Test

Operation of the Lamp Test button will illuminate all front panel indicators for approximately 3 seconds.

9.1.1.3 More Events

If there is more than one event of any type on the panel (indicated by 002/002 or similar on the right of the display and the "More Events" LED) then these can be viewed by pressing the "More Events" button to advance through them.

9.1.2. Access Level 2 Controls

Operation of the enable control keyswitch will select access level 2. It is at this access level that the proper functions of the controls are available.

9.1.2.1 Evacuate / Resound Alarm

Operation of the "Evacuate" button will now sound all sounders continuously whether connected to the control panel loop or to field mounted bell controllers. To clear the panel from the Evacuate condition, press the "Silence Alarms" button, followed by the "Reset" button.

9.1.2.2 Silence Alarms

Operation of the Silence Alarms button in the event of a fire will:

- i) Change the tone of the fire buzzer from rapid pips, to one beep every 7 seconds.
- ii) Change the flashing zonal fire indicator to continuous.
- iii) Silence all sounders connected to the control panel and field mounted bell controllers.
- iv) Illuminate the "Sounder Silenced" LED.

9.1.2.3 Reset

Operation of the "Reset" Button has no effect without prior operation of the "Silence Alarms" button following a fire or evacuate condition.

Following operation of the "Silence Alarms" button during a fire condition, operation of the "Reset" button will reset the fire condition at the control panel and reset the detector or detectors that initiated the fire condition.

If the fire condition was initiated by call points or switch input devices then these must be restored to normal before "Reset" is operated otherwise the fire condition will return.

9.1.2.4 More Events – Menu Access

When at Access level 2, press and hold the "More Events" button for three seconds to access the User Facilities Menu.

9.2. Front Panel Indications

9.2.1 Fire Indicators

The primary indications on the control panel are those associated with the fire condition. A common fire indicator will illuminate in the event of a fire detector, call point or input device being operated, accompanied by one or more "Fire in Zone" indicators to identify the zone in which the fire originated.

The common fire indicator will also illuminate if the "Evacuate" button is pressed and will remain lit until the condition is silenced then reset.

9.2.2 Fault Indicators

9.2.2.1 General Fault

The "General Fault" indicator will illuminate upon any fault condition. Additional information about the nature of the fault can be obtained from the display or other fault indicators.

9.2.2.2 Power Fault

When there is a problem with either the main or standby supply the "Power Fault" LED will be illuminated in addition to the General Fault LED. Additional information about the nature of the fault can be obtained from the LCD status display

9.2.2.3 System Fault

The "System Fault" indicator will illuminate in the event of failure of execution of routines associated with the main functions of the programme or corruption of the memory containing the programme or site configuration data.

9.2.2.4 Sounder Disabled

Whenever the sounder outputs on the system are disabled the "Sounder Disabled" indicator will be illuminated.

9.2.2.5 Sounder Fault

An open or short circuit on the cabling to the sounder circuits connected to the control panel will illuminate the "Sounder Fault" indicator.

9.2.3 Other Indicators

9.2.3.1 Power On

Indicates that equipment is being supplied with power.

9.2.3.2 Pre-alarm

For sensors that are configured to report a pre-alarm, the "Pre-alarm" indicator will illuminate when the control panel receives a signal from a sensor that is 85% of the set fire threshold level.

The panel buzzer will operate but no outputs will be operated during a pre-alarm condition.

9.2.3.3 Sounder Silenced

The "Sounder Silenced" indicator will be illuminated only when a fire condition has been silenced. Operation of a subsequent fire condition whilst the alarms are silenced will extinguish the "Sounder Silenced" indicator.

9.2.3.4 On Test

The "On Test" indicator will be illuminated whilst any zones are in test mode.

9.2.3.5 Buzzer Silenced

The "Buzzer Silenced" indicator will indicate silencing of the buzzer during a fault, pre-alarm or fire condition.

9.2.3.6 Delay Active

It is possible to configure delays to outputs on the Solo 2 Lite the delay is active.

9.2.3.7 More Events

The "More Events" indicator will be illuminated whenever there are events on the control panel that are not currently displayed in the LCD status window. This would typically be seen in the situation where more than one device is disabled or if there are multiple faults or fires on the system.

9.2.3.8 General Disablement

Any disablement selected via the menu functions or via cause & effect will be indicated by illumination of the "General Disablement" indicator.

9.3 Internal Indications

9.3.1 Watchdog Fault

Operation of the panel is monitored by a "Watchdog" circuit, which will attempt to reset the central processor unit in the event of a failure to execute the programme properly.

The "Watchdog Operated" LED (mounted inside the panel - See Fig. 1) indicates operation of the watchdog circuit. This indicator will remain lit whether the reset was successful or not until it is reset using the "Watchdog Reset" switch (See annex 3).

10. User Facilities Menu – (Access Level 2)

A number of User Facilities are provided by a menu structure, which can only be accessed at Access Level 2.

To access the User Facilities menu, set the panel in to Access Level 2, using the Enable key. Press and hold down the "► Enter (More Events)" button until the first menu item appears. The User Facilities menu takes the form of a tree structure, where there are six main menu categories. These may be scrolled using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons. To select the required menu option, press the "► Enter (More Events)" button. Some of the menu options have sub-categories, which are then scrolled using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons and selected using the "► Enter" button, and so on. To move back to the main menu, press the "◀ Exit" button.

If no buttons are pressed for more than 100 seconds the panel will revert to access level 2 or if the key is removed, to access level 1 (i.e. buttons not enabled).

The following describes each of the available facilities in the order that they will appear.

10.1 Disablements

10.1.1 Enable / Disable Zones

To disable one or more zones, first select the zone to be disabled using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons, then press "► Enter " to disable.

The display will show:

ENABLE / DISABLE ZONES Zone XX is disabled

When a disablement is selected, the buzzer will sound a continuous tone for 3 seconds and the "General Disablement" LED will light and remain lit for as long as there are any active disablements on the system. Disablements will be displayed at access level 1 as follows:

DISABLEMENT	001/001
ZONE 1	

Only fire inputs are suppressed during disablements. The "More Events" button can be used to view all active disablements at access level 1. Zones can be re-enabled using the same procedure as for disabling.

10.1.2 Enable / Disable Addresses

To disable one or more addresses or sub-addresses, first select the address to be disabled using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons, then press "► Enter " to disable.

The display will show:

ENABLE / DISABLE ADDRESSES
Address xxx.x is disabled

When a disablement is selected, the buzzer will sound a continuous tone for 3 seconds and the "General Disablement" LED will light and remain lit for as long as there are any active disablements on the system. Disablements will be displayed at access level 1 as follows:

DISABLEMENT 001/001
Addr xxx.x zone xx

If a location message has been assigned to the disabled address the second line of the display will alternate between the address, zone and device type, and the message.

Only fire inputs are suppressed during disablements. The "More Events" button can be used to view all active disablements at access level 1.

Addresses can be re-enabled using the same procedure as for disabling.

10.1.3 Disable Panel Outputs

This menu option has two sub-menu selections:

10.1.3.1 Enable / Disable Fire Contact

To disable the Fire Contact (labelled as Rem Sig inside the panel), press the "▶ Enter " button. The display will show:

ENABLE / DISABLE FIRE CONTACT
Fire contact is disabled

The disablement will be displayed at access level 1 as follows:

DISABLEMENT 001/001
Fire contact is disabled

The Fire Contact (labelled as Rem Sig inside the panel) will not operate in response to any fire conditions whilst disabled.

To re-enable the fire contact, use the same procedure as for disabling.

10.1.3.2 Enable / Disable Fault Contact

To disable the fault contact, press the "▶ Enter " button. The display will show:

ENABLE / DISABLE FAULT CONTACT
Fault contact is disabled

The disablement will be displayed at access level 1 as follows:

DISABLEMENT 001/001
Fault contact is disabled

The fault contact will not operate in response to any fault condition other than total power failure or system fuse (F2) failure whilst disabled.

To re-enable the fault contact, use the same procedure as for disabling.

10.1.4 Enable / Disable Sounders

To disable the sounders, press the "▶ Enter " button.
The display will show:

ENABLE / DISABLE SOUNDERS
Sounders are disabled

The sounders connected to the panel, loop powered sounders and bell controller outputs (which are programmed to respond as sounders) will not operate in response to any fire or evacuate condition.

To re-enable the sounders use the same procedure as for disabling.

10.2 Test Zones

To put one or more zones into test mode, select the required zone using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to scroll to the desired zone number, then press "▶ Enter " button. The display will show:

TEST ZONES
Zone xx is in test mode

When in test mode, activation of a device in the zone under test will cause a normal response at the control panel and sound the sounders for 2 seconds. The control panel will then self-reset, ready for the next device to be tested.

The Fire relay contact (labelled Rem.Sig) will not operate during test mode.

10.3 Set the System Clock

The panel contains a 24 hour clock which is battery backed.

To set the clock, use the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to increment / decrement the hours then press the "▶ Enter " button to move to the next item on the clock menu (minutes, day, year etc.).

When all clock parameters are correctly adjusted, press the "◀ Exit" button to revert back to the menu.

When the panel is in normal condition at access level 1, the full time and date will be displayed on the top row of the display.

10.4 Contamination Status

Any sensors that are found to be near their calibration limits are listed here. When a sensor is found to be at or beyond 85% of the point at which a maintenance fault warning will be given, it is added to the list.

During the daily calibration routine, each sensors analogue levels are checked and if these are at or beyond acceptable limits of compensation the status will be displayed as per the example below.

CONTAMINATION STATUS
Addr. 123 ALE-E ZP = 96% FP = 97%

The lower line of the display will alternate between the information shown above and the location message for the device.

Further devices on the list can be viewed by scrolling with the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons.

10.5 Enter Level 3 Password

This menu option is used to gain access to the Engineering Facilities Menu by entering the correct Access Level 3 password (default setting for this password is 1000 for panels that have not been configured).

The password is entered using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to scroll through the numbers 0 to 9 and the "▶ Enter " button to move to the next digit. Press the "◀ Exit" button to move the cursor to the previous digit, if required. When the password has been entered, press and hold "▶ Enter " for 3 seconds. The panel will display the first item on the Access Level 3 Engineering Facilities menu, upon successful entry of the correct code.

It is possible (via the PC configuration programme) to change the password to any 4-digit number. If entering the default password (1000) does not allow entry to the Access Level 3 menu, then this has been done. If this occurs, it will be necessary to capture the configuration file from the panel using the "SOLO" configuration package and data transfer lead.

10.6 Quit Menu

This is the last item in the User Facilities Menu and further presses of the "▼ (Silence)" button will continually scroll around these 6 items.

Press the "► Enter" button to exit from the User Facilities Menu.

11. Engineering Facilities Menu – (Access Level 3)

To enter the Engineering Facilities Menu, select the Access Level 3 option in the User Facilities Menu. Enter the password (factory set at 1000) using the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons, then press and hold "► Enter" button.

11.1 Configuration

11.1.1 Configure Zones

If the panel has not been configured using the PC configuration package, all devices are placed in zone 1 upon initialisation. This menu allows any device or sub device to be configured to any of the 16 zones. Upon activation of the "Write Enable" switch on the display PCB, the status display will show:

CONFIGURE ZONES Addr 001.0 ATG-E zone 1
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To change the zone number press the "► Enter" button until the required zone appears, then press the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to select the next address or Local Output (listed after the detection devices). Repeat the procedure until all addresses have been configured in to the required zones.

11.1.2 Configure Messages

It is possible using the panel push buttons to enter text messages of up to 40 characters. Although this is much better achieved using the PC configuration package, this facility does allow on site editing in situations where a PC may not be available and to correct minor mistakes and site amendments.

From the configure zone menu, select the address for which the message is to be edited or allocated then press "◀? Exit". The display will show:

CONFIGURE ZONES —

Press "▼ (Silence)":

CONFIGURE MESSAGES —

Press the "► Enter" button:

EDIT TEXT ADDR 001.0 ATG-E —

In the bottom left of the display a cursor marks the position where the first character of the message will appear. Upper and lower case letters, numbers from 0 to 9 and punctuation marks , . () / can then be selected using "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons.

To move to the cursor left & right, press the "▶ Enter" and "◀ Exit" buttons. To escape from the message editing menu, press and hold the "▶ Enter" button.

To select other addresses for message entry or editing, it is necessary to select the address of the device using the Edit Zones menu selection. Then follow the procedure above.

11.2 Printing

The Solo 2 Lite control panel is not available with a thermal printer option, and therefore all printer menu commands are not applicable.

11.3 Configure Output Delays

It is possible to configure outputs to be delayed between 30 seconds and 10 minutes from the activation of a smoke detection device. When an output is delayed, the Delay Active LED will be illuminated. The delay will be cancelled by the activation of two devices or a single manual call point.

11.3.1 Configure Delay Time

There is a single delay time for all delayed outputs, which is configured as follows:

CONFIGURE DELAY TIME 30 seconds

Use the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to select the required delay time (30 seconds or 1 to 10 minutes in minute intervals) and then press "▶ Enter".

11.3.2 Panel Sounder Delay

The panel has two common conventional sounder circuits, which can be delayed to allow confirmation of a fire condition if required. To enable the delay facility press the "? Enter" button when this screen is displayed.

PANEL SOUNDER DELAY Sounders not delayed

To disable the delay facility, press the "▶ Enter" button when this screen is displayed.

PANEL SOUNDER DELAY Sounders delayed

11.3.3 Configure Device Alarm Delay

The 24 local programmable outputs and the outputs of all addressable output devices are listed as follows:

CONFIGURE DEVICE ALARM DELAY Address 003.1 is not delayed
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Use the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to scroll through all output addresses and local outputs. Those outputs that are required to be delayed can be selected by pressing the "▶ Enter" button. The display will then show:

CONFIGURE DEVICE ALARM DELAY Address 003.1 is delayed
--

11.4 Event Log

11.4.1 View Events

The system stores the last 100 events that have occurred. To view these press the "▲ (Evacuate)" and "▼ (Silence)" buttons to scroll through the event log.

A typical event log display will show:

VIEW EVENTS- 1 OF 25 26/01/01 11:21
System initialising

11.4.2 Clear Event Register

Once the panel has been commissioned the information can be cleared from the event log by pressing the "► Enter" button. The display will show:

CLEAR EVENT REGISTER
Event register cleared

11.5 Access Level 2

This option takes the engineer out of the Engineering Facilities Menu, back into the User Facilities Menu at the Disablements menu option.

It will be necessary to enter the Access Level 3 pass code to return to the Engineering Facilities Menu.

12. Sounder Outputs

12.1 Panel Sounder Outputs

Two sounder outputs are provided in the panel, which operate upon any fire alarm. These supply a minimum of 23VDC and a maximum of 25VDC. These outputs are not programmable but may be configured with a delay (see section 11.3).

Each output is individually fused and is capable of supplying an alarm load of 500mA or a total of 750mA over the two circuits, therefore a short circuit on one output will not inhibit correct operation of the other.

The sounder outputs are monitored for short and open circuit faults and reverse their normal (operating) polarity when monitoring for circuit faults. It is therefore necessary to use correctly polarised sounders on the system to prevent the sounders from consuming current when in the quiet condition.

To provide open circuit monitoring, it is necessary to fit a monitoring resistor at the end of the sounder circuit wiring. It is by passing a small monitoring current through this "End of Line" resistor that the control panel is able to detect breaks in the sounder circuit cables.

The panel is supplied with 20K end of line monitoring resistors and these should be used whenever possible.

However, the circuits will tolerate any value of resistor between 7K and 42K.

If a sounder open or short circuit fault occurs the panel will display:

SOUNDER 1 FAULT 001/001
Open or short circuit on sounder circuit 1

(Or sounder circuit 2 if on the other circuit)

During the fault condition the buzzer will sound a continuous tone and the "Sounder Fault" and "General Fault" LED's will flash.

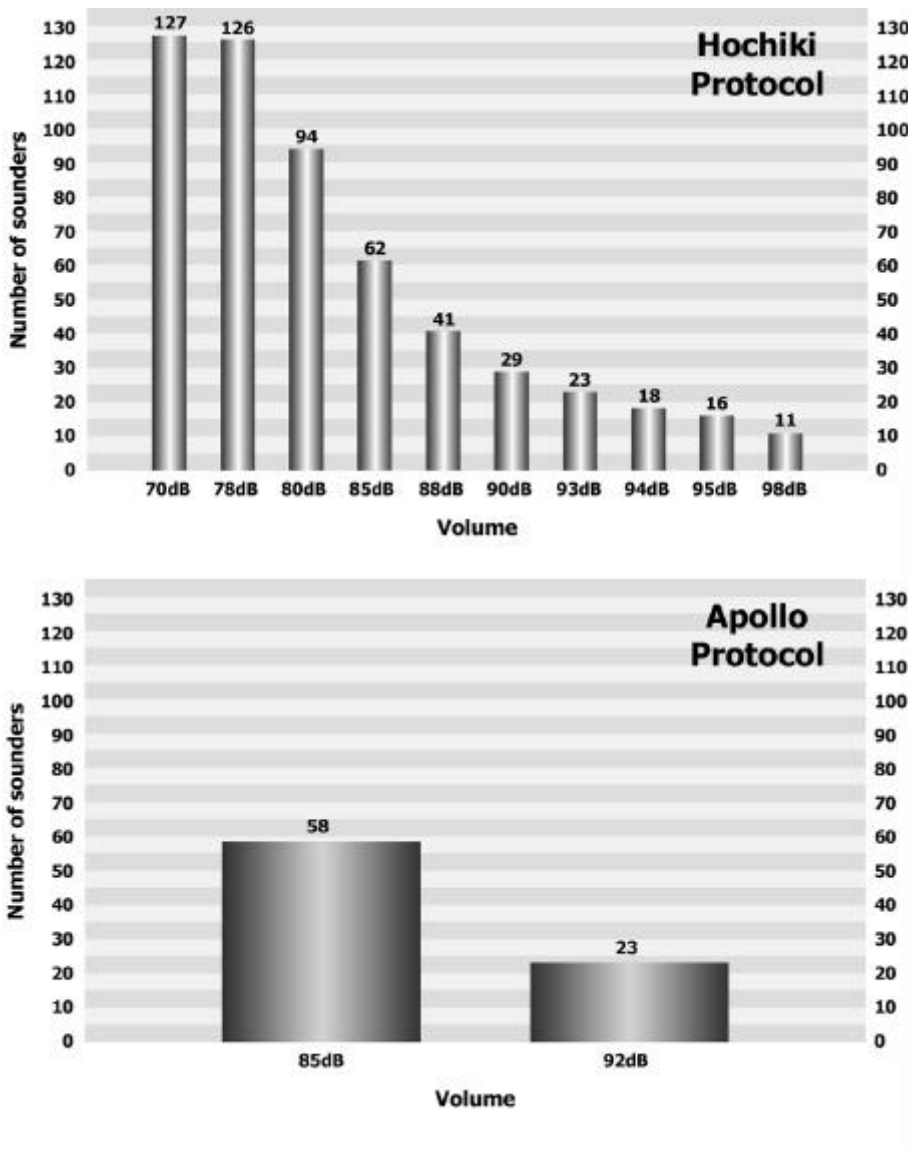
The buzzer may be silenced by pressing the "Silence Buzzer" button whereupon the "Buzzer Silenced" and "General Fault" LED's will light continuously and the buzzer will be muted. A subsequent sounder fault will resound the buzzer, extinguish the "Buzzer Silenced" LED, cause the "Sounder Fault" and "Common Fault" LEDs to start flashing. The second fault can be viewed by pressing the "More Events" button.

The control panel does not latch sounder faults and fault conditions will clear within 10 seconds of the fault being removed.

Sounder circuit fuses are of the self-reset type and require no maintenance or replacement.

12.2. Loop Sounder Outputs

The Solo 2 Lite control panel will support loop sounders, although due to current restrictions, the number of sounders should not exceed the quantities given in the graph below;



For Hochiki protocol systems, the Solo configuration application will verify the design, by checking the percentage of loop sounder capacity available.

13. Relays

All volt free contacts are intended for switching low power and low voltage signals only. Under no circumstances should voltages or currents above the ratings listed below be exceeded.

Note: These functions may not be used to provide any "Options with Requirements" as specified in EN54-2

NAME	ACTION
FIRE (Rem. Sig.)	This contact will operate upon any fire or evacuate condition and will remain operated until the panel is reset (i.e. it will not switch off when the alarms are silenced). The contact will not operated however if the panel is in zone test mode and the activation is from the zone on test.
FAULT	This contact will operate upon any fault condition including total power failure and will self reset when the fault has cleared. The contact can be disabled as described in section 10.1.3.2. When disabled, the fault contact will still operate in the event of a total power failure, as this relay is normally energised.
ALARM	This contact will follow the action of the panel sounder outputs i.e. it will de-activate when the "Silence Alarm" button is pressed and if the panel sounders are delayed then operation of this contact will also be delayed

14. Remote Control Inputs

The following inputs allow the basic controls of the panel to be duplicated by remote systems such as shopping precinct interfaces, house fire control panels or control desks.

Switching the 0V terminal to the required input terminal activates the inputs. These inputs require a very low switching current therefore the normally open contact or switch used should be suitable for switching currents as low as 0.1mA.

Note: These functions may not be used to provide any "options with requirements" as specified in EN54-2 and could leave the panel in a non-compliant state.

14.1 FLT (Fault)

The Fault input can be used to indicate a fault at an associated system (e.g. extinguishant release control panel) and when operated will display "Remote Fault" on the LCD.

The input is non-latching and when activated will light the "General Fault" LED and sound the fault tone on the buzzer. The fault contact will also be operated and the event will be recorded in the event register.

14.2 RES (Reset)

The Reset input can be used to reset the control panel from a remote location but will only operate following a "Silence Alarm" activation from either the front panel push-button or the remote "SIL" (silence) input.

This input is "Edge Triggered" i.e. there is no danger of the system not functioning if the reset input is permanently connected to 0V. It is only upon connection to 0V that the input activates. Operation of the remote reset will be recorded in the event register as "Remote Reset".

14.3 INT (Intermittent)

This input allows remote activation of all sounders in the intermittent mode (i.e pulsing on and off). When activated the LCD will display "Remote Alert". The input is not latching therefore all sounder outputs will be turned off when the input is removed.

This allows the fire bells to be used for class change signalling in schools, security alert or to be operated from the main system in a shopping precinct or other sectorised site.

Operation of this input will not operate the Fire (Rem.Sig) relay contact and will be recorded in the event register as "Remote Alert".

14.4 CNT (Continuous)

This input allows remote activation of all sounders in the continuous mode. When activated the LCD will display "Remote Evacuate". The input is not latching and all sounder outputs will be turned off when the input is removed.

This allows the fire bells to be activated by other systems without the need to silence the alarms then reset at the panel. Activation of this input will not operate the Fire (Rem.Sig) relay contact and will be recorded in the event register as "Remote Evacuate".

14.5 SIL (Silence)

The silence input can be used to silence the alarm from a remote location.

This input is "Edge Triggered" i.e. there is no danger of the system not functioning correctly if the silence input is permanently connected to 0V. It is only upon connection to 0V that the input activates.

A remote silence will be recorded in the event register as "Remote Silence Alarm".

15. Detection Circuit

This control panel may be used only with Hochiki AS or ASX range of devices using ESP protocol for the Hochiki protocol version, or Series 90, XP95 and Discovery detectors for the Apollo protocol version.

127 device addresses are permitted on the detection circuit for the Hochiki protocol, and 126 device addresses for the Apollo version. A maximum of 200 device address and sub-addresses are permitted on the Solo 2 Lite control panel.

The detection circuit will support loop-powered sounders, however due to current restrictions, these should be limited to the quantities given in section 12.2

Four terminals (+ and - out, + and - in) are provided for connection to the detection circuit which should be wired as a loop with all devices connected across the cables such that + out connects to + in and - out connects to - in (see Annex 2). Short circuit isolators must be fitted in the detection circuit wiring in accordance with the appropriate fire detection systems standard. As a minimum these should be wired such that a short or interruption of the detection circuit will not prevent the indication of the fire alarm from more than 32 fire detectors and/or call points.

The control panel has integral short circuit protection circuits, however if the Apollo "negative break" type short circuit isolators are used, it is recommended that an isolator is fitted at each end of the detection loop, immediately adjacent to the control panel. This is not necessary for the Apollo "positive switching" isolators or the Hochiki isolators.

Fitting short circuit isolators ensures that only part of the detection circuit becomes disconnected from the control panel (i.e. the part between the isolators) in the event of a short circuit fault. In this respect the more isolators that are fitted, the greater the system integrity but practical considerations and cost dictate that this part of the system should be very carefully planned. The maximum number of isolators that should be fitted is 20.

The control panel normally supplies power and data to the detection circuit from the "Out" terminals and monitors the integrity of the cables at the "in" terminals. If a short or open circuit occurs on the detection circuit, the control panel immediately supplies power and data from both the "Out" and the "In" terminals effectively powering the circuit from both ends at once.

Upon detection of a short or open circuit the display shows:

LOOP FAULT 001/001 Loop open or short cct

The common fault LED will flash and the buzzer will sound. Both of these events will be recorded in the event register. The loop circuit fault is a latching fault type and when the fault is cleared the panel must be reset.

16. Battery Charger and PSU

The battery charger and PSU are integral to the panel.

The control panel requires **one 12 volt**, 7 ampere hour battery to maintain operation for 24 hours and thereafter supply the full alarm load for half an hour.

The panel power supply, converts the nominal 12 volts, to the 24 volts and 32 volts required by the detection and sounder circuits automatically upon failure of the mains.

The battery is an essential part of the system and correct charging will maximise its life. The output to the battery is set at the factory, to the optimum recommended by battery manufacturers for use in a temperate climate and varies with temperature as follows:

If adjustment is necessary, turn the adjustment control (see annex 3) very gently until the voltage is correct for the current ambient temperature.

Temperature	Output
0° C	14.22
5° C	14.6
10° C	14.09
15° C	14.02
20° C	13.93
25° C	13.82
30° C	13.44

The panel will display a fault message if the charging voltage is set too high, as this can be dangerous and causes distortion of the battery case. Care must be taken to ensure that the charge voltage is not set too low or the battery will not reach its optimum capacity and may not provide sufficient standby duration.

A conventional 20mm glass fuse, rated at 315mA, protects the battery charger output against short circuit or battery reversal (See annex 3).

The control panel monitors the battery connection and fuse constantly. Disconnection of the battery or failure of the fuse will display:

POWER FAULT	001/001
Battery Disconnected	

During a mains failure condition, the panel monitors the voltage of the battery and when the voltage reaches the battery manufacturers recommended minimum voltage of 10.5 volts, the display will show a low battery voltage warning.

If the voltage continues to fall (to about 9.5 volts) the battery will automatically be disconnected to prevent damage to the battery.

17. System Fuse

To protect against the high current capacity of the battery, a 5 amp 20mm fuse is fitted which disconnects all circuitry (except the current limited battery charger) in the event of a major fault. (See annex 3).

Failure of the system fuse is indicated by a blank display, a continuous tone from the internal buzzer and operation of the fault contact.

The system is completely inoperative when the system fuse has failed and this fault should be repaired as soon as possible.

18. Earth Fault Monitoring

The fire alarm system should have none of its supplies or signalling lines connected to earth. This ensures that two lines of different polarity or potential can not be accidentally joined by earth, which may prevent the system from functioning properly or produce false alarms.

The control panel therefore monitors the earth connection, which should be at approximately 2.5 volts above the panel's 0V (negative) supply.

If the earth potential falls below 1.0 volt with respect to the panel 0V, the display will show:

POWER FAULT	001/001
Negative earth fault	

If the earth potential rises above 4.0 volts with respect to the panel 0V, the display will show:

POWER FAULT Positive earth fault	001/001
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Any earth fault will light the "General Fault" & "Power Fault" LEDs, sound the internal buzzer and operate the fault contact. Both types will also be recorded in the event register.

NOTE: Connection of the panel to a PC via the configuration lead sometimes produces an earth fault. This is quite normal and will clear upon removal of the programming lead.

19. Watchdog

The Panel contains a "Watchdog" circuit, which monitors correct execution of the operating programme. If the programme stops as could happen in the event of a severe electrical storm or other interference, the watchdog circuit will reset the system and attempt to start the programme running again.

Whether this is successful or not the "Watchdog" LED inside the panel will light and remain lit until the "Watchdog" reset switch on the main PCB is operated.

20. Calibration

Every 24 hours at 7 am, all sensors connected to the system are automatically calibrated. This requires no intervention and is completely transparent unless any faults are found.

The calibration routine checks the zero point and the fire point of each sensor and compares this with the results of the previous day.

If a gradual change is detected (as will happen due to contamination over time) then the panels response will be adjusted to compensate, thus maintaining the sensitivity.

This process will continue until there is no adjustment left at which point the panel will display a maintenance fault condition indicating that the sensor should be replaced or cleaned.

This calibration routine incorporates a filtering process that eliminates false compensation due to spurious contamination at the time of calibration.

If after the filter process a sensors analogue level differs significantly from the previous days readings then a calibration-failed error will be reported, indicating that the sensor should be replaced immediately.

21. Technical Specification

Construction	-	1.2mm sheet steel & aluminium trim (on panel 7116)
Display	-	2 rows x 40 character liquid crystal, LED backlit
Panel Sounder Outputs	-	2 circuits, each fused at 500mA (resettable fuse), total load 750mA Reverse voltage monitored with 20K end of line resistor
Fire Contact (Rem Sig.)	-	Volt free changeover rated at 1 Amp at 30V d.c.
Alarm Contact	-	Volt free changeover rated at 1 Amp at 30V d.c.
Fault Contact	-	Volt free changeover rated at 1 Amp at 30V d.c. Normally energised relay,
Earth fault monitoring	-	Nominal 2.5V between panel 0V supply and earth. Less than 1 volt or more than 4 volts will report an earth fault.
Maximum number of devices	-	127 (Hochiki) or 126 (Apollo). 200 addresses & sub addresses total.
Standby supply	-	Single 12 volt 7Ah sealed lead acid battery.
System Fuse	-	5 Amp 20mm
Battery Fuse	-	350mA 20mm
Mains Fuse	-	2 Amp 20mm
Mains Supply	-	230V a.c. (other voltages available on request)
Operating Temperature	-	-5 to +50 degrees Celsius
Operating Humidity	-	to 95% (non-condensing)
Quiescent current	-	160mA at 12V d.c. with panel in Mains Fail condition

Appendix A. – Solo 2 Lite Panel Restrictions

The Solo 2 Lite panel has a number of optional and mandatory facilities removed, compared with the Solo 2 Panel. These restrictions are listed in this section.

If any of these facilities are required then the full Solo 2 will need to be used.

A1 – Auxiliary 24 volt power supply.

This output is not available on this product

A2 – Panel Printer

This facility is not available on this product.

A3 – Repeaters

This panel does not have the facility to connect a repeater driver card and therefore it does not permit the connection of repeaters.

A4 – Local Outputs

There is no facility to control additional sounder or relay outputs via the local panel output interface.

Note – the Solo 2 Lite configuration program and menu options may refer to the above options. These options are not available, despite references to them in the menu and configuration software.

Appendix B. – EN54 Configuration Requirements.

In order to meet the requirements of EN54, the panel must be configured with the settings stated below. References refer to EN54 Part 2 1997 section numbers.

Section 7 – Fire Alarm Condition

Section 7.6.1

The internal "Reset" remote control input must be configured so that it is only available at Access level 2, by use of a key input or some other access restriction.

Section 7.11.a

To select delays to outputs at access level 3, use the Configure Output Delays / Panel Sounder delay menu option.

Section 9 – Disabled Condition

Section 9.1.2

If a disablement input type is used as the cause a disablement cause and effect, this input must be configured so that it is only available at Access level 2, by use of a key input or some other access restriction.

Section 12.5 – Integrity of Transmission Paths

Section 12.5.2

A short circuit isolator must be fitted to the detection circuit at a maximum interval of 32 detection devices and manual call points.

Section 12.6 – Accessibility of indications and controls

Section 12.6.6

The panel door must be locked and the key removed.

Appendix C. – Field wiring and PCB details.

