



## USER'S MANUAL

### SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AC POWERED WITH BATTERY BACKUP

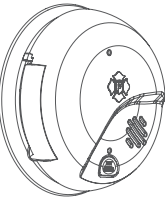
Model SMC0100-AC



#### IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE.

The warnings/limitations card and manual contains important information about your Smoke Alarm's operation. If you are installing this Alarm for use by others, you must leave this manual—or a copy of it—with the end user.

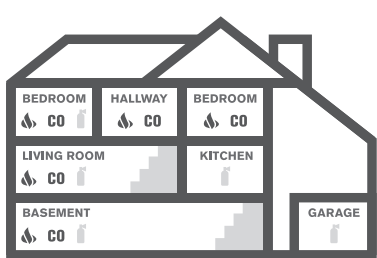
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#### IN GENERAL, INSTALL COMBINATION SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS:

- On every level of your home, including finished attics and basements.
- Inside every bedroom, especially if people sleep with the door partly or completely closed.
- In the hall near every sleeping area. If your home has multiple sleeping areas, install a unit in each.
- If a hall is more than 40 feet (12 meters) long, install a unit at each end.
- At the top of first-to-second floor stairs.
- At the bottom of the basement stairs.
- For additional coverage, install Alarms in all rooms, halls, and storage areas, where temperatures normally remain between 40° F and 100° F (4.4° C and 37.8° C).

#### RECOMMENDED PLACEMENT:



**Smoke Alarm**  
One on every level and in every bedroom

**Carbon Monoxide Alarm**  
One on every level and in every bedroom

**Fire Extinguisher**  
One on every level, plus kitchen and garage

- When installing on the wall, the top edge of Smoke Alarms should be placed between 4 inches (102 mm) and 12 inches (305 mm) from the wall/ceiling line.
- When installing on the ceiling, place the Alarm as close to the center as possible.
- In either case, install at least 4 inches (102 mm) from where the wall and ceiling meet.

**NOTE:** For any location, make sure no door or other obstruction could keep carbon monoxide or smoke from reaching the Alarm.

#### WHERE NOT TO INSTALL THIS ALARM

##### FOR BEST PERFORMANCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU AVOID INSTALLING SMOKE/CO ALARMS IN THESE AREAS:

- In garages, furnace rooms, crawl spaces and unfinished attics. Avoid extremely dusty, dirty or greasy areas.
- Where combustion particles are produced. Combustion particles form when something burns. Areas to avoid include poorly ventilated kitchens, garages, and furnace rooms. Keep units at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the sources of combustion particles (stove, furnace, water heater, space heater) if possible. In areas where a 20-foot (6 meter) distance is not possible—in modular, mobile, or smaller homes, for example—it is recommended the Smoke Alarm be placed as far from these fuel-burning sources as possible. The placement recommendations are intended to keep these Alarms at a reasonable distance from a fuel-burning source, and thus reduce unwanted Alarms. Unwanted Alarms can occur if a Smoke Alarm is placed directly next to a fuel-burning source. Ventilate these areas as much as possible.
- Within 5 feet (1.5 meters) of any cooking appliance. In air streams near kitchens. Air currents can draw cooking smoke into the smoke sensor and cause unwanted Alarms.
- In extremely humid areas. This Alarm should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a shower, sauna, humidifier, vaporizer, dishwasher, laundry room, utility room, or other source of high humidity.
- In direct sunlight.
- In turbulent air, like near ceiling fans or open windows. Blowing air may prevent CO or smoke from reaching the sensors.
- In areas where temperature is colder than 40° F (4.4° C) or hotter than 100° F (37.8° C). These areas include non-airconditioned crawl spaces, unfinished attics, uninsulated or poorly insulated ceilings, porches, and garages.
- In insect infested areas. Insects can clog the openings to the sensing chamber.
- Less than 12 inches (305 mm) away from fluorescent lights. Electrical "noise" can interfere with the sensor.
- In "dead air" spaces.

#### AVOIDING DEAD AIR SPACES

"Dead air" spaces may prevent smoke from reaching the Smoke/CO Alarm. To avoid dead air spaces, follow installation recommendations below.

On ceilings, install Smoke/CO Alarms as close to the center of the ceiling as possible. If this is not possible, install the Smoke/CO Alarm at least 4 inches (102 mm) from the wall or corner.

For wall mounting, if allowed by building codes, the top edge of Smoke/CO Alarms should be placed between 4 inches (102 mm) and 12 inches (305 mm) from the wall/ceiling line.

On a peaked, gabled, or cathedral ceiling, install the first Smoke/CO Alarm within 3 feet (0.9 meters) of the peak of the ceiling, measured horizontally. Additional Smoke/CO Alarms may be required depending on the length, angle, etc. of the ceiling's slope. Refer to NFPA 72 for details on requirements for sloped or peaked ceilings.

#### HOW TO INSTALL THIS ALARM

##### IMPORTANT!

This Smoke/CO Alarm is designed to be mounted on any standard wiring junction box up to a 4-inch (10 cm) size, on either the ceiling or wall (if allowed by local codes). Read "Where to Install This Alarm" and "Where This Alarm Should Not Be Installed" before you begin installation.

Find the self-adhesive labels included with this Smoke/CO Alarm.

- On each label write in the phone number of your emergency responder (like 911) and a qualified appliance technician.
- Place one label near the Smoke/CO Alarm, and the other label in the "fresh air" location you plan to go to if the Alarm sounds.

**NOTE:** A qualified appliance technician is defined as "a person, firm, corporation, or company that either in person or through a representative, is engaged in and responsible for the installation, testing, servicing, or replacement of heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, combustion appliances and equipment, and/or gas fireplaces or other decorative combustion equipment."

**Tools you will need:** needle-nose pliers or utility knife, standard flathead screwdriver, wire strippers (for interconnected Alarms)

#### ▲ WARNING!

Make sure the Alarm is not receiving excessively noisy power. Examples of noisy power could be major appliances on the same circuit, power from a generator or solar power, light dimmer on the same circuit or mounted near fluorescent lighting. Excessively noisy power may cause damage to your Alarm.

#### THE PARTS OF THIS ALARM

**The Mounting Bracket:** To remove the mounting bracket from the Smoke/CO Alarm base, hold the Smoke/CO Alarm base firmly and twist the mounting bracket counterclockwise. The mounting bracket installs onto the junction box. It has a variety of screw slots to fit most boxes.

**The Power Connector:** The power connector plugs into a power input block on the Alarm. It supplies the unit with AC power.

- The black wire is "hot."
- The white wire is neutral.
- The orange wire is used for interconnect.

If you need to remove the power connector, turn **POWER OFF** first. Insert a flat screwdriver blade between the power connector and the security tab inside the power input block. Gently pry back the tab and pull the connector free.

#### THE PARTS OF THIS SMOKE ALARM

- Smoke/CO LED (RED)
- Power LED (GREEN)
- Test/Silence button: Press and release to activate test, or to silence the Alarm.
- Battery Drawer

- Mounting Bracket
- Mounting Slots and Screws\*
- Locking Pins (break out of bracket)
- Hot (Black) AC Wire
- Neutral (White) AC Wire
- Interconnect (Orange) Wire
- Lever to Open Battery Compartment
- Swing-Out Battery Compartment
- Quick-Connect Power Connector
- \*Not Included

#### FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS

The basic installation of this Smoke/CO Alarm is similar whether you want to install one Alarm, or interconnect more than one Alarm. If you are interconnecting more than one Alarm, you **MUST** read "Special Requirements for Interconnected Alarms" below before you begin installation.

**▲ DANGER!**  
**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.** Turn off power to the area where you will install this unit at the circuit breaker or fuse box before beginning installation. Failure to turn off the power before installation may result in serious electrical shock, injury or death.

#### ▲ WARNING!

Improper wiring of the power connector or the wiring leading to the power connector will cause damage to the Alarm and may lead to a non-functioning Alarm. All power connections should be done using wire-nuts.

#### STAND-ALONE ALARM ONLY:

- Connect the white wire on the power connector to the neutral wire in the junction box.
- Connect the black wire on the power connector to the hot wire in the junction box.
- Tuck the orange wire inside the junction box. It is used for interconnect only.

#### INTERCONNECTED UNITS ONLY:

- Strip off about 1/2" (12 mm) of the plastic coating on the orange wire on the power connector.
- Connect the white wire on the power connector to the neutral wire (usually white) in the junction box.
- Connect the black wire on the power connector to the hot wire (usually black) in the junction box.
- Connect the orange wire on the power connector to the interconnect wire in the junction box. Repeat for each unit you are interconnecting. Never connect the hot or neutral wires in the junction box to the orange interconnect wire. Never cross hot and neutral wires between Alarms.

- Remove the mounting bracket from the base, and attach it to the junction box.
- Using wire nuts, connect the power connector to the household wiring.
- If there's a battery pull tab, activate the battery back-up by removing the "Pull to Activate Battery Back-Up" tab. You do not need to open the battery compartment during installation. If battery is not installed, install battery back-up. Battery back-up cannot work until you install the battery in the correct position (Match "+" to "+" and "-" to "-").
- Plug the power connector into the back of the Alarm.
- Position the base of the Alarm over the mounting bracket, and turn the Alarm clockwise (right) until the unit is in place. If wall mounting, adjust unit so words are level.
- Check all connections.

#### STAND-ALONE ALARM ONLY:

- If you are only installing one Alarm, restore power to the junction box.

#### INTERCONNECTED UNITS ONLY:

- If you are interconnecting multiple Alarms, repeat steps 1-6 for each Alarm in the series. When you are finished, restore power to the junction box.

#### ▲ DANGER!

**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.** Do not restore power until all Alarms are completely installed. Restoring power before installation is complete may result in serious electrical shock, injury or death.

Turn AC power back on. Under normal operation, the Green power indicator light will shine continuously.

If the Green power indicator light does not light, **TURN OFF POWER TO THE JUNCTION BOX** and check all connections. If all connections are correct and the Green power indicator still does not light when you restore the power, the unit should be replaced immediately.

**Single Station Alarms:** Test each Alarm. Press and release the Test/Silence button. The unit will chirp and then Alarm.

**Interconnected Alarms:** Press and release the Test/Silence button. The unit will chirp and then Alarm. All interconnected Alarms should sound. The other Alarms sounding only tests the interconnect signal between Alarms. It does not test each Alarm's operation. **You must test each Alarm individually to check if the Alarm is functioning properly.**

#### ▲ DANGER!

If any unit in the series does not Alarm during testing, **TURN OFF POWER** and recheck connections. If it does not Alarm when you restore power, replace it immediately.

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERCONNECTED ALARMS

##### ▲ WARNING!

Failure to meet any of the above requirements could damage the units and cause them to malfunction, removing your protection.

- AC and AC/DC Alarms can be interconnected. Under AC power, all units will Alarm when one senses smoke or CO. When power is interrupted, only the AC/DC units in the series will continue to send and receive signals. AC powered Alarms will not operate.
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Interconnected units can provide earlier warning of a smoke/CO problem than stand-alone units, especially if the problem starts in a remote area of the dwelling. If any unit in the series senses smoke/CO, all units will Alarm. To determine which Smoke/CO Alarm initiated an Alarm, refer to the table.

	On Initiating Alarm(s): Red LED(s) flashes (flash rapidly)
During an Alarm	On All Other Alarms: Green LED(s) Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Red LED(s) Off
After an Alarm (Latching)	On Initiating Alarm(s): Smoke Alarm: Red LED(s) On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds; CO Alarm: Red LED(s) On for 4 seconds/Off for 4 seconds On All Other Alarms: Green LED(s) Normal, Red LED(s) Off

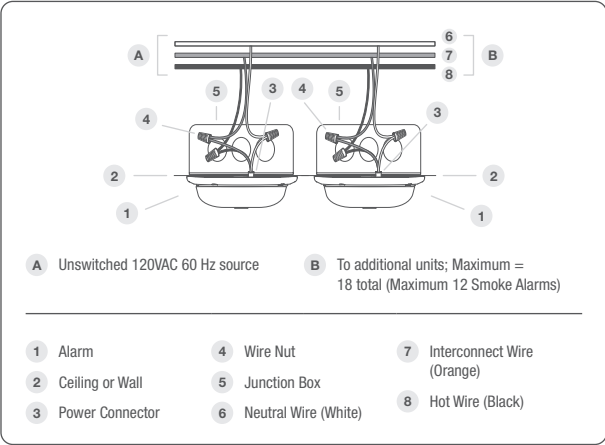
#### COMPATIBLE INTERCONNECTED UNITS

##### IMPORTANT!

Interconnect units within a single family residence only. Interconnected all households will experience unwanted Alarms when you test any unit in the series. Interconnected units will only work if they are wired to compatible units and all requirements are met. This unit is designed to be compatible with: First Alert Smoke Alarm Models 7010, 9120, 3120B, 7010B, 7010BSL, 7020B, 7020BSL, 9120B, SA520, SC7010B, SC7010BV, SC9120B, SM100V-AC, SM300-AC, SM500-AC, SM100-AC, SM105-AC and SM110LED-AC; First Alert Smoke & CO Alarm Models 1039102, 7030BSL, SMC0100V-AC, SMC0100-AC, SMC0105-AC, and SMC0110LED-AC; First Alert CO Alarm Models COS120BN and COS120PBN; First Alert Heat Alarm Model HD6135FB, RM4 Relay and SLED177 Strobe when connected via an RM4 Relay.

#### INTERCONNECTED UNITS MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- A maximum of 18 compatible units may be interconnected (Maximum of 12 Smoke Alarms) per NFPA 72.
- The same fuse or circuit breaker must power all interconnected units.
- The total length of wire interconnecting the units should be less than 1000 feet (300 meters). This type of wire is commonly available at hardware and Electrical Supply stores.
- All wiring must conform to all local electrical codes and NFPA 70 (NEC), Refer to NFPA 72, NFPA 101, and/or your local building code for further connection requirements.



Action	What You Will See & Hear
Normal Operations	Horn: Silent; Power LED: Constant Green; Smoke/CO LED: Off
Alarm Operating on Battery Backup	Horn: Silent; Power LED: Flashes Green every minute; Smoke/CO LED: Off
When You Test the Alarm	Horn: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, followed by 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps; Power LED: Green if AC power is On, Off if Alarm is operating under DC power; Smoke/CO LED: Flashes Red in sync with horn
If AC power to Alarm is on OR first 15 minutes after AC power is removed, Low Battery Latch is now engaged.	Horn: Chirps 1 time every minute; Power LED: Flashes Green 2 seconds on/2 seconds off; Smoke/CO LED: Off (see Latching Features note below) After first 15 minutes, if AC power to Alarm is Off Horn: Chirps 1 time every minute; Power LED: Flashes Green 1 time every minute; Smoke/CO LED: Off
If Alarm is Not Operating Properly (MALFUNCTION SIGNAL)	Horn: 3 chirps every minute; Power LED: 3 Green Flashes approximately once a minute; Smoke/CO LED: Off

Alarm has reached its End of Life	Horn: 5 chirps every minute; Power LED: 5 Green Flashes approximately once a minute; Smoke/CO LED: Off
Smoke is Detected	Horn: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps; Power LED: Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Smoke/CO LED: During Alarm: Flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern. After Alarm: Flashes Red On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds. Smoke Alarm Latch is now engaged (See Latching Features section for details)
Smoke Alarm is Silenced	Horn: Off (for up to 15 minutes); Power LED: Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Smoke/CO LED: Flashes Red;
Smoke is Detected in Another Interconnected Alarm	Horn: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps; Power LED: Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Smoke/CO LED: Flashes Red;
Alarm Levels of CO are Detected	Horn: 4 fast beeps, pause, 4 fast beeps; Power LED: Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Smoke/CO LED: During Alarm: Flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern. After Alarm: Flashes Red On for 4 seconds/Off for 4 seconds. CO Alarm Latch is now engaged. (See Latching Features section for details).
CO Alarm is Silenced	Horn: Off (for up to 6 minutes); Power LED: Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Smoke/CO LED: Flashes Red;
CO is Detected in Another Interconnected Alarm	Horn: 4 fast beeps, pause, 4 fast beeps; Power LED: Constant Green (AC power), Off (on battery backup); Smoke/CO LED: Off;

**NOTE:** Without AC Power and running on battery only, Low Battery Latch or Alarm Latch are only engaged for about 15 minutes to conserve power.

## 04 ALARM FEATURES

- Battery Backup:** For protection during power outages.
- Alarm Indicator:** Identifies unit that initiated Alarm.
- Easy Installation:** Add protection in minutes

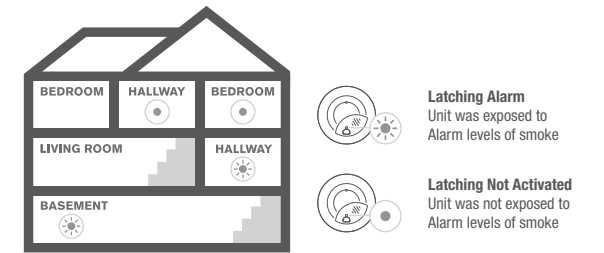
#### LATCHING FEATURES

Alarm Latch is activated after Alarm is exposed to Alarm levels of smoke or carbon monoxide. This feature will work only with AC Power. See "Special Requirements for Interconnected Alarms" for signaling.

This feature helps emergency responders, investigators, or service technicians identify which unit(s) in your home were exposed to Alarm levels of smoke. It can help investigators pinpoint the source of smoke.

Interconnected Alarms. Latching Alarm Indicator shows which Alarm(s) in the series were exposed to Alarm levels of smoke. The Latching Alarm Indicator stays On until you clear it, so it can alert you to an Alarm that occurred while you were away from home, even though smoke present in the air has dropped below Alarm levels.

Low Battery Latch is activated when the Alarm is in the "low battery condition". When this occurs, the Green LED flashes 2 seconds on, 2 seconds off. This feature is designed to help you identify which Alarm needs to have the battery replaced.



#### "SMART INTERCONNECT" FEATURE

This Alarm includes "Smart Interconnect" which enables the Alarm to be interconnected with other First Alert "Smoke, Heat, and "Smart Interconnect" CO Alarms. When smoke is detected, all Alarms will sound the smoke horn pattern. When CO is detected, "Smart Interconnect" Alarms will sound the CO horn pattern. Alarms that do not have the "Smart Interconnect" feature will remain silent during a CO Alarm.

#### LOCKING FEATURES

The optional locking features are designed to discourage unauthorized removal of the battery or Alarm. It is not necessary to activate the locks in single-family households where unauthorized battery or Alarm removal is not a concern.

**These Smoke/CO Alarms have two separate locking features:** one locks the battery compartment, and the other locks the Smoke/CO Alarm to the mounting bracket. You can choose to use either feature independently, or use them both.

**Tools you will need:** Needle-nose pliers or utility knife, standard flathead screwdriver.

Both locking features use locking pins, which are molded into the mounting bracket. Using needle nose pliers or a utility knife, remove one or both pins from the mounting bracket, depending on how many locking features you want to use.

#### TO LOCK THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT

Do not lock the battery compartment until you have installed the battery and tested the battery back-up.

- Push and release the Test/Silence button on the Smoke/CO Alarm until the Alarm sounds: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause.

#### IMPORTANT!

If the unit does not Alarm during testing, DO NOT lock the battery compartment! Install a new battery and test again. If the Alarm still does not Alarm, replace it immediately.

- Using needle-nose pliers or a utility knife, detach one locking pin from the mounting bracket.
- Push the locking pin through the black dot on the label on the back of the Smoke/CO Alarm.

#### TO UNLOCK THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT

Once the Alarm is installed, you must disconnect it from the AC power before unlocking the battery compartment.

**▲ DANGER!**  
**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.** Turn off the power to the area where the Alarm is installed before removing it from the mounting bracket. Failure to turn off the power first may result in serious electrical shock, injury or death.

- Remove the Alarm from the mounting bracket. If the unit is locked to the bracket, see the section "To Unlock the Mounting Bracket."
- Disconnect the power connector by gently prying it away from the back of the Alarm.

- Insert a flathead screwdriver under the head of the locking pin, and gently pry it out of the battery compartment lock. (If you plan to relock the battery compartment, save the locking pin.)
- To relock the battery compartment, close the battery door and reinsert locking pin in lock.
- Reconnect the power connector to the back of the Alarm, reattach the Smoke Alarm to the mounting bracket, and restore the power.

**IMPORTANT!** When replacing the batteries, always test the Alarm before relocking the battery compartment.

#### TO LOCK THE MOUNTING BRACKET

- Using needle-nose pliers, detach one locking pin from mounting bracket.
- Insert the locking pin into the lock located opposite from the battery drawer as shown in the diagram.
- When you attach the Alarm to the mounting bracket, the locking pin's head will fit into a notch on the bracket.

#### TO UNLOCK THE MOUNTING BRACKET

**▲ DANGER!**  
**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.** Turn off the power to the area where the Alarm is installed before removing it from the mounting bracket. Failure to turn off the power first may result in serious electrical shock, injury or death.

**Always discharge the branch circuit before servicing an AC or AC/DC Smoke/CO Alarm. First, turn off the AC power at the circuit breaker or fuse box. Next, remove the battery from Smoke/CO Alarms with battery back-up. Finally press and hold the test button.**

- Insert a flathead screwdriver between the mounting bracket pin and the mounting bracket.
- Pry the Alarm away from the bracket by turning both the screwdriver and the Alarm counterclockwise (left) at the same time.

## 05 TESTING & MAINTENANCE

#### WEEKLY TESTING

- NEVER** use an open flame of any kind to test this unit. You might accidentally damage or set fire to the unit or to your home. NEVER use vehicle exhaust! Exhaust may cause permanent damage and voids your warranty.
- DO NOT** stand close to the Alarm when the horn is sounding. Exposure at close range may be harmful to your hearing. When testing, step away when horn starts sounding.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

It is important to test this unit every week to make sure it is working properly. Using the test button is the recommended way to test this Smoke/CO Alarm.

- Push and release the Test/Silence button on the cover until you hear a "chirp." The "chirp" marks the start of the self-test sequence.
- During testing, you will hear a loud, repeating horn pattern: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, pause, while the red smoke LED flashes. Then you will hear a loud, repeating horn pattern: 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause, while the red CO LED flashes.
- When testing a series of interconnected units you must test each unit individually. Make sure all units Alarm when each one is tested.

If the Smoke/CO Alarm does not test properly:

- Make sure the AC power is applied and battery is fresh and installed correctly.
- Be sure the Alarm is clean and dust-free.
- Test the unit again.

If the Smoke/CO Alarm is still not working properly, replace it immediately. Refer to the "Limited Warranty" at the end of this manual.

#### ▲ WARNING!

If there is still a problem, do not try to fix the Alarm yourself. This will void your warranty!

#### REGULAR MAINTENANCE

##### ▲ WARNING!

Use only the replacement batteries listed below. The unit may not operate properly with other batteries. Never use rechargeable batteries since they will not provide a constant charge.

This unit has been designed to be as maintenance-free as possible, but there are a few simple things you must do to keep it working properly:

- Test it at least once a week.
- Clean the Smoke/CO Alarm at least once a month; gently vacuum the outside of the Smoke/CO Alarm using your household vacuum's soft brush attachment. Test the Smoke/CO Alarm. Never use water, cleaners or solvents since they may damage the unit.
- If the Smoke/CO Alarm becomes contaminated by excessive dirt, dust and/or grime, and cannot be cleaned to avoid unwanted Alarms, replace the unit immediately.
- If the green Power LED flashes 2 times every minute (horn is silent) it means that the Alarm needs to be cleaned as indicated above. If green LED continues to flash, please call Consumer Support.
- Relocate the unit if it sounds frequent unwanted Alarms. See "Where This Alarm Should Not Be Installed" for details.

When the battery back-up becomes weak, the Alarm will "chirp" about once a minute (the low battery warning). This warning should last 7 days, but you should replace the battery immediately to continue your protection. This Alarm must have AC or battery power to operate. If AC power fails, and the battery is dead or missing, the Alarm cannot operate.

#### ▲ WARNING!

DO NOT spray cleaning chemicals or insect sprays directly on or near the Alarm. DO NOT paint over the Alarm. Doing so may permanently damage the Alarm.

#### CHOOSING A REPLACEMENT BATTERY:

This Smoke/CO Alarm requires one standard 9V alkaline battery. The following alkaline batteries are acceptable as replacements: Duracell RM1604 or MX1604; Eveready "Energizer" 522. These batteries are available at many local retail stores.

#### ▲ WARNING!

- Always use the exact batteries specified by this User's Manual. DO NOT use rechargeable batteries. Clean the battery contacts and also those of the device prior to battery installation. Install batteries correctly with regard to polarity (+ and -).
- Please dispose of or recycle used batteries properly, following any local regulations. Consult your local waste management authority or recycling organization to find an electronics recycling facility in your area. DO NOT DISPOSE OF BATTERIES IN FIRE. BATTERIES MAY EXPLODE OR LEAK.

- Keep battery out of reach of children. In the event a battery is swallowed, immediately contact your poison control center, your physician, or the National Battery Ingestion hotline at 800-425-3333 as serious injury may occur.

#### IMPORTANT!

Actual battery service life depends on the Alarm and the environment in which it is installed. All the batteries specified above are acceptable replacement batteries for this unit. Regardless of the manufacturer's suggested battery life, you **MUST** replace the battery immediately once the unit starts "chirping" (the "low battery warning").

#### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

**▲ DANGER!**  
**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD.** Turn off the power to the area where the Alarm is installed BEFORE removing it from the mounting bracket or checking any electrical connections! Failure to turn off the power first may result in electrical shock, injury or death.

IF THE ALARM...	PROBLEM...	YOU SHOULD...
Green Power LED is OFF. Unit will not Alarm when you press the Test/Silence button.	Alarm is not receiving any power.	Check the AC power supply. Make sure the power connector is securely attached to the Alarm. Make sure a fresh 9V battery is installed to power the battery back-up*.
Green Power LED flashes On once a minute (horn is silent).	Alarm is not receiving AC power.	Unit is operating on battery back-up. Check the AC power supply.
Horn "chirps" about once per minute; Green "Power" LED flashes Green On for		



#### SILENCING THE LOW BATTERY WARNING

This Silence Feature can temporarily quiet the low battery warning “chirp” for up to 8 hours. Press the Test/Silence button on the Alarm cover until you hear the acknowledgement “chirp”.

Once the low battery warning “chirp” Silence Feature is activated, the Green LED will remain in normal state. After 8 hours, the low battery “chirp” will resume. The Alarm will continue to operate as long as AC power is supplied. However, **replace the batteries as soon as possible**, to maintain protection in event of a power outage.

**To deactivate this feature:** Press and hold the Test/Silence button again. The unit will go into Test Mode and the low battery warning will resume (LED flashes and unit sounds “chirp” once a minute).

#### SILENCING THE END OF LIFE SIGNAL

This Silence Feature can temporarily quiet the End of Life warning “chirp” for up to 2 days. You can silence the End of Life warning “chirp” by pressing the Test/Silence button. The horn will chirp, acknowledging that the End of Life Silence Feature has been activated.

After approximately 2 days, the End of Life “chirp” will resume. The timer shall not be able to be reset after 14 days following the initial end-of-life signal.

## 08 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CO

#### WHAT IS CO?

CO is an invisible, odorless, tasteless gas produced when fossil fuels do not burn completely, or are exposed to heat (usually fire). Electrical appliances typically do not produce CO.

**These fuels include:** Wood, coal, charcoal, oil, natural gas, gasoline, kerosene, and propane.

Common appliances are often sources of CO. If they are not properly maintained, are improperly ventilated, or malfunction, CO levels can rise quickly. CO is a real danger now that homes are more energy efficient. “Air-tight” homes with added insulation, sealed windows, and other weatherproofing can “trap” CO inside.

#### SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING

These symptoms are related to CO POISONING and should be discussed with ALL household members.

**Mild Exposure:** Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue (flu-like symptoms).

**Medium Exposure:** Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.

**Extreme Exposure:** Convulsions, unconsciousness, heart and lung failure. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause brain damage, death.

#### IMPORTANT!

This CO Alarm measures exposure to CO over time. It Alarms if CO levels are extremely high in a short period of time, or if CO levels reach a certain minimum over a long period of time. The CO Alarm generally sounds an Alarm before the onset of symptoms in average, healthy adults. Why is this important? Because you need to be warned of a potential CO problem while you can still react in time. In many reported cases of CO exposure, victims may be aware that they are not feeling well, but become disoriented and can no longer react well enough to exit the building or get help. Also, young children and pets may be the first affected. The average healthy adult might not feel any symptoms when the CO Alarm sounds. However, people with cardiac or respiratory problems, infants, unborn babies, pregnant mothers, or elderly people can be more quickly and severely affected by CO. If you experience even mild symptoms of CO poisoning, consult your doctor immediately!

#### FINDING THE SOURCE OF CO AFTER AN ALARM

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible gas, which often makes it difficult to locate the source of CO after an Alarm. These are a few of the factors that can make it difficult to locate sources of CO:

- House well ventilated before the investigator arrives.
- Problem caused by “backdrafting.”
- Transient CO problem caused by special circumstances.

Because CO may dissipate by the time an investigator arrives, it may be difficult to locate the source of CO. First Alert shall not be obligated to pay for any carbon monoxide investigation or service call.

#### POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CO IN THE HOME

**Fuel-burning appliances like:**

portable heater, gas or wood burning fireplace, gas kitchen range or cooktop, gas clothes dryer.

**Damaged or insufficient venting:**

corroded or disconnected water heater vent pipe, leaking chimney pipe or flue, or cracked heat exchanger, blocked or clogged chimney opening.

**Improper use of appliance/ device:**

operating a barbecue grill or vehicle in an enclosed area (like a garage or screened porch).

**Transient CO problems:** “transient” or on-again-off-again CO problems can be caused by outdoor conditions and other special circumstances.

The following conditions can result in transient CO situations:

- Excessive spillage or reverse venting of fuel appliances caused by outdoor conditions such as: Wind direction and/or velocity, including high, gusty winds. Heavy air in the vent pipes (cold/humid air with extended periods between cycles).
- Negative pressure differential resulting from the use of exhaust fans.
- Several appliances running at the same time competing for limited fresh air.
- Vent pipe connections vibrating loose from clothes dryers, furnaces, or water heaters.
- Obstructions in or unconventional vent pipe designs which can amplify the above situations.
- Extended operation of unvented fuel burning devices (range, oven, fireplace).
- Temperature inversions, which can trap exhaust close to the ground.
- Car idling in an open or closed attached garage, or near a home.

**These conditions are dangerous because they can trap exhaust in your home. Since these conditions can come and go, they are also hard to recognize during a CO investigation.**

## 09 HOW CAN I PROTECT MY FAMILY FROM CO POISONING

A CO Alarm is an excellent means of protection. It monitors the air and sounds a loud Alarm before carbon monoxide levels become threatening for average, healthy adults. A CO Alarm is not a substitute for proper maintenance of home appliances.

**TO HELP PREVENT CO PROBLEMS AND REDUCE THE RISK OF CO POISONING:**

- Clean chimneys and flues yearly. Keep them free of debris, leaves, and nests for proper air flow. Also, have a professional check for rust and corrosion, cracks, or separations. These conditions can prevent proper air movement and cause backdrafting. Never “cap” or cover a chimney in any way that would block air flow.
- Test and maintain all fuel-burning equipment annually. Many local gas or oil companies and HVAC companies offer appliance inspections for a nominal fee.
- Make regular visual inspections of all fuel-burning appliances. Check appliances for excessive rust and scaling. Also check the flame on the burner and pilot lights. The flame should be blue. A yellow flame means fuel is not being burned completely and CO may be present. Keep the blower door on the furnace closed. Use vents or fans when they are available on all fuel-burning appliances. Make sure appliances are vented to the outside. Do not grill or barbecue indoors, or in garages or on screen porches.
- Check for exhaust backflow from CO sources. Check the draft hood on an operating furnace for a backdraft. Look for cracks on furnace heat exchangers.
- Check the house or garage on the other side of shared wall.
- Keep windows and doors open slightly. If you suspect that CO is escaping into your home, open a window or a door. Opening windows and doors can significantly decrease CO levels.

In addition, familiarize yourself with all enclosed materials. Read this manual in its entirety, and make sure you understand what to do if your CO Alarm sounds.

## 10 REGULATORY INFORMATION FOR SMOKE ALARMS

#### RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS FOR SMOKE ALARMS

##### INSTALLING SMOKE ALARMS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES

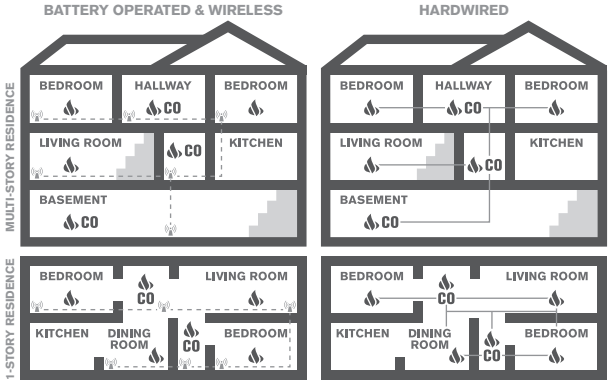
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), recommends one Smoke Alarm on every floor, in every sleeping area, and in every bedroom. In new construction, the Smoke Alarms must be AC powered and interconnected. See “Agency Placement Recommendations” for details. For additional coverage, it is recommended that you install a Smoke Alarm in all rooms, halls, storage areas, finished attics, and basements, where temperatures normally remain between 40° F (4.4° C) and 100° F (37.8° C). Make sure no door or other obstruction could keep smoke from reaching the Smoke Alarms.

**MORE SPECIFICALLY, INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS:**

- On every level of your home, including finished attics and basements.
- Inside every bedroom, especially if people sleep with doors closed.
- In the hall near every sleeping area. If your home has multiple sleeping areas, install a unit in each.
  - If a hall is over 40 feet (12 meters) long, install an Alarm at each end.
- At the top of the first-to-second level stairway, and at bottom of basement stairway.

#### IMPORTANT!

Specific requirements for Smoke Alarm installation vary from state to state and from region to region. Check with your local Fire Department for current requirements in your area. It is **recommended AC or AC/DC units be interconnected for added protection.**



- Smoke Alarms
- CO Alarms
- Both OR Combination Smoke/CO Alarms
- Wireless Alarms
- Wireless Interconnected Alarms
- Hardwired Interconnected AC or AC/DC Alarms

## 11 REGULATORY INFORMATION FOR CO ALARMS

#### WHAT LEVELS OF CO CAUSE AN ALARM?

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Standard UL2034 requires residential CO Alarms to sound when exposed to levels of CO and exposure times as described below. They are measured in parts per million (ppm) of CO over time (in minutes).

UL2034 Required Alarm Points\*:

- If the Alarm is exposed to 400 ppm of CO, IT MUST ALARM BETWEEN 4 and 15 MINUTES.
- If the Alarm is exposed to 150 ppm of CO, IT MUST ALARM BETWEEN 10 and 50 MINUTES.
- If the Alarm is exposed to 70 ppm if CO, IT MUST ALARM BETWEEN 60 and 240 MINUTES.

\* Approximately 10% COHb exposure at levels of 10% to 95% Relative Humidity (RH).

The unit is designed not to Alarm when exposed to a constant level of 30 ppm for 30 days.

#### IMPORTANT!

CO Alarms are designed to Alarm before there is an immediate life threat. Since you cannot see or smell CO, never assume it's not present.

- An exposure to 100 ppm of CO for 20 minutes may not affect average, healthy adults, but after 4 hours the same level may cause headaches.
- An exposure to 400 ppm of CO may cause headaches in average, healthy adults after 35 minutes, but can cause death after 2 hours.

**Standards:** Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms UL2034.

According to Underwriters Laboratories Inc. UL2034, Section 1-1, 2: “Carbon monoxide Alarms covered by these requirements are intended to respond to the presence of carbon monoxide from sources such as, but not limited to, exhaust from internal-combustion engines, abnormal operation of fuel-fired appliances, and fireplaces. CO Alarms are intended to Alarm at carbon monoxide levels below those that could cause a loss of ability to react to the dangers of carbon monoxide exposure.” This CO Alarm monitors the air at the Alarm, and is designed to Alarm before CO levels become life threatening. This allows you precious time to leave the house and correct the problem. This is only possible if Alarms are located, installed, and maintained as described in this manual.

**Gas Detection at Typical Temperature and Humidity Ranges:** The CO Alarm is not formulated to detect CO levels below 30 ppm typically. UL tested for false Alarm resistance to Methane (500 ppm), Butane (300 ppm), Heptane (500 ppm), Ethyl Acetate (200 ppm), Isopropyl Alcohol (200 ppm) and Carbon Dioxide (5000 ppm). Values measure gas and vapor concentrations in parts per million.

**Audible Alarm:** 85 dB minimum at 10 feet (3 meters).

## 12 AGENCY PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Standards:** Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Single and Multiple Station Smoke Alarms 217.

**NFPA 72 CHAPTER 29 “FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE NATIONAL FIRE ALARM AND SIGNALING CODE, NFPA 72, READS AS FOLLOWS:”**

29.5.1.1\* Required Detection.

29.5.1.1\* Where required by other governing laws, codes, or standards for a specific type of occupancy, approved single and multiple-station Smoke Alarms shall be installed as follows:

- \*In all sleeping rooms and guest rooms
- \*Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area, within 21 ft (6.4 m) of any door to a sleeping room, with the distance measured along a path of travel
- On every level of a dwelling unit, including basements
- On every level of a residential board and care occupancy (small facility), including basements and excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics
- \*In the living area(s) of a guest suite
- In the living area(s) of a residential board and care occupancy (small facility)

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#### CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL (CSFM)

Early warning detection is best achieved by the installation of fire detection equipment in all rooms and areas of the household as follows: A Smoke Alarm installed in each separate sleeping area (in the vicinity, but outside bedrooms), and Heat or Smoke Alarms in the living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, kitchens, hallways, finished attics, furnace rooms, closets, utility and storage rooms, basements, and attached garages.

## 13 SPECIAL COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATIONS

This Smoke Alarm is suitable for use in apartments, condominiums, townhouses, hospitals, day care facilities, health care facilities, boarding houses, group homes and dormitories provided a primary fire detection system already exists to meet fire detection requirements in common areas like lobbies, hallways, or porches. Using this Smoke Alarm in common areas may not provide sufficient warning to all residents or meet local fire protection ordinances/regulations.

This Smoke Alarm alone is not a suitable substitute for complete fire detection systems in places housing many people—like apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels, motels, dormitories, hospitals, health care facilities, nursing homes, day care facilities, or group homes of any kind. It is not a suitable substitute for complete fire detection systems in warehouses, industrial facilities, commercial buildings, and special-purpose non-residential buildings which require special fire detection and Alarm systems. Depending on the building codes in your area, this Smoke Alarm may be used to provide additional protection in these facilities.

In new construction, most building codes require the use of AC or AC/DC powered Smoke Alarms only. In existing construction, AC, AC/DC, or DC powered Smoke Alarms can be used as specified by local building codes. THIS EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION’S STANDARD 72 (National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269). Refer to NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code), local building codes, or consult your Fire Department for detailed fire protection requirements in buildings not defined as “households”.

#### FCC COMPLIANCE

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, 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 instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that the 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 or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that of the receiver.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio or TV technician for help.

#### ▲ WARNING!

Changes or modifications to the product, not expressly approved by First Alert, could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

## 14 GENERAL LIMITATIONS OF SMOKE/CO ALARMS

**This Smoke/CO Alarm is intended for residential use.** This product is intended for use in ordinary indoor locations of family living units. It is not designed to measure CO levels in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards. Individuals with medical conditions that may make them more sensitive to carbon monoxide may consider using warning devices which provide audible and visual signals for carbon monoxide concentrations under 30 ppm. For additional information on carbon monoxide and your medical condition contact your physician.

**Smoke/CO Alarms may not waken all individuals.** Practice the escape plan at least twice a year, making sure that everyone is involved—from kids to grandparents. Allow children to master fire escape planning and practice before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. If children or others do not readily waken to the sound of the Smoke/CO Alarm, or if there are infants or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to wake them in fire drill and in the event of an emergency. It is recommended that you hold a fire drill while family members are sleeping in order to determine their response to the sound of the Smoke/CO Alarm while sleeping and to determine whether they may need assistance in the event of an emergency.

**Smoke/CO Alarms cannot work without power.** Battery operated units cannot work if the batteries are missing, disconnected or dead, if the wrong type of batteries are used, or if the batteries are not installed correctly. AC units cannot work if the AC power is cut off for any reason (open fuse or circuit breaker, failure along a power line or at a power station, electrical fire that burns the electrical wires, etc.). If you are concerned about the limitations of battery or AC power, install both types of units.

**This Smoke/CO Alarm will not sense smoke or CO that does not reach the sensors.** It will only sense smoke or CO at the sensor. Smoke or CO may be present in other areas. Doors or other obstructions may affect the rate at which CO or smoke reaches the sensors. If bedroom doors are usually closed at night, we recommend you install an Alarm device (Combination CO and Smoke Alarm, or separate CO Alarms and Smoke Alarms) in each bedroom and in the hallway between them.

**This Smoke/CO Alarm may not sense smoke or CO on another level of the home.** Example: This Alarm device, installed on the second floor, may not sense smoke or CO in the basement. For this reason, one Alarm device may not give adequate early warning. Recommended minimum protection is one Alarm device in every sleeping area, every bedroom, and on every level of your home. Some experts recommend battery powered smoke and CO Alarms be used in conjunction with interconnected AC powered Smoke Alarms. For details, see “About Smoke Alarms” for details.

**Smoke/CO Alarms may not be heard.** The Alarm horn loudness meets or exceeds current UL standards of 85 dB at 10 feet (3 meters). However, if the Smoke/CO Alarm is installed outside the bedroom, it may not wake up a sound sleeper or one who has recently used drugs or has been drinking alcoholic beverages. This is especially true if the door is closed or only partly open. Even persons who are awake may not hear the Alarm horn if the sound is blocked by distance or closed doors. Noise from traffic, stereo, radio, television, air conditioner, or other appliances may also prevent alert persons from hearing the Alarm horn. This Smoke/CO Alarm is not intended for people who are hearing impaired.

**The Alarm may not have time to Alarm before the fire itself causes damage, injury, or death, since smoke from some fires may not reach the unit immediately. Examples of this include persons smoking in bed, children playing with matches, when a person’s clothing catches fire while cooking, fires caused by violent explosions resulting from escaping gas, or incendiary fires where the fire grows so rapidly that an occupant’s egress is blocked even with properly located Smoke Alarms.**

**This Smoke/CO Alarm is not a substitute for life insurance.** Though this Smoke/CO Alarm warns against increasing CO levels or the presence of smoke, First Alert does not warrant or imply in any way that they will protect lives. Homeowners and renters must still insure their lives.

**This Smoke/CO Alarm has a limited life.** Although this Smoke/CO Alarm and all of its parts have passed many stringent tests and are designed to be as reliable as possible, any of these parts could fail at any time. Therefore, you must test this device weekly. The unit should be replaced immediately if it is not operating properly.

**This Smoke/CO Alarm is not footproof.** Like all other electronic devices, this Smoke/CO Alarm has limitations. It can only detect smoke or CO that reaches the sensors. It may not give early warning of the source of smoke or CO is in a remote part of the home, away from the Alarm device.

## 15 LIMITED WARRANTY

First Alert® warrants that for a period of ten years from the date of purchase, this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship. First Alert, at its option, will repair or replace this product or any component of the product found to be defective during the warranty period. Replacement will be made with a new or remanufactured product or component. If the product is no longer available, replacement may be made with a similar product of equal or greater value. This is your exclusive warranty.

This warranty is valid for the original retail purchaser from the date of initial retail purchase and is not transferable. Keep the original sales receipt. Proof of purchase is required to obtain warranty performance. First Alert dealers, service centers, or retail stores selling First Alert products do not have the right to alter, modify or any way change the terms and conditions of this warranty.

This warranty does not cover normal wear of parts or damage resulting from any of the following: negligent use or misuse of the product, use on improper voltage or current, use contrary to the operating instructions, disassembly, repair or alteration by anyone other than First Alert or an authorized service center. Further, the warranty does not cover Acts of God, such as fire, flood, hurricanes and tornadoes or any batteries that are included with this unit.

First Alert shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages caused by the breach of any express or implied warranty. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is limited in duration to the duration of the above warranty. Some states, provinces or jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state or province to province.

#### HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE

**Service:** If service is required, do not return the product to your retailer. In order to obtain warranty service, contact the Consumer Support Team at 1-800-323-9005. To assist us in serving you, please have the model number and date of purchase available when calling.

**Battery:** First Alert makes no warranty, express or implied, written or oral, including that of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose with respect to battery.

**Disposal:** Please follow local guidelines regarding the disposal or recycling of batteries and/or electronics.

<p><b>For your records, please record:</b></p> <p><b>Date Purchased:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Where Purchased:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Date installed:</b> _____ / _____ <b>Month/Year</b></p> <p><b>Replace Alarm 10 years after installation.</b></p> <p><b>Please write the date in the space provided:</b> _____ / _____ <b>Month/Year</b></p>
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**The Alarm will also provide an audible End-of-Life Signal approximately 10 years after installation to remind you to replace the unit.**

**The End-of-Life Signal can be silenced for up to 2 days. Do not unplug or deactivate the Alarm until you get replacement.**

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