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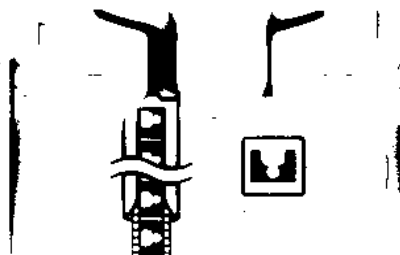
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## Alternate Arming Methods

### Away Arming

Arming the system in the Away mode will have all interior zones and perimeter zones active. If motion is detected in the interior zones, or if one of the perimeter zones is violated, the alarm sequence will begin.

To arm in the Away mode, enter your access code and exit the premises through a designated Exit/Entry door. The system will recognise that occupants have left the premises. Once the exit delay expires, the system will be fully armed.

You can restart the exit delay once by pressing the Away button before the exit delay expires.

### Audible Exit Fault

In an attempt to reduce false alarms, the Audible Exit Fault is designed to notify you of an improper exit when arming the system in the Away mode. In the event that you fail to exit the premises during the allotted exit delay period, or if you do not securely close the Exit/Entry door, the system will notify you that it was improperly armed in two ways: the keypad will emit one continuous beep and the bell or siren will sound. If this occurs, you must re-enter the premises, enter your access code to disarm the system, and then follow the arming procedure again, making sure to exit the premises in the proper fashion.

### Stay Arming

This feature, if enabled by your installer, will allow you to arm the perimeter zones while leaving the interior zones inactive so that you can remain on the premises while the system is armed.

When you enter your security code to arm the system and *do not* exit the premises through a designated Exit/Entry door, the system will arm in the Stay mode, automatically bypassing the interior zones.

The interior zones can be reactivated at any time by entering [\*][1] at any keypad. If you reactivate the interior zones, be sure to only inhabit areas not covered by motion detectors. To access areas protected by motion sensors, you must enter your security code and disarm the system.

### Arming Without Entry Delay

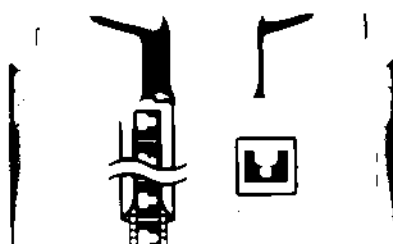
If you wish to arm your system without the entry delay, enter [\*][9] then your access code. The Armed light will flash as a reminder that the system is armed and has no entry delay. An entry through any zone programmed as a delay zone will create an instant alarm.

### Quick Arm

When the Quick Arm feature is enabled, the system may be armed by simply pressing [\*][0] instead of your access code. Please note that pressing [\*][0] will only allow you to arm the system; to disarm, you must enter a valid access code. Your installer will inform you if the Quick Arm feature has been enabled on your system.

### Quick Exit

When the Quick Exit feature is enabled, pressing [\*][0] while the system is armed will provide a two minute window for you to exit the premises. **During this time, you may only open and close the designated Entry/Exit door once.** Once the door is closed, the panel will end the two minute quick exit delay. If the door is opened again, or if the door is not closed after two minutes, or if another zone is opened, the panel will begin the entry delay. Your installer will inform you if the Quick Exit feature has been enabled on your system.



## Access Codes

Access codes are used to arm and disarm the system. There are 37 access codes available: 1 master code, 32 regular access codes, 2 duress codes and 2 supervision codes. Ask your installer for more information on using the duress and supervision codes.

Only the Master Code can be used to program additional security codes and to change other system features as well as to arm and disarm the security system. The Master Code will be supplied to you by your installer. All keypad entries are made by pressing one key at a time.

All access codes can be programmed by following the procedure outlined in "Programming Security Codes" on page 7.

## Arming the System

### Arming from an LED Keypad:

If the Ready light is ON, the system is ready for arming. If the Ready light is OFF, check to see that all doors and windows are closed and that motion is stopped in areas covered by motion detectors. The system cannot be armed unless the Ready light is ON indicating that all zones are closed and the system is in the Ready state.

Enter your access code. As each digit is entered, the keypad sounder will beep. If the access code was entered incorrectly, the keypad buzzer will sound steadily for one second. If this occurs, press the [#] key and re-enter your access code. If the correct access code is entered, the keypad sounder will beep quickly and the Armed light will come ON. Exit the premises through the door indicated by your installer as the Exit/Entry door.

The panel will provide an exit delay period, indicated by keypad beeps, for you to exit the premises without causing an alarm. At the end of the exit delay period, all keypad lights, except the Armed light, will turn OFF and the system will be armed. You can restart the exit delay once by pressing the Away button before the exit delay expires. The exit delay time can be changed by your installer.

### Arming from an LCD Keypad:

Secure System  
Before Arming (< >)

When this message appears, one or more zones are not secured. To secure the system, close all doors and windows and cease all motion in areas covered by motion detectors.

Enter Code to  
Arm System (< >)

When this message appears, use the arrow (< >) keys to verify that the system is clear of troubles and that no zones are bypassed unintentionally (see "Viewing Trouble Conditions" and "Zone Bypassing" on page 11).

Enter Code to  
Arm System

If this display is showing, the system is in the Ready state and may be fully armed. To arm the system, enter your access code.

Exit Delay in  
Progress

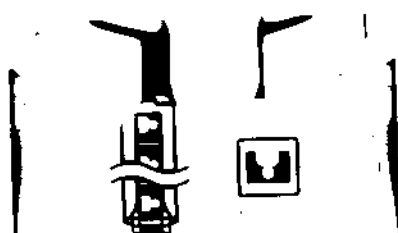
Once the correct access code has been entered, the display will be as shown. The panel will provide an exit delay period, also indicated by keypad beeps, for you to exit the premises without causing an alarm. You can restart the exit delay once by pressing the Away button before the exit delay expires. Exit through the door indicated by your installer as the Exit/Entry door.

Enter Code to  
Disarm System

This message will be displayed once the exit delay expires and the system is fully armed.

\* WARNING \*  
Bypass Active

If this message appears, be aware of which zones are bypassed and why (see "Zone Bypassing" on page 11). **NOTE: If you arm the system with a zone bypassed or with a trouble present, your security protection is reduced.**



## Disarming the System

### Disarming from an LED Keypad:

Enter the premises through a designated Exit/Entry door; entering by any other door will sound an immediate alarm. As soon as the Exit/Entry door is opened, the keypad will beep to indicate that the system should be disarmed. Go to the keypad and enter your access code. **If an error is made entering the code, re-enter your code correctly.** As soon as the correct code is entered, the Armed light will go out and the keypad will stop beeping.

The correct access code must be entered before the entry delay period expires. If a valid access code is not entered during this time, the system will go into alarm. The entry time delay may be changed by your installer.

If an alarm occurred while the system was armed, the Memory light (or System light on a PC1555RKZ keypad) and the zone light corresponding to the zone which caused the alarm will flash for 30 seconds. After the 30 second period, the Memory (or System) light and zone light will stop flashing and the panel will return to the Ready state. Pressing the [#] key during the 30 second period will cancel the alarm memory display. To view other alarms, press [\*][3].

If a trouble was detected when the panel is disarmed, the Trouble light (or System light on a PC1555RKZ keypad) will turn ON (See "Viewing Trouble Conditions" on page 11 to determine the source of the trouble.) Please note that troubles will not display while the system is in the Alarm Memory Display mode.

### Disarming from an LCD Keypad:

Upon entering through a designated Exit/Entry door, the keypad will beep and the entry delay will commence, reminding you to disarm the system. The keypad will display the following message...

Entry Active Enter Your Code	Enter your access code. <b>If an error is made in entering the code, re-enter the code correctly.</b> When a valid access code is entered, the keypad will stop beeping. If no alarms occurred while the panel was armed, and there are no troubles, the display will read...
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System Disarmed No Alarm Memory	After about five seconds, the system will return to the Ready state and the display will read...
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Enter Code to Arm System
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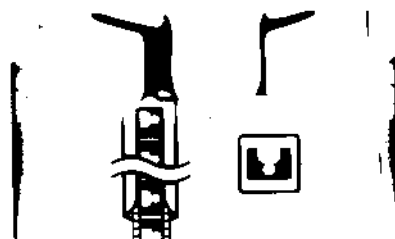
View Memory <> "Zone of Alarm"	If an alarm occurred while the system was armed, this message will be displayed. Use the arrow (< >) keys to view which zones caused the alarm. If a zone is still in alarm, the display will show the following message to indicate that a zone is open...
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Secure System Before Arming <>
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Enter Code to Arm System <>	Upon disarming and if a trouble is present, this message will be displayed. Use the arrow (< >) keys to view which troubles are affecting the system (see "Viewing Trouble Conditions" on page 11).
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**NOTE: If you return and find that an alarm has occurred while you were away, it is possible that an intruder may still be on the premises. Go to a neighbour's house, and call the local police to investigate.**

**The alarm memory is cleared each time the panel is armed so that any alarms showing are alarms that occurred only during the last armed period.**



## If An Alarm Sounds

### Fire Alarm

If your system has been installed with fire detectors and the alarm sounds in a pulsing mode, follow your emergency evacuation plan immediately (see "Fire Escape Planning" on page 15).

### Intrusion Alarm

If an intrusion alarm sounds, indicated by a continuous Bell or Siren, the alarm may be silenced by entering your access code. If the alarm was unintentional, call local authorities immediately to avoid an unnecessary response.

You can determine the source of the alarm by following the instructions in the "Disarming" section (see page 6). Once the source of the alarm has been corrected, the panel can be restored to its original Armed state.

**NOTE: A fire alarm has priority over a burglary type alarm.**

## Function Keys

The PC5508Z, PC5516Z, PC5532Z and LCD5500Z keypads have five function keys – marked Stay, Away, Chime, Reset and Exit – which allow easy single-button activation of the most commonly used features. *If these keys have been enabled by your installer, you can execute the programmed function by pressing and holding the corresponding key for two seconds.* Corresponding function keys on the PC1555RKZ are number keys 1 to 5 respectively.

For more information regarding the operation of the function keys, talk to your alarm system installer.

## Programming Security Codes

### Programming codes from an LED Keypad:

#### The Master Code

To program the Master Code, enter [\*][5][current Master Code][40][new Master Code]. The Master Code must be four digits unless otherwise indicated by your installer. Enter digits 0 through 9 only. Press [#] to return to the Ready state.

Be sure to record your new Master Code on the "System Information" page in this booklet. **NOTE: We recommend that the factory default or obvious codes such as [1111] or [1234] not be used.**

#### Additional Codes

Up to 32 additional access codes (01 through 32) may be programmed.

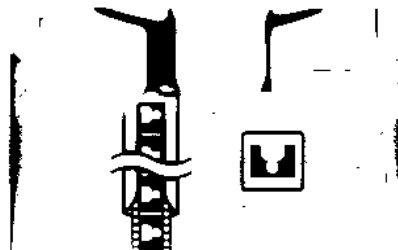
#### To program a new code:

Enter [\*][5][Master Code][code number 01 to 32][new access code]. The code number is a double digit from 01 to 32. Access codes must be four digits unless otherwise indicated by your installer. Enter digits 0 through 9 only. Press [#] to return to the Ready state.

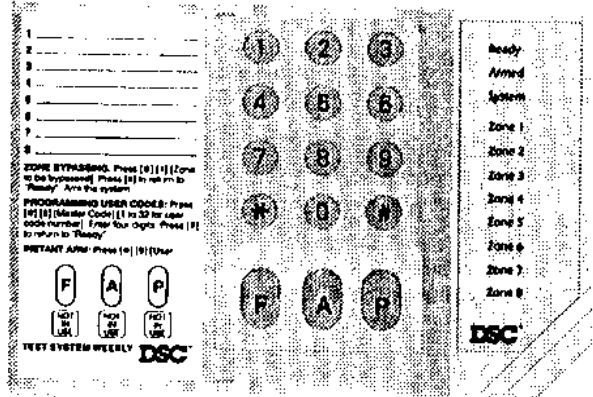
If an access code already exists for the code number you have selected, it will be replaced by the new code. Be sure to record your new code(s) on the "System Information" page in this book.

#### To erase a code:

Enter [\*][5][Master Code][code number 01 to 32][\*]. Press [#] to return to the Ready state. **The Master code cannot be erased.**



## PC1555RKZ LED Keypad



### System Light (PC1555RKZ Only):

If the System light is ON, one or more of these conditions could be present on the system:

#### System Busy

*System Troubles* (See "Viewing Trouble Conditions" on page 11).

*Alarm Memory* (See "Disarming the System" on page 6).

*Zone Bypassing* (See "Zone Bypassing" on page 11).

*Programming* The System light will flash when you are programming access codes, or performing other programming functions. If someone is programming at another keypad, the System light will turn ON to indicate that the system is busy.

**NOTE:** If you have a PC1555RKZ keypad, the System light acts as a Trouble, Memory, Programming and Bypass indicator. Unlike the other keypads, these conditions will only be represented by the System light. Please keep this in mind when reading other functions in this manual.

### Display Lights (All Keypads)

#### Ready Light

If the Ready light is ON, the system is ready for arming. The system cannot be armed unless the Ready light is ON (see "Arming the System" on page 4).

#### Armed Light

If the Armed light is ON, the system has been armed successfully.

#### Trouble or System Light

If the Trouble light is ON, see "Viewing Trouble Conditions" on page 11.

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### Emergency Keys (All Keypads)

#### PC5508Z / LCD5500Z:

Press both  $\star$  Keys for two seconds to send a FIRE transmission.

Press both  $\Delta$ \* Keys for two seconds to send an AUXILIARY transmission.

Press both  $\blacksquare$ \* Keys for two seconds to send a PANIC transmission.

#### PC1555RKZ:

Press the [F]\* key for two seconds to send a FIRE transmission.

Press the [A]\* key for two seconds to send an AUXILIARY transmission.

Press the [P]\* key for two seconds to send a PANIC transmission.

**\* IMPORTANT NOTE (All Keypads):** The Fire, Auxiliary and Panic keys will NOT function unless programmed by the installer. If these keys are in service and the installer has enabled audible feedback, holding down the key for two seconds will cause the keypad sounder to beep indicating that the input has been accepted and transmission is underway.

**NOTE:** In the U.S.A. the [A] and  $\Delta$  keys are programmed to be used for non-medical emergencies only, as per UL requirements.

### Display Lights (PC5508Z, PC5516Z, PC5532Z Keypads)

#### Memory Light

Upon disarming, if an alarm has occurred while the system was armed, the Memory light will turn ON (See "Disarming the System" on page 6).

#### Bypass Light

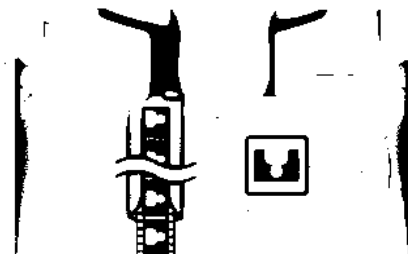
If the Bypass light is ON, one or more zones are bypassed (See "Zone Bypassing" on page 11).

#### Fire Light

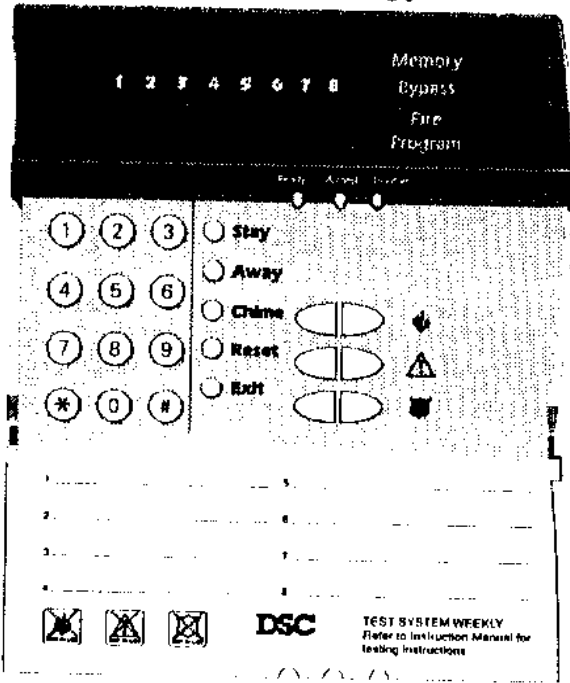
If the Fire light is ON, a fire alarm has occurred (See "Fire Alarm Operation" on page 14).

#### Program Light

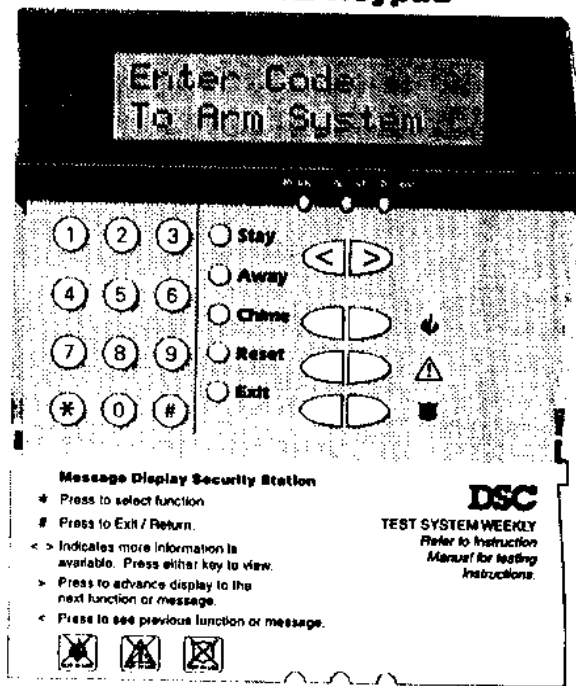
The Program light will flash when you are programming access codes, or performing other programming functions. If someone is programming at another keypad, the Program light will turn ON to indicate that the system is busy.



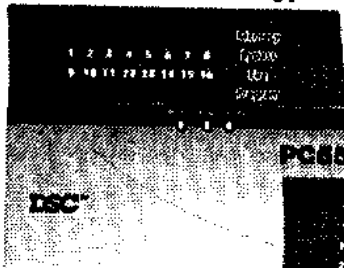
## PC5508Z LED Keypad



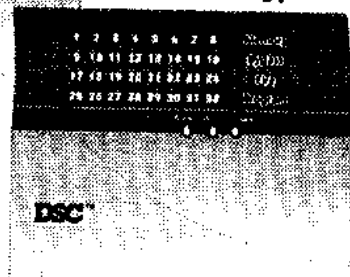
## LCD5500Z Keypad



## PC5516(Z) LED Keypad



## PC5532(Z) LED Keypad



The PC5516, PC5516Z, PC5532 and PC5532Z Keypads are available for applications with more than 8 zones. The functions explained in this manual are the same for all three LED keypad types.

The **Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)** displays prompts and system information on two 16 character lines.

If "< >" appears, more information can be accessed by using the arrow (< >) keys. Press [<] to see the previous function or item of information. Press [>] to advance the display to next function or item of information.

Press the keys on the number pad as prompted by the LCD display to view alarms or troubles, to arm and disarm the system and to bypass zones.

To exit a function and return to the Ready state, press [#].

To select a function press [\*].

**Important Note: Test system weekly and have any system trouble conditions corrected by your alarm installer.**

## Programming codes from an LCD Keypad:

### Master Code

Press the [\*] key to enter the function list. Scroll (< >) to...

Press (\*>) for (< >)  
Access Codes

Press [5] or [\*]. The display will read...

Enter Master  
Access Code

Enter your current Master Code. The display will read...

(\*>) to Edit (< >)  
User Code 40P

"40P" represents the Master Code. Press the [\*] key to indicate that you wish to program the Master Code. The display will read...

Enter New Code  
1234 (< >)

Enter the new Master Code. The Master Code must be four digits unless otherwise indicated by your installer. Enter digits 0 through 9 only. Once the new code is entered, the keypad will beep 3 times and the display will read...

(\*>) to Edit (< >)  
User Code 40P

Press [#] to exit the code programming function.

Be sure to record your new Master Code on the "System Information" page in this booklet. **NOTE: We recommend that the factory default Master Code [1234] not be used.**

### Additional Access Codes

To erase, add or change a user code, press [\*] to enter the functions list. Use the arrow (< >) keys to scroll to the following message...

Press (\*>) for (< >)  
Access Codes

Press [\*]. Display will read...

Enter Master  
Access Code

Enter the Master Code. Display will read...

(\*>) to Edit (< >)  
User Code 01P

Use the scroll keys (< >) to find the access code – indicated by "02P" to "32P" – you wish to add, change or delete. Press the [\*] key to select the code you wish to alter. The display will read...

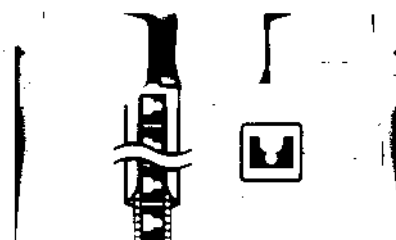
Enter New Code  
1234 (< >)

To add or change a code, enter the new code. Access codes must be four digits unless otherwise indicated by your installer. Enter digits 0 through 9 only. To delete an access code, enter [\*]. Once the 4 digit code or [\*] has been entered, the keypad sounder will beep 3 times and the display will read...

(\*>) to Edit (< >)  
User Code 01P

The "P" means the code has been programmed. If there is no "P" then that code is deleted. Press [#] to exit the code programming function. **The Master code cannot be erased.**

Remember to record your new code(s) on the "System Information" page in this booklet.





## Zone Bypassing

The zone bypassing function is used when access is needed to part of the protected area while the system is armed. Zones which are temporarily out of service due to damaged wiring or contacts may be bypassed to allow system arming until repairs can be made.

Bypassed zones will not cause an alarm. Zones cannot be bypassed once the system is armed. Bypassed zones are automatically cancelled each time the system is disarmed and must be reapplied before the next arming.

**NOTE: For security reasons, your installer may program the system to prevent you from bypassing certain zones.**

**Bypassing zones reduces your security protection. If you are bypassing a zone due to damaged wiring or contacts, please call a service technician immediately so that the problem can be resolved and your system returned to proper working order.**

**Make sure that no zones are unintentionally bypassed when arming your system.**

### To bypass zones from an LED keypad:

Start with the system in the Ready state. Enter [\*][1][Zone(s) to be bypassed].

Enter the zone(s) as a two-digit number from 01 to 32. As each zone is bypassed, the corresponding zone light will turn ON. If a zone is bypassed by mistake, enter that zone number again; the zone light will turn OFF, indicating that the zone is not bypassed. Press [#] to return to the Ready state.

### To bypass zones from an LCD keypad:

To bypass a zone, the system must be in the Ready state. The display will read...

Enter Code to  
from System

Press the [\*] key to enter the functions menu. The display will read...

Press (< >) for <>  
Zone Bypass

Press the [\*] key to enter the zone bypassing mode. The display will read...

Zone Search <>  
"Zone Name"

Use the arrow (< >) keys to find the zone to be bypassed and press the [\*] key to select it. The display will read...

Zone Search <>  
"Zone Name" B

"B" will appear on the display to show that the zone is bypassed. To unby-pass a zone, enter the zone number; the "B" will disappear from the display to show that the zone is no longer bypassed.

Zone Search <>  
"Zone Name" O

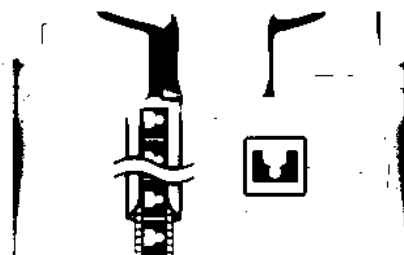
This display will be shown if a zone was open when you entered the bypassing command. The open zone will be represented by "O". If you bypass the open zone, the "O" will be replaced by a "B".

To exit the bypassing mode and return to the Ready state, press the [#] key.

## Viewing Trouble Conditions

The control panel continuously monitors a number of possible trouble conditions. If one of these trouble conditions occur, the keypad will beep twice every 10 seconds until you press any key on the keypad.

**NOTE: A TROUBLE condition reduces the security your system is designed to provide. Call your installing company for service.**



### To view troubles from an LED Keypad:

A trouble will be indicated by the Trouble light (or System light on a PC1555RKZ keypad) which will remain ON until the trouble condition is cleared. If you cannot determine the cause of the trouble condition, contact your installer for assistance.

To view the type of trouble condition, press [\*][2]. One or more zone lights will turn ON, indicating the various trouble conditions:

ZONE LIGHT	TYPE OF TROUBLE
1 .....	Service required. Call your installation company for service.
2 .....	Indicates the loss of AC power. When this trouble occurs, the Trouble (or System) light will turn ON but keypad buzzer will not sound.
3 .....	Telephone line trouble.
4 .....	The panel has failed to communicate with the central station.
5 .....	Zone fault. Press [5] and the zone light(s) corresponding to the faulted zones will turn ON.
6 .....	Zone tamper. Press [6] and the zone light(s) corresponding to the tampered zones will turn ON.
7 .....	Low zone battery. This trouble is generated when a wireless device exhibits a low battery condition. Press [7] one, two, or three times to view which devices are experiencing battery failure. The following will occur:

#### Keypad beeps: Keypad displays:

Press [7]	1	Zones with low batteries (LED keypad - zone lights 1 to 8)
Press [7] again	2	Handheld keypads with low batteries (LED keypad - zone lights 1 to 4)
Press [7] again	3	Wireless keys with low batteries (LED keypad - zone lights 1 to 8). <i>To view the battery conditions of wireless keys 9 through 16, you must be at an LCD keypad.</i>
8 .....		Loss of time on system clock. To set the system time, following the instructions in "Setting System Date and Time" on page 12.

### To view troubles from an LCD Keypad:

From the Ready state, use the arrow (< >) keys to scroll to the following message.

System Trouble (*2) to View <>
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 Press [\*] [2] key to view the trouble. The message will read...

View Trouble <> "Trouble Message"
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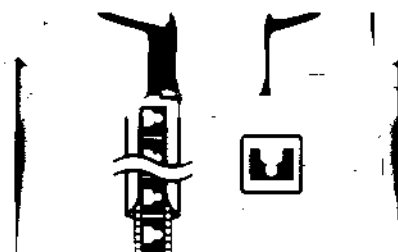
 Use the arrow (< >) keys to view which troubles are present on the system. Once you have scrolled through the list of troubles, press the [#] key to exit the Trouble Viewing mode and return to the Ready state.

### Setting the System Date and Time

To set the system time, enter [\*] [6] followed by the Master Code. Press [1]. The keypad will now accept 10 consecutive digits:

- Enter the Time in Hours and Minutes using the 24 Hour format (00:00 to 23:59).
- Enter the Date in Months, Days and Years (MM DD YY).

NOTE: If you have an LCD keypad, your installer may have programmed your system to display the time and date while the keypad is idle. **If this is the case, you may have to press the [#] key to clear the date and time before entering an access code to arm the system, or before performing any other keypad function.**



## Testing Your System

### Alarm Test

The Alarm Test provides two second test of the keypad sounder and bell or siren. Begin with the panel in the Ready state.

From an LED keypad, Enter [\*][6][Master Code][4] then press [#] to return to the Ready state.

From an LCD keypad, press [\*] to enter the functions list. Use the arrow (< >) keys to scroll to find "User Functions" and press [\*] to select. Enter your Master Code and scroll to find the following message...

Select Option (>)  
System Test

Press [\*] to perform an Alarm Test. The keypad will display the following message...

System Test  
In Progress

Press [#] to return to the Ready state.

### Full System Test

We recommend that you test your system weekly. Should the system fail to function properly, call your installation company immediately for service.

**NOTE: Perform system tests during off-peak hours, such as early morning or late evening.**

1. Inform the monitoring station that you are testing your system.
2. Begin with the system in the Ready state.
3. Perform a Bell/Battery test by pressing [\*][6][Master Code][4]. The bell and keypad buzzer will sound for two seconds and all keypad lights will turn ON. Press [#] to exit.
4. Activate each sensor in turn (e.g. open a door/window or walk in motion detector areas).  
From an LED keypad, observe the zone light turn ON when the zone is activated. The zone light will turn OFF when the system restores to normal (i.e. door or window closed).  
From an LCD keypad, the following message will be displayed when each zone is activated...

Secure System  
Before Arming (>)

Use the arrow (< >) keys to view which zone is open. This message will disappear when the zone is restored.

5. If the panel has any fire zones, activation will cause the alarm signal to sound in a pulsed mode.  
**CAUTION: Do not use an open flame or burning materials to test a smoke or heat detector. Contact your installer for information on safe methods of testing detectors.**
6. When testing is complete, call and advise the monitoring station. Should the system fail to function properly, contact your installer.

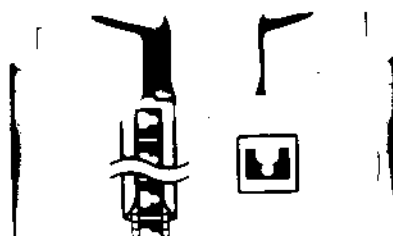
**NOTE: Some features described above will not be functional unless enabled by your installer. Please ensure that your installer has advised you which features are functional on your system.**

### Door Chime Feature

The door chime feature is used to provide a tone from the keypad each time a door or window is opened or closed. The doors and windows which will provide this indication are programmed by your installer.

#### To activate the door chime from an LED Keypad:

Enter [\*][4] to turn the door chime feature ON and OFF. When the command is entered, the keypad buzzer will beep 3 times if the door chime feature is enabled and will sound one long beep if it is disabled.



### To activate the door chime from an LCD Keypad:

Press [\*] to enter the function list, then scroll to find...

Press (<\*) For (<>)  
Door Chime

Press [\*] or [4] to enable or disable the Door Chime feature. Press [#] to return to the Ready state.

## Fire Alarm Operation

### Alarm

On a fire alarm, the bell or siren will pulse ON and OFF. The transmission of the alarm to the monitoring station is delayed for 30 seconds. If the alarm is not cleared within the 30 second delay, the it will be transmitted to the monitoring station.

### Silence

To silence the bell or siren, press the [#] key. If the alarm is silenced and the smoke detector is not reset, the alarm will resound after 90 seconds.

### Resetting Smoke Detectors

Once the smoke detector is reset, if it still detects smoke, the alarm sequence will resound as described above. If there is no smoke, the system will return to normal.

### To reset smoke detectors from an LED Keypad:

Press [\*][7][2].

### To reset smoke detectors from an LCD Keypad:

Press [\*] to enter the function list. Scroll to find:

Press (<\*) For (<>)  
Output Control

Press [\*] to select the output control. The display will read...

Select Output (<>)  
Command O/P 2

Use the arrow (< >) keys to find the following message and press the [\*] key to select...

Output Control  
in Progress

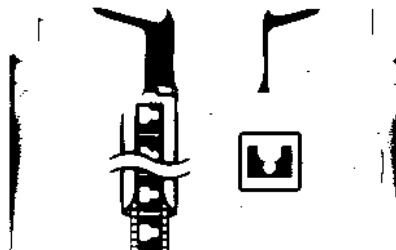
**NOTE:** If you suspect that a fire alarm has transmitted and that there is no fire condition, call the monitoring station to avoid an unnecessary response. If a fire condition is apparent, follow your evacuation plan immediately. If the alarm sounds at night, evacuate immediately.

**NOTE:** The description above may not be applicable depending on how your installer has programmed the fire alarm operations on your system. Ask your installer for more information regarding your system's operation.

## Household Fire Safety Audit

Most fires occur in the home. To minimize this danger, we recommend that a household fire safety audit be conducted and a fire escape plan be developed.

1. Are all electrical appliances and outlets in a safe condition? Check for frayed cords, overloaded lighting circuits, etc. If you are uncertain about the condition of your electrical appliances or household service, have a professional evaluate these units.
2. Are all flammable liquids stored safely in closed containers in a well ventilated cool area? Cleaning with flammable liquids should be avoided.
3. Are fire hazardous materials (matches) well out of reach of children?
4. Are furnaces and wood burning appliances properly installed, clean and in good working order? Have a professional evaluate these appliances.



## Fire Escape Planning

There is often very little time between the detection of a fire and the time it becomes deadly. It is thus very important that a family escape plan be developed and rehearsed.

1. Every family member should participate in developing the escape plan.
2. Study the possible escape routes from each location within the house. Since many fires occur at night, special attention should be given to the escape routes from sleeping quarters.
3. Escape from a bedroom must be possible without opening the interior door.

Consider the following when making your escape plans:

- Make sure that all perimeter doors and windows are easily opened. Ensure that they are not painted shut, and that their locking mechanisms operate smoothly.
- If opening or using the exit is too difficult for children, the elderly or handicapped, plans for rescue should be developed. This includes making sure that those who are to perform the rescue can promptly hear the fire warning signal.
- If the exit is above the ground level, an approved fire ladder or rope should be provided as well as training in its use.
- Exits on the ground level should be kept clear. Be sure to remove snow from exterior patio doors in winter; outdoor furniture or equipment should not block exits.
- Each person should know of a predetermined assembly point where everyone can be accounted for i.e.: across the street or at a neighbour's house. Once everyone is out of the building, call the Fire Department.
- A good plan emphasizes quick escape. Do not investigate or attempt to fight the fire, and do not gather belongings or pets as this wastes valuable time. Once outside, do not re-enter the house. Wait for the fire department.
- Write the fire escape plan down and rehearse it frequently so that should an emergency arise, everyone will know what to do. Revise the plan as conditions change, such as the number of people in the home, or if there are changes to the building's construction.
- Make sure your fire warning system is operational by conducting weekly tests (see "Fire Alarm Operation" on page 14). If you are unsure about system operation, contact your installing dealer.
- We recommend that you contact your local fire department and request further information on fire safety and escape planning. If available, have your local fire prevention officer conduct an in-house fire safety inspection.

## Maintenance

With normal use, the system requires minimum maintenance. The following points should be observed.

1. Do not wash the security station with a wet cloth. Light dusting with a slightly moistened cloth should remove normal accumulations of dust.
2. The battery/bell test is designed to determine battery condition. We recommended, however, that the stand-by batteries be replaced every three years.
3. For other system devices such as smoke detectors, passive infrared, ultrasonic or microwave motion detectors or glassbreak detectors, consult the respective manufacturer's literature for testing and maintenance.

