Carbon monoxide alarm procedure

**WARNING:** The carbon monoxide (CO) alarm indicates the presence of CO, which can kill you. If the alarm signal sounds four times, pauses for five seconds, and then repeats the pattern:

1. **Press the Test/Hush button at the detector or at the control panel.**

2. **Move to fresh air immediately — outdoors or by an open door or window.** Check that all persons are accounted for. Do not reenter the premises or move away from the open door or window until emergency services responders have arrived, the premises have been aired out, and your detector remains in normal condition.

3. **Call emergency services, the fire department, or 911:**

   **Phone:**

4. **After following steps 1 to 3, if your detector reactivates, repeat steps 1 to 3 and call a qualified appliance technician to check for sources of CO from fuel-burning equipment and appliances, and to inspect for proper operation of this equipment.**

   **Phone:**

5. **If problems are found during this inspection, have the equipment serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not inspected by the technician and consult the manufacturer directly for more information about CO safety for the equipment. Make sure that motor vehicles are not, and have not been operating in an attached garage or adjacent to the premises.**

Information about carbon monoxide

**WARNINGS**

- Read these installation instructions in their entirety before proceeding. Leave these instructions with the owner/user of this CO detection equipment.

- This product is intended for use in indoor locations of dwelling units. It is not designed to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards.

- The detector only indicates the presence of CO gas at the detector. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

- Failure to properly install, test, and maintain a CO detector may cause it to fail, potentially resulting in loss of life.

- Installation of this detector is not a substitute for proper installation, use, and maintenance of fossil fuel-burning appliances, including appropriate ventilation and exhaust systems.

- To reduce the risk of CO poisoning, test the detector operation when not in use for 10 days or more.

- This detector does not operate without electrical power. As fires frequently cause power interruption, discuss further safeguards with the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

- Do not paint the detector.

**Notes**

- Regulatory code may require that the system generate a three-pulse temporal code (TC3) for fire alarms and a four-pulse temporal code (TC4) for CO alarms.

- The CO sensor is calibrated at the factory. CO sensitivity is set to conform to UL 2034 requirements and cannot be changed by the user. See “Specifications” on page 7 for specific sensitivity values.

- To reduce the likelihood of nuisance alarms, ventilate accommodation spaces when using household cleaning supplies or similar contaminants. If a detector has been exposed to such contaminants, test it promptly afterwards.

**Symptoms of CO poisoning**

The following symptoms related to CO poisoning should be discussed with all occupants of the protected site.
Mild exposure: Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, runny nose, sore eyes (often described as "flu-like" symptoms).

Medium exposure: Severe throbbing headache, dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.

Extreme exposure: Unconsciousness, brain damage, convulsions, cardiorespiratory failure, death.

Many cases of reported CO poisoning indicate that while victims are aware they are not well, they become so disoriented that they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance. Young children and pets may be the first affected.

**CO sources**

The CO sensor in this detector is designed to detect carbon monoxide gas from any source of combustion. It is not intended to detect fire, smoke, or any other gas. Potential CO sources include fuel-fired appliances (e.g., space heater, furnace, water heater, range, oven, clothes dryer); other sources of combustion (e.g., kerosene-burning stove or heater, or gas log fireplace); or internal combustion engines.

In addition, excessive exhaust spillage or reverse venting of fuel-burning appliances can produce dangerous transient levels of CO. This can be caused by external conditions:

- Wind direction, velocity, or a combination of both, including high gusts of wind or insufficient draft in vent pipes
- Temperature inversions that can trap exhaust gases near the ground
- Negative pressure differential resulting from the use of exhaust fans
- Simultaneous operation of several fuel-burning appliances competing for limited internal air
- Vent pipe connections vibrating loose from dryers, furnaces, or water heaters
- Obstructions in vent pipes or unconventional vent pipe designs which can amplify the above situations
- Poorly designed or maintained chimneys and/or vents
- Extended operation of unvented fossil fuel-burning devices (range, oven, fireplace, etc.)
- Idling cars in an open or closed attached garage, or near the premises

**General limitations of CO detectors**

This detector is designed to protect individuals from the acute effects of CO exposure. It will not fully safeguard individuals with specific medical conditions. People with special medical problems should consider using specialized detection devices with less than 30 ppm (parts per million) alarming capabilities. If in doubt, consult a medical practitioner.

If the unit is in trouble or at the end of its life, it may not sense CO and cannot be relied upon to monitor CO levels. Replace the CO detector within ten years from the date of manufacture or when the detector indicates an end of unit life condition, whichever comes first.

A detector installed outside a bedroom may not awaken a sleeper. Normal noise due to stereos, television, etc. may also prevent the detector from being heard if distance or closed or partly closed doors muffle the sounder. This unit is not designed for the hearing impaired.

CO detectors are not a substitute for designated life safety devices. Though these detectors will warn against increasing CO levels, we do not warrant or imply in any way that they will protect lives from CO poisoning. They should only be considered as an integral part of a comprehensive safety program.

**Detector locations**

Selecting a suitable location is critical to the operation of CO detectors. Figure 1 shows appropriate detector locations.

**Description**

The 260-CO SafeAir Carbon Monoxide Detector detects carbon monoxide gas, monitors the levels of CO gas, and gives early warning when potentially dangerous levels exist. It includes a built-in sounder that acts as a primary alarm notification device. (The control panel is the supplementary alarm notification device.)

The 260-CO SafeAir Carbon Monoxide Detector is a four-wire device that uses a Class 2 output from a control panel (listed to the UL 985 or 864 standards), or from an auxiliary power supply. It is intended for indoor-dwelling unit applications in both residential and commercial occupancies, including single and multiple family residential occupancies, hotel rooms, dorm rooms, and other areas approved by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

The 260-CO detector meets UL 2075 *Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors*. It does not detect fire, smoke, or any other gases.

**Alarms and Signals**

The 260-CO detector produces varying sounds in addition to the alarm signal. It also flashes a multicolored LED to indicate the detector status. Table 1 lists status indications of the detector.
Table 1: Detector status indications

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<th>Status</th>
<th>LED</th>
<th>Sounder</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Safe air</td>
<td>Green, 1 pulse every</td>
<td>No sound</td>
<td>The detector has power and is functioning properly.</td>
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<td>15 seconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alarm</td>
<td>Red, pulses with</td>
<td>Sounds four rapid beeps every five</td>
<td>Dangerous levels of CO are present. Evacuate the premises.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sounder</td>
<td>sounder</td>
<td>seconds or every minute after five</td>
<td>Press the test/hush button to silence the sounder for five minutes.</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>minutes in the alarm state</td>
<td>Activates the alarm relay. If connected, the control panel activates.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trouble</td>
<td>Amber, pulses with</td>
<td>Sounds one rapid beep every 45 seconds</td>
<td>There is a problem with the detector and the detector is not working properly. Contact the service company to correct the trouble and replace the detector, if necessary.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>sounder</td>
<td></td>
<td>Press the test/hush button to silence the detector for nine hours.</td>
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<td>Activates the trouble relay.</td>
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<tr>
<td>End of unit life</td>
<td>Amber, pulses with</td>
<td>Sounds one rapid beep every 15 seconds</td>
<td>Replace the detector as soon as possible.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sounder</td>
<td></td>
<td>Press the test/hush button to silence the detector for 36 hours.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Activates the trouble relay.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loss of power</td>
<td>No LED</td>
<td>No sounder</td>
<td>The detector in alarm causes the sounds to activate on the detectors that are not in alarm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tandem interconnect</td>
<td>No LED</td>
<td>Sounds four rapid beeps every five</td>
<td>Press the test/hush button to silence the sounder for five minutes.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>seconds or every minute after five minutes</td>
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Distinct 85 dB temporal-four alarm: The 85 dB sounder provides a distinctive temporal-four alarm notification that is easy to differentiate from smoke detector notification devices. The alarm beeps four times, pauses five seconds, and then repeats the pattern.

End of unit life indicator: The detector uses both a flashing amber LED and intermittent sounder chirps (one rapid beep every 15 seconds) to indicate that the detector needs replacing. The detector also activates the trouble relay, which can be monitored by a panel. As soon as possible, replace a detector that reaches end of life because it may no longer detect carbon monoxide accurately.

Common trouble relay: When connected to a listed control panel, the trouble relay can report a trouble condition locally at the panel and optionally at the monitoring station, if the system is monitored. The trouble relay opens to indicate a trouble condition upon lost power, CO sensor cell trouble, or unit end of life.

Installation

**WARNING:** Potential loss of life. Failure to properly install, test, and maintain a CO detector may cause it to fail. Connect the CO detector only to a zone that is dedicated exclusively to CO detection and that is monitored 24 hours a day. Do not connect it to an initiating circuit with fire or security devices.

The 260-CO detector can connect to either UL 985 (Household Fire Warning) or UL 864 (Commercial Fire) control panels. It is not intended for use in industrial applications such as gasoline refineries or parking garages, which require different listings.

Detector placement

Install detectors according to applicable codes and standards. Place wall-mounted detectors at least 5 ft. (1.5 m) up from the floor. For ceiling mounted applications, place detectors at least 1 ft. (0.3 m) from any wall.

The recommended CO detector locations are:

- Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms (including areas such as hotel rooms and dorm rooms)
- On every occupied level of a dwelling unit, including basements, but excluding attics and crawl spaces
- Centrally located on every habitable level of the building and in every HVAC zone based on an engineering evaluation considering potential sources and migration of carbon monoxide
- On the ceiling in the same room as permanently installed fuel-burning appliances
- In any area required by local building codes, legislation, or the authority having jurisdiction
- In a suitable environment per the detector specifications (see “Specifications” on page 7 for details)
- On a firm, permanent surface

Do not install the CO detector:

- Within 5 ft. (1.5 m) of any cooking appliance
- Within 10 ft. (3 m) of a fuel-burning appliance
- Near air conditioners, heating registers, or any other ventilation source that may interfere with CO gas entering the detector
- Where furniture or draperies may obstruct the airflow
- In a recessed area
To install the 260-CO detector:
1. Run the 260-CO detector wiring to the detector location.
2. Carefully remove the cover from the detector using a small, flat screwdriver blade in the slot on the left side of the detector cover.
3. The mounting hole pattern is for a single-gang electrical box or mounting ring. Use the base as a template to mark the two screw hole locations on the mounting surface or mount on a single-gang box (not provided). The unit can be mounted vertically or horizontally.
4. Install two screws on the marks. If necessary, use wall anchors.
5. Line up the base with the screws, pull the wires through the square holes, and then slide the base over the screws. See Figure 2.
6. Strip 3/8 in. of insulation from each wire.
7. Determine the correct wiring, and then insert the wires under the appropriate screw terminals. See “Wiring” on page 5.
8. Tighten both screws to secure the base to the wall.
9. Replace the detector cover.
10. Apply power. The LED should flash green for about four seconds, and then pulse green.

Figure 2: Installing the 260-CO detector

To install the detector with the 250-COPLT adapter plate:
1. Run the 260-CO detector wiring to the detector location.
2. Using the 250-COPLT wall plate for a template, trace the perimeter of the two square holes on the mounting surface. Also mark the two screw locations.
3. Cut out the two square holes.
4. Install two screws on the marks. If necessary, use wall anchors. See Figure 3.
5. Mount the wall plate but do not fully tighten the screws.
6. Carefully remove the cover from the detector using a small, flat screwdriver blade in the slot on the left side of the detector cover.
7. Pull the wires through the square holes on both the wall plate and the 260-CO base, and then slide the detector base over the screws.
8. Strip 3/8 in. of insulation from each wire.
9. Determine the correct wiring, and then insert the wires under the appropriate screw terminals. See “Wiring.”
10. Tighten both screws to secure the base to the wall plate.
11. Replace the detector cover.
12. Apply power. The LED should flash green for approximately four seconds, and then pulse green.
13. If required by the AHJ or local codes, affix the supplied CO Warning Label (P/N 10634757) in proximity to the detector.

Figure 3: Installing the 260-CO detector with the adapter plate

The 250-COPLT adapter plate
The 260-CO detector has an optional adapter mounting plate. Use the 250-COPLT adapter plate when replacing a 240-COe with a 260-CO to cover the footprint of the 240-COe. To purchase the plate, order P/N 250-COPLT-5PKG.
Wiring

All wiring must conform to the NFPA 70 National Electric Code, UL 2075 Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors, NFPA 720 Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment, applicable codes, and the local AHJ.

Wire the 260-CO detector as appropriate for your facility. There are three typical wiring configurations:

- Single device and single zone (Figure 4)
- Multiple devices in a single zone (Figure 5)
- Multiple devices with separate alarm and trouble zones (Figure 6)

Figure 4: Single device, single zone configuration

Figure 5: Multiple devices, single zone configuration

Tandem Interconnect:

When wiring your facility with multiple 260-CO detectors for tandem interconnect, you must use a Single Circuit Reversal Module (see Table 2). On alarm, the module disconnects the detector from its normal power supply and applies reverse polarity from the notification appliance circuit. Applying reverse polarity causes the sounders to activate on other 260-CO detectors that are on the same loop. Only the initiating detector will sound and blink red. All others in tandem mode will sound but not blink red.

Table 2: Models [1]

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<th>Number</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>ESL 405-01</td>
<td>24 VDC Single Circuit Polarity Reversal Module</td>
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<td>ESL 405-03</td>
<td>12 VDC Single Circuit Polarity Reversal Module</td>
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<tr>
<td>ESL 405-05</td>
<td>12/24 VDC Single Circuit Polarity Reversal Module</td>
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[1] A 204 series power supervision relay is not required.
[2] When using the ESL 405-05 model, refer to the wiring instructions that came with the device.
Figure 6: Multiple devices, separate alarm, trouble zone config.

Features

The 260-CO includes several features, as shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7: 260-CO features

Testing

Caution: To reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, test alarm operation when not in use for 10 days or more.

Note: Before beginning any test, notify all persons and facilities that receive alarms and troubles to prevent any unnecessary responses.

After installation and once a week, test the detector to verify that it is functioning properly. Check the common trouble relay and the panel’s response, and then use the test/hush button to verify that the detector is functioning properly. If the detector fails the test, verify all connections, wait briefly, and then try again. If the detector fails again, replace it.

The detector features a SAFETest mode. In SAFETest mode you can perform a functional carbon monoxide gas test using a can of CO testing agent.

To test the trouble relay:

1. Momentarily disconnect the power supply from the detector and verify that the common trouble relay opens.
2. Verify that the control panel reacts correctly to the relay activation.

Test/hush button: (See Figure 7.) Use the test/hush button to test the detector and silence an activated detector. When in alarm, momentarily pushing the test/hush button silences the integral sounder for five minutes. The red LED alarm light stays on, and if CO is still present after five minutes, the detector once again sounds in the temporal-four pattern. The detector automatically resets when CO is no longer detected.

You can perform three different tests by pressing the test/hush button. How long the button is pressed determines which tests are performed. See Table 3.

Notification

Notification of carbon monoxide detectors should be consistent with NFPA 720 and the local AHJ. Notification zones should be consistent with the emergency plan for the protected premises.
Table 3: Press duration and resulting test

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<th>Duration</th>
<th>Test Description</th>
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<td>Short press</td>
<td>Generates the temporal-four pattern twice.</td>
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<td>Two seconds</td>
<td>Generates the temporal-four pattern twice. Allows functional CO gas testing [1].</td>
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<tr>
<td>Five seconds</td>
<td>Generates the temporal-four pattern twice. Allows functional CO gas testing [1]. Activates the alarm relay.</td>
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[1] Use the UL Certified “Solo C6” canned CO product from SDi

To test the buzzer:
1. Momentarily press the test/hush button.
   The sounder generates four quick beeps, followed by five seconds of silence, and then four quick beeps.

To perform the functional test with CO test spray:
1. Press and hold down the test/hush button until the red LED illuminates (approximately 2 seconds).
2. Wait for the buzzer test to complete.
   The red LED flashes every 4 seconds and the green LED flashes every 16 seconds indicating that the device is in CO test mode.
3. Direct a UL Approved CO testing agent spray to the sensor port of the 260-CO.
   The unit immediately goes into an alarm state upon sensing the applied gas. The sounder and red LED activates in a temporal-four pattern with a five second pause in between. The alarm relay activates.
   If the level of applied CO gas is still significant, the device continues to alarm in this pattern.
4. Exit the SAFEtest mode by either:
   - Pressing the test/hush button until the green LED illuminates (approximately 2 seconds)
   - Waiting five minutes, until the unit automatically exits out of the SAFEtest mode

To perform the alarm relay test:
1. Press the test/hush button for approximately 5 seconds to start a test cycle.
2. Wait for the buzzer test to complete.
3. Verify that the control panel reacts correctly to the alarm relay activation.
4. The alarm relay test mode ends automatically after 10 seconds.

Maintenance

Note: The 260-CO is shipped from the factory as an assembled unit; it contains no user-serviceable parts and should not be disassembled.

Clean the outside of the detector each month with a clean cloth (either dry or dampened with water) to keep openings free from dust and dirt.

Do not paint the detector or expose it to cleaning solutions.

CO detector replacement

The 260-CO SafeAir Carbon Monoxide Detector has a long-life carbon monoxide electrochemical sensor. Replace the detector with a new 260-CO detector after 10 years from the date of manufacture (found on the product label on the back of the detector) or when the control panel goes into trouble and an audible/visible annunciation occurs signaling “operational end of life”.

Specifications

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<th>Input voltage</th>
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<td>Current consumption</td>
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<td>Normal</td>
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<td>40 mA (75 mA in test)</td>
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<td>Form C</td>
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<td>Common</td>
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<td>Sounder</td>
<td>85 dB</td>
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<td>Compatible control panel</td>
<td>Listed to UL 985 or 864 standards</td>
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<td>Compatible electrical box</td>
<td>2-1/2 in. (64 mm) single-gang</td>
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<td>Wire size</td>
<td>14 to 22 AWG (0.25 to 2.0 mm²)</td>
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<td>Dimensions (W × L × D)</td>
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<td>Detector</td>
<td>3.1 × 4.6 × 1.4 in. (7.8 × 11.7 × 3.6 cm)</td>
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<td>4.5 × 6.5 × 0.2 in. (11.4 × 16.5 × 0.5 cm)</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
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<td>Relative humidity</td>
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<td>CO sensitivity</td>
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<td>150 ppm, 10 to 50 minutes</td>
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<td>400 ppm, 4 to 15 minutes</td>
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## Regulatory information

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<th>Edwards, A Division of UTC Fire &amp; Security Americas Corporation, Inc. 8985 Town Center Parkway, Bradenton, FL 34202, USA</th>
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<td>Year of manufacture</td>
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<td>UL rating</td>
<td>Regulated 12 DC, Regulated 24 DC</td>
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<td>North American standards</td>
<td>UL 2075 This detector has been evaluated to the CO alarm sensitivity limits of UL 2034.</td>
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## Contact information

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