

2: UL Standard 2 Core 16AWG, 18AWG Fire Alarm Wire - - JYTOP Power cable

Expanded and updated, NFPA 72®[®], National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code® reflects the latest technologies, applications, and research. Update to the new benchmark for fire alarm systems, with requirements that reflect code user needs and concerns in the field today.

The Installer should also be conversant with the British Standard relating to general wiring BS This should not be confused with other certificates relating to Installation G2 and Commissioning G3, that are completed by the parties responsible for those parts. Also if the contract allows, it is suggested that the Designer witness tests the completed system to ensure the original design is still appropriate “ the Design certificate can then be completed after any amendments have been included. Design Stage 1 Talk to the interested parties to decide on the level of protection or category and agree Variations The importance of pre-design planning cannot be overstated. Many parties are likely to have an interest in what the fire detection is expected to do. The nominated Designer is expected to consult the following organisations: The objective of a Category P1 is to provide the earliest possible warning of a fire to minimise the time between ignition and the arrival of the fire fighters. P1 is designed to protect the whole building whilst P2 is installed in defined parts of the building only, which may have an extraordinary high risk or hazard. Life protection on the other hand will often depend on the number of people accessing a particular building and depending on the variations, the systems can range from simple Type M to L1 categories, these being detailed in the diagrams on this page. These diagrams show a typical building with a number of escape routes, side rooms and open plan areas used for escape. Category L5, designed for buildings that have a particular risk identified which warrants some special attention. Category L4 provides detection within the escape routes only, whereas L3 not only covers these areas but all rooms leading onto the escape route. L2 is a further enhancement of protection with all the areas covered by an L3 category as well as all high risk areas such as boiler rooms etc. L1 provides protection throughout the building, and also where Property Protection is the prime reason for the system this allows for a choice between the P1 or P2 categories. These compartments of a building are called detection zones, which need to comply with the following criteria. Detection Zones A detection zone should cover no more than 1 storey, unless total floor area is less than m². Voids in the same fire compartment should be included in the same floor zone. The maximum floor area of a zone should not be greater than 2,m², except for some large open plan areas incorporating manual call points only, which can be extended to 10,m² The maximum search distance for the fire fighters to see the seat of the fire within a zone should not exceed 60m assuming the route taken is the worst possible option Vertical structures such as stairwells, liftwells etc should be considered as separate zones A manual call point within a staircase should be connected to the zone associated with that floor and ideally be mounted on the accommodation side of the corridor exit. Automatic sensors on the stairwell remain as part of the stairwell detection zone Alarm Zones An alarm zone is clearly defined within the standard but generally is an area of the building coinciding with the fire compartment boundaries. There must be a clear break between these alarm zones to ensure alert and evacuation messages are not overheard from adjacent areas. The only other criteria is that an alarm zone may consist of a number of detection zones but not vice versa. Alarm zones are only required when phased or staged evacuation is required. It is therefore important that care should be taken to ensure only one message is heard at any one time particularly where two alarm zones are attached. The objective is to select the correct sensor for the appropriate application, to provide the earliest warning of fire without the risk of a false alarm. It is therefore worth trying to visualise the type of fire that is likely to occur in a particular room or area and also to familiarise oneself with the application and the risks that could give rise to a false alarm. It should also be remembered that a Vigilon system can incorporate a whole range of different sensors using S-Quad multi-sensors. Each state has its preferred use as described in the Sensor Application Guide and incorporates two types of heat sensing element. One can be described as fixed temperature whilst the other is known as a rate of rise element. These elements have a broad range of application specific operating states that will respond quickly in the event of fire without risking a false alarm. See the Sensor Application Guide at the back of this section for specific

advice on which state is recommended for a particular application. For example; The default state for the S-Quad heat sensor is Grade A1 state 0 which has a fixed temperature operating point of This creates a whole range of sensors suitable for detecting different types of fires and yet ignore signals that previously have led to false alarms such as white dust or steam particles. This should be read in conjunction with the Sensor Application Guide to ensure the correct sensor is used for a particular location. However, on the rare occasion when only the property is being protected it is still essential to mount a sounder adjacent to the fire control panel as well as immediately outside the main entrance for the fire fighters. Once this is known, you can then establish the alarm zone areas where different alarm messages may be given, for example an alert or an evacuation tone. Audible alarm levels within buildings are generally accepted as 65dB A throughout. However, the new Standard does accept that in certain locations this can be as low as 60dB A. This allows some degree of flexibility, although in general the majority of a site must achieve 65dB A or greater to be compliant. The drawing below illustrates the areas where 60dB A is permitted: Finally it is essential that at least one sounder is placed within each fire compartment and the sounder choice should be common throughout the building. Bells and electronic sounders should not be mixed within the same building although the Gent S-Cubed and S-Quad both offer bell and electronic sounders allowing a system upgrade or switch over from a bell tone to an electronic tone when required. It is maintained that to rouse sleeping persons you need to achieve a minimum of 75dB A at the bedhead. Sound attenuation is affected by numerous physical structures within a room, including the people, door, furniture and materials used for floor, walls etc. General internal doors will attenuate at least 20dB A , whilst heavier fire doors may well attenuate by up to 30dB A. To ensure 75dB A is achieved within a bedroom it is accepted that the sounder is mounted within the room rather than the corridor outside. Use of sensor sounders ensures an even spread of sound throughout the building without the need for separate louder sounders. Visual alarms are generally considered as supplementary rather than the only means of providing an alarm, and are used in areas where the dB A level exceeds 90dB A or where persons within the area have impaired hearing. The exception could be where sound of any description is undesirable, for example operating theatres, TV studios and places of entertainment where a discreet staff alarm system is the best option to avoid panic. Visual alarms are also included as a requirement of the Disability Discrimination Act and Approved Document M of the Building Regulations and should be included in all sleeping accommodation where people with a hearing disability may be present. Design Stage 6 Control equipment and power supplies The Control panel itself should comply to EN and any power supply used should comply to EN Today the majority of Gent fire control panels incorporate their own battery and charger and as long as the guidelines for loading these systems are complied with, the battery should be sufficient to maintain the system for a period of 24 hours with half an hour alarm load thereafter. It is however recommended that a battery load calculation is carried out to verify the standby period provided by the capacity of the battery supplied. Irrespective of the size or type of system the control panel should be sited with the following points in mind; In an area of relatively low fire risk On the ground floor entrance which the fire fighters will use In buildings of multiple occupancy, the panel should be sited within a communal area or if this does not exist, a location which is accessible at all times Where ambient light levels, ensure visibility at all times Fire zonal indication should be clearly displayed by LEDs or an illuminated mimic diagram “ it is not acceptable to simply accept the information from an LCD or VDU display If there are several entrances to the building, consideration should be given to the provision of repeat indicators.

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