

# BACK-UP ALARM SPECIFICATIONS, INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**SOUND LEVEL:** AUTOMATIC ADJUSTING 77 to 97 dB(A)  
**SYSTEM VOLTAGES:** 12 to 48 Volt Systems

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## SAFETY MESSAGE TO INSTALLERS OF BACK-UP ALARMS

People's lives depend on the safe installation of this product in conformance with these instructions. It is necessary to read, understand and follow all instructions shipped with the product. In addition, listed below are important safety instructions and precautions you should follow.

Failure to follow all safety precautions and instructions may result in property damage, serious injury, or death to those you are seeking to protect.

- ◆ Back-Up Alarms are intended for commercial use. Proper installation of a Back-Up Alarm requires a good understanding of truck and heavy equipment electrical systems and procedures, along with proficiency in the installation and use of safety warning equipment.
- ◆ When drilling into a vehicle structure, be sure that both sides of the surface are clear of anything that could be damaged.
- ◆ Locate Back-Up Alarm so it will operate properly under all conditions. The location must provide protection from impact and adverse weather conditions while allowing unobstructed sound projection to the target hazard area.
- ◆ Inspect the Back-Up Alarm system daily to ensure that it is audible and operating properly and that it is securely attached to the vehicle. More frequent inspections should be performed when:
  - ◆ The vehicle is operating in a particularly dirty environment.
  - ◆ The operator has reason to suspect the alarm has been damaged.
  - ◆ Increased background noise on the job site may interfere with the audibility of the alarm.
- ◆ Store these instructions in a safe place and refer to them when maintaining and/or reinstalling the product.

### A. SPECIFICATIONS (TYPICAL)

The Back-Up Alarm is a solid state audible warning device enclosed in a weather resistant housing. When activated, the Back-Up Alarm produces a tone that is interrupted at a rate of approximately 80 times per minute with equal on and off times. This alarm conforms to SAE J994 OCT03 recommendations excepting dB(A) sound level types. This alarm is UL recognized for use on Battery-Powered Industrial Trucks per UL 583.

#### 2.0 PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.1 Electronics: Solid state
- 2.2 Sealing: Encapsulated to protect from dust, moisture and vibration.
- 2.3 Housing: Black, 30% glass filled nylon
- 2.4 Dimensions: 2.67"H x 4.02"W x 1.60"D  
(67.8mm x 102.1mm x 40.6mm)
- 2.5 Weight: 10 oz (284 gm)
- 2.6 Mounting: Two 0.328" (8.3mm) diameter holes on 3.25" (82.5mm) centers, both mounting plates
- 2.7 Operating Temperature: -40°F to +185°F (-40°C to +85°C)

#### 3.0 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.1 Minimum voltage: 9.8 volts DC
- 3.2 Maximum voltage: 56.0 volts DC
- 3.3 System voltages: 12 to 48 volt systems
- 3.4 Input current: 0.2 amps average
- 3.5 Fuse at: 0.5 amp
- 3.6 Spike protection: +100, -400 volts
- 3.7 Polarity: Positive or negative ground, polarity protected
- 3.8 Connection: Two #8-32 UNC terminal studs

#### 4.0 OUTPUT SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Sound level: Automatic to provide 5 dB(A) minimum above ambient noise. 97 ± 4 dB(A) maximum at 4 feet with 28 VDC applied and with 92 dB(A) of white noise. 77 dB(A) typical with no ambient noise. Slightly lower on lower voltages.
- 4.2 Sound dispersion: Through 180° (graph available on request)
- 4.3 Pulse rate: 80 pulses per minute typical
- 4.4 Frequency: 1300 Hz typical

#### 5.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 5.1 Cleaning: Unit will not be damaged if exposed to steam or spray cleaning. High pressure systems not recommended.
- Selection and installation of an alarm should meet the requirements of SAE J1446 MAY 1989 "ON-MACHINE ALARM TEST AND EVALUATION PROCEDURE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL PURPOSE INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY", and all applicable codes. Operation of the vehicle in noisy environments may require an alarm that is louder than indicated in SAE J1446 MAY 89. Install an alarm that will be audible on the noisiest job site on which the vehicle will be used. Ground guidance should be provided to clear backing vehicles when the audibility of the alarm is in question.

### B. INSTALLATION

Since this alarm is designed to concentrate its audible warning in the target hazard area it should be mounted approximately 4 ft. above ground level with the sound opening facing to the rear of the vehicle.

1. Select a mounting location at the rear of the vehicle that will provide protection from impact, debris and adverse weather conditions while allowing unobstructed sound projection to the target hazard area. The alarm's "L-type" mounting configuration provides mounting flexibility and allows installation in a variety of locations.  
**NOTE: The alarm mounting surface must be metal to comply with UL recognition requirements.**
2. See figure 1. Using the alarm housing as a template, scribe drill position marks through the mounting holes in the unit. Drill holes at the position marks.
3. Secure the unit on the vehicle with a minimum of two user-supplied 5/16" bolts and locknuts, or bolts, lockwashers, and nuts.
4. Use 18 gage (minimum) wire and a fuse to electrically connect the alarm as shown in the Simplified Wiring Diagram, Figure 1. Use of the vehicle Motor Reversing Circuitry on Electric Powered Vehicles to activate the alarm is **NOT** recommended.  
**NOTE: The wiring on some electric powered vehicles is not grounded to the vehicle chassis.**
5. Affix the Warning Label provided to the dash board of the vehicle in plain view of the operator and test the alarm for proper operation.

### WARNING

The ground connection **MUST** be a dependable ground path for as long as the device is to be used. Route wire in a protected fashion in accordance with vehicle manufacturer recommendations.

NOTE: The Back-Up Alarm is sensitive to polarity and will not operate when connected backwards.

