

USER'S MANUAL
Smoke & Carbon
Monoxide Alarm

AC Powered Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarm with Battery Back-up, Silence Feature and Latching Alarm

Model SC9120B
Input: 120V AC ~
60 Hz, 0.09A

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE
This user's manual contains important information about your Alarm's operation. If you are installing the Alarm for use by others, you must leave this manual — or a copy of it — with the end user.

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing BRK Brands, Inc. for your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm needs. You have purchased a stand-alone, self-powered Smoke & CO Alarm designed to provide you with early warning of a fire or Carbon Monoxide. **Key features include:**

- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Combination Alarm.** One alarm protects against two deadly household threats.
- Most Accurate Carbon Monoxide Sensor*** Advanced electrochemical CO sensor technology.
- Intelligent Sensing Technology** designed to help reduce unwanted or nuisance alarms.
- Smart Interconnect** can be interconnected to BRK Smoke Alarms. One interconnect wire carries both smoke and CO alarm signals.
- Single Button Test/Silence** eliminates confusion. Depending on what mode the alarm is in, pushing the button provides different functions such as testing the alarm, silencing the alarm, re-testing the alarm when in silence and clearing the Latching feature.
- Two Silence Features.** Temporarily silence low battery chirp for up to eight hours before replacing low battery or silence an unwanted alarm for several minutes.
- Two Latching Features.** Alarm Latch: Easily identifies initiating alarm even after alarm condition has subsided. Low Battery Latch: Identifies which unit is in low battery condition.
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- End of Life Signal.** Provides audible and visual confirmation alarm needs to be replaced.

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As compared to other sensing technologies

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All BRK® and First Alert® Smoke Alarms conform to regulatory requirements, including UL217 and are designed to detect particles of combustion. Smoke particles of varying number and size are produced in all fires.

Ionization technology is generally more sensitive than photo-electric technology at detecting small particles, which tend to be produced in greater amounts by flaming fires, which consume combustible materials rapidly and spread quickly. Sources of these fires may include paper burning in a wastebasket, or a grease fire in the kitchen.

Photoelectric technology is generally more sensitive than ionization technology at detecting large particles, which tend to be produced in greater amounts by smoldering fires, which may smolder for hours before bursting into flame. Sources of these fires may include cigarettes burning in couches or bedding.

For maximum protection, use both types of Smoke Alarms on each level and in every bedroom of your home.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Follow safety rules and prevent hazardous situations: 1) Use smoking materials properly. Never smoke in bed. 2) Keep matches or lighters away from children; 3) Store flammable materials in proper containers; 4) Keep electrical appliances in good condition and don't overload electrical circuits; 5) Keep stoves, barbecue grills, fireplaces and chimneys grease- and debris-free; 6) Never leave anything cooking on the stove unattended; 7) Keep portable heaters and open flames, like candles, away from flammable materials; 8) Don't let rubbish accumulate. Keep alarms clean, and test them weekly. Replace alarms immediately if they are not working properly. Smoke Alarms that do not work cannot alert you to a fire. Keep at least one working fire extinguisher on every floor, and an additional one in the kitchen. Have fire escape ladders or other reliable means of escape from an upper floor in case stairs are blocked.

BASIC SAFETY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT!

- Dangers, Warnings, and Cautions alert you to important operating instructions or to potentially hazardous situations. Pay special attention to these items.
- This Smoke/CO Alarm is approved for use in single-family residences. It is NOT designed for marine or RV use.

CAUTION!

This combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm has two separate alarms. The CO Alarm is not designed to detect fire or any other gas. It will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas. The Smoke Alarm will only indicate the presence of smoke that reaches the sensor. The Smoke Alarm is not designed to sense gas, heat or flames.

DANGER!

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Turn off the power to the area where the Smoke/CO 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.

WARNING!

- This unit will not alert hearing impaired residents. It is recommended that you install special units which use devices like flashing strobe lights to alert hearing impaired residents.
- Installation of this unit must conform to the electrical codes in your area: Articles 210 and 300.3 (B) of NFPA 70 (NEC), NFPA 72, NFPA 101; ICC, SEC (SBCCI), and UBC (ICBO); NBC (BOCA); OTFDC (CABO), and other local or building codes that may apply. Wiring and installation must be performed by a licensed electrician. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in injury or property damage.
- This unit must be powered by a 24-hour, 120V AC pure sine wave 60 Hz circuit. Be sure the circuit cannot be turned off by a switch, dimmer, or ground fault circuit interrupter. Failure to connect this unit to a 24-hour circuit may prevent it from providing constant protection. Unit may connect to an arc fault circuit interrupter.
- This Smoke/CO Alarm must have AC or battery power to operate. If AC power fails and the battery is dead or missing, the alarm cannot operate.
- Never disconnect the power from an AC powered unit to stop an unwanted alarm. Doing so will disable the unit and remove your protection. In the case of a true unwanted alarm, use the Silence Feature (if equipped), open a window or fan the smoke away from the unit. The alarm will reset automatically when it returns to normal operation. Never remove the batteries from a battery operated unit to stop an unwanted alarm (caused by cooking smoke, etc.). Instead open a window or fan the smoke away from the unit. The alarm will reset automatically.

CAUTION!

- Connect this unit ONLY to other compatible units. See "How To Install This Smoke/CO Alarm" for details. Do not connect it to any other type of alarm or auxiliary device. Connecting anything else to this unit may damage it or prevent it from operating properly.
- The battery compartment resists closing unless a battery is installed. This warns you the unit will not operate under DC power without a battery.
- Do not stand too close to the unit when the alarm is sounding. It is loud to wake you in an emergency. Exposure to the horn at close range may harm your hearing.
- Do not paint over the unit. Paint may clog the openings to the sensing chambers and prevent the unit from operating properly.

INSTALLATION

WHERE TO INSTALL THIS ALARM

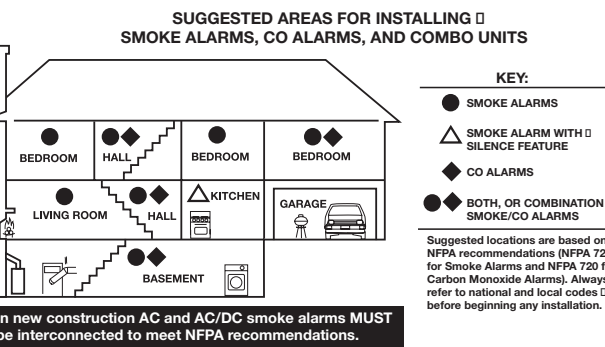
Minimum coverage for Smoke Alarms, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is one Smoke Alarm on every floor, in every sleeping area, and in every bedroom (See "Regulatory Information For Smoke Alarms" for details on the NFPA recommendations).

For CO Alarms, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that a CO Alarm should be centrally located outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. For added protection, install additional CO Alarms in each separate bedroom, and on every level of your home.

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



In new construction AC and AC/DC smoke alarms MUST be interconnected to meet NFPA recommendations.

- 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. See "Avoiding Dead Air Spaces" for more information.
- NOTE:** For any location, make sure no door or other obstruction could keep carbon monoxide or smoke from reaching the Alarm.

Installing Smoke/CO Alarms in Mobile Homes

For minimum security install one Smoke/CO Alarm as close to each sleeping area as possible. For more security, put one unit in each room. Many older mobile homes (especially those built before 1978) have little or no insulation. If your mobile home is not well insulated, or if you are unsure of the amount of insulation, it is important to install units in walls only.

WHERE THIS ALARM SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED

Do NOT locate this Smoke/CO Alarm:

- In garages, kitchens, 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/CO 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/CO 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. See "Avoiding 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.

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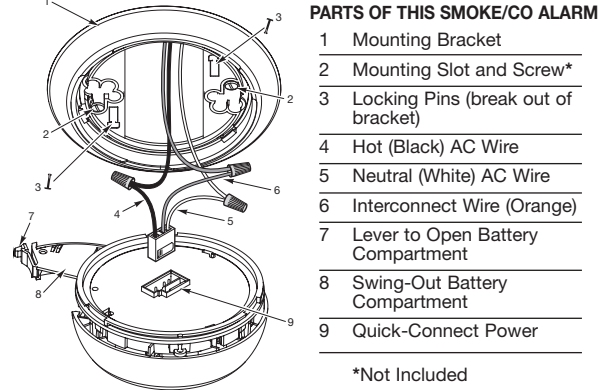
BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION

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

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.
- Find the pair of 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 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."



HOW TO INSTALL THIS SMOKE/CO ALARM

Tools you will need: Standard Flathead screwdriver, wire strippers.

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.

To install this unit:

- Remove the mounting bracket from the base. Position the screw slots on the mounting bracket over the screws in the junction box. Tighten the screws.

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.

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 ALARMS ONLY:

- Strip off about 1/2" of the plastic coating on the orange interconnect 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 interconnected Alarms.

- Using wire nuts, connect the power connector to the AC power.
- Plug the power connector into the back of the Smoke/CO Alarm.
- Position the base of the Smoke/CO Alarm over the mounting bracket and turn. The Alarm will remain secure over a wide rotation range to allow for perfect alignment. When wall mounting, this will allow fine-tuning on the positioning to compensate for out of aligned wall studs and to keep the working level. The Alarm can be positioned over the bracket every 120°. Rotate the Alarm until aligned properly.

STAND ALONE ALARM ONLY:

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

INTERCONNECTED ALARMS ONLY:

- If you are interconnecting multiple Smoke/CO Alarms, repeat Step 1-5 for each Smoke/CO Alarm in the series. When you are finished, restore power to the junction box.

USING THE OPTIONAL 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, molded into the mounting bracket. Using needle nose pliers or a utility knife, remove one or both pins, depending on which locking features you use.

THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT LOCK

TO LOCK THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT:

IMPORTANT!

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

- Activate the battery back-up by removing the "Pull to Activate Battery Back-Up" tab. Push and hold the test button on the Smoke/CO Alarm's cover until the alarm sounds: 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps, pause.

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

DANGER!

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Do not restore power until all Alarms are completely installed. Restoring power before installation

- Make sure the Smoke/CO Alarm is receiving AC power. Under normal operation, the green indicator light will shine continuously. If the green power indicator light does not light, TURN OFF POWER TO THE JUNCTION BOX and recheck 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.

ACTIVATING THE BATTERY BACK-UP

IMPORTANT!

Activate the battery back-up by removing the "Pull to Activate Battery Back-Up" tab. You do not need to open the battery compartment and reposition the battery during installation. DO NOT remove the battery activation tab until AC power is turned on to conserve battery power.

- Single Station Alarms: Test each Alarm. Press and hold the Test/Silence button until you hear the acknowledge "chirp" or the unit alarms.

Interconnected Alarms: Press and hold the Test/Silence button until the unit alarms. 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.

IMPORTANT!

If any unit in the series does not alarm during testing, TURN OFF POWER, REMOVE BATTERIES, 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 Smoke/CO 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 Smoke/CO Alarms will not operate. See "Smart Interconnect" Feature.

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.

During an Alarm:

On Initiating Alarm(s) – Red LED(s) flashes (flash) rapidly

On All Other Alarms – Red LED is Off

After an Alarm (Latching):

On Initiating Alarm(s) – Red LED(s) On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds

On All Other Alarms – Green LED(s) On, Red LED(s) is Off

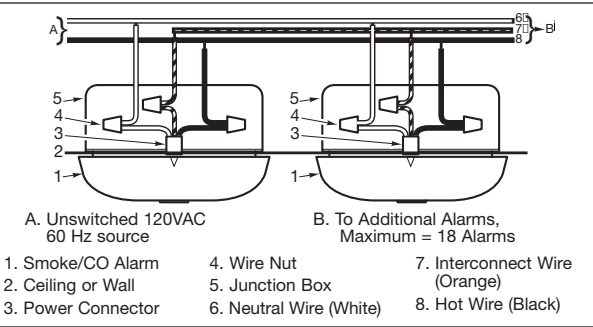
Compatible Interconnected Units

IMPORTANT!

Interconnect units within a single family residence only. Otherwise 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** SA4120, SA4121B, SA100B, SA520 and **BRK® Smoke Alarm Models** 9120, 9120B, SC6120B, SC9120B, 7010, 7010B, 7020B, SC7010B, SC7010BV, 100S, 4120, 4120B, 4120SB, **BRK® CO Alarm Models** CO5120BN, CO5120PDBN; **BRK® Heat Alarm Models** HD6135F and HD6135FB; **BRK® Auxiliary Devices Models** RM3 and RM4 (Relay Modules), SL177 (Strobe Light). See www.brkelectronics.com for most current interconnect list.

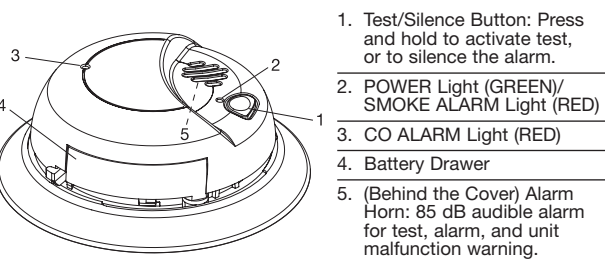
Interconnected units must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- A maximum of 18 compatible BRK Electronics® Smoke, Heat or CO Alarms may be interconnected. No more than 12 of the 18 can be 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 of the National Electrical Code. Refer to NFPA 72, NFPA 101, and/or your local building code for further connection requirements.



HOW YOUR SMOKE/CO ALARM WORKS

THE COVER OF YOUR SMOKE/CO ALARM



WHAT YOU WILL SEE AND HEAR WITH THIS ALARM

Under Normal Operations

Horn: Silent
Power/Smoke LED: Constant Green
CO LED: Off

When You Test the Alarm

Horn: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps
Power/Smoke LED: AC Power (LED Green); Battery Power (LED off)
CO LED: Off, followed by
Horn: 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps
Power/Smoke LED: Turns back On
CO LED: Flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern

If Battery Becomes Low or is Missing

Horn: chirps once a minute
Power/Smoke LED: Flashes Green once a minute until reset. Low Battery latch is now engaged. (See Latching Features note below.) Green LED On for 2 seconds/Off for two seconds.
CO LED: Off

If Alarm is Not Operating Properly (MALFUNCTION SIGNAL)

Horn: 3 chirps every minute
Power/Smoke LED: Green LED 3 Flashes approx. once a minute
CO LED: Off

Alarm has reached its End of Life

Horn: 5 chirps every minute
Power/Smoke LED: Green LED 5 Flashes approx. once a minute
CO LED: Off

Alarm Levels of CO are Detected

Horn: 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps
Power/Smoke LED: On
CO LED: During Alarm: Flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern. After Alarm: Flashes Red On for 2 seconds/Off for 2 seconds. CO Alarm Latch is now engaged. (See LATCHING FEATURES section for details).

Smoke is Detected

Horn: 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps
Power/Smoke 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).
CO LED: Off

Smoke Alarm is Silenced

Horn: Off
Power/Smoke LED: Flashes Red
CO LED: Off

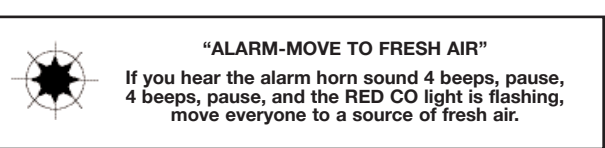
CO Alarm is Silenced

Horn: Off
Power/Smoke LED: AC Power (LED Green); Battery Power (LED off)
CO LED: Flashes Red

Latching Features 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. Low Battery Latch and Alarm Latch do not operate with a missing battery and no AC Power.

IF YOUR SMOKE/CO ALARM SOUNDS

WHAT TO DO IF CARBON MONOXIDE IS DETECTED



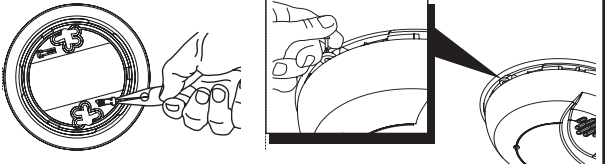
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Using the Optional Locking Features (Continued)

THE MOUNTING BRACKET LOCK

TO ACTIVATE THE BRACKET LOCK:

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



TO DEACTIVATE THE BRACKET LOCK:

DANGER!

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Turn off the power to the area where the Smoke/CO 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.

WARNING!

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 Smoke/CO Alarm away from the bracket by turning both the screwdriver and the Smoke/CO Alarm counterclockwise (left) at the same time.



TO PERMANENTLY REMOVE THE BRACKET LOCK

Insert the flathead screwdriver between the locking pin and the lock, and pry the pin out of the lock.

WHAT TO DO IF CARBON MONOXIDE IS DETECTED, Continued

WARNING!

Activation of your CO Alarm indicates the presence of carbon monoxide (CO) which can kill you. In other words, when your CO Alarm sounds, you must not ignore it!

IF THE CO ALARM SOUNDS:

- Operate the Test/Silence button.
- Call your emergency services, fire department or 911. Write down the number of your local emergency service here:
- Immediately move to fresh air—outdoors or by an open door or window. Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. Do not re-enter the premises, or move away from the open door or window until the emergency services responder has arrived, the premises have been aired out, and your Smoke/CO Alarm remains in its normal condition.

- After following steps 1-3, if your Smoke/CO Alarm reactivates within a 24-hour period, repeat steps 1-3 and call a qualified appliance technician to investigate for sources of CO from fuel-burning equipment and appliances, and inspect for proper operation of this equipment. If problems are identified during this inspection have the equipment serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not inspected

