

ACD WALLBOARD SYSTEM INSTALLATION MANUAL #1.6

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TYPE A-RS-232 SERIAL CABLE PINOUTS P/N: C4-C909A

This cable is used to connect the Converter Box (P/N: M2-CV101) to the RS-232 Serial Port on a PC, PLC, Originate Modem or other serial devices. This cable is approximately 4' long with a DB9 pin female at the serial port end and a DB9 pin male at the converter box end.

Controlling Computer/PLC RS-232 Serial Port		Converter Box M2-CV101
PIN	DESCRIPTION	PIN
SHIELD	GND	SHIELD
3	TXD	→ 3
2	RXD	
7	RTS	
	CTS	→ 7
8	DSR	8
6	DCD	6
1	DTR	1
4	Signal Ground	→ 4
5	RJ	5
9 🗲		9
Female End		Male End

Note: The C4-C909A Type A-RS-232 Cable is also used with a 9 pin to 25 pin adapter (P/N: C7-9MN25FS) to connect to a 25 pin DB style connector

P/N: C4-C9MS25MN

Comport		Converter Box
8	DCD	· 1
3	RXD	2
	TXD	
2	DTR	3
20		4
7	Signal Ground	5
6	DSR	6
	RTS	
4	СТЭ	7
5		8
22	RJ	9

SERIAL CABLE INSTALLATION

The communication data cable (P/N: C1-CC2S) for the wallboards, should be a single pair cable (Shielded if in a noisy environment) category 5 cable. This cable is not supplied and is usually sourced locally. Refer to the section on Network Installation for connecting cables from the converter box to the wallboard. This Wallboard requires the installation of ferrite beads (included) on the serial communication cables in order to comply with FCC Class A Regulations.

If the ferrite bead is already installed ignore these instructions.

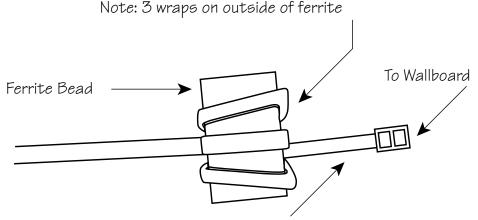
1. Wrap communication cable through ferrite bead so that 3 turns of the cable are on the outside

of the ferrite. Less than 3 turns may result in non-compliance.

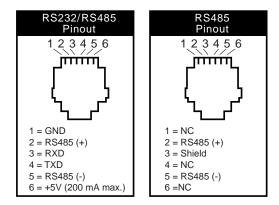
2. Cable stub toward Wallboard must not exceed 1 inch in length.

More than 1 inch may result in non-compliance.

3. Tie wrap cable in place.



Length can be no more than inch



RS-232 TO RS-485 CONVERTER BOX (P/N: M2-CV101)

The RS-232 to RS-485 Converter Box III enables communications between a PC and Wallboards. The Converter Box converts standard RS-232 signals from the PC's serial port into RS-485 signals for use in Spectrum networks.

The Converter Box features:

- 1. A power LED indicator: Indicates that the converter box is receiving power. The converter box comes with an AC adapter for connecting the converter box to an electrical outlet.
- 2. An RS-232 RXD LED indicator: Indicates that the converter box is receiving data on the RS-232 port and transmitting data on the RS-485 port.
- 3. An RS-232 TXD LED indicator: Indicates that the converter box is transmitting data on the RS-232 port and receiving data on the RS-485 port.
- 4. Terminated/Unterminated switch to allow the converter box to be used "on the end" or "in the middle" of the cable run.

The converter box also comes with two EOL (end of line) terminators. The EOL terminators are attached directly to the Wallboards and help maintain stable communication across a network. Either one or two will be used depending on the position of the converter box. More information on EOL terminators can be found on the next page.

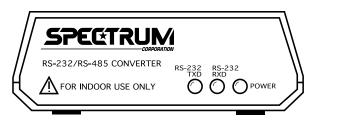


Figure 1. Converter Box – Front View

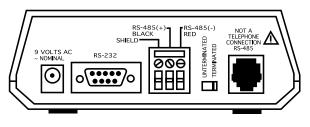


Figure 2. Converter Box – Rear View

CONVERTER BOX INSTRUCTIONS

Required Equipment:

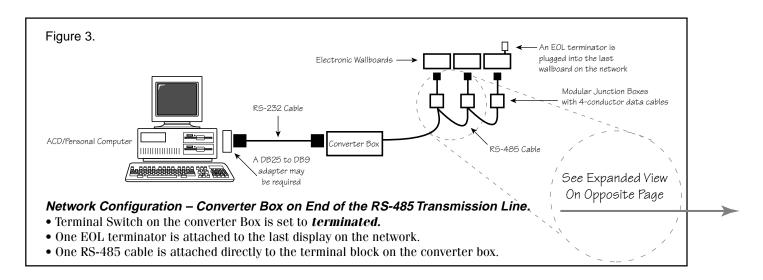
- Type A9 RS-232 Cable
- RS-485 Cable (P/N: C1-CC2S)
- Some Computers may require a DB 25 to DB 9 adapter (Consult Spectrum)
- 1. Use a C4-C909A cable to connect the converter box to the serial port of the PC. On some PC's it may be necessary to use a DB 25 to DB 9 adapter to allow the RS-232 cable to plug into the serial port.
- 2. Use C1-CC2S cable (or suitable substitute) to connect the converter box to the first wallboard on the network. As described in the Network Installation instructions following this section. Connect one end of the RS-485 cable to the terminal block on the converter box (or the RJ11 jack). Connect the other end of the RS-485 cable to the Modular Junction Box. (See Modular Junction Box installation instructions)

NETWORK INSTALLATION DIAGRAM

EOL terminators are plugged into the Wallboards on the ends of an RS-485 transmission line. The EOL terminators are inserted into the RJ11 ports (labeled RS-232 In or TTL) on the Wallboards. The RS-232 to RS-485 converter box has a termination switch with two options: *terminated* and *unterminated*.

If the converter box is on one end of an RS-485 transmission line (as in most network configurations), the termination switch should be set to terminated and one EOL terminator used on the other end of the RS-485 transmission line. See figure 3.

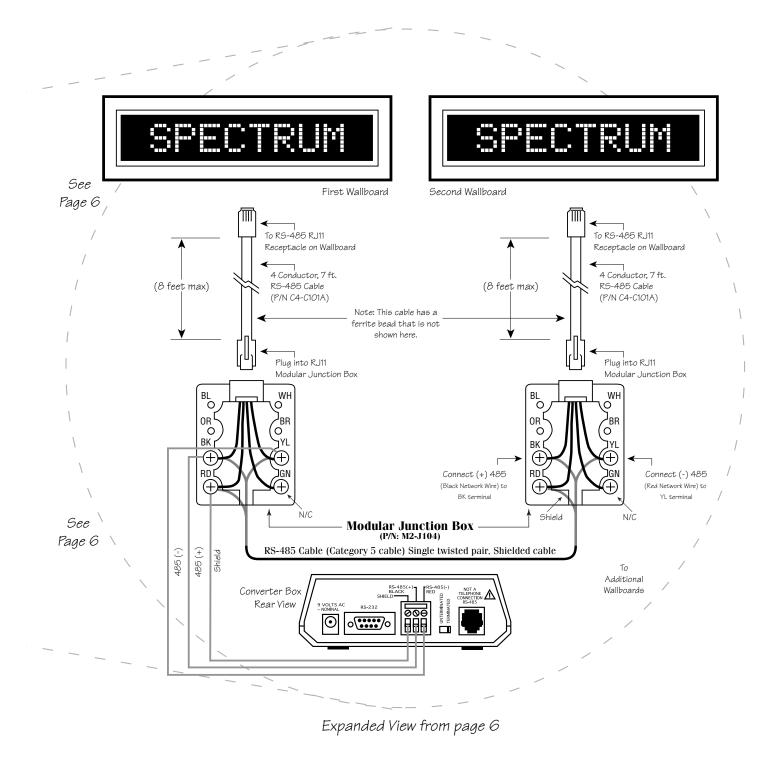
If the converter box is not on the end of an RS-485 transmission line, the termination switch should be set to unterminated and one EOL terminator should be placed on each end of the transmission line. See figure 4.



While the RS-232 to RS-485 converter box can be used with all Spectrum Wallboards, EOL terminators cannot be inserted into the following wallboards: 210B, 221B, 710, 715, 430A, 440A, 460A, 480A and 790I. The Mini-Alert, Mini-Matrix, all incandescent and outdoor LED boards, must be terminated at the next modular junction box. See page 8 for instructions.

For the most stable transmission, use "daisy-chain-drop" connections when connecting multiple wallboards to the converter box. Make sure each wallboard is connected to its own modular junction box. Do not use a star connection or connect more than two RS-485 cables directly to the terminal block or to a modular junction box.

NETWORK INSTALLATION DETAIL OF DAISY-CHAIN-DROP WIRING

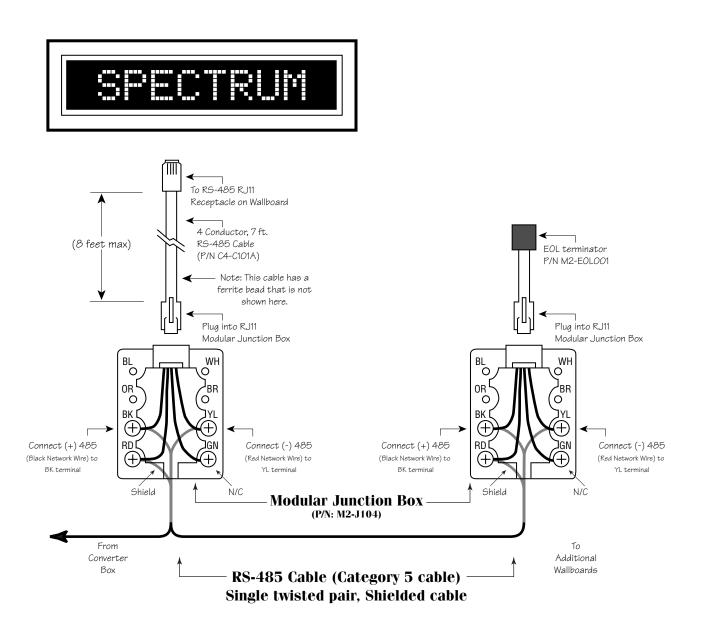


Telephone cable or cross connected cable should not be used!

TERMINATING SINGLE JACK WALLBOARDS Mini-Alert, Mini-Matrix, all incandescent

and outdoor LED display boards.

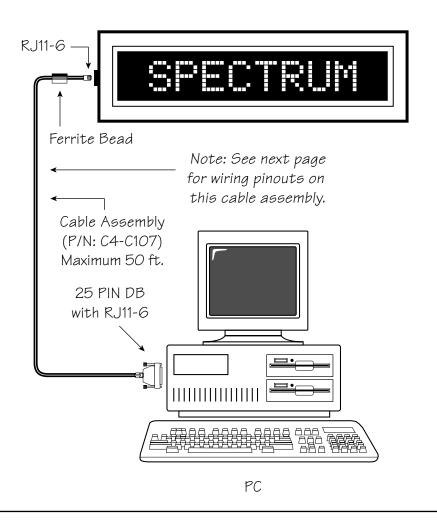
Most wallboards have 2-RJ11 jacks, one of which can be used for the EOL terminator on the last wallboard, at the end of the cable run. The models listed above do not have 2-RJ11 jacks, so the EOL terminator is installed as described below. Disregard this if your wallboard has 2-RJ11 jacks.



Please note: As a temporary solution, a $120 \ \Omega - \frac{1}{2}$ watt resistor may be substituted in place of the EOL terminator. The resistor should go across the BK and YL terminals in the last modular junction box. The EOL terminator provided by Spectrum has additional circuitry in it and should be used as the permanent installation.

SINGLE/STANDALONE WALLBOARD CONNECTION

Single message display connected directly to a PC's RS-232 serial port Maximum Distance 50'



PARTS KIT

The following items are included in the parts kit: Cable Assembly (P/N: C4-C107). Consists of a 50' cable with a ferrite bead and a DB25 pin connector.

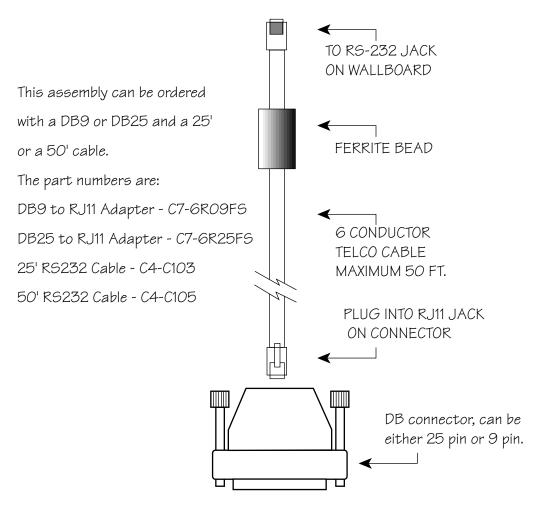
OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Keyboard (55-Key) - Wireless (P/N: M2-IK55) Surge Protector Power Strip with switch (6 outlet) (P/N: C4-SP06) Surge Protector Power Strip (1 outlet) (P/N: C4-SP1) (Not using a surge protector will void the warranty.)

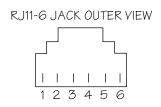
REQUIREMENTS

RS-232 Serial Port with 25 DB connector or 9 DB connector.

CABLE ASSEMBLY WIRING PINOUTS



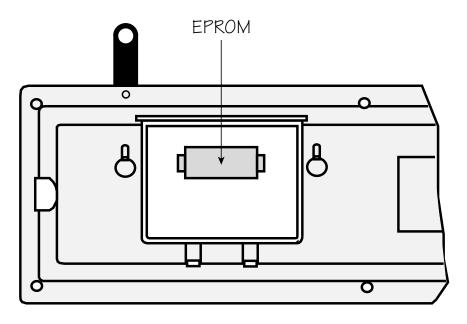
TO COMPUTER'S RS-232 PORT



PINOUT FOR 25 PIN	FUNCTION RJ11-6
2	GRD(SIGNAL) \longrightarrow 6 TX DATA \longrightarrow 4 RX DATA \longrightarrow 3 RQ TO SEND CLR TO SEND DSR DCD DTR

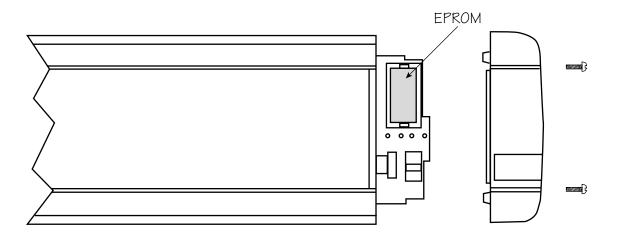
PINOUT FOR 9 PIN	FUNCTION RJ11-6
3→	GRD(SIGNAL) \longrightarrow 6 TX DATA \longrightarrow 4 RX DATA \longrightarrow 3 RQ TO SEND CLR TO SEND DSR DCD DTR

215 SERIES EPROM CHANGE



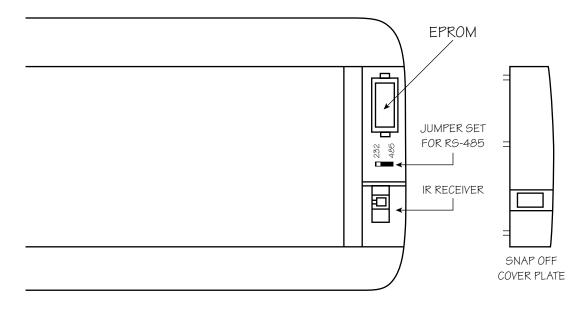
- 1. Unplug the sign from the electrical wall outlet and data cables. Note which jack the cable is connected to.
- 2. Remove the access cover on the back of the wallboard.
- Before removing the EPROM from the sign, touch a grounded surface. This dissipates potentially damaging static electricity. Note: Remember to repeat this if you get interrupted before you remove the EPROM.
- 4. Remove the EPROM from its socket.
 - A. Find the EPROM located near the front of the exposed circuit board.
 - B. Place your thumb under the EPROM's top tab and your index finger under the EPROM's bottom tab.
 - C. Lift the EPROM out of the socket by pulling up with your thumb.
- 5. Install the new EPROM into the socket.
 - A. Insert the EPROM so that the tabs on the EPROM are aligned with the notches in the socket. (The top edge of the socket has one notch and the bottom edge has two notches; the top edge of the EPROM has one tab and the bottom edge has two tabs.)
 - B. Place your thumb on the EPROM, place your index finger on the back of the circuit board, and gently push down on the EPROM until it snaps into place.
- 6. Replace the access cover on the back of the wallboard.
- 7. Connect power and data cables.

300 SERIES EPROM CHANGE



- 1. Unplug the sign from the electrical wall outlet and data cables. Note which jack the cable is connected to.
- 2. Remove the end cap located on the right side. Use a #2 Phillips screw driver to remove the two screws that hold the end cap in place.
- 3. Before removing the EPROM from the sign, touch a grounded surface. This dissipates potentially damaging static electricity. Note: Remember to repeat this if you get interrupted before you remove the EPROM.
- 4. Remove the EPROM from its socket.
 - A. Find the EPROM located near the front of the exposed circuit board.
 - B. Place your thumb under the EPROM's top tab and your index finger under the EPROM's bottom tab.
 - C. Lift the EPROM out of the socket by pulling up with your thumb.
- 5. Install the new EPROM into the socket.
 - A. Insert the EPROM so that the tabs on the EPROM are aligned with the notches in the socket. (The top edge of the socket has one notch and the bottom edge has two notches; the top edge of the EPROM has one tab and the bottom edge has two tabs.)
 - B. Place your thumb on the EPROM, place your index finger on the back of the circuit board, and gently push down on the EPROM until it snaps into place.
- 6. Replace the end cap. Be sure that the screws are tight and the end cap is secure against the case.
- 7. Connect power and data cables.

4000 SERIES RS-232 TO RS-485 JUMPER & EPROM CHANGE

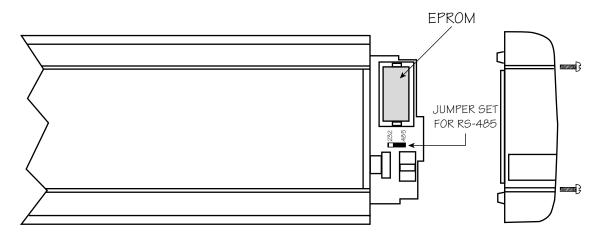


JUMPER CHANGE

- 1. Unplug the sign from the electrical wall outlet and data cable. Note which jack the cable is connected to.
- 2. Remove the snap-off end cover.
- 3. Locate RS-232-485 Jumper below EPROM.
- 4. The block jumper should connect the center pin to the pin on the right for RS-485 operation and the pin on the left for RS-232 operation.
- 5. Connect power and data cables.

- 1. Unplug the sign from the electrical wall outlet and data cable. Note which jack the cable is connected to.
- 2. Remove the snap-off end cover.
- 3. Before removing the EPROM from the sign, touch a grounded surface. This dissipates potentially damaging static electricity. Note: Remember to repeat this if you get interrupted before you remove the EPROM.
- 4. Remove the EPROM from its socket.
 - A. Find the EPROM located near the front of the exposed circuit board.
 - B. Place your thumb under the EPROM's top tab and your index finger under the EPROM's bottom tab.
 - C. Lift the EPROM out of the socket by pulling up with your thumb.
- 5. Install the new EPROM into the socket.
 - A. Insert the EPROM so that the tabs on the EPROM are aligned with the notches in the socket. (The top edge of the socket has one notch and the bottom edge has two notches; the top edge of the EPROM has one tab and the bottom edge has two tabs.)
 - B. Place your thumb on the EPROM, place your index finger on the back of the circuit board, and gently push down on the EPROM until it snaps into place.
- 6. Replace cover plate.
- 7. Connect power and data cables.

7000 SERIES RS-232 TO RS-485 JUMPER & EPROM CHANGE



JUMPER CHANGE

- 1. Unplug the sign from the electrical wall outlet and data cable. Note which jack the cable is connected to.
- 2. Remove the end cap located on the right side. Use a #2 Phillips screw driver to remove the two screws that hold the end cap in place.
- 3. Locate RS-232-485 Jumper below EPROM.
- 4. The block jumper should connect the center pin to the pin on the right for RS-485 operation and the pin on the left for RS-232 operation.
- 5. Connect power and data cables.

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- 2. Remove the end cap located on the right side. Use a #2 Phillips screw driver to remove the two screws that hold the end cap in place.
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 - B. Place your thumb on the EPROM, place your index finger on the back of the circuit board, and gently push down on the EPROM until it snaps into place.
- 6. Replace the end cap. Be sure that the screws are tight and the end cap is secure against the case.
- 7. Connect power and data cables.

RS-485 SERIAL CABLE SPECIFICATIONS (P/N: C1-CC2S)

The network cable used to communicate with Spectrum Wallboards is a quality, UL listed communications cable. Category 5 cable is a suitable substitute.

Description:

- 22 AWG, single twisted pair with shield and drain wire
- Conductor: Stranded tinned copper
- Insulation: Color coded Polyethylene (red/black)
- Shield: Aluminum/Polyester tape, foil facing outward, 100% coverage
- Drain Wire: Stranded tinned copper
- Jacket: Gray PVC

Characteristics:

- Temperature Range: -20° C to +80° C
- Voltage: 300 volts
- Flammability: Passes UL~VW-1 flame test

It should be noted that this communications cable is intended FOR INDOOR USE ONLY.

Recommended Substitutes: Alpha #2402 Belden #8761

Note: RS-485 cable (C1-CC2S) is not included with the wallboards and may be ordered separately or sourced locally.

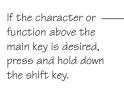
REMOTE KEYBOARD INSTRUCTIONS

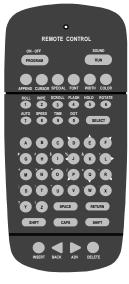
The IR Keyboard (P/N: M2-IK055) is used for testing and diagnostics and will only be used when the Wallboards are being installed. Store the IR Keyboard in a safe place so that it can be utilized to trouble shoot the system should problems develop or to change the address at a later date.

To Clear Memory:

Press the Program Key - Program text file "A" appears Press the Back Key until "Clear Memory" appears Press the Advance Key - "Clear memory Y/N" Press The Y Key to clear all memory Disconnect electrical power from the board for 30 seconds. Reconnect power to board.

Note: On some Wallboards this function also resets the address. If addressing is being used, reset the address as described below.





To Run A Test Message

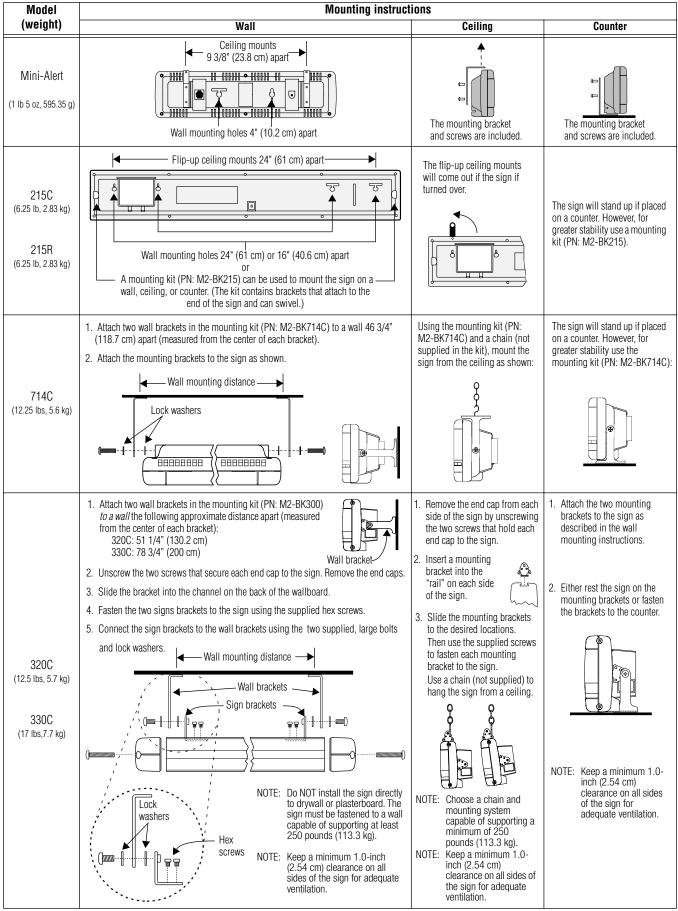
Press the Program Key	Prog Txt File A appears
Press the Hold Key	[HLD] appears
Type in TEST	[HLD] TEST appears
Press the Run Key	Run Y/N appears
Press The Y Key	TEST will appear

A complete keyboard manual is not supplied because the keyboard is not to be used to create messages in an ACD application. The software in the ACD system controls the messages that appear on the wallboard during normal operation.

To Set the Address on a Wallboard

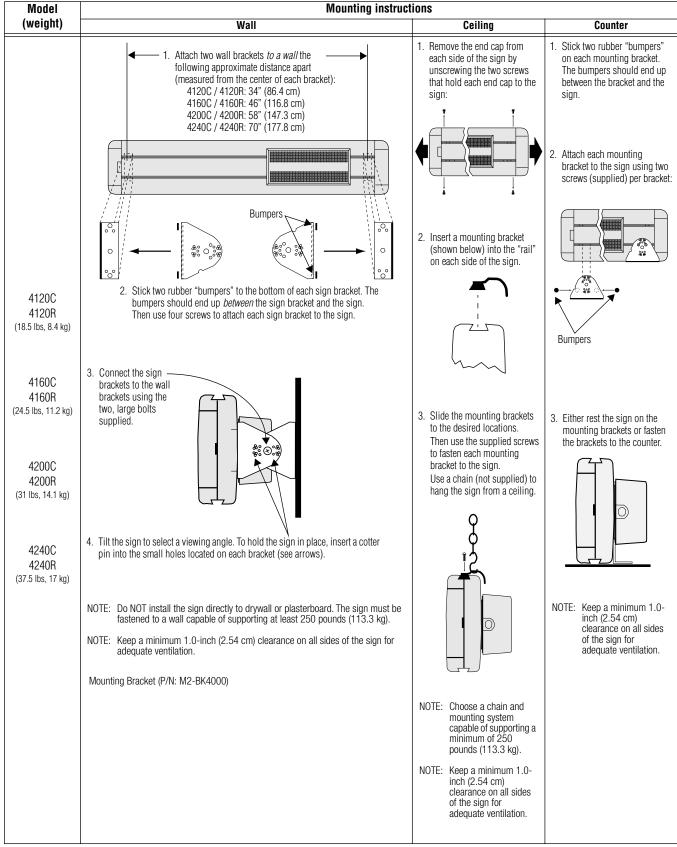
Press the Program Key	Prog Txt File A appears	
Press the Back Key until Set Address appears	Set Address appears	
Press the Advance Key	Serial Address = 00 appears	
Set the Numerical Address* from 00 to 99	00 to 99 appears	
Press the Program Key to reset to the run mode	Prog Txt File A appears	
Start/Restart ACD software or return to ACD reboot system, or disengage and re-engage serial port.		
*An address identifies a specific location(s) which displays a particular message.		

WALLBOARD MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS



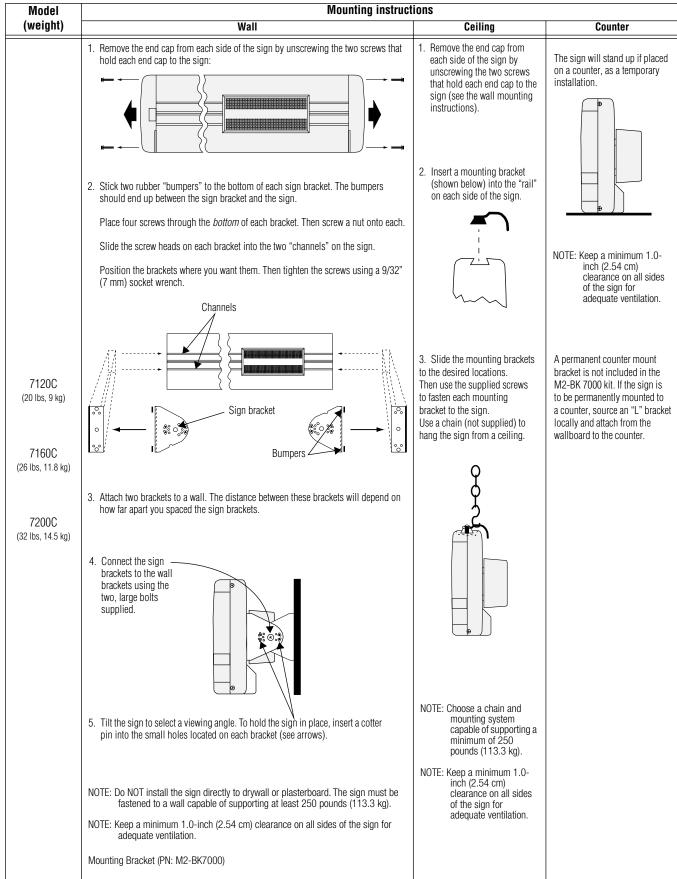
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FIELD TECH TROUBLE SHOOTING TIPS

- 1. Verify that you have power connected to the wallboard. In the U.S., the wallboards require a standard 120VAC wall outlet. Most of the wallboards do not use over 1 amp of power.
- 2. Verify that the address on the wallboard has been set with the corresponding address in the ACD software. You may need to contact your ACD software manufacturer for instructions on sending to a particular address. We have found that some systems do a "broadcast all", so setting the address on the wallboard is not necessary. However, it is best to have the address on the wallboard set to a number other than 00. The infra-red hand held remote control (M2-IK055) will be necessary for setting the address. Instructions for setting the address are found on the back of the remote and are located in this workbook.

IMPORTANT INFO

Please do not attempt to use the infra-red remote while data cables or end of line terminator is plugged into the RJ11 connection on the back of the wallboard. Only power should be turned on and nothing connected to the RJ11 connections on the wallboards. Using the remote while data cables or the end of line terminator is plugged in may result in the wallboard seizing or the wallboard not responding to the remote at all. If the wallboard seizes, unplug from power, wait 15 seconds and then power back up.

- 3. Verify that the RJ11 cable is a 4 conductor straight through (not flipped telephone cable). Spectrum provides a 7' RJ11 cord with each wallboard that has been tested and inspected. The wallboards are designed to use the two outside pins, 1 and 4 using 4 conductor RJ11. Using a 6 conductor RJ11 is not recommended. Pinouts for the straight through RJ11 are shown on the bottom side of the converter box (M2-CV101) and are located in this workbook.
- 4. Verify that the Modular Junction Box (M2-J104) is wired correctly. Using the green screw down terminals on the back of the converter box (M2-CV101), it is recommended to use Category 5 cable or at minimum a 22 gauge 3 conductor. RS485 (-) Red is connected to the yellow wire in the Modular Junction Box. RS485 (+) Black is connected to the black wire in the Modular Junction Box. If you decide to use the shield, it is connected to the red wire in the Modular Junction Box. You can use the RJ11 connection on the back of the converter box and run the cable to the Modular Junction box. The pinout for the RJ11 is located on the bottom of the converter box and is located in this workbook.
- 5. Verify that the RXD light on the converter box is flickering on data transmission. No RXD light flickering is a sign that nothing is being sent out of the comport or that the RS232 data cable has not been wired correctly. Attached in the back of this workbook are the DB9 to DB9 (C4-C909A) and the DB9 to DB25 (C4-C9MS24MN) pinouts.
- 6. Verify that the TXD light on the converter box is not illuminated. The TXD light illuminated is a sign of crossed or shorted RS485 cable. If you remove the RS485 cable from the converter box and the TXD light does not go away, then you may have a bad converter box and Spectrum message center service will need to be contacted.
- 7. Verify that the wallboards are cabled together in a daisy chain drop configuration. Home run or star configuration data cable runs are not supported by our system. The data cable should be run from the converter box, to the first modular junction box, and then to the next modular junction box, then to the next, and so on. When running the data cable, please make sure that the cable in not run near any lighting ballasts or electrical lines. These may cause electrical interference. The converter box is designed to handle up to 32 wallboards at a maximum length of 4000'. Adding a repeater box in line of the data cable can be used to extend the length of the data cable past it's 4000' maximum recommended length.
- 8. After the wallboards are properly cabled in a daisy chain drop network, the address is set properly for each wallboard, and power to the wallboards is verified, then reboot the software that interfaces with the wallboards. Rebooting the software sends out the memory configuration to the wallboards that allows them to display the information.

If after all these steps have been verified and your problem still persists, call Spectrum at 1-800-392-5050 and ask for message center service. Please have the model and serial number of the wallboard ready. The version eprom* in the wallboard and type of ACD system are also necessary.

*Eprom version is written on the eprom itself and instructions for locating the eprom are show on pages 11-14.



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