

USER'S MANUAL SMOKE AND FIRE* ALARM

BATTERY OPERATED PHOTOELECTRIC SMOKE ALARM WITH SILENCE FEATURE

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Ionization technology is generally more sensitive than photoelectric 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.

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

BASIC SAFETY INFORMATION

⚠WARNING!

- Do 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.
- Do not connect this unit to any other alarm or auxiliary device. It is a single-station unit that cannot be linked to other devices. Connecting anything else to this unit may prevent it from working properly.
- Unit will not operate without battery power. The smoke alarm cannot work until you activate the battery power pack.

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- Do not install this unit on an electrical junction box. Air currents around junction boxes can prevent smoke from reaching the sensing chamber and prevent the unit from alarming. Only AC powered units are intended for installation over junction boxes.
- Do not stand too close to the unit when the alarm is sounding. It is a loud wake you in an emergency. Exposure to the alarm at close range may harm your hearing.
- Do not point over the unit. Paint may clog the openings to the sensing chamber and prevent the unit from operating properly.

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- Never remove the batteries from a battery operated smoke alarm to stop an unwanted alarm (caused by cooking smoke, etc.). Removing batteries disables the alarm so it cannot sense smoke, and removes your protection. Instead open a window or fan the smoke away from the unit. The alarm will reset automatically.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE

- Don't panic; stay calm. Follow your family escape plan.
- Get out of the house as quickly as possible. Don't stop to get dressed or collect anything.
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- Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth (preferably damp). Take short, shallow breaths.
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- Call the Fire Department as soon as possible from outside. Give your address, then your name.
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HOW TO INSTALL THIS ALARM

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Tools you will need: pencil, drill with 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit, standard flathead screwdriver, hammer

THE PARTS OF THIS SMOKE ALARM

Test/Silence button

- Dual Power indicator light and alarm indicator.
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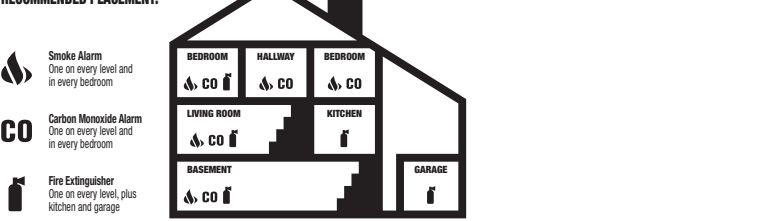
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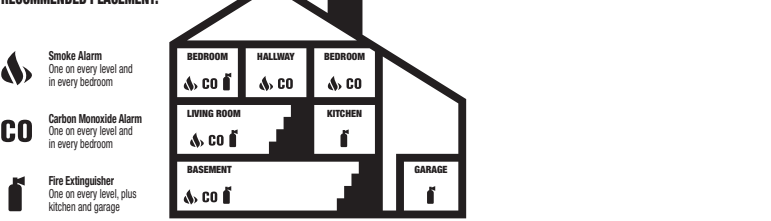
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- Hold base firmly and twist the mounting bracket clockwise to separate it from the base.
 - Hold the mounting bracket against the ceiling (or wall) so the two clusters of universal mounting holes are aligned approximately at the 9:00 and 3:00 o'clock positions. See image. Choose one of the three sets of holes shown. A 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit, or a hole through the center of the wall outlines you traced.
 - Insert the plastic screw anchors in the plastic bag with screws into the holes. Tap the screw anchors gently with a hammer, if necessary, until they are flush with the ceiling or wall.
 - Install the screws but do not tighten completely. Attach the mounting bracket by aligning the screws in the open portion of the universal mounting slots and rotating the bracket into place. Tighten the screws until they are snug to secure the bracket. Do not over tighten.
 - Install the battery (included).** Match the terminals on the ends of the battery with the terminals on the unit. Match "+" to "+" and "-" to "-". Push the battery into the unit. It snaps securely and cannot be shaken loose. If the battery is not snapped in completely, the unit cannot receive battery power. For warning label: "WARNING! INSTALL BATTERY & DOOR PRIOR TO MOUNTING UNIT!" over battery, attach and close battery door.
- NOTES:** After you install the battery, the power indicator light may flash in the unit alarms, the light will blink rapidly, and the horn will repeatedly sound 3 beeps, pause, 3 beeps.
- Position the base of the alarm over the mounting bracket and turn. Turn the alarm clockwise until the unit is in place.
 - Test the smoke alarm. See "Weekly Testing."

OPTIONAL LOCKING FEATURE

The optional locking feature is designed to prevent unauthorized removal of the alarm. It is not necessary to activate the lock in single-family households where unauthorized alarm removal is not a concern.

Tools you will need: Needle-nose pliers or utility knife, standard flathead screwdriver
The feature uses a locking pin which is inserted into the mounting bracket.
Remove locking pin by using needle-nose pliers or a utility knife.

IMPORTANT!

To permanently remove the locking pin, insert a flathead screwdriver between the locking pin and the lock and pry the pin out of the lock.

TO LOCK THE MOUNTING BRACKET

- Using needle-nose pliers, detach the pin from the mounting bracket.
- Insert the locking pin through the hole on the back of the smoke alarm as shown in the diagram.
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TO UNLOCK THE MOUNTING BRACKET

- Insert a flat

