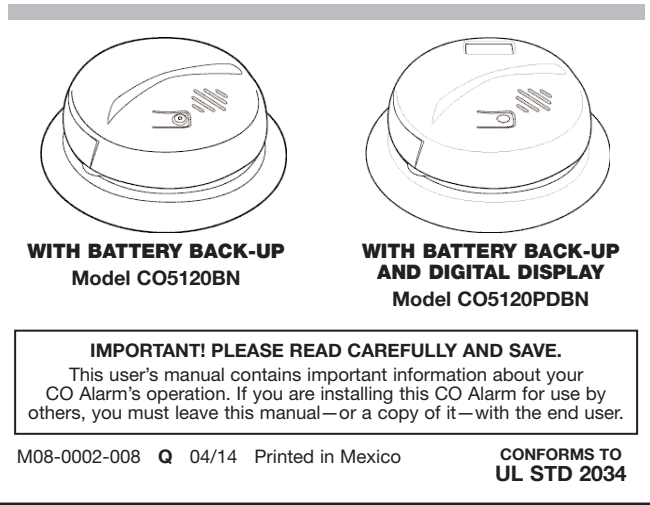


# FirstAlert

## USER'S MANUAL

### AC POWERED CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM

120VAC ~, 60Hz, 0.99A



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## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing BRK Brands, Inc. for your Carbon Monoxide Alarm. This manual contains important information about your CO Alarm. If you are installing this CO Alarm for use by others, you must leave this manual—or a copy of it—with the end user.

**Key Features include:**

**Most Accurate Carbon Monoxide Sensor\*** Advanced electrochemical CO sensor technology.

**Intelligent Sensing Technology** is designed to help reduce unwanted or nuisance alarms.

**Two Silence Features.** Temporarily silence low battery chirp for up to eight hours or replace low battery or silence an unwanted alarm for several minutes.

**Two Latching Features.** Alarm Latch: Easily initiates initiating alarm even after alarm condition has subsided. Low Battery Latch: Identifies which unit is low battery condition.

**Smart Interconnect** interconnects with most FirstAlert® and BRK branded smoke, CO and heat alarms. When interconnect with alarming smoke alarms, unit will sound smoke horn pattern.

**Quiet Cover** is designed to keep the alarm clean during construction.

**Easy Installation/Maintenance** features include a large opening in the mounting bracket for easy access to wiring. A battery pull tab keeps the battery fresh until the home is occupied. A Side Load Battery Drawer allows for easy battery replacement without removing the alarm from the ceiling or wall.

**End of Life Signal.** Provides audible and visual confirmation alarm needs to be replaced.

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## BASIC SAFETY INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT!

**Dangers, Warnings, and Cautions** alert you to important information that could result in injury or death. Pay special attention to these alerts.

**THIS IS NOT A SMOKE ALARM!** This CO Alarm is designed to detect carbon monoxide from ANY source of combustion. It is not designed to detect smoke, or any other fire-related hazard.

**This CO Alarm is approved for use in single-family residences.** It is NOT designed for marine or RV use.

### CAUTION!

**This CO Alarm will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor.** Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

### WARNING!

**This unit does not work without power.** If the AC power fails, the battery back-up power the alarm for at least 7 days provided the 9V battery is fresh and correctly installed.

**The Silence Feature is for your convenience only and will not correct a CO problem.** Always check your home for a potential problem. Do not use this feature to avoid a fire or death.

**This CO Alarm should receive continuous 120VAC, 60 Hz, pure sine wave electrical power.** (The battery is meant for emergency back-up only). Do not use in an extension cord or outlet controlled by a dimmer.

**NEVER ignore any alarm.** See "If Your CO Alarm Sounds" for more information on how to respond to an alarm. Failure to respond can result in injury or death.

**Test this Carbon Monoxide Alarm once a week.** If it ever fails to test correctly, have it replaced immediately! If the CO Alarm is not working properly, it cannot alert you to a problem.

**This product is intended for use in ordinary indoor locations of residential dwellings.** It is not designed to measure CO levels in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards. Individuals with medical conditions that may make them more sensitive to carbon monoxide may consider using warning devices which provide audible and visual signals for carbon monoxide concentrations under 30 ppm. For additional information on carbon monoxide and your medical condition contact your physician.

### FCC Compliance

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that the interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that of the receiver.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio or TV technician for help.

**Warning:** Changes or modifications to the product, not expressly approved by First Alert®/BRK Brands, Inc., could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

## HOW YOUR CO ALARM WORKS

The Cover Of Your CO Alarm

- Test/Silence/Scroll or Test/Silence/Scroll Button (CO5120PDBN only)
- POWER/ALARM Light (RED)
- Air Vents
- (Behind the Cover) Alarm Horn: 85 db audible alarm for test, alarm, and unit malfunction warning
- Digital Display (CO5120PDBN only)

## UNDERSTANDING THE LIGHT AND HORN PATTERNS

Condition	LED (Red Light)	Horn
POWER UP	On continuously with AC Flash a minute with battery	Silent

**DURING TESTING** LED flashes approximating the horn pattern. 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause, repeating on all CO Alarms

**LOW OR MISSING BATTERY** Low battery Latch Pattern Horn "chirps" once a minute

**WARNING:** When the AC power is Off, if the battery is dead or missing, the CO Alarm cannot work.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE LIGHT AND HORN PATTERNS, Continued

Condition	LED (Red Light)	Horn
ALARM CONDITION Single CO Alarm (Stand alone Alarm)	LED flashes approximating the horn pattern.	Horn pattern: 4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause, repeating

**ALARM CONDITION (Interconnected Series of CO Alarms)** LED flashes rapidly on the unit(s) that triggered the alarm. LEDs on the other Alarms in the series will not flash

**ALARM SILENCE** LED flashes approximating the horn pattern. Horn stays quiet for 4 minutes

**LOW BATTERY SILENCE** LED flashing approximately every minute. Horn is Silent for up to 8 hours.

**ALARM LATCH** Audio Off and LED flashing 2 seconds On, 2 seconds Off

**LOW BATTERY LATCH** LED flashing 4 seconds On, 2 seconds Off. Horn is Silent

**NOTE:** Latching features are not active during battery backup mode operation.

**MALFUNCTION** LED flashes 3 times synchronized with 3 chirps

**END OF LIFE** LED flashes 5 times synchronized with 5 chirps

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## ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR MODEL CO5120PDBN WITH DIGITAL DISPLAY

Alarm operating on AC power

Alarm operating on emergency battery back-up

Low / missing battery warning

Alarm, Low Battery or End of Life

Malfunction - Replace Alarm

End of Life - Replace Alarm

Levels of CO shown in ppm if present.

During Testing, the display flashes "30, 70, 150, 400" briefly. During initial power up display flashes "888" briefly.

\*Not Included

## USING THE PEAK CO MEMORY

The CO Memory Feature lets you check the highest level of CO recorded during an alarm.

**To check CO Memory:**

- Press and release the Test/Silence/Scroll button until the dash scrolls to "MEMO".
- Press and hold Test/Silence/Scroll button to display Memory CO level.

**To clear CO Memory:**

- Automatically resets after 24 hours.
- Press and release the Test/Silence/Scroll button until the dash scrolls to "CLEAR MEMORY".

**NOTE:** The highest CO level will be saved for 24 hours. DO NOT clear the CO Memory reading if you plan to call someone to investigate a CO problem! Clear the CO Memory reading only after the investigator has checked your home. If the investigator will not arrive within the 24 hour time period before the unit automatically resets, be sure to write down the peak level.

## SMART INTERCONNECT FEATURE

This CO Alarm includes "Smart Interconnect" which enables the Alarm to be inter-connected with other BRK Smoke and CO Alarms. When inter-connected with CO Alarms that go into alarm, this CO Alarm will sound the smoke horn pattern.

## INSTALLATION

### WHERE TO INSTALL CO ALARMS

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that a CO Alarm be installed in each sleeping area 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 a bedroom hallway, if longer than 40 feet (12 meters), install a CO Alarm at BOTH ends of the hallway.

### USING THE LOCKING FEATURES

The optional locking features are designed to prevent 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 CO Alarms have two separate locking features: one locks the battery compartment, and the other locks the CO Alarm to the mounting bracket. You can choose to use either feature independently, or use them together.

**Tools you will need:** • Needle-nose pliers • Standard Flathead screwdriver.

Both locking features use locking pins, molded into the mounting bracket. Using needle-nose pliers 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 CO Alarm's cover until you hear an acknowledge chirp and the alarm sounds: 4 beeps, pause, 4 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 CO Alarm immediately.**

- Using needle-nose pliers, detach one locking pin from the mounting bracket.

Push the locking pin through the black dot on the label on the back of the CO Alarm.

### TO UNLOCK THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT:

Once the CO Alarm is installed, you must disconnect it from the AC power before unlocking the battery compartment.

**⚠ DANGER! ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Turn off the power to the area where the 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.**

- Remove the CO Alarm from the mounting bracket. If the unit is locked to the bracket, see the section "To Deactivate the Locking Feature."

Disconnect the power connector by gently prying it away from the back of the CO Alarm.

Insert a flathead screwdriver under the head of the locking pin and gently pry it out of the battery compartment lock. (If you plan to relock the battery compartment, save the locking pin.)

To relock the battery compartment, close the battery door and reinsert the locking pin in the lock.

Reconnect the power connector to the back of the CO Alarm, reattach the CO Alarm to the mounting bracket, and restore the power.

### TO PERMANENTLY REMOVE THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT LOCK:

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

### TO PERMANENTLY REMOVE THE MOUNTING BRACKET LOCK:

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## INSTALLATION, continued

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION

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

### WARNING!

**This Alarm must have AC or battery power to operate. If the AC power fails, the battery back-up will power the Alarm for a short time if the 9V battery is fresh and correctly installed. If AC power fails, and the battery is dead or missing, the Alarm cannot operate.**

**Make sure the alarm is not receiving excessive noise 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. Excessive noisy power may cause damage to your Alarm.**

Find the pair of self-adhesive labels included with this 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 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."

### PARTS OF THIS CO ALARM

- Mounting Bracket
- Mounting Slot and Screw\*
- Locking Pins (break out of brackets)
- Hot (Black) AC Wire
- Neutral (White) AC Wire
- Interconnect Wire (Orange)
- Swing-to-Open Battery Compartment
- Lower-Off Battery Compartment
- Quick-Connect Power

### HOW TO INSTALL YOUR CO ALARM

**Tools you will need:** Standard Flathead screwdriver.

### ⚠ DANGER!

**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Turn off the 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.
- Using wire nuts, connect the power connector to the AC power.

**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.

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- 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.

- Plug the power connector into the back of the CO Alarm.
- Position the base of the Alarm over the mounting bracket and turn. The Alarm can be positioned over the bracket every 60°. Turn the unit clockwise (right) until the unit is in place.
- Check all connections.

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