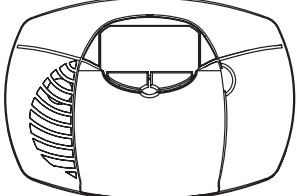


# First Alert USER'S MANUAL

## BATTERY OPERATED CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM WITH DIGITAL DISPLAY AND SILENCE FEATURE



CONFORMS TO UL 2034 STANDARD Model CO410

**IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE.** This user's manual contains important information about your Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm's operation. 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.

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## INTRODUCTION

### 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 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, fire, or any other gas.
  - This CO Alarm is approved for use in single-family residences. It is NOT designed for marine 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!

- The Silence Feature is for your convenience only and will not correct a CO problem. Always check your home for a potential problem after any alarm. Failure to do so can result in injury or death.
- NEVER ignore your Carbon Monoxide Alarm if it alarms. Refer to "If Your CO Alarm Sounds" for more information. Failure to do so can result in injury or death.
- Test the CO Alarm once a week. If the CO Alarm 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 family living units. 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 above 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 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

### GENERAL INFORMATION

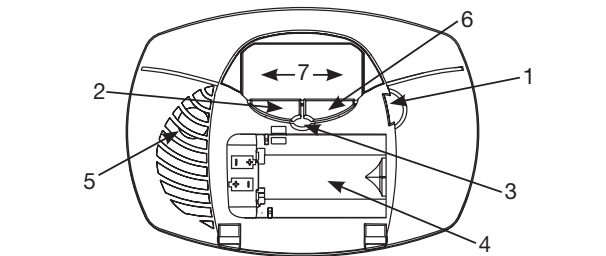
#### WARNING!

- This CO Alarm does not operate without working batteries. Removing the batteries, or failure to replace them at the end of their service life, removes your protection.
- High temperatures, low temperatures, high humidity, impact or dropping can adversely affect LCD displays.

A CO Alarm measures the CO levels in the air. It will alarm if CO levels rise quickly if the heat exchanger on your furnace breaks, for example, or if CO is consistently present (a slow CO leak on a fuel-burning appliance).

This carbon monoxide alarm features a permanently installed sensor, three colored indicator lights, and an 85 dB alarm horn. It also has a silence feature to temporarily quiet the alarm horn.

### THE PARTS OF YOUR CO ALARM



- Open door here
- Test/Silence Button
- POWER/ALARM Light (Green/Red)
- Battery Compartment
- (Behind Cover) Alarm Horn: 85dB audible alarm for test, alarm, and unit malfunction warning
- Peak Level Button
- Digital Display

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CO ALARM

Lights blink when batteries are first connected.

DIGITAL DISPLAY: All segments are turned on for a short time upon initial power. Then the battery level icon is displayed.



### ALARM RECEIVING BATTERY POWER

Green light flashes every minute. Horn is silent.

DIGITAL DISPLAY: Battery icon will show a full or almost full icon. Battery icon flashes every two seconds. In standby mode Display will only flash battery icon (will not show 0).



### LOW BATTERY WARNING

The light continues to flash (GREEN) and the horn also "chirps" once every minute. This warning should last for up to 7 days, but you should replace the batteries as soon as possible.



### LOW BATTERY SILENCE

The LED is Green and the horn is silent.

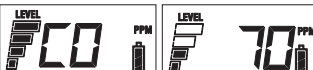
DIGITAL DISPLAY: "bat" and "SILENCE" are displayed.



### DURING TESTING

Light flashes Red in sync with the horn pattern (4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps), simulating a CO Alarm condition.

DIGITAL DISPLAY: During the simulated CO alarm, "CO" is displayed along with a full alarm level. Several ppm CO levels are also displayed and the alarm level is shown increasing.



### CO ALARM

Sensor has detected enough CO to trigger an alarm. Light flashes rapidly and horn sounds loudly (repeating 4 beeps, pause). See "If Your CO Alarm Sounds" for details. **During an alarm, move everyone to a source of fresh air. DO NOT move the CO Alarm!**

DIGITAL DISPLAY: "CO" alternating with the ppm number, a full level, and "EVACUATE".



### CO ALARM REQUIRES SERVICE (MALFUNCTION SIGNAL)

The light flashes (GREEN) and the horn sounds 3 "chirps" every minute. CO Alarm needs to be replaced.

DIGITAL DISPLAY: "Err" is displayed.



### CO ALARM END OF LIFE

The LED flashes Green 5 times in sync with 5 chirps every minute. CO Alarm needs to be replaced.

DIGITAL DISPLAY: "End" is displayed.



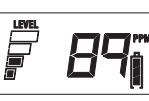
### USING THE PEAK CO MEMORY

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

#### To check CO Memory:

- Press the Peak Level Button until the peak CO level is displayed.
- Automatically resets after 24 hours.
- While checking CO memory, press or hold the Peak Level Button until "CLEAR" is displayed.
- Press or hold the Peak Level Button until the CO Memory is cleared.
- Remove the batteries.

**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.

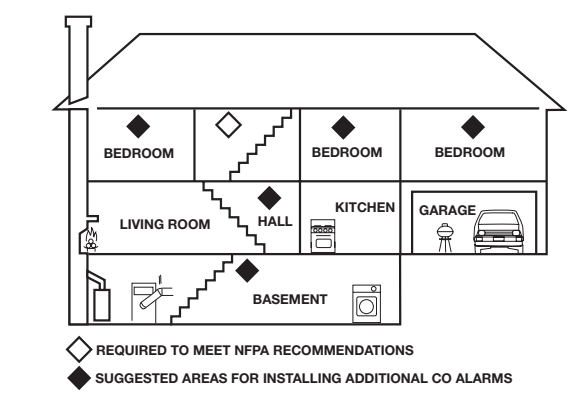


## INSTALLATION

### WHERE TO INSTALL 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.

If your bedroom hallway is longer than 40 feet (12 meters), install a CO Alarm at BOTH ends of the hallway.



◆ REQUIRED TO MEET NFPA RECOMMENDATIONS

◆ SUGGESTED AREAS FOR INSTALLING ADDITIONAL CO ALARMS

- In a Single-level Home:**
  - Install at least one CO Alarm near or within each separate sleeping area.
  - For added protection, install an additional CO Alarm at least 20 feet (6 meters) away from the furnace or fuel burning heat source.
- In a Multi-level Home:**
  - Install at least one CO Alarm near or within each separate sleeping area.
  - For added protection, install at least one CO Alarm on each level of the home. If you have a basement, install that CO Alarm at the top of the basement stairs.
  - For added protection, install an additional CO Alarm at least 20 feet (6 meters) away from the furnace or fuel burning heat source.
- In a Mobile Home:**
  - Install CO Alarms on inside walls ONLY. Uninsulated outside walls and roofs of mobile homes often transfer heat and cold from outdoors.

### WHERE CO ALARMS SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED

#### DO NOT locate this CO Alarm:

- In garages, kitchens, furnace rooms, or in an extremely dusty, dirty or greasy areas.
- Closer than 20 feet (6 meters) from a furnace or other fuel burning heat source, or fuel burning appliances like a water heater.
- Within 5 feet (1.5 meters) of any cooking appliance.
- In extremely humid areas. This alarm should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a bath or shower, sauna, humidifier, vaporizer, dishwasher, laundry room, utility room or other source of high humidity.
- In areas where temperature is colder than 40° F (4.4° C) or hotter than 100° F (37.8° C). These areas include unconditioned crawl spaces, unfinished attics, uninsulated or poorly insulated ceilings, porches, and garages.
- In turbulent air, like near ceiling fans, heat vents, air conditioners, fresh air returns, or open windows. Blowing air may prevent CO from reaching the sensors.
- In direct sunlight.
- WARNING!**
  - This CO Alarm is designed for use inside a single-family home or apartment. It is not meant to be used in common lobbies, hallways, or basements of multi-family buildings unless working CO Alarms are also installed in each family living unit. CO Alarms in common areas may not be heard from inside individual family living units.
  - This CO Alarm alone is not a suitable substitute for complete detection systems in places which house many people, like hotels or dormitories, unless a CO Alarm is also placed in each unit.
  - DO NOT use this CO Alarm in warehouses, industrial or commercial buildings, special-purpose non-residential buildings, RVs, boats, or airplanes. This CO Alarm is specifically designed for residential use, and may not provide adequate protection in non-residential applications.

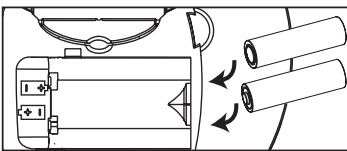
## HOW TO INSTALL YOUR CO ALARM

Read "Where To Install CO Alarms" before starting.

**Before you start installation,** 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.

### INSTALLING THE AA BATTERIES

- Flip the battery door down to open.
- Insert 4 AA batteries (included) inside the battery compartment as indicated. Make sure the "+" and "-" ends of each battery are aligned properly.
- Close the battery door.



### TO MOUNT ON THE WALL

**Tools you will need:** pencil, drill with 3/16" or 5mm drill bit, flathead screwdriver, hammer.

- Choose a location on the wall. Do not install the Alarm closer than 4" (102 mm) from where the wall meets the ceiling.
- Hold the mounting guide template against the wall, and make a mark inside each keyhole where you will drill your mounting hole as shown in the diagram below.
- Use a 3/16" (5 mm) drill bit to drill through the marks you made for the mounting holes.
- Insert the plastic screw anchors into the mounting holes until they are flush with the wall. If necessary, tap them gently with a hammer.
- Insert the screws into the anchors until the screwhead is 1/8 inch (3 mm) away from the wall.
- Slide the CO Alarm onto the screws until you feel it click into place.
- Test the CO Alarm as described in "Weekly Testing."

## IF YOUR CO ALARM SOUNDS

### 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 ALARM SIGNAL 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 CO Alarm remains in its normal condition.
- After following steps 1-3, if your 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 by the technician, and consult the manufacturers' instructions, or contact the manufacturers directly, for more information about CO safety and this equipment. Make sure that motor vehicles are not, and have not, been operating in an attached garage or adjacent to the residence. Write down the number of a qualified appliance technician here:

**"ALARM-MOVE TO FRESH AIR"**  
If you hear the alarm horn and the RED light is flashing, move everyone to a source of fresh air. DO NOT disconnect the batteries from the CO Alarm!

### WARNING!

Alarms have various limitations. See "General Limitations of CO Alarms" for details.

### USING THE SILENCE FEATURE

#### WARNING!

- The Silence Feature is for your convenience only and will not correct a CO problem. Always check your home for a potential problem after any alarm. Failure to do so can result in injury or death.
- NEVER remove the batteries from your CO Alarm to silence the horn. Use the silence feature. Removing the batteries removes your protection! See "If Your CO Alarm Sounds" for details on responding to an alarm.

The Silence Feature is intended to temporarily silence your CO Alarm's alarm horn when you correct the problem—it will not correct a CO problem. While the alarm is silenced it will continue to monitor the air for CO.

#### To activate the Silence Feature:

Press and hold the Test/Silence button until the horn is silent.

Once you activate the Silence Feature: the Silence cycle will last approximately 4 minutes.

**NOTE:** After initial 4-minute Silence cycle, the CO Alarm re-evaluates present CO levels and responds accordingly. If CO levels remain potentially dangerous—or start rising higher—the horn will start sounding again.

#### While the detector is silenced:

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| <b>If the CO Alarm...</b>  | <b>This means...</b>                       |
| Is silent for only 4 minutes, then starts sounding loudly—4 beeps, pause, 4 beeps, pause | CO levels are still potentially dangerous. |
| <b>If the CO Alarm...</b>  | <b>This means...</b>                       |
| Remains silent after you pressed the Test/Silence button.                                | CO levels are dropping.                    |

### SILENCING THE LOW BATTERY WARNING

This silence feature can temporarily quiet the low battery warning "chirp" for up to 8 hours without having to remove the batteries. You can silence the low battery warning "chirp" by pressing the Test/Silence button on the alarm cover.

After 8 hours, the low battery "chirp" will resume. **Replace the batteries as soon as possible; this unit will not operate without battery power!**

**To deactivate this feature:** Press the Test/Silence button again. The unit will go into Test Mode and the low battery warning will resume (LED flashes and unit sounds "chirp" once a minute).

**If you cannot silence the low battery warning, replace the batteries immediately.**

### SILENCING THE END OF LIFE SIGNAL

This silence feature can temporarily quiet the End of Life warning "chirp" for up to 2 days. You can silence the End of Life warning "chirp" by pressing the Test/Silence button. The horn will chirp, acknowledging that the End of Life feature has been activated.

After approximately 2 days, the End of Life "chirp" will resume.

### Mounting Guide Template



## TESTING & MAINTENANCE

### WEEKLY TESTING

#### WARNING!

- Test the CO Alarm once a week.** If the CO Alarm ever fails to test correctly, have it replaced immediately! If the CO Alarm is not working properly, it cannot alert you to a problem.
- DO NOT stand close to the Alarm when the horn is sounding.** Exposure at close range may be harmful to your hearing. When testing, step away when horn starts sounding.

You can test this CO Alarm by pressing the Test/Silence button on the Alarm cover until alarm sounds.

The alarm horn will sound: 4 beeps, a pause, then 4 beeps. The ALARM (RED) light will flash quickly. The alarm sequence should last 5-6 seconds. If it does not alarm, make sure fresh batteries are correctly installed, and test it again. If the unit still does not alarm, replace it immediately.

#### If the alarm does not test properly:

- Make sure that fresh batteries are installed correctly.
- Be sure the Alarm is clean and dust-free.
- Install fresh AA batteries and test the Alarm again. For a list of acceptable replacement batteries, see "Regular Maintenance."

#### WARNING!

- DO NOT try fixing the Alarm yourself – this will void your warranty!** If the CO Alarm is still not operating properly, and it is still under warranty, please see "How to Obtain Warranty Service" in the Limited Warranty. Install a new CO Alarm immediately.
- NEVER use vehicle exhaust! Exhaust may cause permanent damage and voids your warranty!**

### REGULAR MAINTENANCE

To keep the CO Alarm in good working order:

- Test it every week using the Test/Silence button.
- Vacuum the CO Alarm cover once a month, using the soft brush attachment. Never use water, cleaners, or solvents, since these may damage the unit. Test the CO Alarm again after vacuuming.
- Replace the batteries when the CO Alarm "chirps" about every minute (the low battery warning).

The low battery warning should last for 7 days, but you should replace the battery immediately to continue your protection.

**Choosing a replacement battery:** This CO Alarm requires two standard AA batteries. The following batteries are acceptable as replacements: Duracell MN150S. These replacement batteries are commonly available at local retail stores.

#### WARNING!

- Always use the exact batteries specified by this User's Manual. Do not use rechargeable batteries. Clean the battery contacts and also those of the device prior to battery installation. Install batteries correctly with regard to polarity (+ and -).
- Please dispose of or recycle used batteries properly, following any local regulations. Consult your local waste management authority or recycling organization to find an electronics recycling facility in your area. DO NOT DISPOSE OF BATTERIES IN FIRE. BATTERIES MAY EXPLODE OR LEAK.

#### WARNING!

- Keep battery out of reach of children. In the event a battery is swallowed, immediately contact your poison control center, your physician, or the National Battery Ingestion hotline at 202-625-3333 as serious injury may occur.
- DO NOT spray cleaning chemicals or insect sprays directly on or near the CO Alarm. DO NOT paint over the CO Alarm. Doing so may cause permanent damage.

#### IMPORTANT!

Household cleaners, aerosol chemicals, and other contaminants can affect the sensor. When using any of these materials near the CO Alarm, make sure the room is well ventilated.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CO

### WHAT IS CO?

CO is an invisible, odorless, tasteless gas produced when fossil fuels do not burn completely, or are exposed to heat (usually fire). Electrical appliances typically do not produce CO.

**These fuels include:** Wood, coal, charcoal, oil, natural gas, gasoline, kerosene, and propane.

Common appliances are often sources of CO. If they are not properly maintained, are improperly ventilated, or malfunction, CO levels can rise quickly. CO is a real danger now that homes are more energy efficient. "Air-tight" homes with added insulation, sealed windows, and other weatherproofing can "trap" CO inside.

### SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING

These symptoms are related to CO POISONING and should be discussed with ALL household members.

#### Mild Exposure:

Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue ("flu-like" symptoms).

#### Medium Exposure:

Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate.

#### Extreme Exposure:

Convulsions, unconsciousness, heart and lung failure. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause brain damage, death.

#### WARNING!

**Some individuals are more sensitive to CO than others, including people with cardiac or respiratory problems, infants, unborn babies, pregnant mothers, or elderly people can be more quickly and severely affected by CO. Members of sensitive populations should consult their doctors for advice on taking additional precautions.**

### FINDING THE SOURCE OF CO AFTER AN ALARM

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible gas, which often makes it difficult to locate the source of CO after an alarm. There are a few of the factors that can make it difficult to locate sources of CO.

- House well ventilated before the investigator arrives.
- Problem caused by "backdrafting."
- Transient CO problem caused by special circumstances.

Because CO may dissipate by the time an investigator arrives, it may be difficult to locate the source of CO. **BRK Brands, Inc. shall not be obligated to pay for any carbon monoxide investigation or service call.**

### HOW CAN I PROTECT MY FAMILY?

A CO Alarm is an excellent means of protection. It monitors the air and sounds a loud alarm before carbon monoxide levels become threatening for average, healthy adults.

**A CO Alarm is not a substitute for proper maintenance of home appliances.**

- To help prevent CO problems and reduce the risk of CO poisoning:
- Clean chimneys and flues yearly. Keep them free of debris, leaves, and nests for proper air flow. Also, have a professional check for rust and corrosion, cracks, or separations. These conditions can prevent proper air movement and cause backdrafting. Never "cap" or cover a chimney ducts of this warning.
- Test and maintain all fuel-burning equipment annually. Many local gas or oil companies and HVAC companies offer appliance inspections for a nominal fee.
- Make regular visual inspections of all fuel-burning appliances. Check appliances for excessive rust and scaling. Also check the flame on the burner and pilot lights. The flame should be blue. A yellow flame means fuel is not being burned completely and CO may be present. Keep the blower door on the furnace closed. Use vents or fans when they are available on all fuel-burning appliances. Make sure appliances are vented to the outside. Do not grill or barbecue indoors,



