

## SS-PHOTO-CO

### Multi-Criteria Photoelectric and CO Sensor

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Operating Voltage Range:	15 to 32 VDC
Operating Current @ 24 VDC:	200 uA (one communication every 5 seconds with green LED blink on communication)
Maximum Alarm Current:	2 mA @ 24 VDC (one communication every 5 seconds with red LED solid on)
Maximum Current:	4.5 mA @ 24 VDC (one communication every 5 seconds with amber LED solid on)
Operating Humidity Range:	15% to 90% Relative Humidity, Non-condensing
Operating Temperature Range:	32°F to 122°F (0°C to 50°C)
Air Velocity:	0 to 4000 ft./min. (0 to 1219.2 m/min.)
Height:	2.7" (69 mm) installed in B200S series sounder base
Diameter:	6.875" (175 mm) installed in B200S series sounder bases
Weight:	3.4 oz. (95 g)
Isolator Load Rating:	0.0063*

\*Please refer to your isolator base/module manual for isolator calculation instructions.

UL 2075 listed for Carbon Monoxide  
UL 268 listed for Open Air Protection

This sensor must be installed in compliance with the control panel system installation manual. For local audible indication of a fire and/or carbon monoxide alarm, it is recommended to install the multi-criteria photoelectric and carbon monoxide (CO) sensor into a B200S series sounder base. If a local audible device is not used, care should be taken to develop a proper response plan. The installation must meet the requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). Sensors offer maximum performance when installed in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); see NFPA 72 and NFPA 720. For a complete list of compatible bases, refer to the Base/Sensor Cross Reference Chart at [systemsensor.com](http://systemsensor.com).

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Model SS-PHOTO-CO is a plug-in type multi-criteria smoke sensor that offers a photoelectric sensing chamber combined with a carbon monoxide (CO) sensor as well as a carbon monoxide detector.

All sensors transmit an analog representation of smoke and/or carbon monoxide density over a communication line to a control panel. Rotary dial switches are provided for setting the sensor's address. (See Figure 2.)

Two LEDs on the sensor are controlled by the panel to indicate sensor status. An output is provided for connection to an optional remote LED annunciator (P/N RA100Z).

System Sensor panels offer different features sets across different models. As a result, certain features of the photoelectric and CO sensors may be available on some control panels, but not on others.

The multi-criteria photoelectric and CO sensor only supports SS, LiteSpeed, SK and IDP protocol. The possible features available to SS-PHOTO-CO, if supported by the control unit are:

1. The sensor's LEDs can operate in three ways—on, off, and blinking—and they can be set to red, green, or amber. This is controlled by the panel.
2. The remote output may be synchronized to the LED operation or controlled independent of the LEDs.
3. Devices are point addressable up to 159 addresses.

Please refer to the operation manual for the UL listed control panel for specific operation. The multi-criteria photoelectric and CO sensor requires compatible addressable communications to function properly. Connect these sensors to listed-compatible control panels only.

#### SPACING

System Sensor recommends spacing smoke detectors in compliance with NFPA 72. In low air flow applications with smooth ceilings, space sensors 30 feet apart (9.1 m). For specific information regarding sensor spacing, placement, and special applications, refer to NFPA 72 and the System Smoke Detector Application Guide, available from System Sensor. For specific infor-

mation regarding CO detector spacing, placement and special applications, refer to NFPA 72, NFPA 720, and the System-Connected Carbon Monoxide Detectors Application Guide also available from System Sensor.

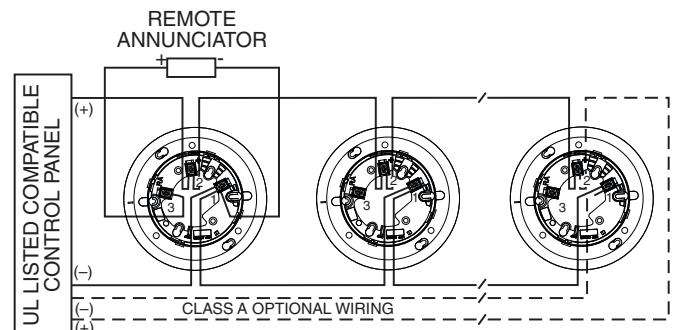
#### WIRING GUIDE

All wiring must be installed in compliance with the National Electrical Code, applicable local codes, and any special requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Proper wire gauges should be used. The installation wires should be color-coded to limit wiring mistakes and ease system troubleshooting. Improper connections will prevent a system from responding properly in the event of a fire.

#### Remove power from the communication line before installing sensors.

1. Wire the sensor base (supplied separately) per the base wiring diagram. (See Figure 1.)
2. Set the desired address on the sensor address switches. (See Figure 2.)
3. Install the sensor into the sensor base. Push the sensor into the base while turning it clockwise to secure it in place.
4. After all sensors have been installed, apply power to the control panel and activate the communication line.
5. Test the sensor(s) as described in the TESTING section of this manual.

#### FIGURE 1. WIRING DIAGRAM

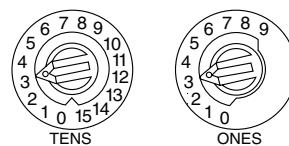


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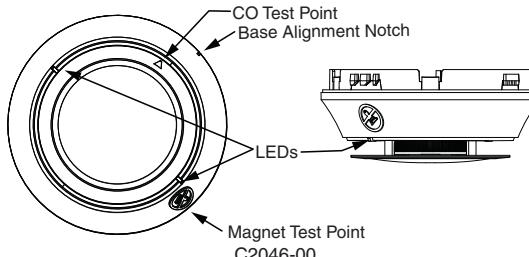
Do not loop wire under terminal 1 or 2. Break wire run to provide supervision of connections.

#### FIGURE 2. ROTARY ADDRESS SWITCHES

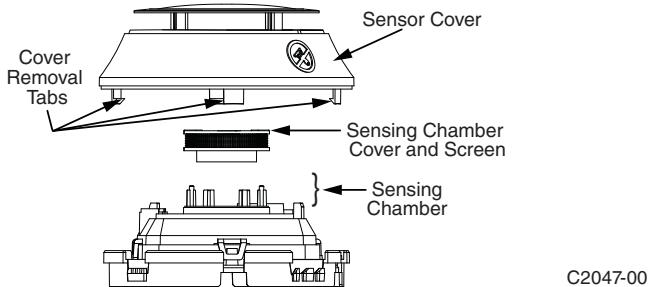


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**FIGURE 3. FEATURES OF THE PHOTO/CO DETECTOR**



**FIGURE 4. CLEANING THE PHOTO/CO DETECTOR**



**CAUTION**

Dust covers provide limited protection against airborne dust particles during shipping. Dust covers must be removed before the sensors can sense smoke. Remove sensors prior to heavy remodeling or construction.

**TAMPER RESISTANCE**

Model SS-PHOTO-CO includes a tamper-resistant capability that prevents removal from the base without the use of a tool. Refer to the base manual for details on making use of this capability.

**TESTING**

Before testing, notify the proper authorities that the system is undergoing maintenance, and will temporarily be out of service. Disable the system to prevent unwanted alarms.

All sensors must be tested after installation and periodically thereafter. Testing methods must satisfy the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). Sensors offer maximum performance when tested and maintained in compliance with NFPA 72. Sensitivity readings are available through the FACP. Refer to the manufacturer's published instructions for proper use.

The sensor can be tested in the following ways:

**A. Functional: Magnet Test (P/N M02-04-01 or M02-09-00)**

This sensor can be functionally tested with a test magnet. The test magnet electronically simulates smoke in the sensing chamber, testing the sensor electronics and connections to the control panel.

- Hold the test magnet in the magnet test area as shown in Figure 3.
- The sensor should alarm the panel.

Two LEDs on the sensor are controlled by the panel to indicate sensor status. Coded signals, transmitted from the panel, can cause the LEDs to blink, latch on, or latch off. Refer to the control panel technical documentation for sensor LED status operation and expected delay to alarm.

NOTE: The magnet test initiates an approximately 10 minute period when the detector's signal processing software routines are not active.

**B. Smoke Entry**

Canned aerosol simulated smoke (canned smoke agent) may be used for smoke entry testing of the smoke detector.

The multi-criteria photoelectric and CO detector uses algorithms to process signals received from multiple sensors to determine alarm conditions and reduce false alarms. Therefore, a single burst of canned smoke will not immediately place the detector into an alarm condition because the detector algorithms correctly determine a burst of canned smoke is not fire. In order to perform functional testing of the photoelectric sensor, the device must be placed into test mode. Test mode allows the detector to isolate the individual sensors for testing. The device can be placed into test mode through either of the following methods.

a. Put the device into test mode by holding a test magnet in the magnet test area as shown in Figure 3 for 6-12 seconds.

NOTE: If the magnet is held in place for too long the fire alarm test function will be triggered. (See Magnet Test, above.) Reset the panel and proceed with testing the smoke entry portion of the device.

b. Perform smoke entry testing immediately following the magnet test. The magnet test initiates an approximately 10 minute period when the detector's signal processing software routines are not active.

Once in test mode, test the smoke detector using one of the tested and approved aerosol smoke products. Refer to the manufacturer's published instructions for proper use of the canned smoke agent. When used properly, the canned smoke agent will cause the smoke detector to go into alarm.

Tested and approved aerosol smoke products include:

Manufacturer	Model
HSI Fire and Safety	25S, 30S (PURCHECK)
SDi	SMOKE CENTURION, SOLO A10, SMOKE SABRE, TRUTEST, SOLO 365
No Climb	TESTIFIRE 2000

**CAUTION**

Canned aerosol simulated smoke (canned smoke agent) formulas will vary by manufacturer. Misuse or overuse of these products may have long term adverse effects on the smoke detector. Consult the canned smoke agent manufacturer's published instructions for any further warnings or caution statements.

**C. Multi-Criteria Testing**

Testifire® by SDi provides testing of the photoelectric and CO sensors. Consult the manufacturer's published instructions for complete usage instructions.

A sensor that fails any of these tests may need to be cleaned as described under CLEANING, and retested. When testing is complete, restore the system to normal operation and notify the proper authorities that the system is back in operation.

**D. Functional Gas Test**

NOTE: Check with local codes and the AHJ to determine whether or not a functional gas test is desired for an installation.

A canned CO testing agent may be used to verify the detector's ability to sense CO. Carbon Monoxide alarm thresholds are designed around CO concentrations over time, as defined in UL standard 2034. Therefore, a single burst of CO test agent will not immediately place the detector into an alarm condition. In order to perform functional testing of the CO sensor, the device must be placed into test mode. Test mode eliminates the time and concentration requirements needed for alarm and allows the CO sensor to be tested. The device can be placed into test mode through either of the following methods.

a. Put the device into test mode by holding a test magnet in the magnet test area as shown in Figure 3 for 6-12 seconds.

NOTE: If the magnet is held in place for too long the fire alarm test function will be triggered. Reset the panel and proceed with testing the CO portion of the device.

b. Perform functional gas entry testing immediately following the magnet test. The magnet test initiates an approximately 10 minute period when the detector's signal processing software routines are not active.

Once in test mode, test the CO sensor using a tested and approved canned CO testing agent. A tested and approved canned CO testing agent is Solo detector testers model C6 CO Detector Tester available from SDi. Complete the CO sensor testing as follows:

Spray a UL approved CO agent into the top of the detector near the CO sensor opening for at least 1 second. CO sensor opening is indicated by a triangle on the sensor cover. (See Figure 3.) Use the applicator straw included with the CO agent to more efficiently direct the CO into the detection cell during testing.

The detector will go into alarm if gas entry is successful. It may take up to 1 minute for the device to alarm. Once the detector is in alarm allow 5 minutes for the CO to clear and exit the detector.

The detector will automatically enable the signal processing after 10 minutes.

**Testing the detector will activate the alarm relay and send a signal to the panel.**

#### **CLEANING**

Before removing the detector, notify the proper authorities that the smoke detector system is undergoing maintenance and will be temporarily out of service. Disable the zone or system undergoing maintenance to prevent unwanted alarms.

1. Remove the sensor to be cleaned from the system.
2. Remove the sensor cover by pressing firmly on each of the four removal tabs that hold the cover in place. (See Figure 4.)
3. Vacuum the screen carefully without removing it. If further cleaning is required continue with Step 4, otherwise skip to Step 7.
4. Remove the chamber cover/screen assembly by pulling it straight out.
5. Use a vacuum cleaner or compressed air to remove dust and debris from the sensing chamber.
6. Reinstall the chamber cover/screen assembly by aligning the arrows on the top with the two round-top posts on the sensing chamber, and gently pressing it until it fits securely.
7. Replace the cover using the LEDs to align the cover and then gently pushing it until it locks into place. NOTE: Make sure that the thermistors do not become bent under the cover.
8. Reinstall the detector.
9. Test the detector as described in TESTING.
10. Reconnect disabled circuits.
11. Notify the proper authorities that the system is back on line.

#### **ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

##### **CAUTION**

**CAUTION:** This carbon monoxide detector is designed for indoor use only. Do not expose to rain or moisture. Do not knock or drop the detector. The detector will not protect against the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning if not properly wired. The detector will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

This carbon monoxide detector is NOT:

- Designed to detect any gas other than carbon monoxide
- To be seen as a substitute for the proper servicing of fuel-burning appliances or the sweeping of chimneys.
- To be used on an intermittent basis, or as a portable alarm for the spillage of combustion products from fuel-burning appliances or chimneys.

Carbon monoxide gas is a highly poisonous gas which is released when fuels are burnt. It is invisible, has no smell and is therefore impossible to detect with the human senses. Under normal conditions in a room where fuel burning appliances are well maintained and correctly ventilated, the amount of carbon monoxide released into the room by appliances should not be dangerous.

#### **SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING**

Carbon monoxide bonds to the hemoglobin in the blood and reduces the amount of oxygen being circulated in the body. The following symptoms are examples taken from NFPA 72 and 720. They represent approximate values for healthy adults:

Concentration (ppm CO)	Symptoms
200	Mild headache after 2-3 hours of exposure
400	Headache and nausea after 1-2 hours of exposure
800	Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 45 minutes of exposure; collapse and unconsciousness after 2 hours of exposure

Many causes of reported carbon monoxide poisoning indicate that while victims are aware that they are not well, they become so disoriented that they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance.

Also young children and pets may be the first to be affected.

Per UL standard 2075, SS-PHOTO-CO has been tested to the sensitivity limits defined in UL standard 2034.

#### **ALARM THRESHOLDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Parts Per Million	Detector response time, min.
70 $\pm$ 5ppm	60-240
150 $\pm$ 5ppm	10-50
400 $\pm$ 10ppm	4-15

**What to do if the carbon monoxide detector goes into alarm:**

**Immediately move to a spot where fresh air is available, preferably outdoors.**

**IMPORTANT:** This detector should be tested and maintained regularly following National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72 and 720 requirements.

#### **CO SENSOR LIFETIME**

The CO cell has an expected lifetime of approximately ten years. The detector is programmed to signal the approach of end of this lifetime to the control panel. The CO cell is not a field replaceable component. The smoke sensor will continue to operate using the photoelectric sensing element even though the CO cell is no longer operational. The CO detector will not operate once the CO cell has reached its end of life.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING SMOKE DETECTOR GUARDS**

Smoke detectors are not to be used with detector guards unless the combination has been evaluated and found suitable for that purpose.

## SPECIAL APPLICATION

When configured at the fire alarm control panel, this detector is capable of operating in a special application mode such that it has a higher sensitivity than is normally allowed by UL 268 for areas where early warning is important. In this mode, the detector does not comply with the Cooking Nuisance Smoke Test. Detectors (Sampling ports) set to the special application mode are not suitable for use in areas where cooking appliances may be used. If cooking appliances are used within the protected space, a normal application detector or normal application mode must be used for that area.

Special application mode is not for general use and the detector may be more prone to false alarms if used in unsuitable environments. While no list is all-inclusive, some examples of unsuitable environments for special application mode are areas with airborne particulate or aerosols including sawing, drilling, and grinding operations, textile or agricultural processing, or areas with engines that are not vented to the outside. A complete list of aerosol and particulate sources is available in the Annex of NFPA 72.

Suitable environments for special application mode could include early warning for hospitals, museums, assisted living and other areas that do not have airborne particulate or aerosols.

Refer to the fire alarm control panel documentation for information on how to configure the detector for special application mode.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

For Limitations of Fire Alarm Systems,  
please go to:  
[http://www.systemsensor.com/  
en-us/Documents/156-1558.pdf](http://www.systemsensor.com/en-us/Documents/156-1558.pdf)



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## FCC STATEMENT

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.

**NOTE:** 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 to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## DEVICE AND SYSTEM SECURITY

Before installing this product ensure that the tamper seal on the packaging is present and unbroken and the product has not been tampered with since leaving the factory. Do not install this product if there are any indications of tampering. If there are any signs of tampering the product should be returned to the point of purchase. It is the responsibility of the system owner to ensure that all system components, i.e. devices, panels, wiring etc., are adequately protected to avoid tampering of the system that could result in information disclosure, spoofing, and integrity violation.