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Owner's Handbook

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Installation

System Start-Up (Cont.)

Horn & Strobe Test
Horn=Hour Strobe=Day

This test will ensure the L125 will activate the horns and strobe when required. Press the **TEST** key, followed by **MENU**. The system will now permit you to test the Horn and Strobe.

Press the **HOUR** key and the horn should sound. Press the **DAY** key and the strobe light will illuminate.

Press the **ENTER** or **RESET** key to exit this mode.

Verify Battery Charging

This concludes testing the L125. A final check of the battery charging circuit can be done by looking at the red "LED" located on the relay bracket. It should be illuminated.



Battery Charging Indicator →

Installation

System Start Up

If AC powered THORGUARDIAN, turn power switch (circuit breaker) on, a green neon light should illuminate.

Attach red wire to battery. To test the horns & strobe, press the blue button located on the relay board.

At this time, you should go to the “System Setup” section of this manual and make all necessary adjustments. The display on the L125 should be indicating an All Clear, and if operating within the alarm active time, the Operation Light should be on.

Anytime the alarm is active, the display will have “PGM-AUT”. While in this start up, using the **ALARM MODE** key, and place the system in the “Man – Off mode. This will prevent the horns and strobe from activating.



Press the **TEST** key, followed by **ENTER**. The system will now perform a dynamic check of the sensor. The display should indicate the message “ Sensor Passed”. If not, check that the sensor cable is installed correctly, and re-test. If a failure continues, remove the sensor cable, attach Test Plug, press **RESET**. Start the test again. If the test passes, the sensor or sensor cable is suspect. Check sensor cable for any chaffing or kinks. If the sensor cable was spliced, check for shorts between shields, Contact THOR GUARD.

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Installation

Connecting, Sensor, Horn, Strobe Light, (Cont.)

Determine where the enclosure will go, the cables will run, and if using a solar panel, insure an unobstructed southerly exposure exists to attain the most amount of sunlight. If using a solar panel, mount panel to bracket, then attach to post.

Route horn cable, strobe cable and solar power cables through lower bushings, and cut excess cable, allowing for a service loop.

Secure horn cables to black connector on bracket, observing colors.

If using a solar panel, insert solar wires to 2 position input labeled “Solar”; RD = red wire, BK = black wire. A red light on the relay bracket indicating the battery is charging should now be lit.

Connect strobe wires to the two- position input labeled “Strobe”.

A black ground wire is supplied when solar power is used. Connect to the battery, and to an established ground.

Note: A separate relay board is used for either AC power or solar.



Installation

Connecting, Sensor, Horn, Strobe

Your THORGUARDIAN is shipped with the battery cable unattached. Do not connect to AC power or the battery until all cables have been connected to the system.

Loosen the nut from the black strain relief on the sensor cable. Route the sensor cable through available opening in THORGUARDIAN enclosure. Reattach nut over strain relief.

Remove the Test Plug from the L125. Locate cable inside gray anchors and attach cable to L125.

Examine the sensor connector, and insert with the recessed notch in the metal facing up. There is only one direction the connector will seat properly.



Ensure the Operational Light cable is securely attached to the L125.

Foreword

THOR GUARD is a precision electrical instrument and requires some basic care to consistently provide the high standard of service designed into the equipment. Adhering to the following maintenance and operational guidelines are mandatory.

Basic Maintenance

It is imperative that the Sensor assembly is free from dirt, oil, pollen, cobwebs, and bird nests. A properly maintained THOR GUARD can provide adequate sensitivity ensuring the full lightning prediction capabilities engineered into the system. Refer to the System Maintenance section, “Sensor Cleaning” for instructions.

Don’t Always Wait

THOR GUARD is designed to provide its user with reliable lightning prediction. If, however, you ever feel “uncomfortable” with incoming weather and THOR GUARD has yet to issue a RED ALERT...

Don’t Wait

Issue a warning to cease activities in your area. When it comes to safety, the only mistake you can make is through “IN-ACTION”.

THORGUARDIAN Alarm Signals

When the conditions are prevalent for a Red Alert hazard, the horn will sound continuously for 15 seconds. The strobe light will turn on and stay on. Upon returning to a safe environment, the All Clear signal will sound; 5 seconds on 2 seconds off, repeated 2 more times. The strobe light will turn off.

Introduction

Thank you for choosing THOR GUARD as your Lightning Prediction & Warning System.

THOR GUARD is the only company in the world that provides lightning prediction technology. For more than 25 years, our method has proven to be extremely accurate.

You join many golf courses, parks, colleges, airlines and numerous industrial facilities that have selected THOR GUARD.

We are sure your THORGURDIAN system will provide many years of trouble-free operation. This system is a complete lightning warning system which is provided in one compact package. The L125 is the computer of the THORGURDIAN which determines the current lightning hazard and controls the activation of the horns and strobe.

A THORGURDIAN can be installed outdoors as a single unit, or you can locate the fiberglass controller box in a secure environment. The use of 120 VAC or a solar panel allows for flexibility of operation.

The area of coverage can be a maximum of 2 - 1/2 miles in radius. The air-horns have a range of approximately 700 yards, configured in a 360 pattern. A strobe light is included to provide a visual notification of the current hazard. Using the system timer, the daily hours of operation when lightning warning is required can be controlled.

The THORGURDIAN provides a user the ability to view and record lightning events using the optional software, THORPC. Using the PC, the user can "Replay" and view a specific storm. This is an optional product of THOR GUARD and works exclusively with all THOR GUARD products.

Also available from THOR GUARD is the optional THOR PCNET that will allow multiple computers to view the current hazard using the customers central server or the users PC. The THORGURDIAN connects to one computer on the network using a RS232 connection and copies the current lightning data to the server.

Installation

Mounting Sensor, Horn Cluster, Strobe

The THORGURDIAN is supplied with a "T- Bar" and tripod for mounting the sensor, horn and strobe light. Depending on your application and surrounding environment, the sensor maybe required to be located away from the horns.

A length of 1" ridge pipe, one end threaded, needs to be acquired to attach to the "T- Bar" and the tripod or mounting surface.

The installation will dictate additional mounting components to be acquired such as wall mount brackets, additional tripod, patio stones, and assorted anchoring fasteners.

In some instances the strobe light will be placed in an area for a clear and direct visual notification. Lengthening of the cable can be done to a maximum of 200 feet. Also if needed, an additional strobe light can be connected in parallel.

There is a PVC bushing for both the sensor and horn. Attach this bushing to the mounting bracket. Preference of placement of which side to locate sensor and horn is cosmetic, so for installation purposes, the sensor on the left and horns on the right. For detail, see mounting bar pictures.

It is required to attach the horn and sensor with PVC cement.

Determine if you are going to mount the strobe light on the "T-Bar"; attach now using provided hardware on "T-Bar".

Route sensor and horn cable through cable clamps and secure to mounting pipe or locate in separate conduit.

At this time, the THORGURDIAN control box location should have been selected and cable lengths checked. Also determine if the selected location will deter possible vandalism.

Installation

Running Sensor, Horn, Strobe Cable

The sensor uses a Nec Type CL2 3/8 dia. triaxial outdoor cable. The connector on the cable which attaches to the L125 requires a 1 – 1 ½” opening to pass through any opening along the route of the cable path.

The horn use a 4 – conductor cable UL Listed Nec Type CL2 ½” diameter. This is an outdoor cable, however it may be desirable to locate the sensor, horn, & strobe cable in conduit to deter vandalism.

The strobe light uses a 2- conductor UL Listed outdoor cable.

If you are installing these cables in conduit, a minimum diameter of 1 ½” should be used. Additionally, it may be required for you to cut the sensor connector off and splice the cable after installation.

You have been supplied with a predetermined length of Sensor Cable, which is connected to the Sensor. At this time, determine the L125 location and ensure that there is sufficient sensor cable.

Apart from avoiding the obvious obstacles, attention should be given to the following:

- Do not cut sensor cable to shorten excess wire without discussing it with your representative / factory.
- All the cables do not carry any AC power, so in most instances it won't be necessary to enclose it in conduit.
- When routing the cable, do not parallel lightning rod grounding wires or power runs and refrain from tie wrapping to another cable of any type, except horns and strobe light.
- Avoid sharp bends, metal edges, or anything that might tear or chafe the outer jacket of any of the cables.
- Avoid pulling too tightly and stretching or crimping the cable.
- Refrain from using staples to secure sensor cable.

THOR GUARD APPROACH TO LIGHTNING WARNING

Lightning is the result of a massive exchange of electrostatic energy in the atmosphere. Shifts and changes of positively and negatively charged “ions” in the atmosphere and in the ground could create an energy flow that may result in a lightning strike once a conductive cloud to ground path is available. A lightning “prediction” system senses and evaluates these shifts and changes in the electrostatic field that precede the occurrence of an actual lightning strike.

The THOR GUARD system was designed to evaluate the electrostatic field and compare the energy migration of the positive and negative “ions” to a computer model developed during thousands of hours of recorded storm data. The THOR GUARD system is comprised of two essential elements. The first, the “Hyperstatic Sensor” assembly, constantly monitors the electrostatic field from its typical location on the top of a structure. The primary coverage area for this system is calculated using a maximum, but adjustable radius of 2.5 miles (5 miles in diameter). The total area being monitored, however, is a range that is adjustable to a maximum radius of approximately 15 miles.

The sensor communicates the data over special cable to the second element, the THOR GUARD L125. The computer evaluates the information 500 times/second within its integrated circuitry and produces two important potential lightning threat levels. The first is called the Lightning Hazard Level, or “LHL.” The “LHL” is displayed on a scale of zero (0) to nine (9) and represents the threat of lightning potential in the total area being monitored. The “LHL” responds to instantaneous positive and negative energy shifts and relative intensity.

(Note: All THOR GUARD systems are accurate to 1mv at 15-miles).

The second important lightning threat level is called the Dynamic Index, or “DI.” The “DI” represents the lightning threat in the immediate (2.5 mile or less radius) area being monitored. This value is ascertained by relating the overall “LHL” level to local shifts in positive and negative energy. As above, the “DI” threat level is displayed numerically, on a scale from 0% to 99%.

THOR GUARD System Technical Terms

Polarity – THOR GUARD distinguishes between positive and negative polarity because during most storm conditions a negative electrostatic field of the same intensity as a positive field poses a much higher lightning hazard threat level. The intensity and shifts in polarity may be observed on the “LCD Module”. Negative polarity is displayed as the symbol (-) and positive polarity is displayed in as a (+).

LHL (Lightning Hazard Level) – This is the probability of a lightning strike occurring within the defined area or range (up to 15 miles) being monitored by the facility. The LHL will be the first and last indication that energy is present in the total area monitored.

DI (Dynamic Index) – The measurement of the electrical activity in the immediate area and the probability, from 0-99%, that if lightning strikes, it will strike nearby (2.5 mile radius or less). The DI determines the warning level based on energy migration in your immediate area. A “DI” of three (3.0) will trigger a “Red Alert” condition which should provide a warning margin of eight (8) to twenty (20) minutes before the arrival of local lightning activity.

BOB (Bolt out of the Blue) – The condition in which a very powerful lightning discharges may occur even with no clouds at all in the immediate area. A BOB may emanate from a weather front up to 50 miles away.

AD (Activity Detector) – The “Activity Detector” is an estimate of how much time will elapse before normal activities may resume. This number will be reset every time a major excursion of energy (i.e., lightning strike) is recorded. The Activity Detector indicates the time in minutes before an “All Clear” will sound. During a storm, the A/D will reset depending upon the discharge and the energy present. The Activity Detector running time has a maximum of 10 minutes after which the system will return to the “All Clear” status.

FCC (Field Collapse Count) – The FCC represents individual electrical energy discharges within the total coverage area and is a good indication of the storm intensity.

Range – This is the total area being monitored by the THOR GUARD sensor. The Range setting may be adjusted to give a longer or shorter time interval between a “Red Alert” warning and the arrival of local lightning.

Installation

Select the Horn Location

The ideal configuration is to place the horns and strobe light next to the sensor on T-bar. Determine if this setup will meet your requirement.

The horns have been supplied with the requested cable lengths. If necessary, the length can be increased to a maximum of 40-ft, from the control box. Excessive cable lengths will reduce the audible output.

The horns are a sealed component and require no maintenance.

You are supplied with an outdoor rated strobe light with 10 - 40ft. of cable. The strobe light can be located up to 250 feet from the control box. This is a low voltage, low current device requiring +12VDC@ 800ma.

Installation

Select Sensor Location

The location of the Sensor will be dependent upon the desired location of the THORGUARDIAN enclosure, the type of existing roofing material, the design of the roof, the access to AC power, and the proximity of other equipment that may adversely affect the performance of the system. If a roof location is not possible, the sensor may be mounted on a post or pole using the T-Bar.

NOTE: SYSTEM PERFORMANCE WILL BE COMPROMISED UNLESS THE SENSOR IS MOUNTED WITH A CLEAR “VIEW” OF THE SURROUNDING SKY. ADJACENT TALL BUILDINGS CAN RESTRICT AIR FLOW, THEREBY REDUCING NOTIFICATION TIME. IF A SUITABLE LOCATION CANNOT BE FOUND, DO NOT INSTALL!

The following should be considered when locating the Sensor:

Within the cable length supplied with the sensor.

At least 10' from lightning rods.

At least 15' from (and higher than) air conditioning units, vents, fans, etc.

At least 15' from other antennas; e.g. TV, VHF, etc.

Never under overhanging trees and high power lines.

Outside a 30-degree angle from building structures or trees (trees absorb energy from “storms”).

As far as possible from electric chargers or transformers.

A metal roof is not advisable, but if necessary isolate the sensor and tripod from the roof and elevate the sensor as much as possible.

Locate high enough so that curious hands cannot inadvertently touch the sensor plate (located under the big dome).

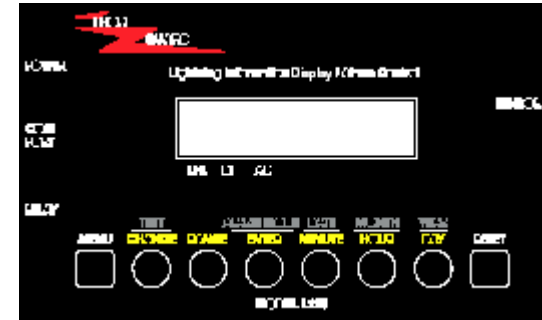
MAKE SURE THAT ANY MAST OR TRIPOD UTILIZED TO MOUNT THE SENSOR IS NOT GROUNDED.

Sensor must be accessible for regular cleaning (See “Sensor Cleaning” page xx).

If you have any questions about your location, contact THOR GUARD prior to the installation of the sensor.

Operation

Front Panel



Reset Restarts the L125 computer, turning off strobe light, and reinitializing current lighting data.

Menu Permits access to setting alarm times and specific lightning parameters.

Change / Test ... Allows user to initiate testing of the System; Permits adjustments when in the Menu mode.

Range Instant adjustment of System Sensitivity settings.

Enter Allows user to program & access the alarm times.

Alarm Mode Auto (active) to Manual Mode (inactive).


Date / Minute ... Entry used while setting clock or alarm settings.

Month / Hour ... Entry used while setting clock or alarm settings.

Year / Day Entry used while setting clock or alarm settings.

Operation

System Display Data



All Clear Pgm-Aut ()
Mar-15 Tue 1:00pm

All Clear The current hazard level of the system is displayed. The month and date are displayed until a LHL, DI and AD become active.

PGM-AUTO . The user can select from 3 modes of operation; execute the entered alarm active time, place the system in a PGM-ON mode, or disable the horns, PGM-OFF. Each mode can be accessed by pressing the **ENTER**.

LIG-EXT Whenever the Horn & Strobe Alarm active times are different, the display will indicate this.

(_)..... The L125 will check the sensor every 24 hours. After the test, the results are displayed with a single letter except on power turn on where a blank is indicated.

Test () Blank.... No Test / Power was off

Test (P) Pass sensor test in last 24 hours

Test (F) Failed sensor test

Test (H) Requires L125 Replacement

Installation

Select Control Box Location

Each system is shipped with a mounting bar and a heavy-duty tripod for attaching the horn cluster, sensor and strobe light.

The location of the THORGUARDIAN control box is determined by the accessibility of AC power, unless solar power is used. Ensure that there is reliable, clean & grounded AC power within 3-ft. of your THORGUARDIAN.

Connections to AC sources that share motors, water coolers, laser printers, or refrigerated vending machines can cause erratic operation. In this case, find alternate power sources or solar can be a viable alternative.

As an option, THORGUARDIAN can be operated where AC power is unavailable using a solar panel. It will be necessary to establish a reliable and secure ground to attach to the control box battery for the system to function correctly. Contact THOR GUARD.

The THORGUARDIAN control box is UL listed and fiberglass in construction, which permits for both outdoor and indoor mounting. The dimensions are 15.25”L x 13.5W x 7.5”H.

The sensor can be located a distance between 12-ft. to 125-ft. from the control box. A specific length of horn and sensor cable has been included with your order. After determining the sensor location is satisfactory, ensure the sensor cable length is adequate. Contact THOR GUARD if additional cable will be needed or if there will be a large amount of excessive cable.

The sensor requires periodic cleaning, therefore the selected location should be in an area where accessibility to the plate will allow for proper maintenance.

Installation

Getting Started

Complete reading of the “Installation Portion” of this manual prior to component installation will ensure the successful operation of your THORGUARDIAN LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM.

The location of the THORGUARDIAN enclosure and the horns will be determined by numerous factors. Aesthetics, serviceability, and audible coverage should govern the location for the system.

Wall mount brackets, patio stones, anchoring lag screws, and 1” threaded galvanized pipe of a correct length will include some of the items necessary to complete the installation.

Locate the control box in a secure environment for added security, and easy access for servicing components such as the battery.

PVC cement is necessary to attach the enclosed 1” threaded bushing to both the sensor and horn.

Silicon sealant or similar should be used to seal holes wherever the sensor and or horn cable passes through openings.

The sensor cable should be run connected as shipped. Shortening the cable to eliminate excess is not required or recommended. If the original selected location of the sensor is changed, resulting in an excessive amount of cable, contact THOR GUARD.

The sensor cable is an outdoors rated triaxial cable containing insulation foam. Use care and do not excessively bend or stretch cable.

NOTE!! Do not use “staples” to secure sensor cable in place.

Operation

Lightning Display Data



Warning Pgm-Aut ()
6 2.5 10 Tue 5:00pm

LHL..... Lightning Hazard Level (6), on a scale from 0 to 9, Indicates the threat of a lightning potential in the ***total area monitored.***

DI Dynamic Index (2.5) may have a value from 0.0 to 9.9. The value represents the immediate lightning threat (2.5 mile radius or less) in the area monitored. As shifts in energy occur, the DI will increase or decrease. At a value of 3.0, the RED ALERT hazard is activated and will be maintained until an All Clear level is determined.

AD Activity Detector (10) is the time in minutes before THORGUARDIAN will indicate a clear and safe environment. The beginning of a storm starts the value at 10 minutes. The 4 (four) separate hazard levels are All Clear, Caution, Warning, and Red Alert, each based on the LHL and DI values.

All Clear . There is no significant energy. This will generally indicate a safe environment.

Caution ... Normal atmosphere energy shifts are occurring and depending on the situation, may increase to a Warning.

Warning... A significant amount of energy has moved into the area being monitored. Depending on the storm, it may pass by without achieving a RED ALERT Level.

Red Alert . The conditions for a local strike are prevalent. Activities should cease and seek immediate cover. Increasing DI values increase the possibility of a local strike and increased risk.

Operation

System Operating Mode

All Clear Man - Off ()
Mar-15 Tue 1:00pm

All Clear Pgm-Aut ()
Mar-15 Tue 1:00pm

All Clear Man - On ()
Mar-15 Tue 1:00pm

The current alarm mode can be changed to accommodate cleaning of the sensor or allow extended operation of the L125. By pressing the **ALARM MODE** key, you will sequence through “Man-Off”, “Man-On”, or “PGM-AUT”.

The Man-Off mode will disable the horns & strobe. This is useful to allow cleaning of the sensor.

The Man-On mode, or extended operation, enables the horns & strobe continuously. The installed alarm program is overridden.

PGM-AUT is the normal mode the L125 should be in for unattended operation.

The L125 will remain in whatever alarm mode that the user has selected. After sensor cleaning, or extended operation, ensure the L125 is return to the PGM-AUT or PGM-Off mode for correct Operation. Pressing **RESET** will return the L125 to the specific operating mode for this time of day.

Technical Support

Questions & Answers

Question

The display switches between ALL CLEAR or CAUTION but I have a LHL of 4.0. The DI is 0.0 and there is no AD count. It has been this way for hours. What should I do?

Answer:

This is normal, as energy has moved into the area. There is no hazard at the present moment. A quantified discharge or activity must occur before THOR GUARD will trigger the AD.

THOR GUARD is programmed to discharge the sensor plate at periodic intervals. As the energy field dissipates, the LHL will return to (0).

When was the sensor last cleaned? This may indicate a sensor cleaning is due.

Question

The horns will not sound and there is lightning present. What is the cause?

Answer:

First, verify the time of the system is correct and the word “PGM-AUTO” appears on the top line of the display. The alarm hazard must be at a “RED ALERT” level for the horns to sound. Press the “blue” button on the relay board to check the horns & strobe for correct function.

Question

The Operational Light is off, what does this indicate?

Answer:

The light is off for any of several reasons which include, alarm period is off, the sensor has failed repeatedly, the L125 has failed, the battery or AC power has failed.

Technical Support

Questions & Answers

Question

A storm is present and the current time is 7:05pm. My alarm active time is 8:00am to 7:00pm. What will the system do?

Answer:

All strobe lights if on, will turn off at 7:00pm. The system will still monitor the storm, however no horns will sound. Depending on your setting, the alarm will be active. You specify the time that THOR GUARD will provide you with audio (horns) & visual (strobe alerts).

Question

A storm in our area has been active for the last 1/2 hour. The current time is 7:00am. My alarm active time is 7:00am to 7:00pm. What will the system do?

Answer:

The L125 will show the current hazard & LHL & DI values. Depending on the alarm mode, auto or man, the RED ALERT horn will sound. The strobe light will turn on.

Question

The Red light on the relay board is off. What does this mean?

Answer:

This indicates there is no voltage to charge the battery, either from the AC power or the solar panel. Check the AC system power switch, there is an internal circuit breaker, so turn off and back on to reset.

Check for the green neon light to be on. Measure the output of the black transformer. There should be 18v DC, the inside is positive and the outside is ground. The battery may be a “dead short,” remove battery cables.

Operation

Range Setting



Current Range is 12
4 6 8 10 (12) 15

THORGUARDIAN permits the user to adjust the system to compensate for specific local environments. The amount of time you require to suspend activities can be controlled.

The factory setting is (12). After several storms, and observing the performance of THORGUARDIAN, adjustments can be made to “fine tune” the hazard notification time.

The smaller the selected value will allow for a shorter amount of time to be provide before a RED ALERT is sounded. As the value is increased, a quicker hazard notification will occur.

Prior to making any adjustments, ensure the sensor is mounted in the ideal location, and that the sensor has been recently cleaned.

Cleaning of the sensor on a regular basis will provide for optimal performance.

Press the **CHANGE** and the () will move to the right. Continue until you have your selected range. Press **ENTER** to save your new range selection.

Note: If there are any DI values present, the current range value cannot be altered

Operation

Range Setting, (Cont.)

Current Front End	2
New Front End.....	2

After observing the performance of THORGURDIAN, it may be desired that the front-end response be accelerated.

Using the **CHANGE** key, the current setting can be altered.

A value of (2) is the factory setting.

A value of (1) will increase system sensitivity.

When complete, press the **ENTER** key.

Current Back End	5
New Back End.....	5

Additionally, after several storms have left your area, you may feel that excessive time has elapsed before the All Clear is sounded. The sensitivity can be adjusted.

Using the **CHANGE** key, the current setting can be altered.

A value of (5) is the factory setting.

A value of (6) will decrease the time, allowing for a quicker.

All Clear signal to be sounded.

When complete, press the **ENTER** key.

Note: If there are any DI values present, the current parameter values cannot be altered.

Technical Support

Questions & Answers

Question

How often do I clean the sensor? What liquid / chemical do I use?

Answer:

Depending on the geographic area, time of the year, & location of the sensor, the cleaning can be quarterly or semi-annual. Areas with heavy pollen may require bi-monthly. Use only *water*, and dry paper towels, as other liquids may leave a residue. Over time, you will develop the best time frame that fits your area.

Question

We need to re-locate the THOR GUARDIAN but the Sensor cable is too short. Where can I buy additional cable?

Answer:

The cable used is of a triaxial type. THOR GUARD can supply you with a section of cable having the 6-pin Din connector pre-attached. Consult your Representative or THOR GUARD.

Question

My display is out. Or the display is frozen. Where is the fuse? How do I reset the system?

Answer:

The L125 uses an internal self-resetting solid state fuse. Remove the power to the L125, Re-attach after 10 seconds. Still no display, check battery, System AC power, Red charging "LED" on relay bracket. Disconnect power transformer from relay bracket board and measure voltage; should be +18v.

Technical Support

Questions & Answers

Question

Just installed my system and after a few storms, I feel I am given too much time before the storm arrives. What can be done?

Answer:

1. The Range of your system needs to be adjusted. Refer to the Range Section of this manual and reduce the range by one value. As an example, if your range was at 12, change to 10.

Question

New installation, I have storms that are too close before I am notified. What do I do?

Answer:

1. First, make sure the Sensor has been mounted as required and sufficient airflow exists at the sensor location.
2. In some geographic areas, storms come predominantly from one direction. See if sensor placement can be relocated to maximize airflow.
3. The Range of you system needs to be increased. In the Range Section of this manual, increase the range by one value. If our range was at 10, increase to 12.

Question

New installation, the storm has left but I feel that too much time has one by before I am given the ALL CLEAR signal. Is it possible to shorten the Time?

Or the ALL CLEAR signal sounds and then within 2–5 minutes, the RED ALERT is resounded.

Answer:

There is an adjustment that can be made. We would like you to call your area representative or THOR GUARD so the correct adjustments to your system can be made.

Operation

Left Panel & Right Panel



The power for the L125, 15 - 18 volts DC, connects here and to the top of the relay bracket board.

Battery charging status, valid AC, and both Horn and Strobe control signals are connected between the L125 and the relay connection and the relay board.

A RS232 Com Port is provided to allow access of the L125 lightning data. Data is sent at 9600 baud, updating once per second.

For a visual display of the lightning, and to store lightning events in your computer, you can install THOR PC, or THOR PCNET, available from THOR GUARD.



The THOR GUARD sensor, located on the roof, connects to the sensor input. When attaching the sensor to the L125, examine the sensor connector, and insert with the recessed notch in the metal facing up. There is only one direction the connector will sit properly.

A test plug is included to facilitate testing the L125 in the event of a continuous failure of the Sensor.

Operation

Operational Light

THORGUARDIAN has incorporated an exterior Operational Light. The rated life of the LED exceeds 100,000 hours.

During the time when the alarm is active, the light on the bottom of the enclosure will illuminate. This light connects to the L125 on the right side.

In the case of repeated Sensor failures, or a failure of the L125, the Operational Light will be off.

Especially during the active storm season, it is strongly recommended that responsible individuals check the system light on a daily bases. The irregular operation of this light can indicates the immediate need for service.



Technical Support

Questions & Answers

Question

My system has been working fine. What would cause my THOR GUARDIAN system to become less sensitive?

Answer:

1. Dirty Sensor
2. New equipment installed on roof affecting sensor reception.
3. Adjacent tree has grown taller and is absorbing energy.
4. New building structure restricting airflow.
5. Grounding strap has been attached to the sensor.
6. Recent painting in the area has coated sensor.
7. Check the ground for the L125.

Question

The system goes off on a clear day. What would cause my THOR GUARDIAN to become overly sensitive?

Answer:

1. The sensor was cleaned with a cloth rag impregnated with a fluid other than water. (Sensor replacement maybe required)
2. One or more spider webs are grounding the plate and the bowls.
3. A compressor or electric motor has been located near the sensor and sharing the same AC circuit.
4. Someone has installed an energized cable along the same path (or tied) as the sensor cable.
5. Birds have nested in the sensor assembly.
6. Check for tarps located near the sensor that can charge the air.

Question

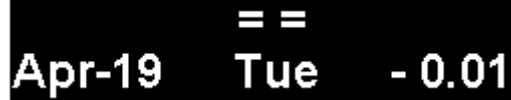
I have been passing my sensor test repeatedly, however now my system is failing the Sensor Test. What should I do?

Answer:

1. Check to see sensor plug is attached to L125 firmly.
2. Dirty Sensor, clean PVC area & sensor plate, check for spiders.
3. If consistent rain, PVC area probably too wet to allow to pass. System will still monitor for storms.
4. Try using sensor test plug, & see if sensor test passes.
5. Contact a representative or THOR GUARD if problem persists.

System Diagnostics

Sensor Diagnostic



The display shows the date and time as "Apr-19 Tue" and a numerical value of "-0.01". Above the date, there are two equals signs "==".

THORGUARDIAN allows you to monitor and see the current electrostatic energy in the atmosphere. A digital voltmeter is displayed with the ideal condition being 0.01. Some causes for a ramping of the bar graph can include a dirty or contaminated sensor, tall nearby metal poles holding energy, waving nylon tarps, high voltage electric lines nearby, or nearby irrigation electric pumps.

Press the **ENTER** key and place the L125 in the “Man – Off” mode. This will prevent the alarms activating while you check the system.

Press the **TEST** key and wait 10 seconds. The L125 will now display the current electrostatic energy. The top line is a bar graph of the voltage.

By touching the sensor plate, the bar graph will change and the LHL, DI, and AD values will update.

To exit this mode, press the **RESET**.

System Software Revision



The display shows "All Clear" and "A1225" on the top line, and "Apr-21 Thu 10:05am" on the bottom line.

The software revision and system parameters can be displayed while in the main screen pressing either the **DATE**, **MONTH**, or **YEAR** key. The letter “A” is the software, “12” is the range, “25” is the front and back parameters.

System Setup

Menu, Change, and Enter

Three (3) keys are used to alter system parameters. All changes will be stored regardless of the power status of the system until otherwise modified by the user.

“**MENU**”: This permits you to access the **SETUP MENU** for the purpose of customizing your system operation. Continue pressing **MENU** until the **EXIT** option is given then press **ENTER**.

“**CHANGE**”: This will allow you access or to make the required change in a parameter, depending on the options available.

For individual parameters, the current value that you will be changing will blink as an aid.

“**ENTER**”: This is primarily used in the alarm and strobe setup. This will cause changes to the alarm settings to be stored. You can also advance through each alarm setting, without any data entry, to verify the program you have entered is correct.

System Setup

Set Time & Date

Set Clock & Day
11:00am Mon

The display will show the current system time and day of the week. If correct values are displayed, press **MENU**.

Continuously holding down **HOUR**, **MINUTE** or the **DAY** key will allow for the value to rapidly advance.

Adjust the Hour by pressing the **MONTH / HOUR** key until correct hour is displayed. Observe that the proper AM / PM symbol has been selected.

Adjust the Minute by pressing the **DATE / MINUTE** till correct minute is displayed.

If the Day of week is correct, press **MENU**, or press **YEAR / DAY** until the correct day appears. Now press the **MENU**.

Set Month, Date, Year
03/15/05

The display will show the system current month, date, and year.

Adjust the Month by pressing the **MONTH / HOUR** until correct month is displayed.

Adjust the Date by pressing the **DATE / MINUTE** until correct date is displayed.

Select the Year by pressing **YEAR / DAY** until the correct year is displayed. Now press the **MENU** key.

System Diagnostics

Horn , Strobe, Op Test

Sensor / Diagnostic
Sen=Enter Diag=Menu

THORGUARDIAN provides you with the ability to test both the horn & strobes using the L125. The output battery status signals from the relay bracket are also displayed. Press the **TEST** key followed by the **MENU** key.

Horn & Strobe Test
Horn=Hour Strobe=Day

Horn Active
Horn=Hour Strobe=Day

Press the **HOUR** key and the horns will sound

Strobe Active
Horn=Hour Strobe=Day

Press the **DAY** key and the strobe light will illuminate.

Oper. Light On
Horn=Hour Strobe=Day

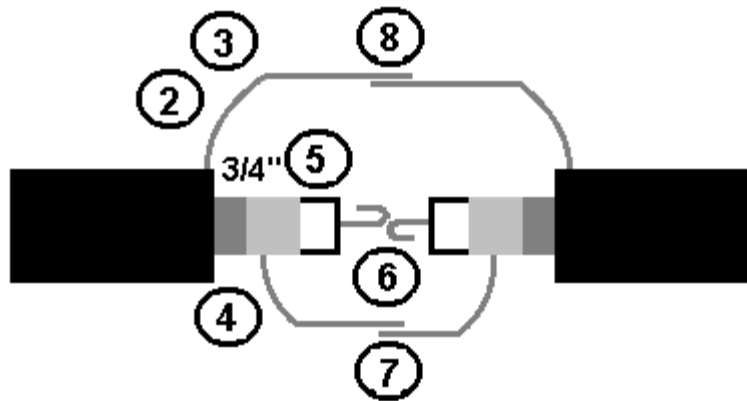
Press the **MINUTE** key and the Operation Light will illuminate.

When you test the horns, the battery voltage will be checked. The battery will indicate good whenever the voltage of the battery under load is greater than 10.5v.

Press the **TEST** key to view both the battery voltage status and the battery charging circuit .

To exit from this mode press **ENTER** or **RESET**.

System Maintenance



Sensor Cable Splice

- (1) Cut a piece of sensor cable approx. 8" long and set it aside.
- (2) Strip 3" of the black outer cover of the triaxial cable.
- (3) Push down on braided wire to loosen, then carefully separate and twist into a single, bushy piece.
- (4) Strip clear sheath leaving approx. 3/4" from the base of the braid above. Remove the aluminum foil cover. Repeat setup 3, except braid wires on opposite side.
- (5) Strip white center cable 3/4" from inner braid leaving 1" of solid copper wire exposed. Connect two center wires, ensuring both set of braids will overlap. Adjust lengths of wires if necessary.
- (6) Hook center conductors together and solder using rosin core 60/40 solder. Ensure solid connection. Tape over connection.
- (7) Make solder connection between each set of braids, leaving a smooth finish. Tape to insure good insulation and avoid contact with 2nd set of braided wires.
- (8) Repeat procedure 7 with outer braid.
- (9) Take the 8" piece of cable and tape to outside of the entire splice.
- (10) Cover splice with liberally with tape to protect from water.

System Setup

Set Alarm Active Time

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Horn Active      Pgm 1
9:00am Mon - Sun On
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This is a (7) seven event timer. You can select an alarm time Mon – Sun, Mon – Fri, Sat & Sun, and any specific day of the week. Multiple alarm times can be set to occur within the same day.

Continuously holding down a key will allow for the value to rapidly advance.

Using the **DAY** key, select the day interval. Using the **HOUR & MINUTE** key, select the time the alarm will turn on.

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Horn Active      Pgm 1
-- -- . -- --   On
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To delete a specific alarm cycle, press the **DAY** key until the display indicates --. -- for the "time on". Then press **ENTER**.

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Horn Active      Pgm 1
5:00pm Mon - Sun Off
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Using the **HOUR & MINUTE** key, select the time that the alarm will be inactive.

When complete, press the **ENTER** key.

Continue this process to enter additional alarm cycles.

When alarm entry is complete, press the **MENU** key to exit.

System Setup

Set Strobe Active Time

**Strobe Active Pgm 8
9:00am Mon-Sun On**

Due to local city ordinances, the time of sounding of the horns can be restricted. The user has the ability to program the strobe light to stay on beyond a period selected for the horns.

Once the Horn Active program has been entered or changed, the Strobe Active program for this time will be similarly set.

As an example, you can select the horns and strobe to operate between 7:00AM to 9:00PM. Then, from 9:00PM to 11:00PM the strobe light will continue to function and illuminate in the event a lightning hazard is imminent.

The display indicates the current “Strobe On” time. This will be displayed for each setting (8 -15).

Use the **HOURL** to select the “Hour Time On”. Use the **MINUTE** key to select the “Minute Time On”. Determine the days this will be active by pressing the **DAY**.

Alarm Options when pressing the **DAY** includes: Monday – Sunday, Monday – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and each day of the week. When your entry is complete, press the **ENTER** key and advance to the Strobe Off time for this setting. To exit Strobe Alarm Setting, press **MENU**.

Verify that all program settings 8 – 15 have been set properly. By continued pressing of the **ENTER** key, check for a - - : - - in each setting that will not be used.

To eliminate a particular setting, wait for - - : - - to appear when pressing the **DAY** key, then press **ENTER**. The strobe alarm for this setting, both on and off times, has been removed.

System Maintenance

Sensor Testing Procedure

**Sensor / Diagnostic
Sen=Enter Diag=Menu**

Your THOR GUARDIAN has been programmed to run a sensor test every 24 hours. If the system passes the test, the display will indicate Test (P). The test may also be run manually (unless there is storm activity) by depressing the **TEST** key on the front panel. Then press the **ENTER** key when prompted.

Be sure to set the alarm to the man mode, by pressing the **ENTER** key thereby placing the L125 in the MAN - OFF mode. Alarms sounding may occur unless this is done.

If the sensor test fails, the letter (F) will be displayed, however, the system will continue to operate with reduced sensitivity as long as the sensor cable is attached. Additional tests will automatically be performed over the next 24 hours.

If it is raining or snowing, the sensor will not pass the test until the conditions change.

Should the unit continue failing the test in a clear day.....

THE SYSTEM MAY NOT BE OPERATIONAL

Check that the Sensor connection on the side of the L125 is secure.

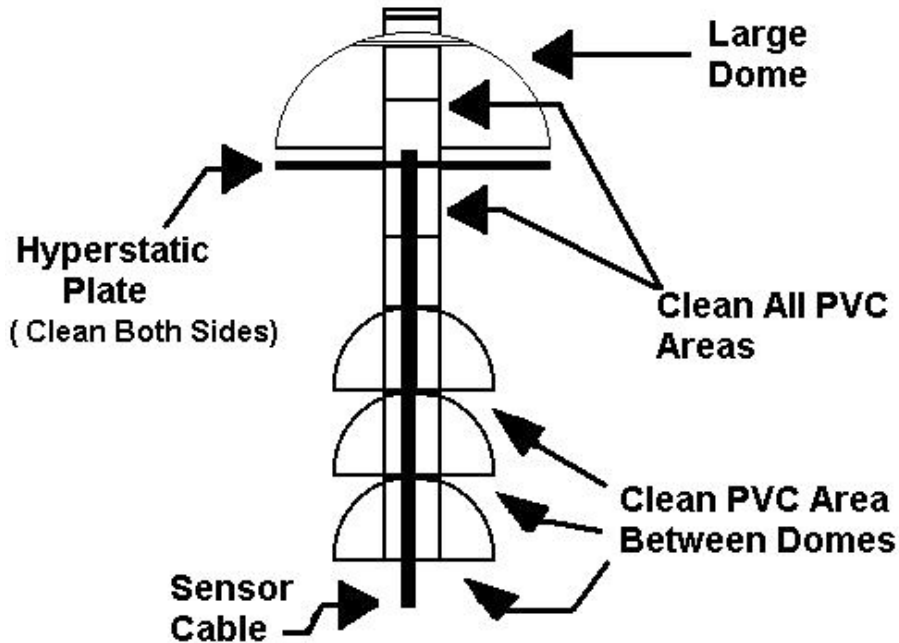
Remove L125 power, detach sensor cable and attach test plug.

Follow the procedure for cleaning the Sensor.

Run sensor test, and if test passes, remove power, re-attach sensor cable. Press **TEST**, followed by **ENTER** and run sensor test. If test fails, contact your area representative or THOR GUARD.

System Maintenance

Sensor Cleaning (Cont.)



System Setup

Set Systems Test Time

**Set System Test Time
10:00 am**

The THORGUARDIAN system will do a test on the sensor every 24 hours at a pre-selected time. The result of this test is placed on the main operation display while displaying lightning hazard data.

The time selected should make allowance for “Dew & Moisture” to have burned off. If the system fails, internal re-testing will occur attempting to get a “Test Passed” condition.

The system default is 10:00am

Continuously holding down the **HOUR** or **MINUTE** key will allow for the value to rapidly advance.

If the time is correct then, Press **MENU** or to advance to the next system setup item.

Press **HOURS** to alter the hours. Ensure the correct Am or Pm setting.

Press **MINUTES** to alter the minutes. Press **MENU** when complete.

If continued failure occurs, the Operational Light will turn off.

The system requires immediate attention to resume operations.

System Maintenance

Sensor Cleaning

THOR GUARD requires that the Sensor be cleaned and checked at regular intervals to maintain optimal performance. The local environment where the Sensor is located will dictate the interval of cleaning. Particularly during the active storm period, *monthly* cleaning may be necessary to ensure accurate lighting prediction and prudent checking of the Sensor to be free from dirt, oil, pollen, cobwebs, and bird nests should be performed. Check that the Sensor and mounting supports brackets are sufficiently secured.

All the PVC areas, especially those indicated, should be cleaned using *only water and clean paper towels*. Old rags, linen towels, or other cleaning materials may contain contaminants that will attach to the PVC, leaving a residue. Any cleaning solutions should not be used, as the Sensor sensitivity will be compromised. Allow time for the PVC to dry prior to initiating a System Test.

Both sides of the hyper-static plate should be cleaned. Remove any foreign objects that have become attached to the plate and cobwebs that maybe present between bowls and plate.

The domes may discolor with time. This is normal and will not affect the operation of the system. The cleaning of the exterior surface of the domes is unnecessary.

To allow optimal performance, the sensor requires periodic cleaning. During particular times of the year, bi-weekly or monthly cleaning may be necessary.

All the PVC area, especially those indicated, should be cleaned with new damp paper towels. Old rags, or other cleaning materials may contain contaminants that will attach to the PVC, leaving a residue. Allow PVC to dry or use dry paper towels before re-testing.

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