SERIES 65 IONISATION SMOKE DETECTOR



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OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The detector has a moulded self-extinguishing white polycarbonate case with wind resistant smoke inlets. Nickel plated stainless steel wiper contacts connect the detector to the base.

Inside the detector case a printed circuit board has the ionisation chamber mounted on one side and the signal processing electronics on the other. The ionisation chamber consists of a reference chamber contained inside a smoke chamber (Fig. 1). The outer smoke chamber has inlet apertures fitted with insect resistant mesh. The radioactive source holder and smoke chamber form positive and negative electrodes respectively.

An Americium 241 radioactive source mounted within the reference chamber irradiates the air in both chambers, producing positive and negative ions. A voltage across the electrodes produces an electric field. Ions are attracted to the electrode of the opposite sign to their own charge. Many recombine but a small electric current flows between the electrodes. At the junction between reference and smoke chambers the sensing electrode converts variations in chamber current into voltage changes.

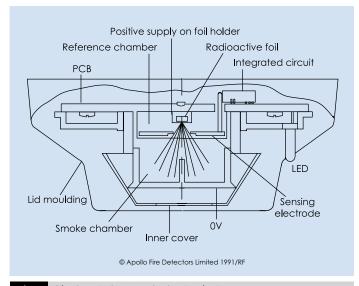
When smoke particles enter the ionisation chamber ions become attached to them with the result that the current flowing through the chambers decreases. This effect is greater in the smoke chamber than in the reference chamber, and the imbalance causes the sensing electrode to become more positive.

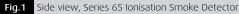
The voltage at the sensing electrode is fed to a comparator where it is compared with a factory-set clean air reference voltage. If the monitored voltage exceeds the reference voltage, the comparator switches the alarm latch on, increasing the current drawn from the supply from about 40µA to a maximum of 75mA. This fall in the impedance of the detector is recognised by the control panel as an alarm signal. The alarm latch current also illuminates the detector integral LED. A remote indicator connected between the L1 IN terminal and the –R terminal will have a voltage equal to the supply voltage less 1 volt across it and so will illuminate. See page 17 for details of the remote indicator.

To ensure correct operation of the detector the control panel must be arranged to supply a maximum of 33 volts DC and a minimum of 9 volts DC in normal operation.

The supply may fall to 6 volts DC in alarm conditions if a supply current of at least 10mA is available at this voltage. To ensure effective illumination of the integral LED and any remote indicator, the supply to the detector should exceed 12 volts.

To restore the detector to quiescent condition, it is necessary to expel any smoke and interrupt the electrical supply to the detector for a minimum of one second.





INTEGRATING VERSION

Circuitry in the Integrating Ionisation Smoke Detector protects against transient levels of smoke above the normal threshold level for 10 to 20 seconds. The sensitivity of the detector is not affected by this modification.

OPTIONS

(Apply to standard and integrating versions)

- 1. Flashing LED: The alarm indicating LED flashes when the detector is in a quiescent state.
- Magnetic test switch and Flashing LED: A magnetic test switch in the circuit of the detector can be magnetically activated from outside the case to initiate an alarm condition for test and commissioning purposes. A flashing LED, as outlined above, is also included.

SAFETY NOTE

In the United Kingdom, ionisation smoke detectors are subject to the requirements of the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 and to the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 made under the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The detectors, independently tested by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB), conform to all the requirements specified in the 'Recommendations for ionisation smoke detectors in implemetation of radiation standards' published by the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 1977.

There is no limit to the number of ionisation smoke detectors which may be installed in any fire protection system within the United Kingdom. See Certificate of Approval no. TA1 issued by the Health & Safety Executive for further details.

Storage regulations depend on local standards and legislation, but, in the UK, the number of ionisation smoke detectors in any building or premises shall be less than 500. See Certificate of Approval no. TA3 of 1999 issued by the Health & Safety Executive for further details.

At the end of their recommended working life of ten years, ionisation smoke detectors should be returned to Apollo for safe disposal or disposed of in an otherwise locally approved and environmentally safe manner. Please see "A guide to the care, maintenance and servicing of Apollo products", PP2055.

Guidance on storage and handling can be given by Apollo Fire Detectors and full details can be requested from:

Radioactive Substances Regulation Function Environment Agency Rio House Waterside Drive Aztec West, Almondsbury Bristol BS32 4UD

Outside the UK, please contact the relevant national agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Series 65 ionisation smoke detectors operate over a temperature range of -20°C to +60°C.

Ionisation detectors have some sensitivity to air movement (wind). The extent to which the sensor output will change depends on the wind speed and on the orientation of the detector relative to the wind direction. Relatively small changes in wind direction can cause significant changes in sensor output.

For wind speeds up to 1m/s (200ft/min) sensitivity will change by less than 20%. Continuous operation in wind speeds greater than 2m/s (400ft/min) is not recommended. However, wind speeds up to 10m/s (2000ft/min) can be tolerated for short periods and will not under any conditions increase the probability of false alarms.

Series 65 ionisation smoke detectors are supplied in individual packing with a red lid serving as a dust cover which can be left in place after fitting to prevent ingress of foreign material until commissioning of the system takes place. At this point the covers must be removed.



TECHNICAL DATA

Specifications are typical and given at 23°C and 50% relative humidity unless specified otherwise.

Detector Type: Point type smoke detector for fire detection and alarm systems for buildings

Detection Principle: Ionisation chamber

Chamber Configuration: Twin compensating chambers using one single-sided ionising radiation source

Radioactive Isotope: Americium 241

Activity: 33.3 k Bq, 0.9 μCi

Supply Wiring: Two wire monitored supply, polarity insensitive

Terminal Functions:

L1 IN and L2: supply in connections (polarity insensitive) L1 OUT and L2: supply out connections (polarity insensitive). -R:

remote indicator negative connection

Supply Voltage: 9 to 33V DC

Ripple Voltage: 2V peak to peak maximum at 0.1Hz to 100kHz

Quiescent Current: 20–45µA at 24V

Switch-on Surge Current: 110µA

Alarm Voltage: 6 to 33V

Normal Alarm Current: 61mA at 28V 52mA at 24V 18mA at 10V

Alarm Indicator: Red, Light Emitting Diode (LED)

Design Alarm Load: 420 Ω in series with a 2V drop

Holding Voltage: 6V (min)

Holding Current: 10mA (min)

Minimum Voltage Required to Illuminate Indicator: 12V

Alarm Reset Voltage: 1V Alarm Reset Time: 1 second

Remote Output Characteristics: Remote is a current sink to the negative line limited to 17mA

Calibration: Factory set to ΔV of 0.8V

Sensitivity: Nominal threshold Y value of 0.7 to EN 54-7: 2000

Temperature Range:Maximum continuousoperating temperature60°CMinimum continuous60°Coperating temperature0°CMinimum operating0°Ctemperature-20°C(no condensation or icing)Storage-30°C to +80°C

Temperature Compensation: Automatic compensation by dual chambers to comply with EN 54–7: 2000 across the operating temperature range

Humidity: 0% to 95% relative humidity (no condensation)

Atmospheric Pressure:

Automatic compensation by dual chambers to maintain sensitivity up to a height of 2000m

Wind Speed: 10m/s maximum

IP Rating: 23D in accordance with BS EN 60529

EMC, approvals and regulatory compliance: Refer to Page 18 of this document

Dimensions:(dia. x height)Detector:100x42mmDetector in Base:100x50mm

Weights:Detector:102gDetector in Base:153g

Materials:

Detector housing: White polycarbonate rated V-0 in accordance with UL 94. Terminals: Nickel plated stainless steel



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