Advanced

AlarmCalm

Complete False Alarm Management

Verification

Investigation

Reduction

AlarmCalm is the Unparalleled False Alarm Management Solution from Advanced.

AlarmCalm is powerful and flexible. It's simple to install and easy to configure, even with complicated cause and effect.

It's the best-in-class solution for optimal False Alarm Management, (FAM):

A Fast Fire System

Advanced is famous for the performance and speed of its panels and networking which provide the foundation for complete, high-performance FAM.

Operating at exceptionally high speeds, AlarmCalm's sophisticated verification and investigation delay technology ensures the maximum possible time available to check if an alarm is genuine.

Intelligent Alarm Acknowledgement Devices

The AlarmCalm button is an optional element within our AlarmCalm system. It allows the residents of a building to verify and acknowledge false alarms, one of the most potent methods of false alarm reduction.

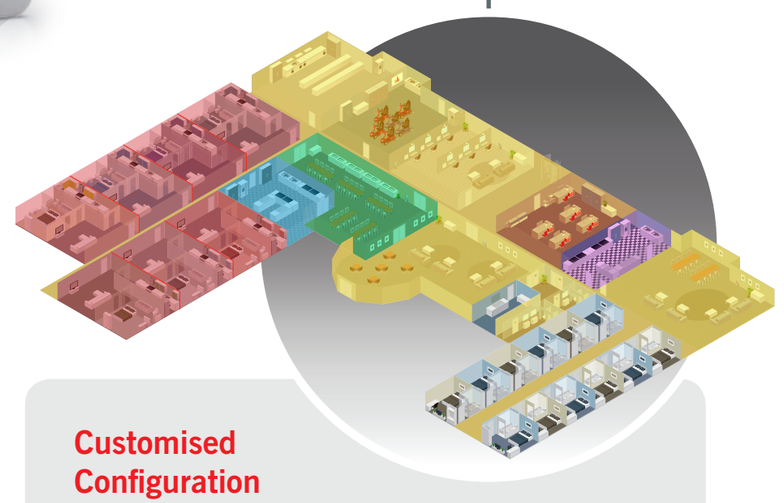
The AlarmCalm button is a fully intelligent loop device. It's compatible with a standard, UK single-gang backbox and installation is quick, inexpensive and looks good. As it's intelligent, the button offers multiple configuration options.

The Complicated Made Easy

Complete FAM often involves complicated cause and effect.

The AlarmCalm area of our DynamixTools software makes it quick and easy to set up a vast array of investigation and verification options, customised to your exact needs – in just a few clicks.

For customers, software updates and training are free.



Customised Configuration

We give you complete control over the way you configure your FAM. Our programming allows you to quickly and easily create virtual 'building areas', independent of fire zones, for greater precision in FAM design.

Each building area can have entirely independent false alarm management strategies, or can be grouped and share common settings.

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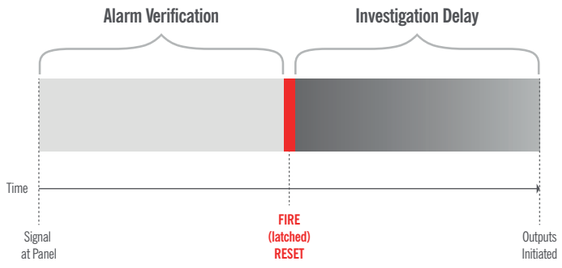
AlarmCalm

Complete, Advanced False Alarm Management

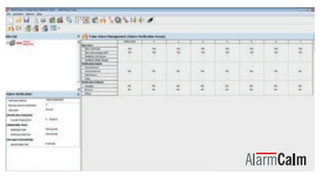
Complete FAM: Alarm Verification & Investigation Delay

False Alarm Management (FAM) is built around configurable time periods that occur either side of a latched fire condition. Alarm verification (type A not displayed and type B displayed) takes place before the fire condition is latched; investigation delays to outputs occur after the fire condition is latched on the panel. They both offer significant but different FAM options and both are managed in the same way in our software, to maximise ease of use and speed of configuration.



Verification and investigation comprise the two stages of complete false alarm management. Both are handled separately but configured in the same simple, powerful way using our AlarmCalm software.

Configuration



AlarmCalm's configuration is simple. In our Dynamix Tools Config software, there's a new programming tab where all FAM configuration takes place.

Settings are managed via simple yes/no matrices and even complicated configurations can be achieved in very few clicks.

Building Areas

Our Dynamix Tools Config software operates FAM via 'Building Areas'. These are virtual areas that by default match fire zones but can be specified independently, to cover multiple zones and points or individual points.

Each Advanced MxPro 5 or Axis panel supports 200 Building Areas, (so up to 40,000 over a large network). Each Building Area can have entirely independent FAM strategies, or can be grouped and share common settings.

Unlimited Points in Building Area

To facilitate quick set-up, the Building Area assigned for each device will automatically be set as the device's zone number. However, the Building Area can also be freely assigned for each point on a panel – and as such every detector, call point, input and output can be allocated to a different Building Area.

There is no restriction on the number of points or devices in a Building Area. Each can contain any option - from one detector and sounder, to every device on a panel.

Verification Types

Two kinds of verification methods are allowed on the Advanced fire network.

Type A (Not Displayed)

Allows any qualifying detector to go into alarm for up to 60 seconds without it causing a fire. The panel will not display the alarm during the verification period.

Type B (Displayed)

Delivers great flexibility on every aspect of the verification time and methods, and allows full programming of outputs and visual warnings during the verification period. The alarm location is displayed at the panel and on any associated remote terminals throughout the verification period.

Verification by Building Area

It is sometimes necessary to have different verification strategies for different Building Areas. With up to 200 Building Areas per panel, configuration could be complicated, but with AlarmCalm it's incredibly simple.

AlarmCalm allows Building Area configuration to be set by individual area or by 'other areas'. In 'other areas', simply enter the parameters that apply to most Building Areas, and then add parameters for the individual areas.

Example configuration:
In a 50-apartment, multi-occupancy building, all apartments have the same verification requirements but need to function independently. Escape corridors are not allowed any verification.

Solution:
Group all the apartments into 'other areas' and apply the verification settings. Configure the escape corridors separately without verification. In a few clicks the whole building is configured.

Simultaneous Verification Rules

Verification can occur simultaneously in multiple areas. Users can set the maximum number of Building Areas in verification at any one time before a full fire condition is indicated.

Day and Night Settings

Different false alarm strategies can be programmed depending on time of day, or day of week, using the programmable time clocks available in the Dynamix Tools Config software.

For example, different verification settings can be applied during the day and night and investigation delays can be programmed to be in use at different days/times.

Each time clock works on seven-day weeks, allowing different verification or investigation delay strategies to be activated during weekdays, on the weekend and during the day and night.

Verification Mode

AlarmCalm allows devices that support multiple sensitivity modes to verify an alarm using different settings. For example, combined optical/heat detectors can change to heat-only mode to verify the alarm. You can also alter these settings based on day/time.

Multiple Verification Options

The verification strategy for each Building Area is highly flexible. The following options are supported:

- **Allow verification: Yes/no**
- **Extend verification period/silence verification outputs using an AlarmCalm button**
- **Verified by second device within the same Building Area**
- **Verified by mode change e.g. an optical/heat detector can confirm fire if it confirms a signal in both smoke and heat modes.**

Multiple Verification Inputs

Verification can be set quickly according to device type in each Building Area. Heat, smoke, multi-sensors and other inputs (call points or any input modules) can be used as verification inputs and set by all devices of each type – or individually per device.

Multiple Verification Outputs

Sounders, beacons and relays in each Building Area can be operated during the verification period and can be quickly set by all devices of each type or individually by point.

Multiple Verification Timers

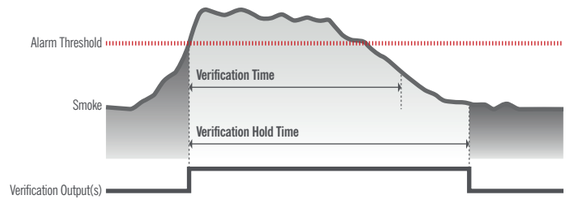
With Type B (Displayed) alarm verification, AlarmCalm delivers a number of adjustable timing parameters. The verification time starts from the instant the smoke in a detector increases above alarm threshold or any other applicable input device is activated.

The panel will turn on any programmed verification outputs for the Building Area during the verification time.

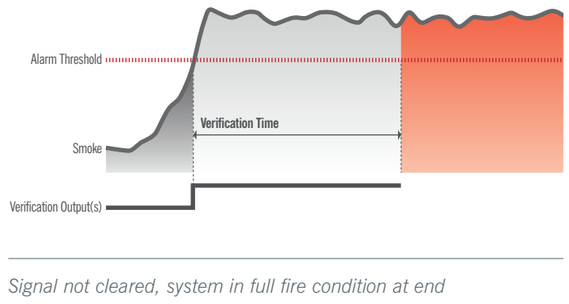
Verification hold time helps ensure that transient signals are displayed on the panel long enough to be acknowledged and investigated, but still trigger full alarm conditions when necessary.

If the alarm signal clears before the verification time period has elapsed, the system returns to normal operation after the verification hold time elapses. This can be more or less than the verification time.

If the smoke or signal from a device remains above the alarm threshold when the verification time elapses, the panel will go immediately into full alarm condition.



Signal cleared before verification time expires – no signal. Without verification hold time the panel would return to normal as soon as the signal dropped below alarm threshold.



Signal not cleared, system in full fire condition at end of verification time.

Sounder Ringing Style

Sounders can be programmed to turn on using different ring styles to distinguish each stage of the verification or investigation delay periods.

Investigation Delays to Outputs

Output delays are managed in AlarmCalm in exactly the same way as verification delays, and with the same degree of flexibility. Day/night settings can be applied, as can the maximum number of Building Areas to be investigated. Delayed alarm inputs can be set quickly by all devices of each type, or individually by point.

Delays to Output by Building Area

Cancel on coincidence can be set by Building Area allowing a second device in the same building area to override the delay. The maximum number of building areas to be investigated at any one time can be set, allowing full fire conditions to be activated more precisely than ever before.

Global Acknowledgement

Panel inputs (e.g. a button on the panel) can be configured to extend the verification period, regardless of the Building Area in verification or output delay.

Options include:

- **Alarm verification only**
  Verification alarm in any Building Area is acknowledged without any effect on verification outputs.
- **Alarm verification with silence**
  Verification alarm in any Building Area is acknowledged and outputs are turned off.
- **Delaying outputs/verification**
  Dual function acknowledges both investigation delay and verification alarms.

False Alarm Management and Networks

Each panel is configured with its own verification strategy allowing each panel's strategy to be changed without affecting the network.

By default, all network nodes will be aware of verification alarms occurring at other nodes.

The effects of this can be limited:

- **Network display of verification can be suppressed**
- **Maximum areas in verification can be monitored network-wide**
- **Global alarm acknowledgement from other panels can be included or excluded by sector.**

Full Event Log

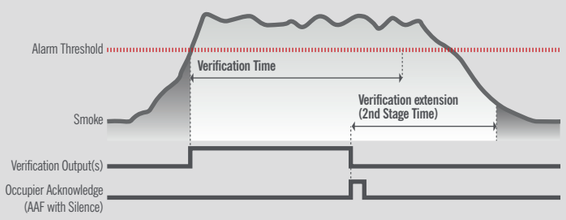
All verifications and delays are recorded in panel event logs.

Intelligent Alarm Acknowledgement

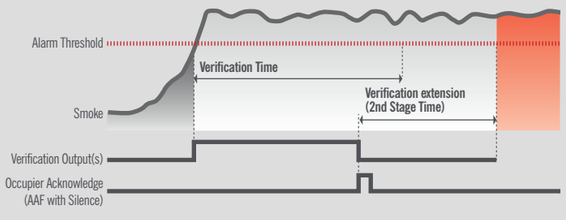
The AlarmCalm Button is a fully-intelligent loop device. It allows building occupants to acknowledge a fire alarm signal locally – for example, if they believe a smoke detector has signaled an alarm because of burnt toast or water vapour from a shower.

The AlarmCalm button extends the verification time set in the Building Area by a specified amount, giving time for any transient signal to clear.

Upon activation, the AlarmCalm button starts a pre-programmed second stage time that extends the verification time set in the Building Area by a specified amount. This gives time for any transient signal to clear.



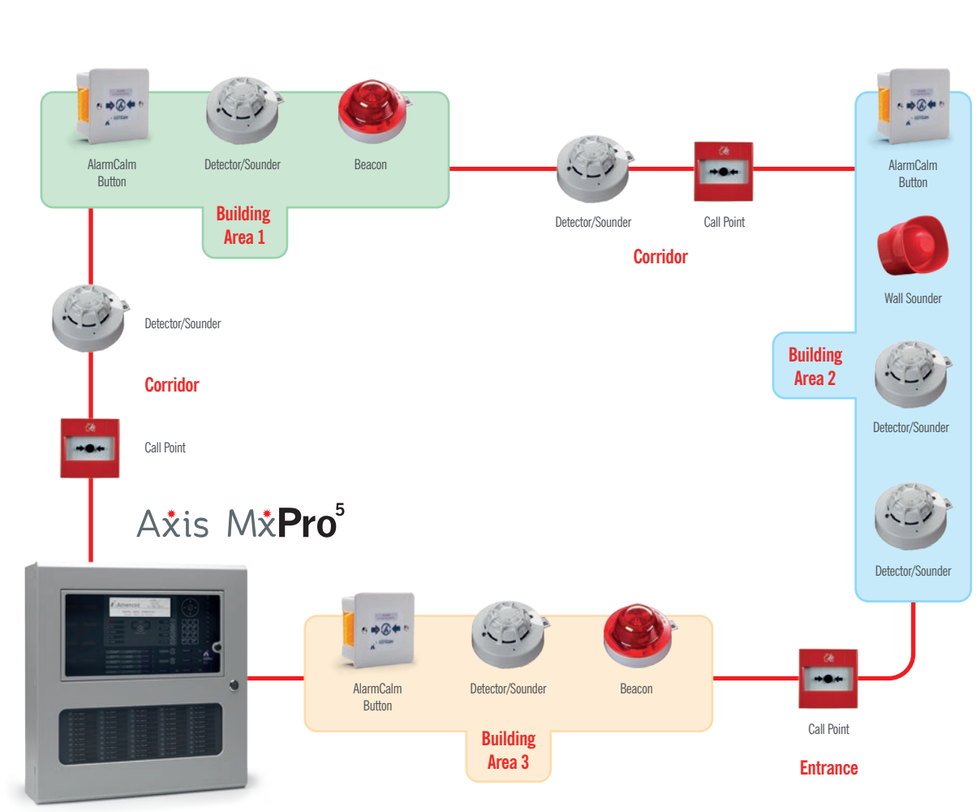
2nd Stage Verification Time started on activation of AlarmCalm Button. Signal drops below alarm threshold before end of 2nd Stage Time. System returns to Normal.



Signal remains above alarm threshold at end of 2nd Stage Time. System enters full alarm condition.

The AlarmCalm Button is highly flexible and easily installed and configured:

- **Push button operation**
- **Customisable slide-in label**
- **Acknowledge signal and silence verification outputs (sounders, strobes, modules)**
- **LED pulse on stage one activation, constant on AlarmCalm Button activation**
- **Programmable AlarmCalm Button buzzer on activation**
- **Set different sounder ring styles for each event/time period**
- **Day/night/day of week operation by time clocks**
- **Verification by second device or mode change**
- **Programmable maximum number of AlarmCalm Buttons in operation before full fire condition signaled**
- **All time periods user defined**
- **Compatible with standard single gang UK electrical back box**
- **Compatible with Advanced's MxPro 5 and Axis fire systems**
- **Wiring terminations suitable for all Advanced-recommended loop cables.**



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