

# CONTROL TIPS

A FIREX® INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

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## ALARM SELECTION TIPS

### **FireX® Alarm – Item 4518 with back load battery**

- Tamper proof for apartment or dormitory applications.
- Locking key allows the landlord to lock each unit.
- False Alarm Control – Allows the homeowner to stop annoying false alarms.
- Latching LED – Allows contractor/homeowner to identify the unit that initiated the alarm (RED LED blinks three times every minute).
- Low battery indicator – Identifies the unit by chirping every 40 to 60 seconds
- Uses the same base plate and pigtail as all other FireX AC/DC units.

### **FireX® Alarm – Item 4618 with front load battery**

- Ease of installation – Contractor doesn't touch the battery.
- False Alarm Control – Allows the homeowner to stop annoying false alarms.
- Latching LED – Allows contractor/homeowner to identify the unit that initiated the alarm (RED LED blinks three times every minute).
- Front load battery – Allows the homeowner to access and change the battery easily.
- Safety issue – Door remains open if battery is removed and not replaced.
- Low battery indicator – Identifies the unit by chirping every 40 to 60 seconds.
- Ramp-up horn – When testing, sounds two reduced-volume chirps before entering full alarm mode.
- Uses the same base plate and pigtail as all other FireX AC/DC units.

### **FireX® Alarm – Item 5000 with front load battery**

- Ease of installation – Contractor doesn't touch the battery.
- False Alarm Control – Allows the homeowner to stop annoying false alarms.
- Latching LED – Allows contractor/homeowner to identify the unit that initiated the alarm (RED LED blinks three times every minute).
- Front load battery – Allows the homeowner to access and change the battery easily.
- Safety issue – Door remains open if battery is removed and not replaced.
- Low battery indicator – Identifies the unit by chirping every 40 to 60 seconds.
- Ramp-up horn – When testing, sounds two reduced-volume chirps before entering full alarm mode.
- Alkaline battery – Provides two plus years on the battery.
- 10 year warranty
- Uses the same base plate and pigtail as all other FireX AC/DC units.

**Problem: Homeowner calls contractor reporting annoying false alarms with interconnected units.**

**Current solution:** Contractor spends anywhere from \$50 to \$100 sending out a service truck. In most cases, the units have stopped false alarming by the time service arrives, so all 6-8 units must be replaced, adding to the contractor's costs.

**Solution with FireX® Smoke Alarms 4518, 4618, and 5000:** Solve the problem from your desk!

- Ask the homeowner to locate the unit with the red LED blinking 3 times per minute.
- When the homeowner locates the flashing unit, instruct them to press the button in the middle of the unit to reset the blinking light (a broom handle should be long enough to accomplish this in most instances).
- Ask the homeowner if the unit is located near the bathroom or kitchen.
- If the homeowner answers that it is, you know exactly what to do – go to the home, and replace just that unit with a photoelectric alarm.
- Problem solved, and better yet, you save roughly \$200 in unnecessary service time!

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