

FLEX4EX2

Instruction Manual (MRX)



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1. Introduction

The **Flex EX2** radio remote control systems are designed for control of industrial equipment and machinery such as overhead traveling cranes, jib cranes, gantry cranes, tower cranes, electric hoists, winches, monorails, conveyor belts, mining equipment, and all other material handling equipment where wireless control is preferred.

Each **Flex EX2** system consists of a transmitter handset and a receiver unit. Other standard-equipped accessories include transmitter waist belt, vinyl pouch, pushbutton labels, LED labels, output cable and instruction manual CD.

List of notable features include:

- * **Advanced Controls** – the system utilizes dual advanced microprocessor controls with 32bit CRC and Hamming Code, providing ultra fast, safe, precise, and error-free encoding and decoding.
- * **Frequency Hopping RF Transceiver** – the system automatically search-and-lock onto a free and uninterrupted channel at every system startup or during operation when encountering radio interference. The system is also capable of two-way communication between the transmitter and receiver and as well as receiver to receiver with system status and relay output feedbacks.
- * **Programmable Transmitter Access Card (TAC)** – the optional transmitter access card feature (TAC) further guard against any unauthorized personnel from operating the transmitter. The TAC can also be individually programmed unlocking any specific function or functions on the transmitter allowing a more experienced or qualified user to operate. TAC function is not available on the 4-button Flex 4ES/EX2 models.
- * **Zero-G Sensor Imbedded** – the transmitter is embedded with a Zero-G sensor to guard against any unintended control of the crane or equipment when transmitter is thrown or dropped.
- * **Wireless Remote Pairing Function** – system information can be transferred wirelessly between two transmitters or between a transmitter and a receiver without the hassle of resetting the spares.
- * **Reliable Pushbuttons** – the pushbuttons have gold plated contacts and are rated for more than two million press cycles. The defined snap-action steps provide positive tactile feedback even wearing gloves.
- * **Low Power Consumption** – requires only two “AA” alkaline batteries for more than 150 hours of uninterrupted operation between replacements.
- * **Durable Nylon and Fiberglass Composite Enclosures** – highly resistance to breakage and deformation even in the most abusive environments. The receiver enclosures and output cables are UL94-V0 rated. The transmitter and receiver enclosures are IP66 rated.
- * **Full Compliance** – all systems are fully complied with the FCC Part-15 Rules and European Safety Standards.
- * **Other Optional Accessories and Features** – transmitter magnet mount, transmitter belt clip, transmitter lanyard, transmitter rubber guard, miniature indicator light and buzzer, charging station, plugin charger, external antenna kit, multiple-receiver function, and many others.

2. Radio Controlled Safety

WARNINGS and CAUTIONS

Throughout this document WARNING and CAUTION statements have been deliberately placed to highlight items critical to the protection of personnel and equipment.

WARNING – A warning highlights an essential operating or maintenance procedure, practice, etc. which if not strictly observed, could result in injury or death of personnel, or long term physical hazards. Warnings are highlighted as shown below:



WARNING

CAUTION – A caution highlights an essential operating or maintenance procedure, practice, etc. which if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of equipment, or loss of functional effectiveness. Cautions are highlighted as shown below:



CAUTION

WARNINGS and CAUTIONS SHOULD NEVER BE DISREGARDED.

The safety rules in this section are not intended to replace any rules or regulations of any applicable local, state, or federal governing organizations. Always follow your local lockout and tagout procedure when maintaining any radio equipment. The following information is intended to be used in conjunction with other rules or regulations already in existence. It is important to read all of the safety information contained in this section before installing or operating the Radio Control System.

2.1 CRITICAL INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS



WARNING

PRIOR TO INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT, READ AND DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS MANUAL AND THE OPERATION MANUAL OF THE EQUIPMENT OR DEVICE TO WHICH THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE INTERFACED. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

ALL EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE A MAINLINE CONTACTOR INSTALLED AND ALL TRACKED CRANES, HOISTS, LIFTING DEVICES AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE A BRAKE INSTALLED. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

AN AUDIBLE AND/OR VISUAL WARNING MEANS MUST BE PROVIDED ON ALL REMOTE-CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED BY CODE, REGULATION, OR INDUSTRY STANDARD. THESE AUDIBLE AND/OR VISUAL WARNING DEVICES MUST MEET ALL GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL LOCKOUT TAGOUT PROCEDURE BEFORE MAINTAINING ANY REMOTE-CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT. ALWAYS REMOVE ALL ELECTRICAL POWER FROM THE CRANE, HOIST, LIFTING DEVICE OR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY INSTALLATION PROCEDURES. DE-ENERGIZE AND TAGOUT ALL SOURCES OF ELECTRICAL POWER BEFORE TOUCH-TESTING ANY EQUIPMENT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

THE DIRECT OUTPUTS OF THIS PRODUCT ARE NOT DESIGNED TO INTERFACE DIRECTLY TO TWO STATE SAFETY CRITICAL MAINTAINED FUNCTIONS, I.E., MAGNETS, VACUUM LIFTS, PUMPS, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, ETC. A MECHANICALLY LOCKING INTERMEDIATE RELAY SYSTEM WITH SEPARATE POWER CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE PROVIDED. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

2.2 GENERAL

Radio controlled material handling equipment operates in several directions. Cranes, hoists, lifting devices and other material handling equipment can be large, and operate at high speeds. Quite frequently, the equipment is operated in areas where people are working in close proximity to the material handling equipment. **The operator must exercise extreme caution at all times.** Workers must constantly be alert to avoid accidents. The following recommendations have been included to indicate how careful and thoughtful actions may prevent injuries, damage to equipment, or even save a life.

2.3 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE RADIO CONTROLLED CRANES

Only properly trained persons designated by management should be permitted to operate radio controlled equipment.

Radio controlled cranes, hoists, lifting devices and other material handling equipment should not be operated by any person who cannot read or understand signs, notices and operating instructions that pertain to the equipment.

Radio controlled equipment should not be operated by any person with insufficient eyesight or hearing or by any person who may be suffering from a disorder or illness, is taking any medication that may cause loss of equipment control, or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

2.4 SAFETY INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED TRAINING FOR RADIO CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Anyone being trained to operate radio controlled equipment should possess as a minimum the following knowledge and skills before using the radio-controlled equipment.

The operator should:

- have knowledge of hazards pertaining to equipment operation
- have knowledge of safety rules for radio-controlled equipment
- have the ability to judge distance of moving objects
- know how to properly test prior to operation
- be trained in the safe operation of the radio transmitter as it pertains to the crane, hoist, lifting device or other material handling equipment being operated
- have knowledge of the use of equipment warning lights and alarms
- have knowledge of the proper storage space for a radio control transmitter when not in use
- be trained in transferring a radio control transmitter to another person
- be trained how and when to report unsafe or unusual operating conditions
- test the transmitter emergency stop and all warning devices prior to operation; testing should be done on each shift, without a load
- be thoroughly trained and knowledgeable in proper and safe operation of the crane, hoist, lifting device, or other material handling equipment that utilizes the radio control
- know how to keep the operator and other people clear of lifted loads and to avoid “pinch” points
- continuously watch and monitor status of lifted loads
- know and follow cable and hook inspection procedures
- know and follow the local lockout and tagout procedures when servicing radio-controlled equipment
- know and follow all applicable operating and maintenance manuals, safety procedures, regulatory requirements, and industry standards and codes

The operator shall not:

- lift or move more than the rated load
- operate the material handling equipment if the direction of travel or function engaged does not agree with what is indicated on the controller
- use the crane, hoist or lifting device to lift, support or transport people
- lift or carry any loads over people
- operate the crane, hoist or lifting device unless all persons, including the operator, are and remain clear of the supported load and any potential pinch points
- operate a crane, hoist or lifting device when the device is not centered over the load
- operate a crane, hoist or lifting device if the chain or wire rope is not seated properly in the sprockets, drum or sheave
- operate any damaged or malfunctioning crane, hoist, lifting device or other material handling equipment

- change any settings or controls without authorization and proper training
- remove or obscure any warning or safety labels or tags
- leave any load unattended while lifted
- leave power on the radio-controlled equipment when the equipment is not in operation
- operate any material handling equipment using a damaged controller because the unit may be unsafe
- operate manual motions with other than manual power
- operate radio-controlled equipment when low battery indicator is on



WARNING

THE OPERATOR SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR ANY RADIO CONTROLLER. IF ANY PRODUCT PERFORMANCE OR SAFETY CONCERNS ARE OBSERVED, THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE AND BE REPORTED TO THE SUPERVISOR. DAMAGED AND INOPERABLE RADIO CONTROLLER EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ARC FOR EVALUATION AND REPAIR. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

2.5 TRANSMITTER UNIT

Transmitter switches should never be mechanically blocked ON or OFF. When not in use, the operator should turn the transmitter OFF. A secure storage space should be provided for the transmitter unit, and the transmitter unit should always be placed there when not in use. This precaution will help prevent unauthorized people from operating the material handling equipment.

Spare transmitters should be stored in a secure storage space and only removed from the storage space after the current transmitter in use has been turned OFF, taken out of the service area and secured.

2.6 PRE-OPERATION TEST

At the start of each work shift, or when a new operator takes control of the crane, operators should do, as a minimum, the following steps before making lifts with any crane or hoist:

Test all warning devices.

Test all direction and speed controls.

Test the transmitter emergency stop.

2.7 BATTERIES



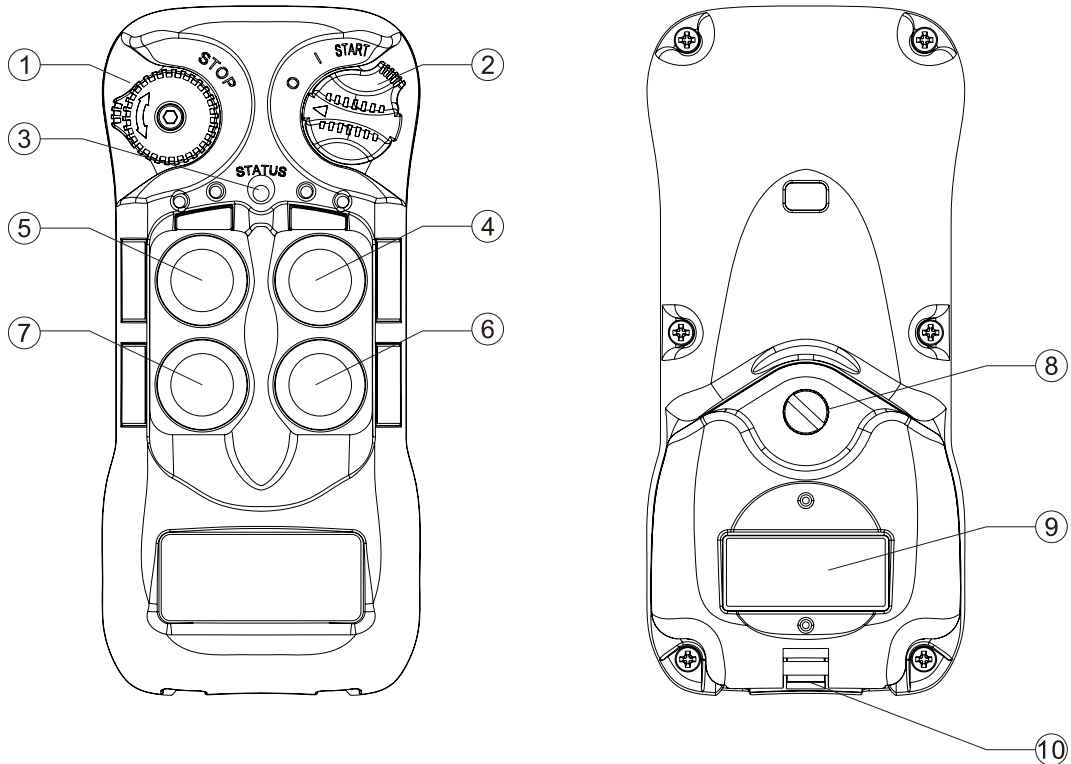
WARNING

KNOW AND FOLLOW PROPER BATTERY HANDLING, CHARGING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES. IMPROPER BATTERY PROCEDURES CAN CAUSE BATTERIES TO EXPLODE OR DO OTHER SERIOUS DAMAGE. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.

3. General System Information

3.1 Transmitter

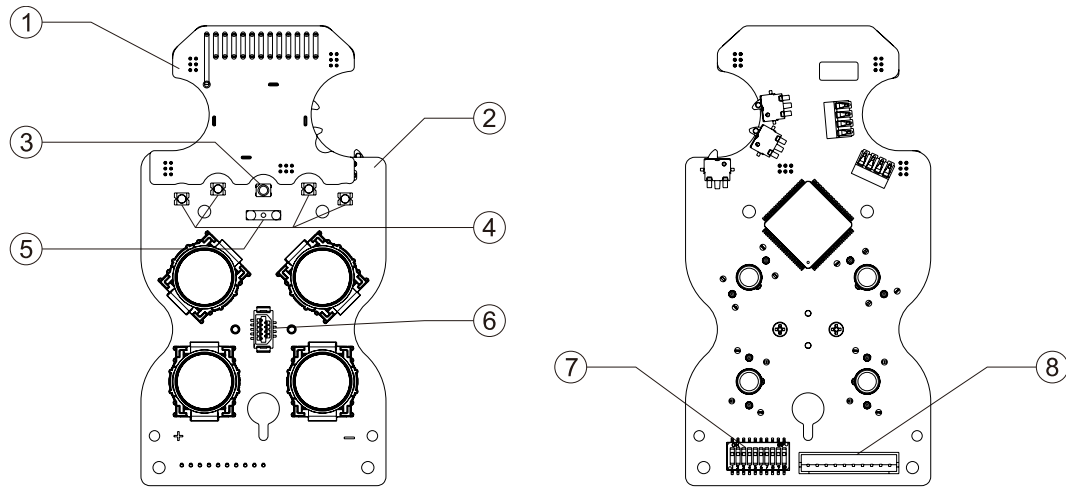
3.1.1 External Illustration



- 1. STOP Button
- 2. Power Key Switch
- 3. Status LED Indicator
- 4. Pushbutton 1 (PB1)
- 5. Pushbutton 2 (PB2)
- 6. Pushbutton 3 (PB3)

- 7. Pushbutton 4 (PB4)
- 8. Battery Cover Screw
- 9. System Information
- 10. Lanyard and Waist Belt Attachment Slot

3.1.2 Internal Illustration

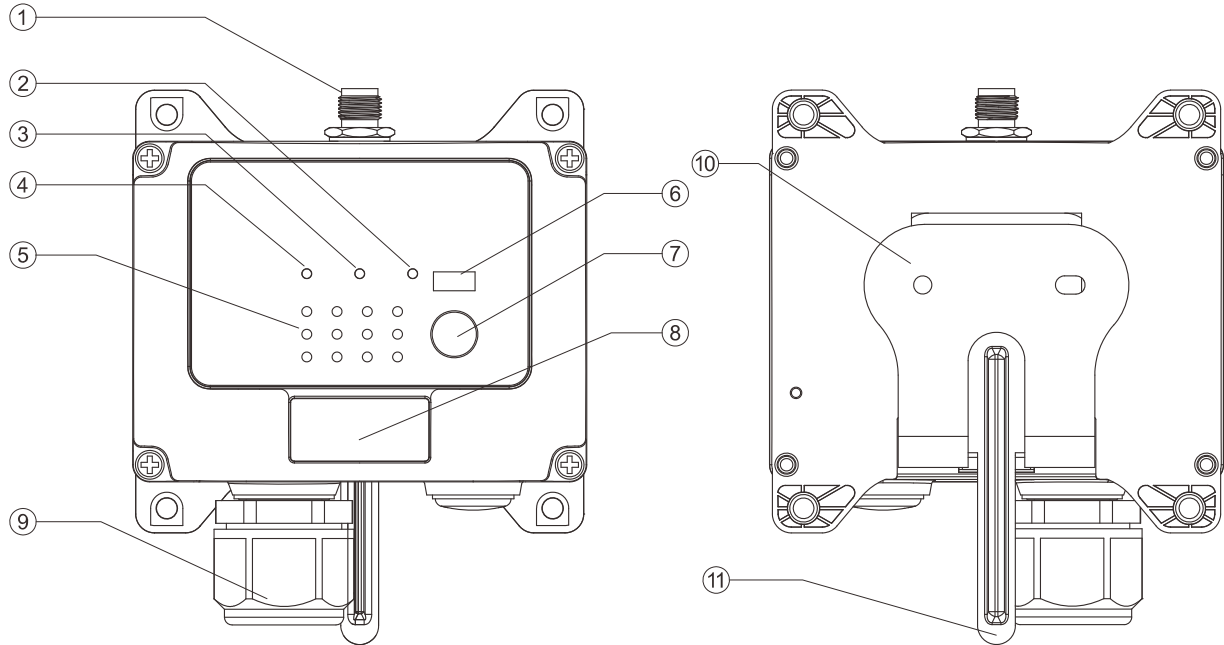


- 1. RF Transceiver Board
- 2. Encoder Board
- 3. Status LED Indicator
- 4. LED 1/2/3/4 Indicators

- 5. Infrared Sensors
- 6. I-Chip Slot
- 7. Function Dipswitch
- 8. Programming Port

3.2 Receiver

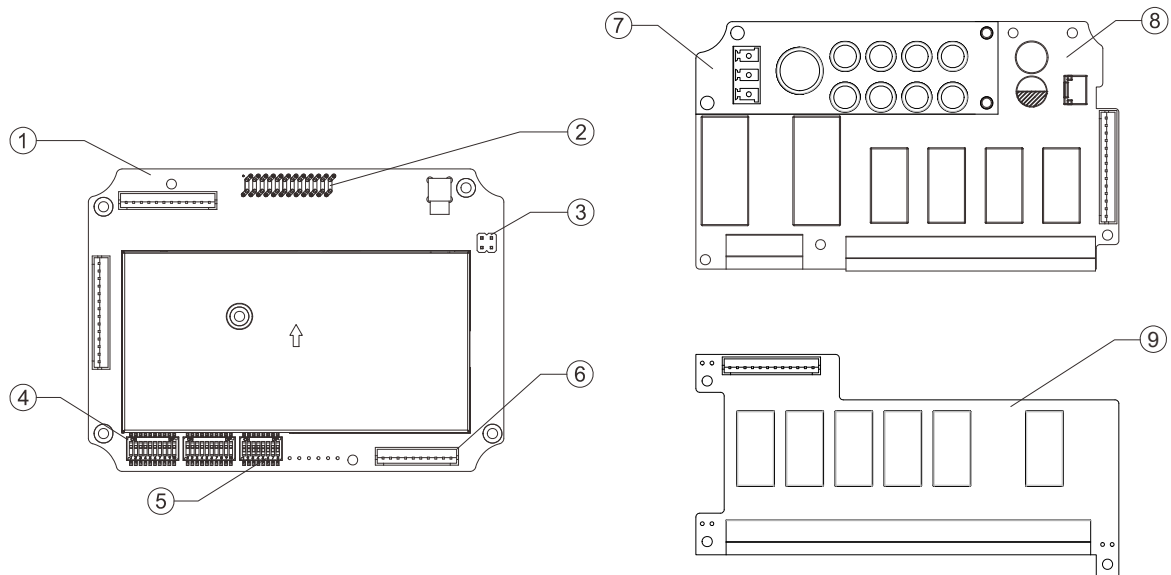
3.2.1 External Illustration



- 1. External Antenna Port (optional)
- 2. COM LED Indicator
- 3. Status LED Indicator
- 4. Power LED Indicator
- 5. Output Relay LED Indicators
- 6. Infrared Sensors

- 7. Remote Pairing Button
- 8. System Information
- 9. Cord Grip
- 10. Mounting Bracket (optional)
- 11. Mounting Bracket Release

3.2.2 Internal Illustration



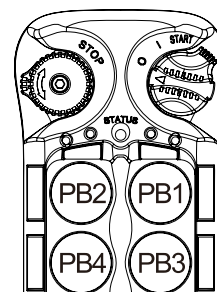
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| 1. | RF/Decoder Board | 6. | Programming Port |
| 2. | Internal Antenna | 7. | Power Transformer |
| 3. | INT/EXT Antenna Jumpers | 8. | Lower Relay Board |
| 4. | Function Dipswitches | 9. | Upper Relay Board |
| 5. | Channel Dipswitch | | |

4. Function Settings

4.1 Transmitter

4.1.1 Transmitter Firmware Version

- 1) Rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.
- 2) With the STOP button elevated, press and hold PB1 and PB3 at the same time.
- 3) Rotate the power switch key to ON (1) position.
- 4) Let go PB1 and PB3 at the same time. The Status LED displays firmware version with red, green and orange blinks.
- 5) Exit Firmware Version mode by rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.

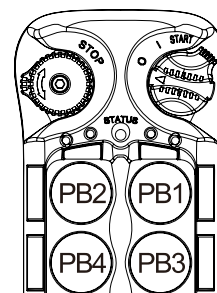


4.1.2 Transmitter Channel Settings

A. Unassigned Channel Scheme (no preset system channel)

When both transmitter and receiver is set to unassigned channel scheme (no preset channel) the system automatically search and lock onto a free and uninterrupted channel at every transmitter startup.

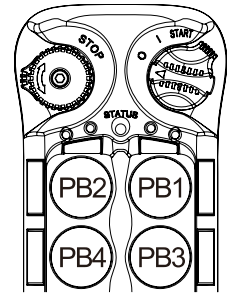
- 1) Rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.
- 2) With the STOP button elevated, press and hold PB1 and PB2 at the same time.
- 3) Rotate the power switch key to ON (1) position.
- 4) Let go PB1 and PB2 at the same time (entered Channel Setting mode). The Status LED displays current channel setting with red and green blinks. A green blink represents the tens (+10) and a red blink represents the units (+1). For example, 1 green blink followed by 5 red blinks is channel 15. Channel unassigned is represented by constant orange on the Status LED.
- 5) Change transmitter channel to “channel unassigned” by pressing PB4 one time (Status LED displays constant orange). Make sure constant orange is shown on the Status LED before proceeding to the next step below.
- 6) Transfer “channel unassigned” setting to the receiver by rotate and hold the power switch key at START position until the Status LED turns to constant green (transfer complete). Turn off the transmitter power if constant green is not shown on the Status LED after more than 10 seconds (transfer incomplete); the transmitter will revert back to its previous channel setting. Make sure the receiver power is turned on and within the operating distance during the entire process. When transmitter is set to “channel unassigned” the receiver must also set to “channel unassigned” in order for the entire system to work.
- 7) Exit Channel Setting mode by rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.



B. Assigned Channel Scheme (preset system channel)

Both transmitter and receiver is assigned with a matching preset channel (channel 01~62).

- 1) Rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.
- 2) With the STOP button elevated, press and hold PB1 and PB2 at the same time.
- 3) Rotate the power switch key to ON (1) position.
- 4) Let go PB1 and PB2 at the same time (entered Channel Setting mode). The Status LED displays current channel setting with red and green blinks. A green blink represents the tens (+10) and a red blink represents the units (+1). For example, 1 green blink followed by 5 red blinks is channel 15. Channel unassigned is represented by constant orange on the Status LED.
- 5) Change transmitter channel by pressing PB1 to increment the units (+1) and PB2 to increment the tens (+10). For example, press PB2 two times and then PB1 four times is channel 24 (Status LED blinks 2 greens and 4 reds). Make sure the newly selected channel is shown on the Status LED before proceeding to the next step below.
- 6) Transfer the newly selected channel to the receiver by rotate and hold the power switch key at START position until the Status LED turns to constant green (transfer complete). Turn off the transmitter power if constant green is not shown on the Status LED after more than 10 seconds (transfer incomplete); the transmitter will revert back to its previous channel setting. Make sure the receiver power is turned on and within the operating distance during the entire process. **Skip step 6 if changing receiver channel is not required.**
- 7) Exit Channel Setting mode by rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.



Note: When selecting a new channel, make sure each button press does not exceed 3 seconds.

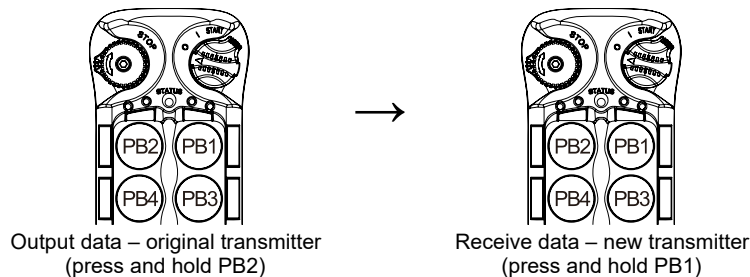
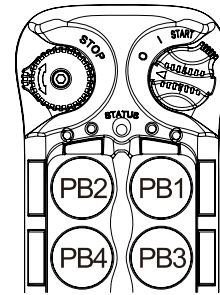
Important Note:

Step 6 illustrated above is strictly required if you are intending to change the entire system channel (both transmitter and receiver). The entire system no longer works if step 6 is skipped because the transmitter and receiver channels are now different (new vs. old). In this case you would have to redo step 1~4 and step 6 to transfer the newly selected transmitter channel to the receiver.

4.1.3 Remote Pairing

A. Transmitter-to-Transmitter Pairing:

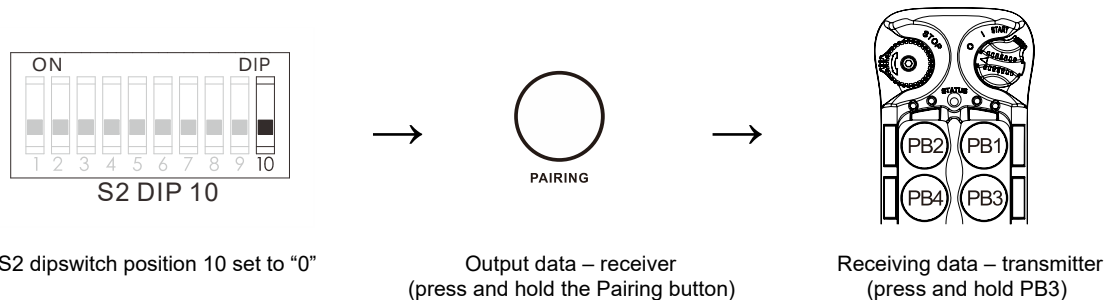
- 1) Rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.
- 2) With the STOP button elevated, press and hold PB1 and PB3 at the same time.
- 3) Rotate the power switch key to ON (1) position.
- 4) Let go PB1 and PB3 at the same time (entered Remote Pairing mode). The Status LED displays firmware version with red, green and orange blinks.
- 5) Output data (original transmitter) by press and hold PB2 (Status LED off).
- 6) Receive data (new transmitter) by press and hold PB1 (Status LED blinks green).
- 7) When the Status LED (receiving data end) turns to constant green while both pushbuttons are still pressed down the pairing is completed.
- 8) Exit Remote Pairing mode by rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.



Note: During remote pairing make sure the distance between the two transmitters is within 1 meter.

B. Receiver-to-Transmitter Pairing:

S2 dipswitch position 10 set to “0” (down): After the transmitter enters the Remote Pairing mode, output receiver data by press and hold the PAIRING button located on the receiver cover and receive data by press and hold PB3 on the transmitter, both at the same time. When the transmitter Status LED turns to constant green while both pushbuttons are still pressed down the pairing is completed.



S2 dipswitch position 10 set to “0”

Output data – receiver
(press and hold the Pairing button)

S2 dipswitch position 10 set to “1” (up): After the transmitter enters the Remote Pairing mode, press and hold PB3 on the transmitter until the Status LED turns to constant green the pairing is completed. **Make sure the pairing process is executed within distance of 10 meters from one another and no other active receivers nearby. During pairing process, the receiver MAIN relays must be deactivated (relay open).**

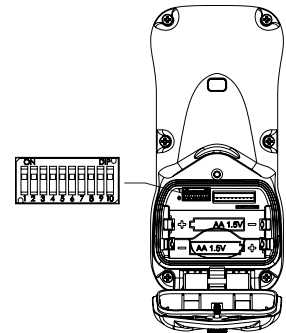
C. Transmitter-to-Receiver Pairing:

S2 dipswitch position 10 set to “0” (down): After the transmitter enters the Remote Pairing mode, output transmitter data by press and hold PB4 on the transmitter and receive data by press and hold the PAIRING button on the receiver cover, both at the same time. When the transmitter Status LED turns to constant green while both pushbuttons are still pressed down the pairing is completed.

4.1.4 Transmitter Start Function Settings

When transmitter goes into sleep mode the system is temporarily deactivated (MAIN relays opened). Execute the START command or press any pushbutton to wake up the system (MAIN relays closed).

	Dipswitch Settings	Function
1	xxxxxxx0	START Reactivation
2	xxxxxxx1	Any Button Reactivation



4.1.5 Transmitter Inactivity Timer Settings

Set how long the transmitter enters the sleep mode when not in use (pushbutton not pressed). When transmitter goes into sleep mode the receiver MAIN relays are deactivated.

	Dipswitch Settings	Time		Dipswitch Settings	Time
1	xxx000xxx	1 minute	5	xxx100xxx	10 minutes
2	xxx001xxx	20 seconds	6	xxx101xxx	30 minutes
3	xxx010xxx	3 minutes	7	xxx110xxx	60 minutes
4	xxx011xxx	5 minutes	8	xxx111xxx	Constant On (sleep mode disabled)

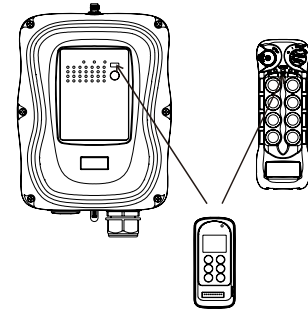
4.1.6 Transmitter Output Power Settings

1mW offers the shortest operating range with lowest battery consumption while 10mW offers the longest operating range with highest battery consumption (manufacture preset at 2mW).

	Dipswitch Settings	Output Power		Dipswitch Settings	Output Power
1	000xxxxxxx	1mW	5	100xxxxxxx	5mW
2	001xxxxxxx	2mW	6	101xxxxxxx	6mW
3	010xxxxxxx	3mW	7	110xxxxxxx	8mW
4	011xxxxxxx	4mW	8	111xxxxxxx	10mW

4.1.7 Infrared Programming

Other custom functions and settings not listed in this manual can be programmed via the infrared IR programmer unit, such as the system serial number, frequency range, relay output status feedback, new and updated functions, and many others. Please contact ARC representative for more details.

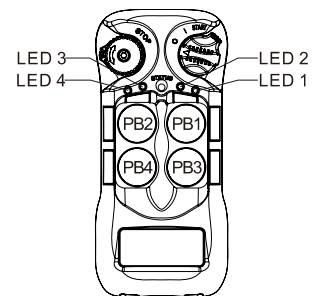


4.1.8 Pushbutton Function Settings

- 1) Rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.
- 2) With the STOP button elevated, press and hold PB3 and PB4 at the same time.
- 3) Rotate the power switch key to ON (I) position.
- 4) Let go PB3 and PB4 at the same time (entered Pushbutton Function mode).
- 5) The Status LED displays current pushbutton function setting with orange, green and red blinks. An orange blink represents the hundreds (+100), a green blink represents the tens (+010) and a red blink represents the units (+001), and constant orange represents no function (000). For example, 1 orange blink followed by 2 green blinks and 5 red blinks is pushbutton function no. 125. Pushbutton function number with "0" is represented by no orange, green or red blink. For example, 1 orange blink followed by 5 red blinks is pushbutton function no. 105.
- 6) Set pushbutton function number by pressing PB3 to increment the hundreds (+100), PB2 to increment the tens (+010), PB1 to increment the units (+001), and PB4 to reset (000 - constant orange). For example, press PB3 one time, PB2 four times, PB1 six times is pushbutton function no. 146 (Status LED blinks 1 orange, 4 greens and 6 reds)
- 7) Exit Pushbutton Function mode by rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.

Toggled Pushbutton with LED Indication – Standard Right/Left Pushbutton Configuration

Set pushbutton toggled function (latching output relay) with LED indications. LED 1 ~ 4 shown inside the shaded box illustrates which LED on the transmitter lights up when the designated pushbutton is pressed.



Function Number	Display Type	PB1	PB2	PB3	PB4
1	1 Red	Normal	Normal	Normal	LED 4
2	2 Reds	Normal	Normal	LED 3	LED 4
3	3 Reds	Normal	LED 2	LED 3	LED 4
4	4 Reds	LED 1	LED 2	LED 3	LED 4

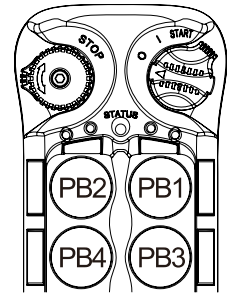
* PB1...PB4 → Pushbutton number.

* Normal → Normal momentary contact.

* LED 1 ~ LED 4 → Pushbutton toggled function with designated LED indication.

4.1.9 Display Frequency Band

- 1) Rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.
- 2) With the STOP button elevated, press and hold PB2 and PB4 at the same time.
- 3) Rotate the power switch key to ON (1) position.
- 4) Let go PB2 and PB4 at the same time (entered Frequency Band Display mode).
- 5) The Status LED displays the preset transmitter frequency band with orange, green and red blinks. An orange blink represents the hundreds (+100), a green blink represents the tens (+010) and a red blink represents the units (+001). For example, 8 orange blinks followed by 6 green blinks and 3 red blinks is 863MHz.
- 6) Exit Frequency Band Display mode by rotate the power switch key to OFF (0) position.



4.1.10 Output Feedback Settings

Up to 4 assignable relay outputs can be programmed into the system and feedback to the transmitter LED indicators during operation. These settings require using the infrared IR programmer unit. Please contact ARC representative for more details.

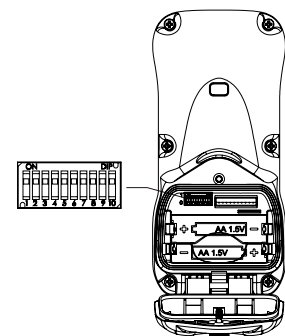
4.1.11 Infrared Function Settings

The transmitter is embedded with infrared sensors for infrared start function. These settings require using the infrared IR programmer unit. Please contact ARC representative for more details.

4.1.12 Zero-G Sensor Settings

The transmitter is embedded with a Zero-G sensor to guard against any unintended control of the crane or equipment when transmitter is thrown or dropped. When triggered, the receiver MAIN relays are deactivated with the exception of the horn output that can be assigned to any of the Function output relay (K10). This horn output setting requires the infrared IR programmer unit. Please contact ARC representative for more details.

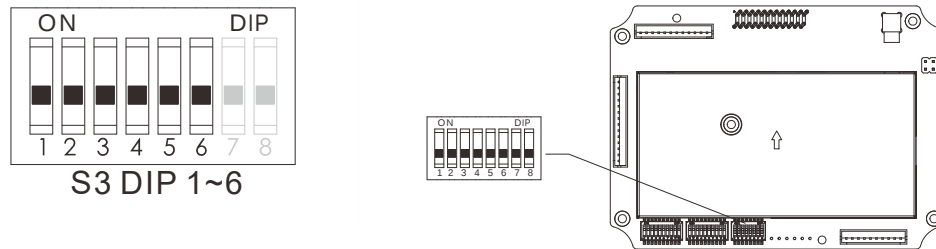
	Dipswitch Settings	Function
1	xxxxxxx0x	Sensor Disabled
2	xxxxxxx1x	Sensor Enabled



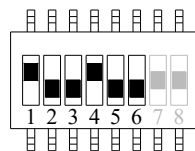
4.2 Receiver

4.2.1 Receiver Channel Settings

Set the receiver channel by configuring the S3 channel dipswitch located on the RF/decoder board, only the first 6 dip positions are used for channel programming. The system channels table on section 4.2.7 illustrates which dipswitch setting corresponds to which channel. Once the receiver channel is altered do make sure to change the transmitter channel as well. The channel on both transmitter and receiver must be identical in order for the system to work (refer to section 4.1.2 part B). When set to all zeros (000000), the receiver becomes unassigned channel scheme (refer to section 4.1.2 part A).



Example:



Top position → "1"
Bottom position → "0"

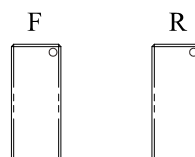
The above dipswitch setting "1 0 0 1 0 0" corresponds to "channel 36" in the system channels table on section 4.2.7.

4.2.2 Output Relay Configurations

4.2.2.1 Output Relay Types

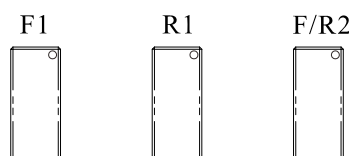
1. 2 output relays per motion – single speed only

Output relays with Forward (F) and Reverse (R) 1st speed only.



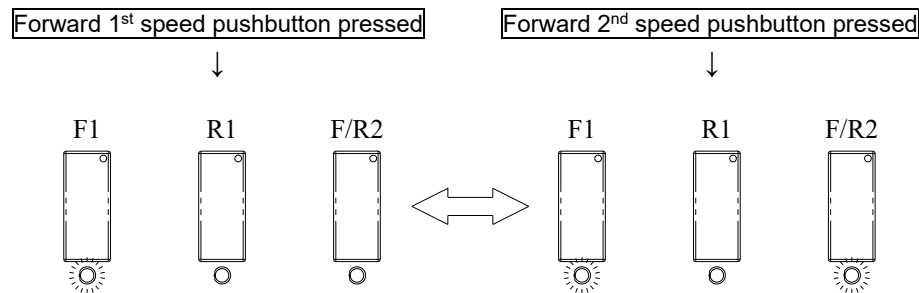
2. 3 output relays per motion – shared 2nd speed output relay

Output relays with Forward 1st speed (F1), Reverse 1st speed (R1) and Forward/Reverse 2nd speed (F/R2). Forward and Reverse 2nd speed (F/R2) shared the same output relay.



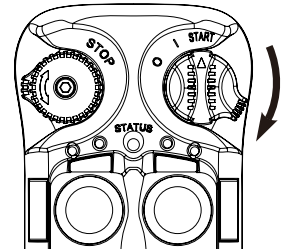
4.2.2.2 Output Relay Actions at 2nd Speed (Flex 4EX2 only)

1. **3 output relays configuration with Closed/Closed contact at 2nd speed**
F1 (or R1) output relay closed at 1st speed and F1 + F/R2 (or R1 + F/R2) output relays closed at 2nd speed. Refer to section 4.2.3.1 on how to set to this function.



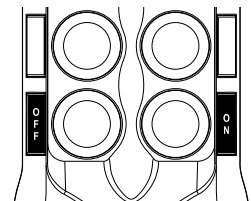
4.2.2.3 START + AUX Function

After executing the START function at transmitter startup, the same START position becomes an auxiliary function with momentary contact connected through K10 Function output relay. There are other types of auxiliary functions made available for K10 Function output relay (refer to section 4.2.5). Please contact ARC representative if your application requires other types of auxiliary function connected to the Function output relay.



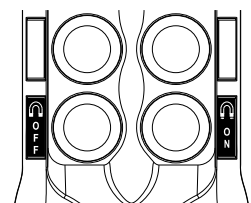
4.2.2.4 ON/OFF Pushbutton Function

The user can set any of the two adjacent pushbuttons on the transmitter to behave like a mechanical ON & OFF rocker or toggle switch. ON output relay closes when ON pushbutton is pressed (OFF output relay opens) and OFF output relay closes when OFF pushbutton is pressed (ON output relay opens). Refer to section 4.2.3.1 on how to set to this function.



4.2.2.5 Magnet ON/OFF Pushbutton Function

The user can set any of the two adjacent pushbuttons on the transmitter to control industrial magnet lift. Activate the magnet by pressing the Magnet ON pushbutton. Deactivate the magnet by first press and hold the Magnet ON pushbutton and then press the Magnet OFF pushbutton. Pressing the Magnet OFF pushbutton alone is unable to deactivate the magnet. Refer to section 4.2.3.1 on how to set to this function.



4.2.2.6 Brake Function (Flex 4EX2 only)

When the transmitter pushbutton is released from 2nd speed up to 1st speed, both 1st and 2nd speed output relays will open for up to 1 second and then with 1st speed output relay closed thereafter. Refer to section 4.2.3.1 on how to set to this function.

4.2.2.7 External Warning Function

The user can install an external warning device (rotating lights, horn, etc...) to the K10 Function output relay located inside the receiver. The user can choose which pushbutton pair (or pairs) triggers the external warning device when pressed. Refer to section 4.2.3.1 on how to set to this function.

4.2.2.8 Momentary Contact

When pushbutton is released the corresponding output relay will open or deactivate. This type of relay action usually applies to external applications such as horn and buzzer. Refer to section 4.2.3.2 on how to set to this function.

4.2.2.9 Toggled Contact

When pushbutton is released the corresponding output relay will maintain contact or closure until next time the user presses the same pushbutton again. This type of relay action usually applies to external application such as lights. Refer to section 4.2.3.2 on how to set to this function.

4.2.2.10 Receiver Channel Scanning Function

Receiver channel scanning function is applicable only when a preset channel is assigned to the system (refer to section 4.1.2 part B)

- (1) → "00" manufacture preset (channel X)
- (2) → "01" scans 2 channels (channel X and channel X+1)
- (3) → "10" scans 3 channels (channel X... channel X+2)
- (4) → "11" scans 4 channels (channel X... channel X+3)

* Channel X → channel set on the Channel dipswitch.

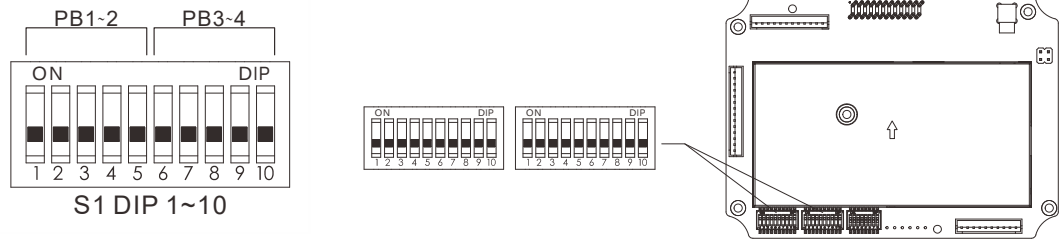
** Please contact ARC representative if your application requires scanning more than 4 channels.

Example: If the first 6 dipswitch positions are set to channel 01 (000001), when set to 2-channel scanning (type-2 above) the receiver will only scan channel 01 and 02.

4.2.3 Dipswitch Settings

4.2.3.1 Interlocked Pushbutton Pair

Interlocked means any pushbutton pair can not be pressed simultaneously as it will cancel each other out. Interlocked setting usually applies to electric motor's forward & reverse motion and On & Off switches. Five dip positions correspond to a pushbutton pair.

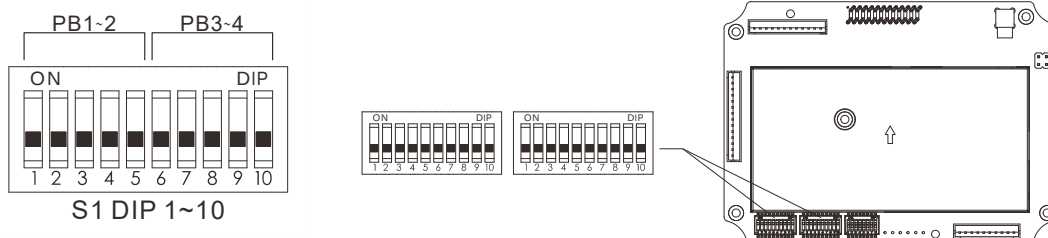


Dip Settings	Function
00000	Single speed only
00001	3 output relays Closed/Closed relay action at 2 nd speed (shared 2 nd speed output relay)
00010	On (right button) & Off (left button)
00011	Magnet Lift On & Off
00100	On (right button) & Off (left button) (EMS → all relays deactivate when STOP button is pressed)
00101	On + Start/Off + Start - For added safety, you must first press and hold the START button and then press the On or Off pushbutton to activate the output relay.
00110	FWD/REV toggled
00111	FWD/REV toggled (EMS → all relays deactivate when STOP button is pressed)
01000	Single speed + External warning*
01001	3 output relays Closed/Closed relay action + External warning*
01010	3 output relays Closed/Closed relay action + Brake
01011	3 output relays Closed/Closed relay action + Brake + External warning*

* External warning function requires installing an external warning device such as horn and lights to the K10 Function output relay.

4.2.3.2 Non-Interlocked Pushbutton Pair

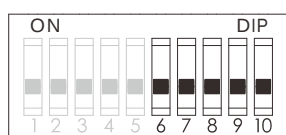
Non-interlocked setting allows the pushbutton pair be pressed simultaneously. It usually applies to equipment's auxiliary functions such as lights, horn or buzzer. Five dip positions correspond to a pushbutton pair.



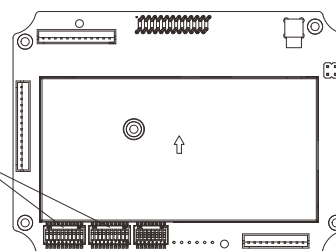
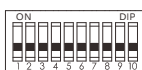
Dip Settings	Left Pushbutton	Right Pushbutton
10000	Normal	Normal
10001	Normal	Toggle
10010	Normal	Toggle (EMS)
10011	Normal	Normal + Start
10100	Toggle	Normal
10101	Toggle	Toggle
10110	Toggle	Toggle (EMS)
10111	Toggle	Normal + Start
11000	Toggle (EMS)	Normal
11001	Toggle (EMS)	Toggle
11010	Toggle (EMS)	Toggle (EMS)
11011	Toggle (EMS)	Normal + Start
11100	Normal + Start	Normal
11101	Normal + Start	Toggle
11110	Normal + Start	Toggle (EMS)
11111	Normal + Start	Normal + Start

* EMS → all relays deactivate when STOP button is pressed

4.2.4 Other Dipswitch Settings



S2 DIP 6~10

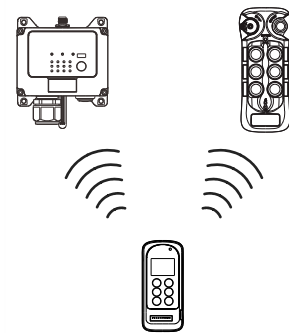


S2 Dip Position 8	Function
Dip set to "0" or down	Normal
Dip set to "1" or up	Display system firmware version
S2 Dip Position 9	Function
Dip set to "0" or down	Normal
Dip set to "1" or up	System testing (receiver MAIN relays disabled)
S2 Dip Position 10	Function
Dip set to "0" or down	Receiver-to-transmitter remote pairing (pressing the Pairing button required)
Dip set to "1" or up	Receiver-to-transmitter remote pairing (pressing the Pairing button not required)

4.2.5 Other Function Output Relay Settings

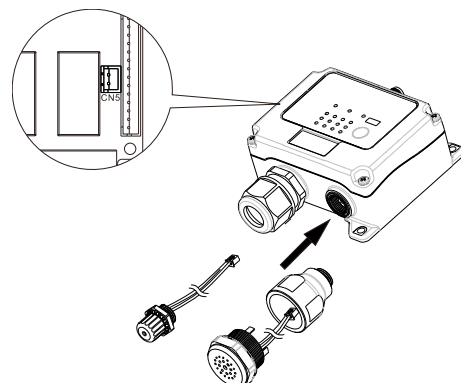
Listed below are other types of functions that can be outputted through K10 and CN5 Function outputs via the infrared IR programmer unit. Please contact ARC representative for more details.

LV	:	Function relay closes when receiver voltage is low.
ID	:	Function relay works simultaneously with all motion commands.
NORMAL	:	START function + AUX with normal momentary output. Works the 2 nd time the START pushbutton is pressed.
NORMAL2	:	START function + AUX with normal momentary output. Works the 1 st time the START pushbutton is pressed.
TOGGLE	:	START function + AUX with toggled/latching output.
TOG&E	:	START function + AUX with toggled/latching output affected by the STOP command (Function relay opens when STOP button is pressed down).
S/P	:	Function relay closes when START command is executed and opens only when transmitter power is turned off.
EXT	:	Function relay works simultaneously with the receiver MAIN relays.
HORN	:	Function relay closes for up to 3 seconds when START command is executed at transmitter power on and then becomes a normal momentary output thereafter.
G SENSOR	:	Function relay closes when Zero-G sensor is triggered (receiver MAIN relays deactivated) and opens when receiver MAIN relays are reactivated.
RESET	:	Function relay closes when START command is initiated and opens when let go. Works during initial transmitter startup and inactivity timer START reset.



4.2.6 Indicator Light and Buzzer Installation

The indicator light or buzzer can be easily fitted onto the receiver enclosure. The indicator light or the buzzer works simultaneously with the receiver MAIN relays (refer to section 4.2.5 EXT setting). When receiver MAIN relays are activated the indicator light or the buzzer is also activated. The indicator light or the buzzer is connected to the CN5 port located inside the receiver. Please contact ARC representative if you would like this indicator light or the buzzer work differently than described above.



4.2.7 System Channels Table

Channel	Dipswitch Setting	Channel	Dipswitch Setting
01	000001	32	100000
02	000010	33	100001
03	000011	34	100010
04	000100	35	100011
05	000101	36	100100
06	000110	37	100101
07	000111	38	100110
08	001000	39	100111
09	001001	40	101000
10	001010	41	101001
11	001011	42	101010
12	001100	43	101011
13	001101	44	101100
14	001110	45	101101
15	001111	46	101110
16	010000	47	101111
17	010001	48	110000
18	010010	49	110001
19	010011	50	110010
20	010100	51	110011
21	010101	52	110100
22	010110	53	110101
23	010111	54	110110
24	011000	55	110111
25	011001	56	111000
26	011010	57	111001
27	011011	58	111010
28	011100	59	111011
29	011101	60	111100
30	011110	61	111101
31	011111	62	111110

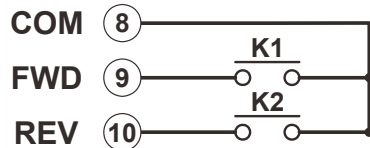
Note: Channel unassigned is represented by "000000" dipswitch setting. Please refer to Section 4.1.2 part A unassigned channel scheme.

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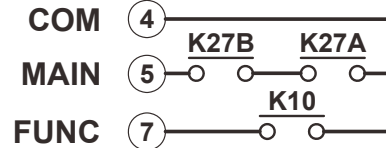
5.1 Output Relay Contact Diagrams

Flex 4ES2 (single speed model)

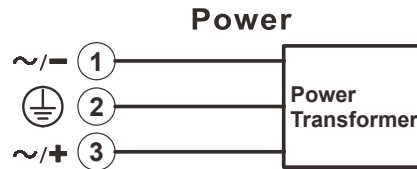
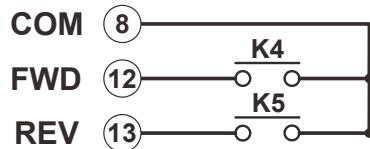
PUSH BUTTON 1~2



MAIN / FUNC

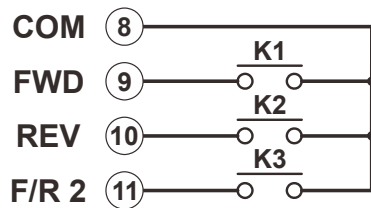


PUSH BUTTON 3~4

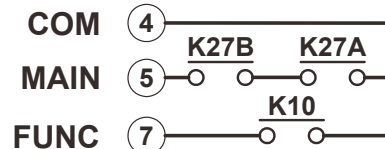


Flex 4EX2 (dual speed model)

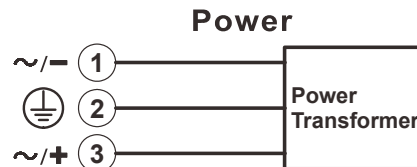
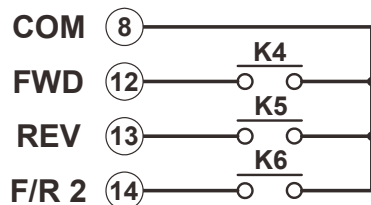
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PUSH BUTTON 3~4

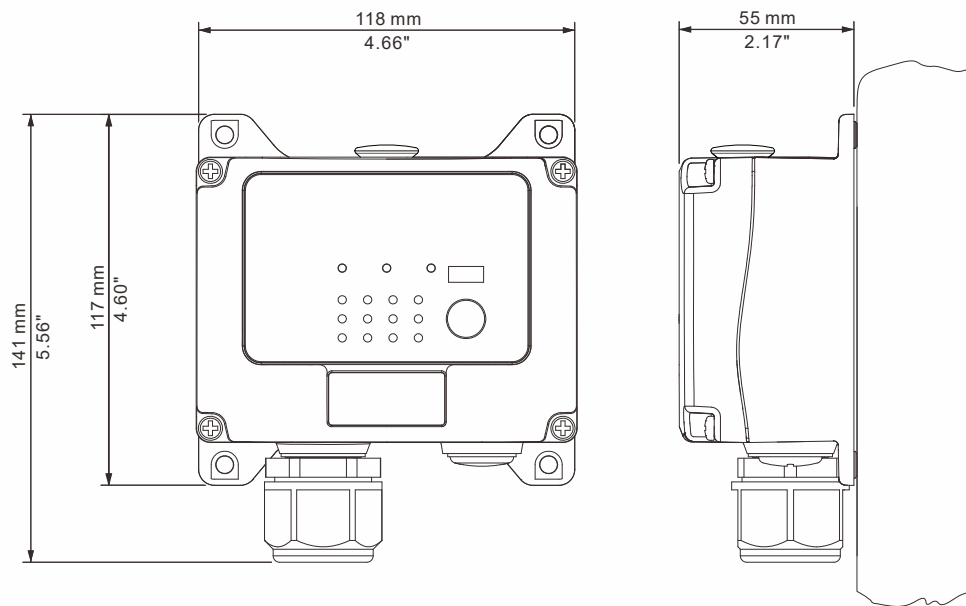


* For 9~36VDC power supply, wire #1 corresponds to the negative charge (-) and wire #3 corresponds to the positive charge (+). Wire #2 or green/yellow wire is for AC ground.

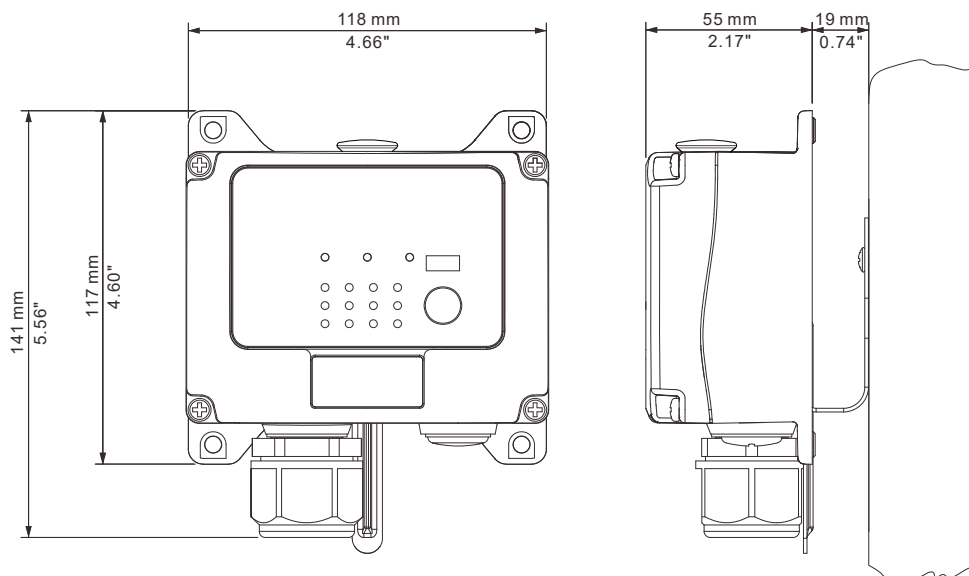
5.2 Pre-installation Precautions

1. Make sure the transmitter and receiver are with identical serial number and channel.
2. Make sure the receiver is not set to the same channel as any other systems in use in the surrounding area.
3. Make sure the crane or equipment is working properly prior to installation.
4. Make sure the power source to the receiver is set correctly.
5. Switch off the main power source to the crane or equipment prior to installation.

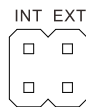
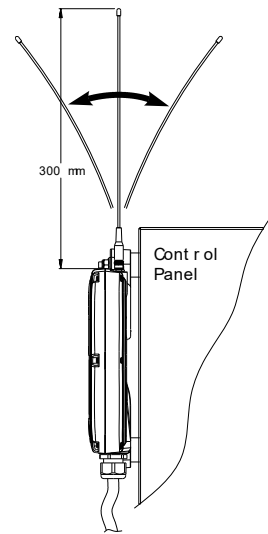
5.3 Step-By-Step Installation



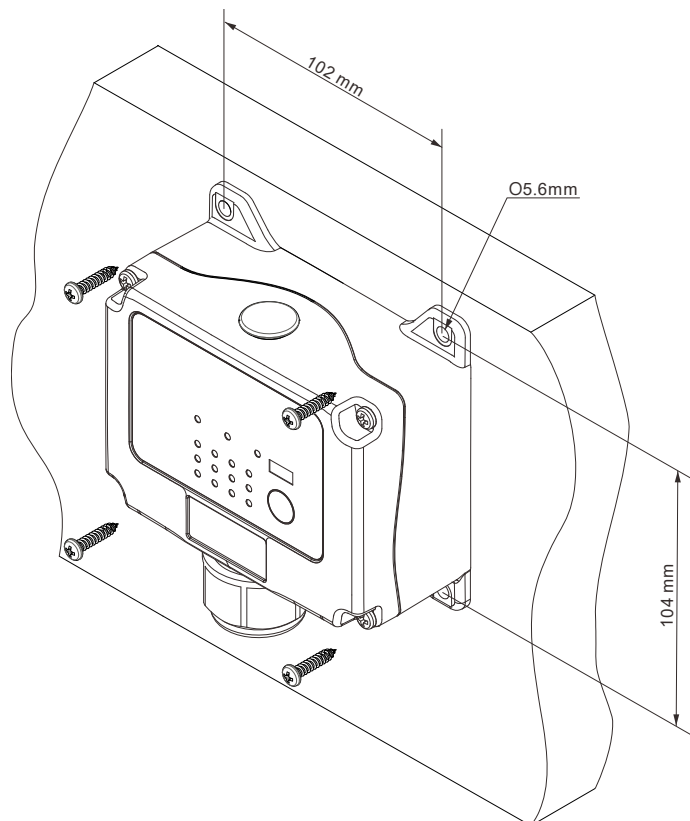
With Optional Removable Mounting Bracket



1. For best reception the location of the receiver should be visible to the operator at all time.
2. The location selected should not be exposed to high levels of electric noise. Mounting the receiver next to an unshielded variable frequency drive may cause radio interference. Always locate the receiver as far away from variable frequency drive and electric motor as possible.
3. Ensure the selected location has adequate space to accommodate the receiver. If an external antenna is used, to avoid the possibility of antenna damage always locate the receiver where the antenna is free from any obstacles.
4. When installing an external antenna make sure the MCX jack located on the RF/decoder board inside the receiver is connected and jumper set to "EXT" position.

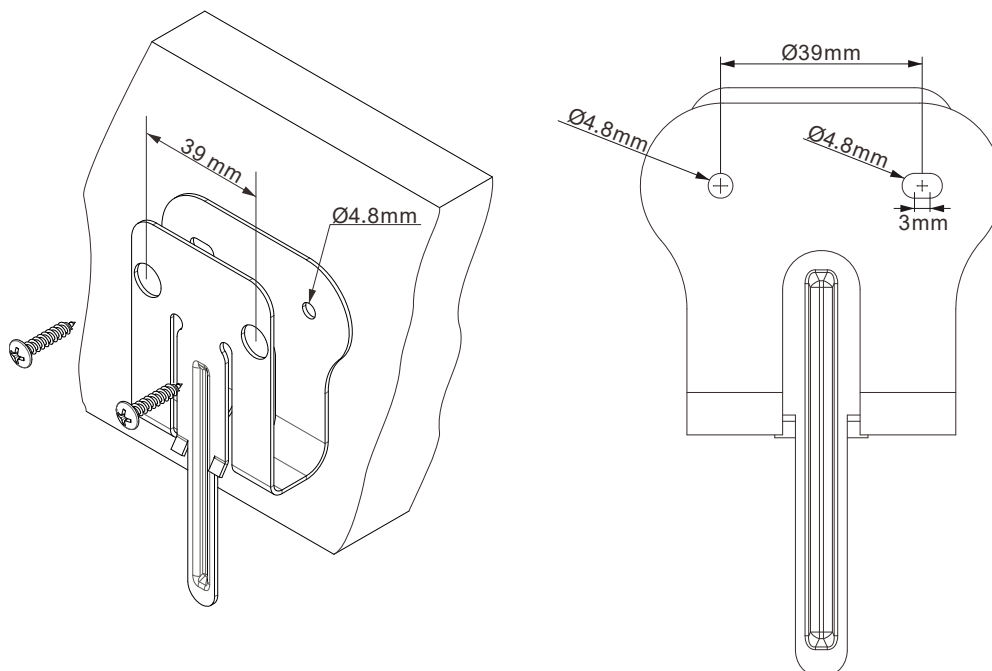


5. For better reception, make sure the receiver is in an upright position.
6. Drill four holes on the control panel, wall or location where the receiver is to be installed.
7. Make sure the screws are tightened after installation (not provided with the system).



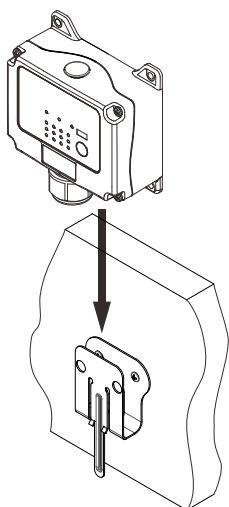
With Optional Removable Mounting Bracket

1. Drill two holes on the control panel, wall or location where the receiver is to be installed.

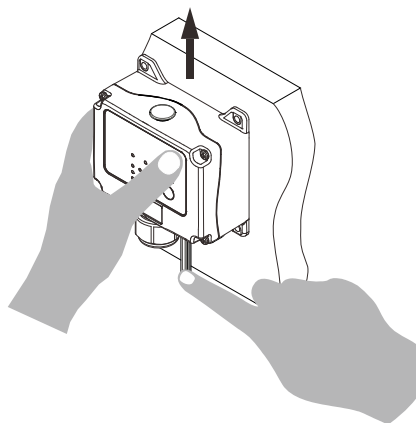


2. Slide down the receiver along the guided track to secure the receiver to the mounting bracket.
3. Remove the receiver by pressing down the bracket release and pull the receiver upward until it clears the guided track.

Install



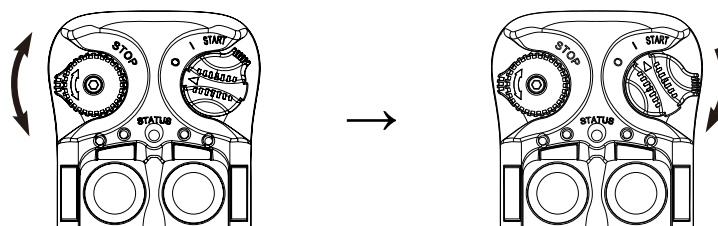
Remove



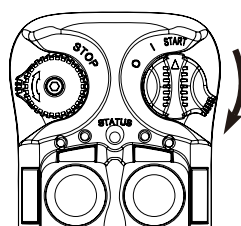
6. Operating Procedures

6.1 General Operation

- a. Reset the STOP button located on the top left-hand corner of the transmitter by rotating it clockwise or counter clockwise, the button will pop up. Turn on the transmitter power by inserting the power switch key and rotate to ON (I) position.



- b. After turning on the transmitter power, check the Status LED on the transmitter for any sign of system irregularities (refer to section 6.4.1 Transmitter Status Indications). If the transmitter is in good working order the Status LED will display constant green for up to 2 seconds at power on (no faults detected).
- c. Rotate the power switch key further to the START position and hold it there for up to 2 seconds (Status LED constant green). When the receiver MAIN relays are activated the Status LED will change from constant green to constant orange (system on). The power switch key will retract back to the ON (I) position when let go (Status LED blinks green). The same START position becomes an auxiliary function thereafter (refer to section 4.2.2.3 START + AUX Function). Then press any pushbutton on the transmitter to begin operation. Pressing any pushbutton prior to executing the START command at system startup will result in no signals transmitted (Status LED blinks orange).

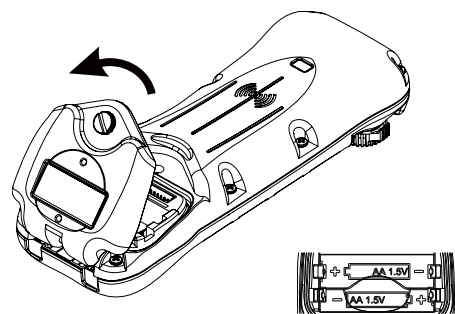


- d. In case of an emergency, press down the STOP button to disconnect the receiver MAIN relays and the transmitter power. To resume operation, rotate the STOP button clockwise or counter clockwise, the button will pop up. Then rotate the power switch key to the START position for up to 2 seconds to reconnect the receiver MAIN relays. For safety, executing the START command is strictly required every time when the transmitter is turned on or after every STOP button reset.

- e. After 1 minute or 5 minutes of inactivity (pushbutton not pressed) the receiver MAIN relays are temporarily disconnected (refer to section 4.1.5 Inactivity Timer Settings). Press any pushbutton or execute the START command to resume operation (refer to section 4.1.4 Start Function Settings). The receiver MAIN relays are also temporarily disconnected when the system encounters strong radio interference, dead spots, low battery condition, and system out of operating range.
- f. Turn off the transmitter power by rotating the power switch key counter clockwise to Off (0) position; it will disconnect the transmitter power and the receiver MAIN relays altogether. Turn it further counter clockwise to release the key.

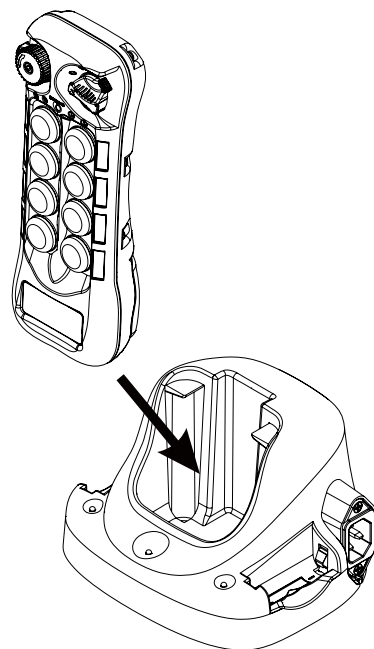
6.2 Changing Batteries

Changing transmitter batteries ("AA" alkaline battery x 2) by unscrewing the battery cover located on the backside of the transmitter. During battery installation make sure the batteries are installed correctly, with "+" to "+" charge and "-" to "-" charge. Also make sure the screw is tightened after battery installation to avoid water, moisture, dirt, grease, and other liquid penetration.



6.3 Battery Charging

The transmitter is designed to accept any off-the-shelf Ni-MH rechargeable batteries. When charging both transmitter and individual batteries at the same time the priority always goes to the transmitter charging. The individual battery charging begins only after the transmitter charging is completed. Depending on the battery capacity the average charging time is approximately 3 hours from completely drained to fully charged. Constant red on the LED represents charging in progress, constant green represents batteries fully charged, and LED off represents no batteries detected. Please do not use any rechargeable lithium-ion batteries as it will damage both the transmitter and the charging station. Please refer to the charging station instruction manual for other useful features such as the rubber safety belt, removable mounting bracket and external light indication.



6.4 System Status Light Indications

6.4.1 Transmitter Status Indications

Type	Display Type	Indication
1	Constant red	Voltage below 1.8V at initial power on or during operation
2	Constant red → off	Voltage below 1.75V during operation (receiver MAIN relays shut off)
3	1 red blink followed by a 2-second pause	Voltage below 1.85V during operation (change batteries suggested)
4A	2 red blinks followed by a 2-second pause	Defective or jammed pushbutton detected at initial power on
4B	No light displayed	When defective pushbutton condition occurs (2 red blinks, type 4A above), find out which pushbutton is defective by pressing all of them one at a time. If the pushbutton is in good working order when pressed, the Status LED is off. If the Status LED maintained 2 red blinks, then the pushbutton is defective.
5	4 red blinks followed by a 2-second pause	Transmitter is unable to lock onto the assigned channel
6	Constant green for up to 2 seconds	Transmitter power on with no faults detected
7	Blinking green	Transmission in progress
8	Blinking orange	Pressing any pushbutton prior to executing the START command at power on
9	2 orange blinks followed by a 2-second pause	Receiver MAIN relays jammed or defective
10	3 orange blinks followed by a 2-second pause	Decoding processors defective
11	Constant orange when the START button is pressed and hold at initial system startup	Receiver MAIN relays activated

6.4.2 Receiver Status Indications

Type	Display Type (Green & Red)	Indication
1	Fast green blinks	Decoding in process
2	Slow green blinks	Decoding on standby
3	2 red blinks	Receiver MAIN relays jammed or defective
4	3 red blinks	Decoding processors defective
5	4 red blinks	Receiving RF defective
6	Fast red blinks	Incorrect transmitter serial number
7	Constant red	Receiver low voltage
8	No light displayed	Decoding processors defective

6.4.3 Receiver Power Indications

Type	Display Type (Red)	Indication
1	On	Power to receiver
2	Off	No power to receiver

6.4.4 Receiver COM Indications

Type	Display Type (Red)	Indication
1	On	Power to relay Board
2	Off	No power to relay board

7. General Specifications

Frequency Range	:	433.050MHz ~ 439.600MHz 863.050MHz ~ 869.600MHz 921.000MHz ~ 927.550MHz
Number of Channels	:	62 channels
Channel Spacing	:	50 KHz
Modulation	:	Digital Frequency Modulation based on Manchester Code, 20bit address, 32bit CRC and Hamming Code.
Encoder & Decoder	:	Microprocessor-controlled
Transmitting Range	:	> 100 Meters (300 feet)
Hamming Distance	:	> 6
Frequency Control	:	Synthesized PLL
Receiver Type	:	Frequency Auto Scanning
Receiver Sensitivity	:	-116dBm
Spurious Emission	:	-50dB
Antenna Impedance	:	50 ohms
Responding Time	:	40mS (average)
Transmitting Power	:	2.0mW
Enclosure Type	:	NEMA4
Enclosure Rating	:	IP66
Output Contact Rating	:	250V @ 6 Amps
Transmitter Operating Voltage	:	3.0VDC
Receiver Power Consumption	:	7VA (max)
Available Receiver Voltages	:	9~36VDC 24~48VAC 48~440VAC
Operating Temperature	:	-25°C ~ 75°C / -13°F ~ 167°F
Transmitter Dimension	:	152mm (L) x 70mm (W) x 44mm (H)
Receiver Dimension	:	120mm (L) x 90mm (W) x 55mm (H)
Transmitter Weight	:	249g / 8.8oz (include batteries)
Receiver Weight	:	900g / 2.0lb (include output cable)

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(RED, LVD & Machinery)

For the following equipment:

Product : Flex EX Series Radio Remote Control System
Multiple Listee Model No. : Flex 4ES2/EX2 MRX and 6ES2/EX2 MRX
Manufacturer's Name : Advanced Radiotech Corporation
Manufacturer's Address : No.3, South 1st Road, Chien Chen District,
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

We hereby declare, that all major safety requirements, concerning the CE Mark Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC, Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU (LVD) and Radio Equipment Directive of 2014/53/EU (RED) are fulfilled, as laid out in the guideline set down by the member states of the EEC Commission.

The standards relevant for the evaluation of the electrical safety requirements are as follow:

RED (EMC) : EN 301 489-17 V2.2.1 + EN 301 489-3 V1.6.1
RED (RF) : EN 300 220-1 V2.4.1 + EN 300 220-2 V2.4.1
LVD : EN 60950:2006+A1+A11+A12
MACHINERY : EN 60204-32:2008, EN ISO 13849-1:2015 (PLd)
EN 13557:2003+A2:2008
OTHERS : EN 60529 (IP66), EN 62479, EN 55032 + EN 55024

Test reports issued by:

RED (EMC) : SGS
RED (RF) : SGS
LVD : SGS
MACHINERY : SGS
OTHERS : SGS

Person responsible for making this declaration:



Tom Jou / President

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