

# SMOKE ALARM USER MANUAL

## **MODEL NUMBER: EP-RANG-1**

## Thank you for choosing Emerald Alarms.

This leaflet contains important information on the correct installation and operation of your smoke alarm.

Please read all the information before commencing installation and retain for future reference.

This unit has been designed to meet the latest safety standards demanded in Australia and complies with the requirements of AS3786:2014.





## DESCRIPTION

The unit is a photoelectric smoke alarm device. It is particularly sensitive for detecting visible micro-particles (associated with smoldering fires) and reacts faster than ionization alarms.

An example of such smoldering fires is a cigarette burning in a couch or bedding, a common cause of devastating blazes.

Please note this device does not detect flames, heat, carbon monoxide or other hazardous gases. It has many advanced features and an extended operational life with the included battery.

## **ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION**

Assemble and secure the smoke alarm to the ceiling using the supplied screws and bracket.

<u>NOTE:</u> The smoke alarm will not attach to the mounting bracket unless the battery is installed correctly.

Press test button on the device. The alarm sounds 3 beeps with 1.5 second pauses indicating the alarm working. If there is no sound it indicates a defective alarm.

**Warning:** This smoke alarm is not suitable for wall (vertical) mounting.



## LOCATIONS TO AVOID

- Don't place alarms in bathrooms, kitchens, garages or other rooms where the Alarm may be triggered by steam, condensation and normal smoke/heat from appliances.
- In areas with high humidity, like bathrooms or areas near dishwashers or washing machines, install at least 3m away from these areas.
- 3. Near air returns or heating and cooling supply vents, install at least 1m away from these areas. The air could blow smoke away from the detector, interrupting its alarm.
- 4. In rooms where the temperature may fall below 0°C or rise above 40°C (due to nuisance/false alarm activation).
- 5. In extremely dusty, dirty, or insect infested areas where particles may interfere/obstruct with Alarm operation.
- 6. Away from air conditioning or ventilation grilles/louvers.

## LOCATION OF SMOKE ALARMS

For maximum protection smoke alarms should be installed in every room (except areas described in the previous section 'Locations to Avoid') to ensure people in the home will be able to hear and respond to the alarm. At the very least install one smoke alarm on every floor.

If you suspect a household member may not hear this smoke alarm i.e. outdoor or indoor noise, sound sleepers, drug or alcohol usage, the hard of hearing, etc install and maintain a specialty smoke alarm device.

<u>NOTE:</u> In Australia each state has a different legislation when it comes to smoke alarms. Please visit the relevant authority in your state for specific legislation requirements.

#### **TYPICAL SINGLE-STORY HOME**

For maximum protection, a smoke alarm should be installed on the ceiling of each bedroom, living area, and hallway. Where a hallway is more than 10 meters long install a smoke alarm at each end. If there is a basement install a smoke alarm on the basement ceiling at the bottom of the stairwell.

Additionally, a smoke alarm should be installed in the hallway between the living areas (incl. kitchen) and bedrooms. Place it as near to the living areas as possible and ensure the smoke alarm is audible when bedrooms are occupied.





#### TYPICAL MULTI-STORY OR SPLIT LEVEL HOME

For maximum protection, a smoke alarm should be installed on the ceiling of each bedroom, living area, and hallway. Where a hallway is more than 10 meters long install a smoke alarm at each end. Also install a smoke alarm above each staircase.

For minimum protection, a smoke alarm should be installed above each staircase, including the basement.



## **POSITION OF SMOKE ALARMS**

Smoke will spread horizontally after rising to the ceiling so it's advisable to install the smoke alarm in the centre of the ceiling where possible. Avoid areas where there is no circulation.

- When mounting an alarm on the ceiling, locate it a minimum of 30cm from the side wall.
- Install smoke alarm/s on slopped, peaked or cathedral ceilings between 50cm and 250cm from the highest point of the ceiling.



## **OPERATION AND TESTING**

Smoke alarms are an important safety device in the home. It is important to check them regularly to ensure they are operating correctly.

#### Regular Mode

When there is no smoke present, the red LED should flash every 32 seconds indicating the alarm is operating correctly.

#### Alarm Mode

When the alarm detects smoke, the red LED will flash once per second and the alarm will sound loudly. The flashing LED and alarm will continue until the air is cleared.

#### Fault Mode

The alarm will generate a 'chirp' every 32 seconds indicating a fault.

#### TESTING YOUR SMOKE ALARM

It is recommended that you test your smoke alarm once a week to ensure the smoke alarm is working correctly. Test by pushing the test button on the cover. The alarm will sound if the alarm, electronic circuitry and battery are working. If no alarm sounds, the smoke alarm has a defective battery, or another fault.

**Warning:** Do not use an open flame to test your alarm. You could damage the alarm or ignite combustible materials and start a structure fire.

### LOW BATTERY POWER

Should your smoke alarm have a low battery the unit will emit an audible 'chirp' once every 32 seconds and the red LED light flashes once at the same time. When this occurs you must replace the alarm immediately. Your smoke alarm will continue to warn of this low battery for at least 30 days. However, failure to change the alarm after this time would mean your smoke alarm may have insufficient power to alert you in a real fire situation.

<u>NOTE:</u> When the alarm is removed from the mounting plate it will automatically deactivate and the low power warning chirp should stop, allowing you to dispose of the alarm.

**Warning:** Your smoke alarm requires the battery to have sufficient capacity of power to operate correctly.

#### SILENCE ALARM

If your smoke alarm emits the full alarm signal and you are not testing the unit, the smoke alarm is warning you of a potentially dangerous situation that requires your immediate attention. Only use the alarm silence function after making sure that there is no ongoing fire emergency situation.

Do not block the vents on the alarm or disable the smoke alarm in any way as this will remove your protection.

Smoke alarms can sometimes react to cooking fumes or other non emergency situations. In the event of a known false alarm your smoke alarm can be temporarily silenced by pressing the test button. Your alarm will automatically return to full sensitivity **within 8 minutes**.

- 1. Press and release the silence button, the alarm sound will stop.
- 2. Your alarm will silence and enter into a reduced sensitivity reset cycle for approximately 8 minutes.
- 3. During the reduced sensitivity reset cycle, the red LED will flash every 8 seconds indicating it is running in silent mode.
- Your alarm will automatically return to full sensitivity on completion of the reset cycle and the red LED will revert to flashing once every 32 seconds.

**Warning:** Never ignore any alarm. Ignoring the alarm may result in injury or death. If your smoke alarm activates and you are not absolutely certain of the source of the smoke, get everyone out of the house immediately.

### BATTERY REPLACEMENT

The power for the smoke alarm is supplied by a 9V battery. The battery should last at least 1 year under normal operating conditions.

#### Warning:

Test the smoke alarm for correct operation using the test facility whenever the battery is replaced.

Recommended battery replacement -Carbon Zinc Battery: Pairdeer 6F22.

- 1. Remove the body of the alarm from the bracket by turning it counter-clockwise.
- 2. Replace the old battery by connecting the new battery to the power connector.



- 3. Fit the battery and attach the body of the alarm to the bracket turning it clockwise.
- 4. Test the smoke alarm using the test button. The sound pattern is 3 short beeps-pause 1.5 seconds, repeated.

### **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**

Like other electrical accessories in the home, smoke alarms require maintenance to ensure efficient and effective operation.

Proper maintenance can also reduce the likelihood of false alarms.

- 1. In addition to weekly testing, the alarm requires cleaning at least once a month to remove dust, dirt, or debris.
- 2. Using a vacuum cleaner with the soft brush vacuum all sides and cover of smoke alarm device.

<u>NOTE:</u> Do not attempt to remove the cover to clean inside. This will affect warranty.

#### Warning:

- 1. Photoelectric smoke detectors can reduce the likelihood of a disaster, but they cannot guarantee a 100% safety.
- 2. To ensure your maximum security, please install all smoke detectors exactly according to this manual.
- 3. Keep the detectors clean. Do not allow dust to accumulate and test them at least once a week.
- 4. If they are not working properly replace them immediately.

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Emerald Alarms Pty Ltd warrants this smoke alarm to the original purchaser.

Emerald Alarms Pty Ltd warrants each new smoke alarm is free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of 7 years from the date of purchase.

This warranty does not cover damage resulting from accident, misuse or abuse or lack of reasonable care of the product.

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