

NCA-2

ONYX® Series Network Control Annunciator



Network Systems

General

The NOTIFIER **NCA-2** is a second-generation Network Control Annunciator for the NOTI•FIRE•NET™ network, compatible for use with ONYX® Series nodes such as the NFS2-3030, NFS-3030, and NFS-640 fire alarm control panels, as well as first-generation **NCA** Network Control Annunciators. Additionally, the **NCA-2** may be configured with DVC Series products (DVC, DVC-EM, DVC-EMF, and DVC-EMSF) to create one or more Digital Audio Command Centers on NOTI•FIRE•NET. The **NCA-2** provides system control and display capabilities for all, or for selected network nodes.

The **NCA-2** display consists of a 640-character backlit LCD display, and a control interface consisting of “soft” keys used to navigate screen menus, “hard” keys with fixed control functions, and a QWERTY keypad.

When connected to one or more networked panels the **NCA-2** provides network control and status/history display capabilities. It may also be configured as the Primary Display for displayless nodes on the network.



NCA-2 in ABS-2D backbox

Hardware Features

- **Listed to UL Standard 864, 9th edition.**
- Full supervision of all inputs and network integrity.
- Enhanced-format 640-character LCD display with backlighting.
- ACS bus for LED or graphic annunciators (EIA-485).
- Optically isolated printer interface (EIA-232).
- 11 LED status indicators: Power, Controls Active, Fire Alarm, Pre-Alarm, Security, Alert, Supervisory, Trouble, Signal, Silence, CPU Failure, Point Disabled, Other Event.
- Alphanumeric QWERTY rubber keypad.
- Four status relays: Alarm, Trouble, Supervisory, Security (Form-C).
- Nonvolatile real-time clock can be synchronized with network by master node.
- Optional Security Keyswitch enable Keypad functions.
- Optional Security Tamper switch.
- Supports up to 32 remote ACS annunciators and modules.
- Requires 24 VDC, and a network connection.

Function Features

- Individual Enable/Disable or Group Enable/Disable local for networked ONYX series panels.
- Control ON/OFF networked ONYX series panel control points.
- Read Status networked ONYX series panel points and zones.
- Network paging control, HVAC control.
- Network-wide: Acknowledge, Silence, Reset.
- Lamp Test (local to **NCA-2**).
- History Buffer (1000 Alarm events; 4000 System events).
- Print **NCA-2** programming and history reports.
- Report status of networked panels and their respective field devices to a central station via a single UDACT (see *data sheet DN-4867*).
- One Master level, nine User level passwords. The Master can assign each User access levels (programming, alter status).
- Interactive Summary Event Count display, event handling package.
- Online programming and alter-status programs.
- Intuitive user guidance program including interactive soft keys.
- Enhanced Read Status/Alter Status displays.
- New history filters for report displaying and printing: All Events, Only Alarms, Only Troubles, Only Supervisory, Only Security, Time Interval, Point Range.

- Fully programmable node-mapping subsystem.
- Advanced/Basic Walk-Test program.
- Timer control for Auto Silence, AC Fail Delay.
- Meets Canadian ULC display requirements.
- Environmental adjustment controls to maximize LCD legibility.
- Meets NFPA requirements for Firefighter Smoke Control Station (FSCS) and HVAC.

NCA-2 Indicators and Controls

LED INDICATORS

- **POWER (green)** illuminates when 24 VDC power is applied; LED goes out if power is removed and **NCA-2** is using a battery.
- **CONTROLS ACTIVE (green)** illuminates to indicate that the **NCA-2** control functions are active.
- **FIRE ALARM (red)** illuminates when at least one fire alarm event exists; flashes when any of these events remain unacknowledged.
- **PRE-ALARM (red)** illuminates when at least one pre-alarm event exists; flashes when any of these events remain unacknowledged.
- **SECURITY (blue)** illuminates when at least one security event exists; flashes when any of these events remain unacknowledged.
- **SUPERVISORY (yellow)** illuminates when at least one supervisory event exists (i.e., sprinkler valve off normal, low pressure, fire pump running, guard's tour, etc.); flashes when any of these events remain unacknowledged.
- **SYSTEM TROUBLE (yellow)** illuminates when at least one trouble event exists; flashes when any of these events remain unacknowledged.
- **OTHER EVENT (yellow)** illuminates for any category of event not listed above; flashes when any of these events remain unacknowledged.
- **SIGNALS SILENCED (yellow)** illuminates if the **NCA-2** Silence key has been pressed or if any other node sent a Network Silence command; flashes if only some points on a node are silenced.
- **POINT DISABLED (yellow)** illuminates when at least one disable exists on the network or in the system.
- **CPU FAILURE (yellow)** activated by the watchdog timer hardware, indicates an abnormal hardware or software condition. Contact technical support.

FIXED FUNCTION KEYS

- ACKNOWLEDGE
- SIGNAL SILENCE
- SYSTEM RESET
- DRILL
- FIRE ALARM SCROLL/DISPLAY
- SECURITY SCROLL/DISPLAY
- SUPERVISORY SCROLL/DISPLAY
- TROUBLE SCROLL/DISPLAY
- OTHER EVENT SCROLL/DISPLAY

The five keys labeled **SCROLL/DISPLAY** allow the user to scroll through messages for the particular event type. For example, pressing the **FIRE ALARM SCROLL/DISPLAY** key will scroll through all fire alarm events, as details of each are shown in the display area of the NCA-2.

NOTE: The **OTHER EVENT SCROLL/DISPLAY** key also scrolls between Pre-Alarm and Disabled events.

- **ACKNOWLEDGE** – press this key to acknowledge off all active events.
- **SIGNAL SILENCE** – press this key to turn off all control modules, notification appliance circuits, and panel output circuits that have been programmed as Silenceable.
- **SYSTEM RESET** – press this key to clear all latched alarms and other events and turn off event LEDs.
- **DRILL HOLD 2 SEC** – press this key, holding it down for two seconds, to activate all silenceable output circuits.

SPECIAL FUNCTION KEYS

- **PRINT SCREEN** – press this key to print what is currently on the LCD screen.
- **LAMP TEST** – press this key to test the LED indicators on the left of the keypad and to check firmware revision numbers.
- **NEXT SELECTION/PREVIOUS SELECTION** – these keys are used when setting parameters in NCA-2 data fields; for example, choosing a device type as a filter for requesting a Node History.
- **BATTERY LEVEL** – press this key to display voltage and charging current level for system batteries. Displays levels for local AMPS-24(E) or AMPS-24(E) connected to associated NFS2-3030 or NFS-3030 node.

Specifications

Temperature and humidity ranges: This system meets NFPA requirements for operation at 0°C to 49°C (32°F to 120°F); and at a relative humidity (noncondensing) of 85% at 30°C (86°F) per NFPA, and 93% ± 2% at 32°C ± 2°C (89.6°F ± 1.1°F) per ULC. However, the useful life of the system's standby batteries and the electronic components may be adversely affected by extreme temperature ranges and humidity. Therefore, it is recommended that this system and all peripherals be installed in an

environment with a nominal room temperature of 15°C to 27°C (60°F to 80°F).

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

The NCA-2 may be powered from a Main Power Supply AMPS-24(E) (see *data sheet DN-6883*) mounted in the NCA-2 cabinet (see *specifications below*); or from any UL Listed non-resettable 24 VDC source from a NOTIFIER fire panel (see *panel data sheets*).

The **battery on the NCA-2 motherboard** is for RTC and SRAM; holds the history memory through power failure. Replacements are available (P/N 31004).

Power source: 1) **AMPS-24** (120 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 4.5 A maximum) or **AMPS-24E** (240 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 2.25 A maximum) power supply; 2) the **NFS-640** on-board power supply; or 3) a **supervised +24 VDC power supply** that is UL/ULC-listed for fire protective service.

Total output 24 VDC power: 4.5 V in alarm.

Agency Listings and Approvals

These listings and approvals apply to the NCA-2. In some cases, certain modules or applications may not be listed by certain approval agencies, or listing may be in process. Consult factory for latest listing status.

- UL Listed: file S635.
- ULC Listed: file S635.
- CSFM approved: files 7165-0028:224, 7170-0028:223.
- MEA approved: file 232-06-E.

Product Line Information

NCA-2: Network Control Annunciator. *Requires a NCM-W or NCM-F network communications module.*

NCM-W: Network Communications Module, wire.

NCM-F: Network Communications Module, fiber optics.

ABS-2D: Annunciator Backbox, Surface, black. Mounts one NCA-2 and one NCM-W/F.

ABS-2DR: Same as above, but red.

CHS-2D: Chassis, required whenever the NCA-2 is mounted in an ABS-2D(R).

CHS-M3: Chassis, mounts an NCA-2 in a single row of a CAB-4 Series cabinet.

CA-2: Chassis, Audio, 2 rows. Mounts an NCA-2 and the DVC Digital Voice Command in two rows of a CAB-4 Series cabinet.

DP-DISP: Annunciator Dress Plate. Dress plate is used when NCA-2 is mounted in the top row of a CAB-4 Series cabinet with a CHS-M3 chassis.

NCA-2RETRO: Kit for retrofit mounting the NCA-2 to a DP-DISP dress plate.

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