

System Operation

Security Codes

The VISTA-20P system supports up to 48 security codes (VISTA-15P supports 32 codes), which can each be assigned one of 5 authority levels. The authority level determines the functions each code can perform as follows:

Authority Levels (authority levels can be assigned to users 3-49 only; users 1 and 2 cannot be changed)

Level	User No.	Functions
Installer	01	perform all security functions except can disarm only if used to arm; can enter program mode (default=4112)
System Master	02	only one system master code per system; can perform all security functions, add/delete users in either partition, change master code, view event log, set system clock, program keypad macro, program scheduled events, activate output devices (triggers/relays)
Partition Master (default)	P1 = 03 P2 = 33	VISTA-20P only. Same as Master, except add/delete users limited to assigned partition only, (these users can be assigned different authority levels, if desired; any user can be assigned the partition master authority level)
0-User	03-49 (V20P) 03-33 (V15P)	perform security functions (arm, disarm, etc.) only; cannot add/delete users, view event log, set system clock or program scheduled events
1-Arm Only	see "user"	arm system only
2-Guest	see "user"	can disarm the system only if it was used to arm the system
3-Duress	see "user"	performs security functions, but also silently sends a duress message to the central station; reports as zone 92
4-Partition Master	see "user"	VISTA-20P only. See Partition Master paragraph above; used to assign other user numbers as partition masters

Refer to the user guide for detailed procedures on adding/deleting security codes and changing user attributes.

The following is a brief description of how to add user codes.

Adding a User Code: Master code + [8] + 2-digit user no. + user's code

Deleting a User Code: Master code + [8] + 2-digit user no. + [#] [0]

Assigning Attributes: Master code + [8] + 2-digit user no. + [#] [attribute no.] + value

Attributes:	Values
1 = Authority Level	0-4 (see Authority Level table above)
2 = Access Group	0-8 (0 = not assigned to a group)
3 = Active Partition(s) for this user;	1, 2, 3 (common) Enter partitions consecutively if more than one and press [#] to end the entries.
4 = RF Zone No.	Assigns user number to button type zone for
arm/disarm.	
5 = Open/Close Paging	1 for yes, 0 for no

Keypad Functions

The following is a brief list of system commands. For detailed information concerning system functions, refer to the User's Manual.

Function	Description
Silence alarms	Pressing any key will silence the keypad sounder for 10 seconds. Disarming the system will silence both keypad and external sounders.
Quick Arm	If enabled (field Q21), you can press [#] in place of the system's security code, plus the desired arming key (Away, Stay, Instant, Maximum)
Single-Button arming	If programmed (*57 Function Key menu mode), lettered keys A-D can be used for arming, using options 3-AWAY, 4-STAY, 5-NIGHT-STAY, or 6-Step-Arming If used, no security code is required to arm the system.
Alarm Memory	When the system is disarmed, any zones that were in an alarm condition during the armed period will be displayed. To clear this display, simply repeat the disarm sequence (enter the security code and press the OFF key) again.
Arming Away	Enter code + AWAY [2] or simply press appropriate lettered key on the keypads (see "Single-Button Arming" above).
Arming Stay	Enter code + STAY [3] or simply press appropriate key on the keypads (see "Single-Button Arming" above).
Arming Night-Stay	Enter code + STAY [3] + STAY [3] or simply press appropriate key on the keypads (see "Single-Button Arming" above).
Arming Instant	Enter code + INSTANT [7].
Arming Maximum	Enter code + MAXIMUM [4] or simply press appropriate lettered key on the keypads (see "Single-Button Arming" above).
Disarming	Enter code + OFF [1].
Bypassing Zones	Enter code + BYPASS [6] + zone number(s).
Forced (Quick) Bypass	To automatically bypass all faulted zones, use the "Quick Bypass" method. Enter code + BYPASS + [#], then wait for all open zones to be displayed. Arm when display indicates "ZONE BYPASSED" and "READY TO ARM".
Chime Mode	Enter code + CHIME [9]. To turn chime off, enter code + CHIME again.
Activate Output Devices	If relay outputs (via a 4204, or 4229), or Powerline Carrier devices are used, two keypad entries available to the user are included. If programmed, these entries can be used to manually activate or deactivate the device(s) for starting or stopping some action, such as turning lights on or off, etc. These keypad entries are: [Security Code] + # + 7 + [2-digit Device #] activates (starts) that device. [Security Code] + # + 8 + [2-digit Device #] deactivates (stops) that device.

SUMMARY OF ARMING MODES

Arming Mode	Features for Each Arming Mode			
	Exit Delay	Entry Delay	Perimeter Armed	Interior Armed
AWAY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
STAY	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
NIGHT-STAY	Yes	Yes	Yes	only those zones listed in Night-Stay zone list
INSTANT	Yes	No	Yes	No
MAXIMUM	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Panic Keys

There are three Panic keys (A, B, and C) that, if programmed, can be used to manually initiate alarms and send a report to the central station.

Each key can be programmed for 24-hour Silent, 24-hour Audible, Fire, or Personal Emergency responses.

The programmed Panic response is activated when the appropriate key is pressed for at least 2 seconds.

The Panic keys are identified by the system as follows:

Keys	Displayed as Zone
[A] (*1)	95
[B] (*/#)	99
[C] (3/#)	96

IMPORTANT: For a Silent panic function (if programmed) to be of practical value, you must program a report code for the zone and the system must be connected to a central station.

Various System Trouble Displays

Alpha Display	Fixed Disp.	Meaning
CANCELED ALARM	CA	will appear if an exit or interior zone contained a fault during closing at the time the Exit Delay ended (e.g., exit door left open), but the system was disarmed during the Entry Delay time. The alarm sounder and keypad sound continuously, but stop when the system is disarmed. No message will be transmitted to the central station.
EXIT ALARM	EA	will appear when the Exit Delay ends if an exit or interior zone contained a fault during closing. The alarm sounder and keypad sound continuously until the system is disarmed (or timeout occurs). An "Exit Alarm" message is sent to the central station. Also results if an alarm from an exit or interior zone occurs within 2 minutes after the end of an Exit Delay.
CHECK	CHECK	indicates that a problem exists with the displayed zone(s) and requires attention. Note: The control will sense a high resistance in the loops on hardwired zones 2–8 and display "CHECK" and the affected zone number when the system is in the disarmed mode. It will not be possible to arm the system as long as this condition exists (unless this zone is bypassed). If the system is in the armed mode when the high resistance condition occurs, this display will not appear, but will do so as soon as the system is disarmed. Check the sensor or the loop wiring for the displayed zone.
ALARM 1xx FAULT 1xx CHECK 1xx	1xx 1xx 1xx 91	indicates that communication between control and a zone expander or wireless receiver is interrupted, where "xx" is the device address. Check the wiring and DIP switch settings on the units. If field *199 is set to "1," all ECP module problems are displayed as "91." If there are wireless sensors in the system, the Check condition may also be caused by some change in the environment that prevents the receiver from receiving signals from a particular sensor.
SYSTEM LO BAT	BAT	with no zone number indicates that the system's main standby battery is weak.
LO BAT	BAT	with a zone number and a once-per-minute beeping at the keypad indicates that a low-battery condition exists in the wireless sensor displayed (zone "00" indicates a wireless keypad). If the battery is not replaced within 30 days, a "CHECK" display may occur. Note: Some wireless sensors contain a non-replaceable long-life battery which requires replacement of the entire unit at the end of battery life (e.g., Nos. 5802, 5802CP).
TELCO FAULT	94	Telephone Line Failure, indicates that a monitored telephone line (if programmed in field *92) has been cut or disconnected. Depending on how the system was programmed, the keypad may also produce a trouble sound, and the external sounder may be activated. Silence by entering installer code + OFF.
Busy-Standby	dl	If this remains displayed for more than 1 minute, the system is disabled.

Alpha Display	Fixed Disp.	Meaning
Modem Comm	CC	The system is in communication with the central station for change of function or status verification.
no display	no display	Power Failure If there is no keypad display at all and the LEDs are unlit, operating power (AC and battery) for the system has stopped and the system is inoperative. If the message “AC LOSS” (Alpha display keypads) or “NO AC” (Fixed-Word display keypads) is displayed, the keypad is operating on battery power only. If the battery standby capacity is used up during a prolonged AC power outage, the control's power will shut down to minimize deep discharge of the battery.
Comm. Failure	FC	A communication failure has occurred.
Open Circuit	OC	The keypad is not receiving signals from the control and sees an open circuit.
Long Rng Trbl	bF	Backup LRR communication failure.
Bell Failure	70	Bell supervision failure.
RCVR Jam	90	RF jam detected.
KEYPAD LOW BAT	00 BAT	Wireless keypad low battery
Phone Okay	Cd	The dialer test has been successful (CID code 601).
Dialer Off	dO	The dialer is disabled.
Test in Progress	dd	Walk test mode is active(CID code 607).
Upload Completed	dC	The upload or download session was completed.
Upload Failed	dF	The upload or download session failed before completion.