VDB103
VDB103R
Vehicle Detector Board

Installation Instructions
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REGULATORY LABEL PLACEMENT

The Regulatory Label included in the installation package **must** be placed on the side of either the Base Station or TSP (depending upon which one of the two the VDB103/VDB103R board is installed in).

*The label may be placed on either side of the console (top, middle or bottom).*
VDB103/VDB103R THEORY OF OPERATION

The VDB103/VDB103R uses digital signal processing techniques to assess parameters inherent to inductive ground loops in order to evaluate loop status and signal vehicle detection. As a loop operator, this technology gives you the benefit of understanding the quality of your loop in real-time with advanced foresight and warning of deteriorating conditions.

This allows preventative measures to be taken to avoid down time and situations in which your drive-thru technologies and services are hindered or incapacitated due to a failed or failing loop. While these events are unlikely, the advanced warning system of the VDB103/VDB103R offers peace of mind that drive-thru operations will continue to be uninterrupted.

Through continuous measurement of the inductive ground loop, the VDB103/VDB103R determines the inherent electrical characteristics of the loop which include: loop condition, connection quality, and the inductance of the loop. These three parameters are evaluated to determine the Loop Status as seen in Figure 4, page 6. In the case of a deteriorating loop, the VDB103/VDB103R offers insight into the underlying cause and the course of action to help troubleshoot your issue.

The vehicle detection portion of the VDB103/VDB103R operates through analysis of loop response to a stimulus provided by the detector, which characterizes the inductance of a loop. The presence of a vehicle over the loop electromagnetically interacts with the loop causing a change in inductance. The VDB103/VDB103R monitors these small inductance changes in order to signal vehicle detection.

LOOP FAILURE AND INTERFERENCE

Inductive ground loops may eventually fail. The VDB103/VDB103R can remove the surprise of failure from operation and allows you to prepare for such an event well in advance. Loop failure is the result of damage to the loop which can include, but is not limited to: damage to area surrounding loop, severed loop or lead in wires, or insulation damage as a result of aging and other environmental factors.

In addition, deteriorating connections between the loop and the VDB103/VDB103R can cause detection failure even though the loop itself is in good condition.

The VDB103/VDB103R is essentially a large metal detector. Do not install the loop over any metallic object, surface, or area. This includes installing the loop over rebar. Failure to adhere to this installation recommendation will result in unexpected loop behavior.

ESD HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Contains parts and assemblies susceptible to damage by Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

This device is sensitive to electrostatic discharge and should be installed by personnel trained in ESD awareness. Proper handling procedures include wearing anti-static wrist straps.
INSTALLATION

If you're replacing an existing board, begin at Step 1. If no previous VDB103/VDB103R board exists, begin at Step 6.

1. When handling the VDB103/VDB103R, wear an anti-static wrist strap to avoid electrical damage to the board.

2. Disconnect the drive-thru audio or timer system power adapter from its electrical outlet.

3. Disconnect the loop cable from TB1 on the existing board to be replaced.

4. Disconnect interconnect cable from its connector (P1) on the base station or control unit circuit board. Note the connector and its location.

5. Remove the existing board by lifting it off the plastic standoffs that hold it in place.

6. Connect the loop cable to TB1 at the upper left corner of the VDB103/VDB103R. See Figure 1, above.

7. Position the VDB103/VDB103R over the three plastic standoffs on the base station or control unit circuit board and press it firmly until the standoffs snap through the holes on the VDB103/VDB103R. See Figure 1 for hole locations.

8. Connect the VDB103/VDB103R interconnect cable to P1, at the lower right corner of the VDB103/VDB103R. See Figure 1. Be certain the plastic catches on the cable connector are aligned with the plastic catches on the P1 connector. The color-coded connector wires must also match the pin positions shown on Figure 1.

9. Connect the other end of the interconnect cable to the circuit board in the base station or control unit per installation instructions from the drive-thru audio or timer system.

   ▶ If the installation instructions are not available, visit hme.com to obtain the manual PDF file or call HME at 1-800-848-4468.

10. Reconnect the drive-thru or timer system power adapter to its electrical outlet.

11. During boot up, “b” (for ‘booting’) will display for a few seconds. The Display on the VDB103/VDB103R should then read “0” or “1”, indicating that the loop is signaling properly. If the Display does not read “0” or “1”, be certain all connections are tight. If it still does not indicate “0” or “1”, see Figure 4, page 6.

12. Drive a car onto the loop. The Dot on the Display should illuminate when a car is present over the loop.
DIP SWITCH SETTINGS
Before installing the VDB103/VDB103R, the following six functions can be set by switching/moving the switches as indicated below. Refer to Figure 3, below.

* = factory setting

Figure 3. SW1 DIP switch on VDB103/VDB103R circuit board
(Default pin positions displayed)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Switch #1</th>
<th>Vehicle Presence Auto Reset</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>No Timeout</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON</td>
<td>20 minute timeout for vehicle presence *</td>
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Clears vehicle detection after 20 minutes.

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<tr>
<th>Switch #2</th>
<th>Detection Sensitivity</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>Normal Sensitivity *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Low Sensitivity</td>
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Lower detection sensitivity corresponds to slower detection at the risk of small fluctuations causing missed detections.

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<tr>
<th>Switch #3</th>
<th>Switch #4</th>
<th>Release Sensitivity</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OFF OFF</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OFF ON</td>
<td>Medium *</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON OFF</td>
<td>High</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON ON</td>
<td>Extra High</td>
<td></td>
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Release Sensitivity correlates to how quickly the VDB103/VDB103R will signal vehicle departure (higher sensitivity means departures trigger more easily).

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Switch #5</th>
<th>Diagnostic Mode</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>Normal VDB103/VDB103R Operation *</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Detection is Suspended - DSP firmware scrolls, and car presence is cycled every 10 seconds (On 10 seconds, Off 10 seconds)</td>
</tr>
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Verifies connection between VDB103/VDB103R and Base.

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<tr>
<th>Switch #6</th>
<th>Switch #7</th>
<th>Delay</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OFF OFF</td>
<td>6 seconds</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OFF ON</td>
<td>4 seconds</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON OFF</td>
<td>2 seconds</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON ON</td>
<td>0 seconds *</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

Controls the delay between detection and the actual signaling of detection.

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<tr>
<th>Switch #8</th>
<th></th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>Daily Log</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ON</td>
<td>Weekly Log *</td>
</tr>
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ON is the default setting. Do not change.
TROUBLESHOOTING

Release Sensitivity

➤ Set to Low if multiple detections or dropouts occur frequently at Normal.

➤ Set to High or Extra High to compensate for improperly positioned loops where run-ons occur.

➤ Set as low as practical. Check for run-ons or dropouts and set for best operation.

RESET PROCEDURE

If the detector is stuck indicating a vehicle present continuously or is otherwise unresponsive, follow the reset steps below:

With no vehicle present over the vehicle detector loop:

➤ Press and hold the Reset switch in the base station or timer for 1 second and then release. The VDB103/VDB103R display will go blank for a few seconds and then should show “b” for a second or two.

➤ Reset is complete when the VDB103/VDB103R display shows a code other than “b” or “F”.

DETECTOR FUNCTION

To verify proper detector board function, disconnect one of the wires to the detector loop and verify that the board display changes to “d”. Then reconnect the wire and the display should change back to one of the normal codes. If the display was originally showing “d”, short the two loop terminals and watch for the display to change to “C”.
# SELF DIAGNOSTICS

If an abnormal condition with the loop or detector occurs, the LED display will show a number or letter (see below). Follow the recommendations appropriate for the code that is displayed.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Display</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Troubleshooting</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Loop is healthy</td>
<td>If experiencing problems with detection, reassess DIP switch settings or call HME* for guidance with settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Loop is in good condition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Loop is in moderate condition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Loop is approaching a critical condition</td>
<td>Severe weather may exacerbate problem. Loop replacement is recommended. Call HME* for guidance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Loop is close to failure</td>
<td>Severe weather may make the loop fail. Loop replacement is necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Loop is healthy, but connection from the loop to the VDB103/VDB103R is bad</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Loop is in good condition, but connection from the loop to the VDB103/VDB103R is bad</td>
<td>Check electrical connections to loop and to VDB103/VDB103R as well as any cable splices. Call HME* if problem persists.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Loop is in moderate condition, but connection from the loop to the VDB103/VDB103R is bad</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Loop is approaching a critical condition, but connection from the loop to the VDB103/VDB103R is bad</td>
<td>Check electrical connections to loop and to VDB103/VDB103R as well as any cable splices. Loop replacement is recommended. Call HME* for guidance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Loop is close to failure, but connection from the loop to the VDB103/VDB103R is bad</td>
<td>Check electrical connections to loop and to VDB103/VDB103R as well as any cable splices. Loop replacement is necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Loop Shorted</td>
<td>Disconnect loop from lead-in cable outside the building and re check. If still shorted, the cable is bad. If open (code “d”), loop replacement is indicated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Loop disconnected from VDB103/VDB103R</td>
<td>Check electrical connections at VDB103/VDB103R, loop, and any splices in the cable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td>Loop inductance is outside of operable range</td>
<td>Schedule loop replacement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U</td>
<td>Loop inductance is outside of range, and connection from the loop to the VDB103/VDB103R is bad</td>
<td>Check all electrical connections and re test. Loop replacement may be necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>VDB103/VDB103R has failed</td>
<td>Call HME* for replacement VDB103/VDB103R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>VDB103/VDB103R booting</td>
<td>Normal to appear for a few seconds after reset. Call HME* for replacement VDB103/VDB103R if code persists.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*1-800-848-4468

**Figure 4. Loop Status Indication Table**
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE APPROVALS
HME is committed to compliance with the laws and regulations of each country where HME markets the product below.

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Product Regulatory Model Number: RFM100

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Caution: All products are compliant with regulatory requirements detailed in this document when the user follows all the installation instructions and operating conditions per HME specifications.

Caution: Product modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance can void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.

Cause: Use of accessories and peripherals other than those recommended by HME may void the product’s compliance as well as the user’s authority to operate the equipment.

Caution: Operating or storing the product outside the specified temperature range of 0-50º Celsius can damage it.

RF Exposure Notice
This module transmitter complies with radiation exposure limits set forth for the general public (uncontrolled environment) per FCC, IC and EC rules and guidelines. This module transmitter must be installed to operate with a minimum separation distance of 7.87 inches (20 cm) from all persons. To avoid the possibility of exceeding radio frequency exposure limits, human proximity to the antenna shall not be less than 20cm.

Avis d'exposition RF
Ce module émetteur est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux radiations énoncées pour le grand public (environnement incontrôlé) selon les règles et directives FCC, IC et EC. Ce module émetteur doit être installé de façon à fonctionner avec une distance de séparation minimale de 20 cm (7,87 pouces) de toutes personnes. Pour éviter la possibilité de dépasser les limites d’exposition aux fréquences radio, la proximité humaine de l’antenne ne doit pas dépasser 20 cm.

US Compliance Notice
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Model RFM100 is a module transmitter that is installed inside a host or finished product. It was certified with single modular approval per Federal Communications Commission (FCC) CFR47 Telecommunications, Part 15.212 under Subpart C Intentional Radiators. Single modular approval does not necessarily eliminate FCC testing on the finished product. For example, FCC Part 15 B requirement for the digital device (unintentional radiator) of a composite system, RF Exposure and/or Co-location requirement may still be applicable to the finished product.

The host integrator is responsible to ensure that the finished product complies with all applicable FCC equipment authorization regulations.

The FCC certification of the module transmitter is voided if the host integrator does not follow its FCC’s grant notes and operation condition/installation instructions. This module transmitter contains an integrated antenna, which is also integral to its FCC certification, so using any other antenna would void its FCC certification.

This module transmitter must not collocate or operate simultaneously with any other antenna or transmitter within a host device, except in accordance with FCC multi-transmitter procedures.

If the FCC ID of this module transmitter is not visible when the module transmitter is installed inside a host or finished product, then the exterior surface of the host or finished product must also display a label with the following or similar wording: “Contains FCC ID: BYMRFM100”.

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Hereby, HME declares that the Vehicle Detector Board (Regulatory Model RFM100) is in compliance with the following directives and standards:

Directives:
RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

Standards:
EN 300 328
EN 300 330
EN 301 489
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This device complies with Industry Canada’s license-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause interference; and
(2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

This license-exempt transmitter is equipped with an integrated antenna. This license-exempt transmitter is not allowed to operate with any other antenna.

This module transmitter must not collocate or operate simultaneously with any other antenna or transmitter within a host device, except in accordance with multi-transmitter procedures.

The host product shall be properly labeled to identify the modules within the host product.

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This device complies with Industry Canada’s RSS-310. Operation is subject to the condition that this device must not cause harmful interference and must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

RFM100’s Category II transmitter:

- Carrier Freq 12-75Khz
- Field strength 48.57dBuV/m
- Measurement Distance 3 meters

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Cet appareil est conforme aux CNR d’Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L’exploitation est soumise aux deux conditions suivantes:

(1) cet appareil ne doit pas provoquer d’interférence, et
(2) cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence radioélectrique subie, même si l’interférence est susceptible d’en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Cet émetteur exempt de licence est équipé d’une antenne intégrée. Cet émetteur exempt de licence n’est pas autorisé à fonctionner avec une autre antenne.

Cet émetteur de module ne doit pas colocaliser ou fonctionner simultanément avec une autre antenne ou émetteur dans un dispositif hôte, sauf conformément aux procédures multi-émetteurs.

Le produit doit être correctement étiqueté pour identifier les modules inclus dans le produit hôte.

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Cet appareil est conforme au CNR-310 d’Industrie Canada. Le fonctionnement est soumis à la condition que cet appareil ne doit pas causer d’interférences nuisibles et doit accepter toute interférence, y compris les interférences susceptibles de provoquer un fonctionnement indésirable de l’appareil.

Émetteur de catégorie II de RFM100:

- Fréq. porteuse 12-75kHz
- Force de terrain 48.57dBuV / m
- Distance de mesure 3 mètres

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