Wireless Clock System
Installation and Operation Manual

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Overview

The DuraTime wireless clock system is specifically designed for applications where precision and reliability are of great importance. Time updates using the standard Network Time Protocol (NTP) and/or optional Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) provides the master clock(s) with constant time updates. All clocks in the system will not only display the same time, but the true legal time. Any combination of clock shapes, style or size may be synchronized. DuraTime clocks are designed for organizations that require reliable and accurate synchronized time.

The DuraTime multi-path wireless clock system is highly reliable. The system operates on the license-free 2.4 GHz Industrial, Scientific and Medical band. Spread Spectrum radios are used to enhance signal coverage, along with AES 128 bit encryption to enhance security and reliability. Multi-path wireless communications are used to propagate the time signal throughout any size facility. The failure of any single clock will not affect the remaining clocks in the system. Supervision is available to automatically check the operation of all wireless devices on the system.

The system can be configured to use multiple, simultaneous time sources. For example, NTP and GPS time sources can be used at the same time. Multiple master clocks may be used so that if one master clock is down or loses sync, the system automatically continues to function normally from the secondary master clock. DuraTime digital clocks include an internal Lithium battery that will maintain the time for up to 10 years. DuraTime battery powered clocks utilize a redundant parallel battery configuration that allows the clock to function even if a battery fails. No other system on the markets offers this level of reliability and ease of operation.

Each master clock may be configured for a variety of time zone and Daylight Saving Rules, including UTC (Zulu) Time, Any World Time Zone, Half-hour time zones, Enable or Disable Daylight Saving Time, and selectable 12 or 24 hour display formats with digital intensity control on digital clocks.
DuraTime Multi-path Wireless Communications

The examples listed on these pages are simplified for communicating system concepts. The number of actual clocks in a system could easily number in the thousands, either densely located, or spread over a wide area, with complete coordination of all communications.

Signal Paths of an Active Network

![Signal Paths of an Active Network](image)

When the wireless clock network is active, all clocks are within range of one or more other clocks. Each clock receives and retransmits time signals.

The wireless network can also be configured as a continuously active network by adding repeaters and other non-battery powered devices. Simply add radio devices in areas where the signal is absent. A mini-master device can be used as a signal monitor to determine where the network is active or where additional wireless devices are needed to extend the network. Once the continuously active network is configured, the mini-master is no longer required to install or replace battery powered analog clocks.

Installing Battery powered Analog Cocks

![Installing Battery powered Analog Cocks](image)

Battery powered analog clocks need to conserve power as much as possible, so the internal radio is put to sleep most of the time. The clock awakens the radio for ten seconds, seven times a day to obtain and propagate the time signal. During this on period, the clocks instantly form a wireless network, transferring data as needed and updating the time display. A hand-held mini-master clock is used to provide a time signal when the wireless clock network is not active. The dashed lines indicate the radio range of the active transmitters. The mini-master provides a time signal for the clock to reference when the batteries are installed. Once the newly installed clock receives a signal from the mini-master, it is synchronized with the network and the mini-master is no longer required.

Multiple-redundant Master Clocks

![Multiple-redundant Master Clocks](image)

Multiple master clocks may be used to increase system reliability. Each master clock can obtain time updates from multiple sources, simultaneously.

The master clocks are designed to nest on top of one another. Or, they may be spread around the facility. Master clocks automatically communicate with one another to determine which master clock shall be actively transmitting.

Continuously Active Network using Digital Clocks

![Continuously Active Network using Digital Clocks](image)

Digital clocks are externally powered and are continuously available to form a network. Time is distributed to all clocks once per second. The mini-master clock can be used as a signal detector to determine if the area to be covered is complete during and after installation. Externally powered analog wall clocks and wall repeaters can also be used to form a continuously active network.

Continuously Active Network with Digital and Analog Clocks

![Continuously Active Network with Digital and Analog Clocks](image)

In a hybrid system of externally powered and battery powered clocks, the network is continuously active between digital clocks as indicated by the heavy dashed lines. Network communications between battery powered analog clocks is available for ten seconds, seven times per day.

The mini-master clock is not required to install the analog clocks that are within range of the mains powered wireless devices. The mini-master clock can be used as a signal detector to determine if a continuously active network signal is present. If not, simply activate the time transmissions of the mini-master before installing battery powered clocks.

Alarm/Tone Generator with an Idle Wireless Network

![Alarm/Tone Generator with an Idle Wireless Network](image)

The wireless alarm/tone generator must be located with 150 feet of an actively transmitting component of the network, such as the master clock. Open areas such as warehouse space or manufacturing facilities may extend this range up to 330 feet.
Multiple wireless alarm/tone generators may be deployed. Each alarm/tone generator must be located with 150 feet of a continuously active component of the network. Open areas such as warehouse space or manufacturing facilities may extend this range up to 330 feet.

The RC160 wireless GPS receiver will provide time updates to one or more master clocks. The GPS translator must be located within 150 feet of one or more RC100 master clocks (330 feet in open space construction). Each master clock then transmits time packets to all clocks on the network. In addition, each master clock can obtain time from public or private time servers on the network to backup the GPS receiver. Another GPS time receiver model is able to send time updates over the computer network to one or more master clocks. Set the GPS receiver and master clock on different channels.

Above is an example of a dual-redundant master clock system receiving time updates from a single wireless GPS receiver. In addition to the time updates from the GPS receiver, each master clock is capable of receiving redundant time updates from local or public NTP time servers. The master clocks can be stacked on top of one another, or they may be located in different parts of the building or campus. Set each master clock and GPS receiver on different channels.

The RC165 Ethernet GPS receiver will provide time updates to multiple master clocks located on the same subnet. Master clocks located on different subnets should use a local or public NTP time server to obtain time updates. The RC100 master clock is fully capable of obtaining time updates using NTP. Set the master clocks on different channels.

Inexpensive wall repeaters are available to provide a continuously active wireless network. This allows wireless relays, tone generators and GPS receivers to be located anywhere in the facility where the active network is available. The wall repeaters include an LED activity indicator to confirm that the network is active. Repeaters are also useful to fill gaps in coverage when wireless devices are spread far apart. Wall repeaters and analog clocks repeat all radio channels.
DuraTime Features and Options

The DuraTime Wireless Synchronized Clock System offers flexibility and reliability for demanding time display applications. This clock system will perform flawlessly for any size facility, or campus.

Master Clock Package Contents

1. DuraTime RC100 Master Clock
2. RC150 Mini-Master Clock with two “AA” batteries installed
3. AC Power Adapter with plugs for North America, UK type, Europe and Australia
4. 10 feet (15M) of Cat-5 network cable
5. Quick Start Guide

Standard Features

1. 100% digital radio communications
2. Simple installation. No system configuration required. Just insert batteries and hang on the wall.
3. Coverage for any size facility
4. Self-healing network
5. Sixteen times the power output of the next competing multi-path clock system
6. Multiple master clock configurations are supported for increased reliability
7. All master and secondary clocks throughout the system are synchronized to the U.S. Atomic Clock.
8. AES 128 bit encryption, providing secure and reliable communications
9. Uses the standard 2.4 GHz ISM (Industrial, Scientific and Medical) band for global compatibility
10. Master clock with LCD display for time and configuration
11. Secondary clocks continue to maintain time in the absence of a time signal.
12. No FCC License or additional government authorization required.
13. Spread Spectrum technology (DSSS), developed for the U.S. Government, is used throughout the system.
14. Electrical and/or network wiring is eliminated when using battery powered wall clocks.
15. Battery powered analog wall clocks will operate five years or longer between battery changes.
16. Daylight Saving rules can be changed at any time.
17. Temperature compensated quartz oscillator
18. Master clock and Digital Clocks include a 10 year lithium battery – uses one millionth of a watt in standby mode
19. Master clocks include an alarm relay output for one zone
20. 999 total alarm settings
21. 12 alarm zones
22. Alarm schedule activation by date range
23. Variable duration for each alarm setting
24. Select audio, tone or relay closure for alarm output
25. Over 70 audio alarm recordings included with optional wireless alarm interface
26. Enable/Disable auto switching between daylight and standard time

Optional Features

1. Wireless Relay / Audio Player for connecting to bells or paging systems
2. Wireless GPS receiver – no wiring required between the GPS receiver and master clock
3. Wireless serial interface for special communications applications
4. Wireless repeaters to bridge coverage gaps or to provide a continuously available network
General Specifications:

**DuraTime Radios**

- **Frequency**: 2405 to 2480 MHz
- **Protocol**: 802.15.4, Proprietary Mesh Network
- **Operating Mode**: ISM
- **Modulation**: Direct Sequence, Spread Spectrum, Digital
- **Data Speed**: 250 Kbps
- **Operating Voltage**: 2.1 to 3.3 Volts
- **Output Power**: +20 dBm
- **Rx Sensitivity**: -97 dBm
- **Range**: 3,000 + feet (900 meters)
- **Operating Temperature**: -40C to +85C
- **Regulatory Certification**: FCC-ID W7Z-ZIC2410P2, IC 8254A-ZIC24102, CE
- **Digital Codes Available**: 65,535
- **Antenna Type**: Inverted-F PCB antenna, no external access
- **RF Channels**: 16
- **External controls**: None
- **Rx Current**: 30 mA
- **Tx Current**: 200 mA
- **Collision Avoidance**: Yes
- **Channel Busy Detection**: Yes
RC100 Master Clock

Environment:
-32 degrees F to 120 degrees F, Humidity: 0% to 95% non-condensing

Internal Time Battery Backup:
10 year Lithium Battery

Clock Accuracy:
The RC100 incorporates an ultra-high precision temperature compensated quartz oscillator. Nominal accuracy provided is + or – two seconds per year at 70 degrees F, correctable to + or – 0.1 second per year using an NTP and/or GPS time source.

Construction:
ABS plastic cabinet allows the internal antenna to communicate with any number of secondary devices.

Power Requirements:
7-12 volts DC, 2 amps
AC adapter input 100-240 VAC, 0.8A, 47-63 Hz (FCC, UL, CE CB, GC)

RC50 Battery Powered Analog Clock Movement

Environment:
32 degrees F to 120 degrees F, Humidity: 0% to 95% non-condensing

Clock Accuracy:
Nominal accuracy provided is + or – one second when updated seven times per day.

Construction:
ABS plastic cabinet allows the internal antenna to communicate with any number of secondary devices.

Power Requirements:
Four LR6 (AA type) Alkaline or Lithium primary batteries
Planning

All DuraTime wireless devices receive and re-transmit time data to other devices. This includes master clocks, analog clocks, digital clocks, alarm interfaces, repeaters and sensors. This method of repeating data allows coverage of any size of facility or campus. The rule-of-thumb for the placement of wireless devices is to locate them no further than 150 feet (45m) apart for areas with many wall partitions, such as offices, dormitories and hospitals. For open areas such as a manufacturing floor or warehouse, locate wireless devices no more than 330 feet (100m) apart. If wireless devices must be located further apart or areas isolated from radio signals need to be penetrated, then repeaters or other DuraTime wireless devices may be installed to bridge large distances or penetrate difficult to reach areas.

Installation

Master Clock Installation

The master clock must be installed and synchronized with a local or public time server before installing slave clocks. For best results, centrally locate the master clock in the facility. Multiple master clocks can be spread evenly across the facility, or they may be stacked on top of one another.

1. Connect the network cable into the back of the master clock.
2. Plug the low voltage cable from the AC adapter into the back of the master clock.
3. Plug the AC adapter into a wall outlet.

The master clock will attempt to automatically register with the computer network using DHCP. If a network connection is successful, it will then attempt to acquire network time from public time servers using NTP (Network Time Protocol).

If DHCP is not available, the master clock’s network interface must be configured with fixed IP address information. If an internal or other time server is to be used in place of public time servers, then this too will need to be changed in the network interface. See the Ethernet Communications section later in the manual for more information about configuring the Ethernet interface.

When the master clock receives a time update from the time server, an asterisk (*) will appear in the lower right corner of the LCD display. A “T” will appear on the lower left side of the master clock’s display when it is actively broadcasting time packets.

The master clock incorporates a high precision temperature compensated quartz oscillator, so the clock will maintain the time for an extended period without external time updates.
An optional GPS receiver is available for the master clock. This receiver sends the time received from the GPS satellites wirelessly to the master clock. The GPS receiver can be used in addition to NTP time for a redundant time source.

Connections on the back of the master clock.

The DuraTime RC100 master clock includes connections for power, alarm relay and Ethernet. The alarm relay includes 10 Amp contacts. Larger loads should make use of a slaved relay.

There are two primary network types: **Periodically Active** and **Continuously Active**.

**Periodically Active Wireless Network** - A clock system comprised of battery powered secondary clocks is an example of a periodically active network. The network is only active for 10 seconds, seven times per day. The mini-master is usually required when installing battery powered analog clocks, because the wireless network is idle most of the time. The periodically active network requires the least amount of equipment and therefore is the most economical. The mini-master clock is normally used when installing battery power analog clocks in a periodically active network.

**Continuously Active Wireless Network** - A system comprised of externally powered digital or analog clocks, or any other DuraTime device that’s externally powered is an example of a continuously active network. Each clock is always active, receiving and retransmitting data. In this type of network, the mini-master is not required when installing battery powered analog clocks. The clock will receive a time update as soon as it is powered because the network is always active. The advantage of the continuously active network is that the time signal is always available when installing or replacing battery powered clocks. No mini-master is required. The downside is there may be some additional equipment required to repeat the signal. However, given the long range of repeaters, the additional equipment would be minimal.

A continuously active wireless network is very easy to install before installing secondary devices. First install the master transmitter(s) as described above. Then, place the mini-master tool in receive mode by momentarily pressing the yellow On/Off button to turn the unit on. Then momentarily press the blue Receive Only button. The indicator light should begin blinking once per second as it receives time broadcasts from the master clock(s). Wall repeaters and analog clocks repeat all radio channels.
Next, walk down hallways or around the area until the signal light begins to blink irregularly, indicating a weak signal. At this point plug in a wireless wall repeater into an outlet somewhere between the poor signal point and the master clock. A light on the wall repeater indicates power and blinks to indicate radio activity. Alternatively, any DuraTime externally powered device such as an AC powered analog clock, digital clock, wireless relay/audio player/tone generator, wireless GPS receiver, or serial interface can be used in place of a wall repeater. It is highly recommended to plug the wall repeater into an outlet located high on the wall to prevent accidental damage or tampering. Dropped ceiling repeaters are also available.

Be sure to secure the wall repeater to the electrical outlet using the screw hole provided in the repeater housing. The repeater in the photo is typical for the USA and Canada. Repeaters for other countries typically consist of a wall or shelf mounted enclosure with a separate AC power adapter with the appropriate plug.

Continue the signal survey until the mini-master indicates full coverage throughout the facility. A redundant system using multiple master clocks can be used in a multi-building campus to provide full coverage. Once full coverage is verified, the mini-master is no longer required. Battery powered analog clocks can be installed anywhere in the coverage area.

**Analog Clock Installation in a Periodically Active Wireless Network**

The master clock transmits time updates once per second, continuously throughout the day. However, analog wall clocks only turn their radios on for ten seconds, seven times per day at 01:00, 02:00, 04:00, 06:00, 11:00, 15:00 and 20:00. This means that a system-wide network is only formed during the time the analog clocks have their radios enabled.

There are two recommended methods of initializing analog clocks. For small systems, the clocks should be brought within 150 feet of the operating master clock. Insert batteries into the clock’s battery holder. The clock will first move the hands 12 hours to obtain a known reference point. The clock will then receive and process the time and begin moving the hands in about four minutes. Once the hands start moving to the correct time, the clock can be installed in the desired location.

For large system, a mini-master clock is included for installer(s) to carry while installing clocks. This device allows inserting the batteries into the clocks at the location where the clock will be installed. Once the clock has moved the hands to 12:00, the clock no longer requires the presence of the mini-master clock. At this point, the installer can move on to install the next clock.

Alternatively, repeaters, digital clocks, wireless relays and other externally powered devices can be used to form a continuously active network with full facility coverage. In this case, analog clocks can be installed without the need to use the mini-master clock.

**DuraTime RC150 Mini-Master Clock**
The RC150 Mini-Master clock is a hand-held unit used to install battery powered clocks when a signal from the master clock is unavailable. Because battery powered clocks only power on briefly seven times per day, a time signal may not be available in a particular area. The RC150 Mini-Master clock provides a constant time signal so that clocks may be installed regardless if the wireless network is active or not.

The RC150 Mini-Master is a high precision synchronized master clock, incorporating a temperature compensated quartz oscillator, multi-path radio transceiver and a 10 year Lithium battery to maintain the internal time.

**Mini-Master Clock Operation**

Press the yellow On/Off button to power on the unit. The LED will flash twice per second. This indicates the unit is in repeater only mode. It does not broadcast the time in this mode. It only repeats broadcasts it receives.

To re-synchronize the RC150 mini-master with the RC100 master clock, bring the mini-master unit within 150 feet of the master clock. Then momentarily press the blue Receive Only button to place the unit into receive mode. The LED should blink once per second as it receives broadcasts from the master clock. Press the Receive Only button again to receive and store the time transmission into the mini-master device. The LED will flicker momentarily if the time is successfully stored in the unit.

To start time broadcasting using the mini-master, press the red Transmit Time button. The LED will double flash every second.

To receive and repeat all broadcasts, without transmitting time stored in the mini-master, press the green Repeater Only button.

Press the On/Off button to turn the unit off. The unit will automatically turn off after eight hours of operation. The unit is powered by 2 x AA batteries.

Once the RC150 Mini-Master is placed in broadcast mode, it can be carried along while installing battery powered clocks.

Install clocks closest to the transmitter(s) first, working away from the master clock.

Multiple master clocks, with overlapping coverage is acceptable, providing redundant time synchronization.

This is particularly important during installation and battery replacement. If the analog clock is out of radio signal range, it will not move to the correct time after batteries are installed. There are two ways to be sure a signal is present during battery installation. Either locate the clock with 150 feet of the master clock, or turn on a hand-held mini-master clock in the immediate vicinity of the analog clock. Then, insert the batteries into the analog clock and wait a few minutes for the clock to receive the time signal and begin moving the hands to the correct time.
Go ahead and hang the clock on the wall. You do not have to wait for the hands to complete the move to the correct time. Analog clocks receive and repeat all radio transmissions to propagate the signal throughout the facility.

To change the channel of the mini-master clock, press the On/Off button to power the unit on. Then simultaneously press the Repeater Only and Transmit Time buttons, then release. The indicator light will flicker momentarily and then go out. Next, press the Transmit Time button equal to the desired channel number. Bypassing the Transmit Time button sets the channel to zero. The indicator light will flash to acknowledge each button press. Next, press the On/Off button to save the channel setting. The unit should immediately start operating in repeater mode on the new channel. Setting the channel to 15 will cause the device to transmit and receive on all channels. Repeaters and analog clocks always transmit and receive on all channels.

Setting the mini-master channel to 16 will cause it to immediately start broadcasting simulated GPS packets. The GPS packets will be off by the time zone offset and will not represent the correct hour; although the minutes and seconds should normally be correct. Any further button selections will cancel simulated GPS mode.

**Digital Clock Installation**

If the clock system is comprised entirely of digital clocks, the digital clock will receive and move to the correct time (if it isn’t already there) as soon as power is applied. However, if the clock network is comprised of a combination of digital and analog clocks, the complete network may not be active until the analog clocks enable their respective radios. This occurs seven times per day. Digital clocks within range of the master clock or repeaters will move to the correct time as soon as power is applied.

The Mini-Master clock can be used as a signal monitor to determine wireless coverage. First, turn the unit on by pressing the blue On/Off button. Then, press the yellow Receive Only button. The mini-master indicator light will blink with each time transmission from the master clock. The master clock normally transmits once per second.

Digital clocks receive and repeat all radio transmissions to propagate the signal throughout the facility.

The digital clocks are constructed using a sturdy aluminum frame with an anti-glare acrylic lens and ABS back plate. Various mounting methods are available. The standard mounting method consists of saw tooth hangers located on the back of the clock. Simply drive the appropriate number of screws into the wall and hang the clock on the screws. Secure eyelet attachments are also available where a more secure mount is required.

**Wireless Relay / Audio Player / Tone Generator Installation**

While the master clock includes alarm relay connections, the location of the alarm devices may be some distance from the master clock. In this case, wireless alarm relays are available. Wireless relays should be located within 150 feet of continuously active network transmissions.
The wireless relay / tone generator includes a configuration dip switch.

Switch position 1 sets the audio output, up=high (1 volt P-P), down=low (0.5 volt P-P).
Switch position 2 sets the device function (up=audio player w/ relay following, down=timed relay).
Switch positions 3-6 sets the alarm zone number (binary 1-12).
Switch positions 7-10 sets the radio channel number (binary 0-15). Setting the channel to 15 will cause the device to transmit and receive on all channels.

When switch position 2 is in the up position, the relay will activate as long as audio is playing. When the switch is down position, the relay will use the timed values indicated in the drop down box of the Windows alarm configuration program. In addition to the time relay values, the relay can be configured to remain on or off indefinitely.

DIP switch setting (default) for high volume, audio player active, alarm zone 1, radio channel 0

DIP switch setting for audio disabled with timed relay active, alarm zone 1, radio channel 0

Binary value DIP switch settings – use the following table to configure the switches for the zone and channel numbers. Disregard the numbers on the switches in the following table. For example, the zone number switches on a wireless relay are numbered 3-6 and the channel switches are numbered 7-10.

The relay output of the master clock is always a timed or steady state, and does not follow any audio play, or zones.

An internal speaker is available when the device is in audio player mode.

The Wireless Relay / Audio Player includes over 70 pre-recorded tones, chimes, buzzers and bells. Also included are various Westminster clock chimes. These chimes can be configured as a campus wide clock chime system. For best results, use only SanDisk brand memory cards.
The wireless alarm relay includes 10 Amp contacts. Larger loads should make use of a slaved relay.

Wireless Relay modules receive and repeat all radio transmissions to propagate the signal throughout the facility.

The DuraTime control program for Windows is available to configure and control alarm settings.

Setting the channel to 15 will cause the device to transmit and receive on all channels. Repeaters and analog clocks always transmit and receive on all channels.
**Operation**

The DuraTime master clock obtains time updates from local or public time servers, and/or from the optional GPS receiver. The time received is used to update the master clock’s internal temperature compensated quartz oscillator. The internal clock is backed up using a 10 year Lithium battery to prevent time disruptions due to power outages. All master clock configuration parameters are stored in non-volatile memory and are unaffected by power outages. Any number of master clocks may be used for improved system reliability.

The master clock transmits time updates using a 2.4 GHz Direct Sequence, Spread Spectrum digital radio. All data transmitted is encrypted using AES-128 bit data encryption for security and reliability. The RC100 master clock broadcasts time updates every second (86,400 times per day).

When dual redundant master clocks are utilized, the secondary master clock will automatically begin broadcasting time if the primary master clock loses GPS or NTP sync, or stop sending time packets. When the primary master clock problem is corrected, it will resume broadcasting time and the secondary master clock will cease sending time. Both master clocks will receive and use time GPS or NTP time updates whether they are broadcasting time or not. A “T” on the master clock display indicates that it is actively broadcasting time packets. In dual-redundant master clock configurations, a “P” on the upper left of the display indicates that it’s configured as a primary master clock. An “S” indicates it’s configured as a secondary master clock.

Above is a dual-redundant master clock configuration with control buttons and LCD displays. The primary master clock is on top as indicated by the “P” on the display. It is actively broadcasting time packets as indicated by the “T” on the display. The secondary master clock as indicated by the “S” on the display is in standby mode as indicated by the absence of the “T” indicator. The secondary master clock will automatically come online if the primary fails to transmit time packets or loses GPS or NTP sync. Both clocks are in sync with the atomic clock as indicated by the “*” character. Transmissions to wireless alarm devices will only be sent if the “T” is visible. The alternating minus/plus character in the upper right corner of each display indicates that analog clock lower power mode is enabled.

When a slave clock receives a time update, it immediately repeats the signal to all other clocks within range. It also uses the time packet to update its internal clock, which is used to update the display.
All remaining slave clocks receive and repeat the wireless data as needed, forming a multi-path network. This multi-path network provides radio signal coverage for virtually any size facility. Furthermore, the failure of any single clock will have no effect on the clock system as clock communications are automatically routed around the failure.

If the distance between clocks is so great that there is a gap in the network, repeaters are available to easily bridge the gap. Repeaters can also be used to form a wireless network that is continuously active.

No network configuration is required to add or remove clocks from the network. To add a clock, simply install the batteries in analog clocks, or connect power to digital clocks. The slave clocks automatically connect to the multi-path network. An RC150 Mini-Master clock can be used while installing clocks to be sure the time signal is continuously available.

The analog clock movement periodically turns on the internal radio transceiver for 5 seconds in preparation for a time update. After which, it places the radio transceiver in sleep mode. In this mode, the transceiver is no longer operational and uses very little power to remain in sleep mode. If the batteries are removed while the transceiver is in sleep mode and immediately inserted, the hands will move to 12:00, but the movement will not receive a time update. This is because the capacitors within the movement keep the transceiver powered enough to remain in sleep mode for several minutes after the batteries have been removed. To reset the transceiver, remove the batteries for at least five minutes. Then insert the batteries. The hands will move to 12:00 and wait for reception. Then the hands will move to the correct time. If the radio transceiver is not reset, it will still receive a time update and move the hands to the correct time; however, it will be some time later. If a battery clock is in low power mode, removing and reinserting the batteries, pressing the receive button, or shorting the reset pins will not enable for reception. A mini-master will not help. In this case the clock must moved to a location in direct range of the master clock. It may require up to a day to sync with the master. Once the clock is running and displaying the correct time, it can be moved back to the original location.

**Low power operation**

By default, after three days of continuous operation, the RC100 master clock will send a command to place all battery powered analog clocks into low power mode. This is indicated on the RC100 by an alternating minus/plus character on the upper right corner of the display.

Initially the analog clocks turn the radio on four to seven times per day. This is useful during initial setup of the system. In low power mode, the analog clock turns on the radio one to two times per day. The low power mode saves a considerable amount of battery power, which extends the time between battery changes.

**Changing batteries in battery powered analog clocks**

Batteries should be changed as soon as the clock second hand begins double stepping. If all clocks are double stepping, then first check that the transmitter is operational. When changing the batteries, bring the clock within direct range of the master clock or a calibrated mini-master in transmit mode must be present. Remove all batteries, then insert new batteries. All
replacement batteries must be new and of the same type. After replacing the batteries, wait one day for it to sync with the master and then return it to the original location.

If the clock is displaying the correct time after changing the batteries, but is double stepping the second hand, go ahead and hang it back on the wall. Normal operation of the second hand should start by the next day.

Pressing the REC button or shorting the reset pins on the back off the clock movement may not cause the clock to receive a time update. Only removing all batteries and reinserting them will completely reset the movement.

When the master clock receives a time update from a network or GPS time server, a time source indicator with an asterisk (E* or G*) will appear in the lower right corner of the LCD display. E* indicates the last time update received was from a computer network time server. This includes the MCR1000GPS receiver/time server. G* indicates the last update received was from a wireless GPS receiver. Multiple time sources may be used simultaneously.

Digital clocks typically illuminate the decimal point to indicate they are in sync. Analog clocks will step the second hand every two seconds if sync is lost for more than a day.

On 2.4 GHz devices, channels 0-15 correspond to 802.15.4 channel 11-26.
Alarm Configuration

Each master clock has 999 total alarm settings that can be configured to activate a wireless audio alert / relay device at various times and days. For example a start lunch break alert horn could sound a constant tone for three seconds beginning at 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. The end of lunch tone could be pulsed twice per second, for three seconds of duration. Wireless alarms will only be sent if the “T” is visible on the RC100 display. The relay output of the RC100 always operates. For greater reliability, the relay outputs of dual master clocks may be wired in parallel, with the same alarm schedule loaded in both master clocks, forming a redundant alarm system.

The PC Control program for Windows is available for configuring the alarm functions.

To enter the Alarm Schedule editor, click on Alarm Schedule menu above.

Click on the Create New Alarm Record button to add a new record to the alarm schedule.

Enter the description of the alarm item into the box next to the Create New Alarm Record button. Be sure to press the Enter key after entering the description to confirm the entry.
Next, select the day-of-the-week for the alarm to activate. Then select the time of day. Be sure to select AM or PM.

Now click on the Alarm Function drop down box to view the available alarm options. This drop down box is used to select either audio player recordings or relay contact closure using the wireless relay. The master clock also incorporates an alarm relay. The wireless relay must be configured to either play an audio recording with relay closure following the audio play, or a timed relay closure with the period determined by the drop down box selection in the alarm scheduler.

Note that there is a button to preview pre-recorded audio prior to scheduling them for play. A Stop Sound button is provided to interrupt lengthy audio selections.
Each wireless alarm receiver may be configured to one of twelve zones, with zone 1 the default. The alarm schedule program may be used to select any combination of the twelve zones. For example, zone 1 could be used for one area of a building and zone 2 for another area. Each alarm entry could activate alarms in either zone or both zones simultaneously. The Clock address is used to select one of 99 master clocks. The default is 0 to select all master clocks. The IP address of the master clock to control must be entered.

Each set of alarms can be assigned to a group before sending to the master clock. Multiple alarm groups can be stored in the master clock and activated either manually or automatically by date range. For example, group 1 could be configured for every day except holidays, while group 2 could be configured for the holiday schedule.
When the Active Alarm Schedule number is set to 0, a date range may be used to automatically switch from one alarm schedule to another. Select a date range to use (1-20) and the alarm schedule number to activate. Then enter the desired date range. Once these items are selected, click on the Send Date Ranges button to send the activation schedule to the master clock. Change the Active Alarm Schedule number back to a number other than 0 to return to the alarm scheduler.

The above screen shot is an example of a simple alarm schedule that includes two zones. The Send Manual Alarm button at the bottom of the screen allows alarms to be sent immediately without being scheduled. To send a manual alarm, either select one of the existing scheduled alarms, or select the alarm type and zone, then click on the Send Manual Alarm button.
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Ethernet Communications

Overview

Once the clock is connected to the network and power is applied, DHCP is used to automatically assign each clock an IP address on the network. The clock will then search the Internet or local area network for NTP time servers. NTP (Network Time Protocol) is a uniform method of sending time over a computer network. By default, the clock will automatically connect to the local network and attempt to act as a client to public or local SNTP time servers. SNTP is a subset of the NTP protocol. SNTP provides Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) to the clock. The clock then implements local time zone offsets and daylight saving rules to display the correct local time. The correct time will display within a few minutes of obtaining a time server lock. The clock includes a list of 10 Internet SNTP time servers. Local SNTP time servers may also be used. The clock includes a network web server which is used to configure various network communication parameters.

Ethernet Interface

The Ethernet interface includes an easy to use web interface. Automatic address configuration (DHCP) is enabled by default. However, if a fixed network address will be used instead of DHCP, then the interface configuration will need to be changed.

To configure the Ethernet interface, it must first be located on the network. The DuraTime Wireless Control program is used to discover clock(s) located on the same subnet as the PC. Alternatively, a program is available (finder.exe) that will locate the clock most anywhere on the local network if DHCP successfully configured it.

The finder.exe program is a software tool that can be used to locate the Ethernet interface just about anywhere on the local network. However, it cannot be used to configure the interface. Compare the MAC address on the product label with those listed on the finder.exe program. If there is a match, then the IP address will be listed next to it.
Once the IP address is discovered, click on the desired address to configure. Then, click on the "Browse" button to access the configuration menu where the IP address, net mask, and gateway address can be entered.

Another method of configuring the Ethernet interface is to connect the PC directly to the Ethernet interface using a special cross over cable. Later model computers will automatically detect the need to cross over the signal pairs. All network connections must be disabled on the computer except "Local Area Connection". Right click on the network icon at the bottom of the screen. Click on “Open Network Connections”, or go to, Start > Control Panel > Network Connections. If "Local Area Connection" is not the only enabled connection, right click on the other connections and click on disable.

Network Interface Configuration Web Interface

The main page displays a variety of general information about the configuration and activity of the Ethernet interface.

User Name and Password

The menu in the left column allows selecting several sections of the interface. A user name and password is required to enter any section other than the main page.

The default user name is: user
The default password is: password

The user name and password should be changed after installation. Store the user name and password in a safe location for later reference.
Clock Configuration

Clock Name - is the user defined name used to identify the device during a network search.

SNTP Sample Interval - is the time in minutes between SNTP time updates. The default is one minute.

Operating Mode - defaults to SNTP and should not be changed unless directed by factory technical support staff.

UDP Destination Address – is the IP address for the clock to send responses to, typically the control PC.

UDP Time Port – default 16000, for UDP time broadcasting, not usually used for SNTP time acquisition.

UDP Discovery Port - default 16001, for UDP commands and discovery by the Windows control program.

RS422 Serial Capture – is used by factory support staff only.

Click on the Apply button to save changes.
TCP/IP Configuration

Enable DHCP – check to enable automatic IP address configuration using DHCP. Uncheck to use manual address configuration. The address fields will be grayed out when checked.

IP v4 Address – enter the IP address using version 4 protocol
Subnet Mask – enter the subnet mask
Default Gateway – enter the gateway IP address
Primary DNS – Domain Naming Service address - required if one or more alphabetic named SNTP servers will be used. Not required if all SNTP server addresses are numeric.
Secondary DNS - Domain Naming Service address - optional

The factory default addressing mode is DHCP. If your network has a DHCP server, simply connect the clock to your network and the clock will acquire a leased IP address. The lease acquisition can be almost immediate or may take several minutes. You can use the DuraTime Digital Control program to determine the leased IP address by going to Setup/Clock IP Discovery. You may not see your clock listed in the discovery panel until it has acquired a lease. You cannot access the Ethernet interface until it’s acquired an IP address. Once the clock has acquired an IP address, you then select the clock from the discovery listing by clicking on it. Then click the browse button to open a session to the Ethernet interface.
SNTP Time Servers

Server Name – enter the numeric IP addresses or alphanumeric named addresses of the desired network time servers. The default configuration includes ten government time server addresses.

Once the clock has an IP address it will attempt to contact the first SNTP time server in the list. If the network firewall prevents the clock from reaching the Internet, change the SNTP addresses listed to only local network SNTP time servers. Remove any server addresses outside the local network.

Security

Change the password as needed. Be sure to store in a safe location for future reference. Click on the Apply button to invoke the change.

Reboot
Click on the Reboot button to restart the network interface.

**Time Synchronization Problems**

If your clock is not synchronizing with an Internet SNTP time server, check the following items:
- The NIC must have a valid DHCP or fixed IP address.
- The NIC must be in the SNTP operating mode.
- If you are using fixed IP addressing, the clock must have the correct gateway address to access the Internet. The gateway is the first router that the clock must go through to access other networks or the Internet.
- Your network firewall must allow the clock to access the Internet through port 123.
- The clock must have the default NTP timer server IP address loaded into the NIC.
- If using named SNTP servers, be sure a valid DNS address is provided, or use only numeric SNTP server addresses.

If your clock is not synchronizing with a local network NTP time server, check the following items:
- The NIC must have a valid DHCP or fixed IP address.
- The NIC must be in the SNTP operating mode.
- If you are using fixed IP addressing, the NIC must have the correct gateway if the server is on another network. The gateway is the first router that the clock must go through to access other networks.
- The correct NTP timer server IP address must be loaded into the NIC.
- If using named SNTP servers, be sure a valid DNS address is provided, or use only numeric SNTP server addresses.

**Technical Support**

For BRG Technical Support, call 1-316-788-2000, 8am-5pm, U.S. Central time, or email [www.support@brightclock.com](mailto:www.support@brightclock.com).
Wireless GPS and Ethernet GPS Time Receivers

The GPS satellites obtain their time from the U.S. Atomic time standard, providing legally traceable time to the wireless clock system. Two GPS models are available. The RC161 receives GPS time and sends it wirelessly to all master clocks within radio range. The MCR100GPS receives GPS time and sends it over the computer network to any number of master clocks.

The RC100 master clock includes an indicator on the right side of the display to indicate when the clock has received time updates from either a wireless GPS receiver (G*) or an NTP/GPS network time update (E*). Once the clock locks onto the time signal, the sync indicator will remain on. If sync reception is lost for more than two hours, the sync indicator will turn off.

There are normally several satellites overhead at any point in time. The GPS antenna may be mounted indoors on a windowsill. This mounting method allows a partial view of the sky, which is enough to receive 2 to 3 satellites. The antenna may also be placed below a skylight. The
GPS antenna is water tight and may be mounted outdoors, on a roof or exterior wall. The following diagrams illustrate antenna positioning:

![Antenna Positioning Diagrams](image)

**GPS Receiver Specifications**

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10. Assignment
The Customer may assign or transfer this Agreement provided BRG Precision Products, Inc. is advised by the Customer in writing of such assignment and the new system owner's information.

11. Governing Law
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