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The P-300 Cascade Reader is intended for installation on a window mullion or a doorframe, in proximity applications where an unobtrusive reader is required. It can be mounted on metal or non-metal surfaces without loss of read range. The P-300's electronics are housed in a black, weatherproof, shock resistant package. This package is mounted to the installation surface. An attractive, snap-on, scratch-resistant, black or off-white front cover hides the electronics package and installation mounting hardware providing an extra level of security.

The P-300 can be used with virtually any manufacturer's access panel because it produces an industry standard pass-through Wiegand output. The reader can be configured to work with access panels using either single or dual LED control lines. It is able to read the following Keri Systems' Wiegand formatted credentials.

- PSC-1 Standard Light Proximity Cards
- PSM-2 Multi Technology Cards
- PSK-3 Proximity Key Tags

When a card or tag is read, the P-300 immediately responds with a beep and an LED flash. The access panel then handles subsequent LED and beeper responses. The P-300 also features built-in diagnostics: a start-up self test to ensure reader functionality and a data line test to ensure reader/access panel communication.

Specifications

Dimensions

- 3.0 inches High x 1.5 inches Wide x 0.49 inches Deep
- 76 mm High x 38 mm Wide x 12 mm Deep

Operating Voltage

- 5v to 14v DC @ 80 ma nominal

Operating Temperature

- -40 °C to +65 °C (-40 °F to +150 °F)

Cable Specifications ⁽¹⁾

- up to 500 feet using seven conductor, shielded, stranded AWG 24 wire (such as Belden 9537)

Frequency

- 125 KHz excitation

Read Range ⁽²⁾

- up to 4 inches (102 mm)

LED Indicator

- standard tri-color (Red, Green, Amber)

Audio Tone

- standard

Front Cover Colors

- Black, Off-White

⁽¹⁾ Per Wiegand specification, a minimum gauge of AWG 24 is required for data transfer in a 500-foot run length. However the wire gauge to use should be determined by the current draw requirements of the reader, the length of the cable run, and the voltage being applied to the reader. If the reader is to be operated at +5 VDC, +5 VDC must be available at the reader (long cable runs have a voltage drop across the length of the run due to the resistance in the cable). To ensure +5 VDC is available at the reader a larger gauge of wire (having less resistance) or a separate power supply at the reader may be required.

⁽²⁾ Read Range is measured in a clean RF and electrical environment using a Keri Systems Standard Light Proximity Card presented parallel to the reader surface with the reader operating at 12 VDC. The Read Range will be less for a Key Tag and a Multi Technology Card.



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Mounting Instructions

Three holes need to be drilled to mount the P-300 Reader's electronics package (see Figure 1). One large hole (7/8") accommodates the beeper and the reader cable. Two small holes (for a #6 screw) are for mounting the electronics package on the mullion or doorframe.

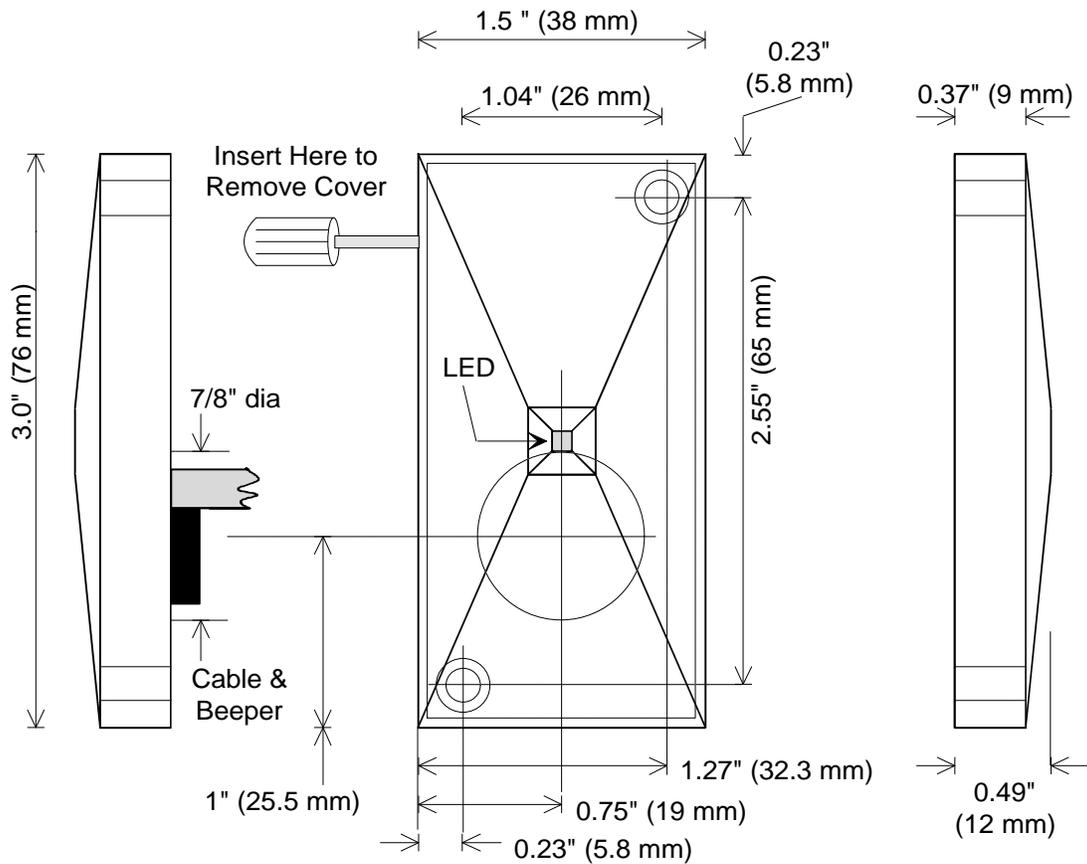


Figure 1 – P-300 Mounting Dimensions

Once the electronics package is installed, simply align one corner of the front cover with the mounted package and gently press it into place. To remove the front cover, slip a thin blade screwdriver just inside the front cover (see the location identified in Figure 1) and gently twist the screwdriver to pop the front cover loose – using excessive force when removing the front cover can result in damage to the LED.

Connections

There are no switches or jumpers to set. The only configuration the P-300 might require is to set the reader for single or dual LED control line operation (explained later in this document).

The P-300 Reader can be connected to virtually any access panel that meets Wiegand interface standards. All connections needed to support the reader are made through the reader's cable. Please consult Table 1 and Figure 2 for wiring instructions.

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| Wire Color | Function |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Silver | Shield |
| Green | Data 0 |
| Blue | Beeper |
| Red | Reader Power |
| Black | Reader Ground |
| Brown | Single LED Control Line (Red LED) |
| Orange | Second LED Control Line (Green LED) |
| White | Data 1 |

Table 1 – Wiring Connections

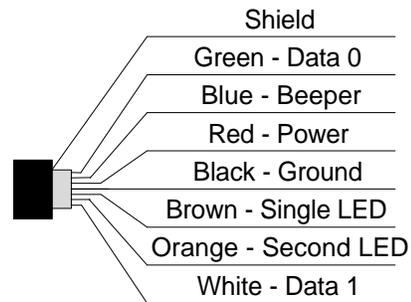


Figure 2 – Wiring Connections

Installation Verification

The following information applies to an installation with an access panel. The access panel controls the actions of the P-300's LED and beeper.

Power

The P-300 is normally powered by the access panel, so the reader is powered on when the access panel is powered on (unless the reader is powered by a separate power supply).

Read Range

To verify the P-300's read range, hold a Keri Systems Pyramid Series card or tag parallel to the reader, about 6 inches (152 mm) away and slowly bring the Card/Tag in toward the reader. Note the distance when the reader recognizes the card (the reader beeps and the LED flashes). The reader's range will be up to 4 inches (102 mm) depending upon the installation conditions, the material on which the reader is mounted, and whether it is a card or a tag being read. Due to the physical size difference between cards and tags, cards provide approximately 50% greater read range than tags.

Refer to the [Troubleshooting the Reader Installation](#) section later in this document if the reader is not functioning properly.

Switching Between Single or Dual LED Control Line Modes

The P-300 can work with control panels configured to drive either Wiegand single or dual LED control line devices. The reader uses a "control" card to switch between single and dual line LED control modes. The Control Line card must be ordered separately from the supplier (Keri Systems P/N 05528-201). The default setting for the P-300 reader is for single LED control line operation.

To toggle between modes, simply present the LED Mode control card to the reader. The reader will beep and the LED will flash indicating the control card was recognized and the mode has been changed, but no data is sent to the access panel.

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Data Line Level Test

The P-300 has an internal data line level test to verify the reader is able to communicate with the access panel. In this test the reader toggles the Wiegand data lines between high and low states – +5 VDC to 0 VDC. This toggling occurs at a slow rate so that it can be viewed on a DVM. The reader uses a “control” card to trigger the data line level test. The Data Line card must be ordered separately from the supplier (Keri Systems P/N 05528-301).

1. Present the test control card to the reader. The reader beeps and the LED flashes to indicate the card has been read and the test has begun.
2. Set the DVM to a range that can safely view +5 VDC.
3. At the access panel, connect the negative lead of the DVM to access panel ground.
4. Connect the positive lead of the DVM to the Wiegand Data 0 line.
5. Monitor the DVM. If the reader is operating correctly, the DVM will toggle between +5 VDC and 0 VDC.
6. Now connect the positive lead of the DVM to the Wiegand Data 1 line.
7. Again monitor the DVM. If the reader is operating correctly, the DVM will toggle between +5 VDC and 0 VDC.
8. Present the test control card or any valid proximity card to the reader. The reader beeps and the LED flashes to indicate the card has been read and the test has ended. The reader now returns to normal operation. If a proximity card is presented to end the test, the card data is passed to the host access panel for access consideration.

Troubleshooting the Reader Installation

| Problem | Probable Cause | Corrective Action |
|---|---|---|
| The reader does not recognize a card/tag (no beep, no LED flash). | 1. One or more of the reader's wiring connections are incorrect. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power down the controller and verify the wiring connections are correct for the reader/access panel combination per the instructions provided in the Connections section on page 2. |
| | 2. The reader is not receiving proper power from the access panel. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the voltage supplied to the reader is between 5 and 14 VDC. |
| | 3. The reader is mounted too close to a device that radiates electromagnetic interference. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devices such as computer monitors radiate electromagnetic interference that affects read range. When possible, relocate either the reader or the device to provide a greater distance between the two. |
| The reader has a short read range. | 1. The access panel is not properly grounded. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there is a quality earth ground connection made to the access panel. Refer to the access panel's documentation for specific information regarding the earth ground connection. |
| | 2. The shield wire for the reader's cable has opened somewhere between the reader and the access panel. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the shield line from the access panel to the reader is one continuous, connected line. Refer to the access panel's installation documentation and verify the shield line is correctly connected to the access panel. |
| | 3. The reader is mounted too close to a device that radiates electromagnetic interference. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devices such as computer monitors radiate electromagnetic interference that affects read range. When possible, relocate either the reader or the device to provide a greater distance between the two. |
| | 4. The power supply is generating electromagnetic interference. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The power supply on the alarm panel should be a regulated linear supply – do not use switching supplies as they are often sources of electromagnetic interference. |