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Loop Monitor Operations Manual

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Vehicle Detector

Built-in Loop Analyzer

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Section 1 General Description

This Operation Manual was written for people installing, operating, and maintaining Reno A & E Model L-1200 Series inductive loop vehicle detectors. The Model L-1200 is a single channel, shelf mount type, inductive loop vehicle detector designed to meet or exceed NEMA Standards TS 1-1989.

The Model L-1200 incorporates a microcontroller that monitors and processes signals from the loop / lead-in circuit and Phase Green Input. The microcontroller uses these inputs to determine how to control the detector outputs. A Liquid Crystal Display (LCD), a light emitting diode (LEDs), and three front panel pushbuttons are used to display and program all detector functions. Several diagnostic modes are available to aid technicians and service personnel in troubleshooting detection problems.

The use of a LCD is what distinguishes this detector from that of other manufacturers. It allows more information, never before available, to be displayed to the user during normal operation of the detector. The LCD makes it easy to view and adjust all programmable detector options and settings. It is no longer necessary to check or change detector settings with DIP switches. An eight-segment bargraph at the top of the LCD can be used to provide a graphical representation of the relative change of inductance as seen by the detector at the current sensitivity level. The bargraph automatically takes into account loop size, loop inductance, number of loops, number of turns, loop geometry, lead-in length, etc. The bargraph functions as a sliding scale that relates to the programmed Sensitivity Level. The first (left-most) bargraph segment represents the minimum inductance change necessary for the detector to output a call at the currently selected sensitivity level. Larger inductance changes will indicate more segments. Each additional segment indicates that the next sensitivity level has also been met or exceeded. When used in this manner, the bargraph provides an indication of whether the sensitivity is set too high or too low, facilitating the ideal setting of the sensitivity level.

All programmed settings are stored in non-volatile memory and can only be changed by programming new settings. Loss of power or a detector reset will not change any of the programmed settings. If a loop failure occurs, the LCD will display the type of loop failure as **L lo** (for -25% change or shorted loop conditions) or **L hi** (for +25% change or open loop conditions). Each loop failure is counted and accumulated in the Loop Failure Memory. The number of loop failures since the last detector reset or power interruption is very useful information to have available during analysis of intermittent loop operation.

When operating in the Program Mode, the Model L-1200 Series displays the real time loop frequency reading. The eight frequency settings can be incremented or decremented to provide precise frequency readings, removing any guesswork when changing frequency settings to eliminate crosstalk. NOTE: Adjacent loops connected to different channels of a non-scanning detector or different scanning detectors should be set to different frequencies with maximum separation.

The Reno A & E Model L-1200 Series utilizes the first major innovation in inductive loop detectors since the introduction of digital detectors. The programming of all of the detector's parameters with four normally open pushbutton switches not only simplifies setup by removing binary coded DIP switches, but also increases the reliability of the detector by eliminating the dependence on switch contacts during normal operation. The detailed descriptions displayed on the LCD eliminate the interpretation of numerous LED flash rates to determine the detector status. In addition, the Model L-1200 offers the versatility of software control. Special functions are possible with a simple change of the socket-mounted microprocessor. Special functions are defined as unique options (e.g. Option 6, Option 12, etc.). Special option functions are activated through the use of the LCD menu programming.

The Model L-1200 Series is comprised of the following detectors:

L-1200-R	For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 120 volt AC, shelf mount detector with relay outputs and an audible detect signal (buzzer).
L-1200-R-240A	For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 240 volt AC, shelf mount detector with relay outputs and an audible detect signal (buzzer).
L-1200-R-24A	For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 24 volt AC, shelf mount detector with relay outputs and an audible detect signal (buzzer).
L-1200-R-24D	For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 24 volt DC, shelf mount detector with relay outputs and an audible detect signal (buzzer).
L-1200-SS	For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 120 volt AC, shelf mount detector with solid state outputs and an audible detect signal (buzzer).
L-1200-SSTX	For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 120 volt AC, shelf mount detector with solid state outputs and an audible detect signal (buzzer). Connector pin outs per Texas DOT.

- L-1201-R For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 120 volt AC, shelf mount detector with True Count™ outputs, relay outputs, and an audible detect signal (buzzer).
- L-1201-SS For NEMA TS 1-1989 applications calling for a single channel, 120 volt AC, shelf mount detector with True Count™ outputs, solid state outputs, and an audible detect signal (buzzer).

Section 2 General Characteristics

2.1 LOOP FREQUENCY

There are eight (8) selectable loop frequency settings (normally in the range of 20 to 100 kilohertz). The actual loop operating frequency is a function of the loop / lead-in network and the components of the loop oscillator circuit. The digital display of the actual loop operating frequency for each setting makes it easy to quickly identify and eliminate crosstalk in the most difficult to configure intersections. The frequency display is typically very stable when the loop is vacant and vehicles are not passing nearby the loops. If the reading is varying by more than ± 1 in the last digit, this is an indication of possible crosstalk between loops.

2.2 SENSITIVITY

There are nine (9) selectable sensitivity levels, plus Continuous-Call and Channel-Off. The sensitivity levels are designed so that a one level increase actually doubles the sensitivity and a one level decrease halves the sensitivity. A unique bargraph displayed on the LCD makes it easy to quickly set sensitivity at the ideal level for any loop / lead-in network configuration. (See Section 3.4 for actual detection levels at each sensitivity level.)

CONTINUOUS-CALL: When set to the Continuous-Call state, the detector's output is continuously in the Call state regardless of the presence or absence of vehicles over the loop. The loop oscillator is disabled when in the Continuous-Call state. This state is indicated by **CALL** flashing on the LCD. This option is selected from the Sensitivity menu in Program Mode and is useful for checking controller response and other troubleshooting activities.

CHANNEL-OFF: When set to the Channel-Off state, the detector's output is continuously in the No Call state regardless of the presence or absence of vehicles over the loop. The loop oscillator is disabled when in the Channel-Off State. This state is indicated by **OFF** flashing on the LCD. This option is selected from the Sensitivity menu in Program Mode and is useful for checking controller response and other troubleshooting activities.

2.3 PRESENCE / PULSE

One of two mutually exclusive modes of operation is available. Presence or Pulse mode is toggled by momentarily pressing either the **▲ (UP)** or **▼ (DOWN)** button.

PRESENCE MODE: Provides a call hold time of at least four minutes (regardless of vehicle size) and typically one to three hours for an automobile or truck.

PULSE MODE: An output Pulse of 125 ± 10 milliseconds duration is generated for each vehicle entering the loop detection zone. Each detected vehicle is instantly tuned out if it remains in the loop detection zone longer than two seconds. This enables detection of subsequent vehicles entering the loop detection zone. After each vehicle leaves the loop detection zone, the detector resumes full sensitivity within 0.5 seconds.

2.4 CALL DELAY

The detector's Call Delay is adjustable from 0 to 255 seconds in one-second steps. Call Delay time starts counting down when a vehicle enters the loop detection zone. The remaining Call Delay time is continuously displayed on the LCD. Whenever the Phase Green Input (Call Delay Override) signal (pin J of the MS connector) is active, the Call Delay function is aborted and the Call Delay time is forced to zero.

2.5 CALL EXTENSION

The detector's Call Extension is adjustable from 0 to 25.5 seconds in 0.1-second steps. Extension time starts counting down when the last vehicle clears the loop detection zone. The remaining Call Extension time is continuously displayed on the LCD. Any vehicle entering the loop detection zone during the Call Extension time period causes the detector to return to the Detect state, and later, when the last vehicle clears the loop detection zone, the full Call Extension time starts counting down again. (See Option 3, Call Extension Control, for an alternate mode of operation for Call Extension.)

2.6 MAX PRESENCE TIMER

When activated, the detector's Max Presence timer is adjustable from 1 to 999 seconds in one-second steps. A setting of **OFF** turns the Max Presence timer off. The Max Presence function is used to limit presence time by automatically resetting the detector. If this function is enabled (ON), the Max Presence timer begins counting down when a call is initiated and the remaining time is continuously displayed on the LCD. If the loop becomes vacant before the Max Presence timer reaches zero, the call is dropped and no automatic reset occurs. If the End-Of-Green (EOG) function is not enabled (OFF) and the call is still present when the Max Presence timer reaches

zero, the detector then is automatically reset. If the EOG function is enabled (ON) and the call is still present when the Max Presence timer reaches zero, the detector enters a Wait state. The Wait state continues until either the loop becomes vacant or the Phase Green Input signal (pin J of the MS connector) transitions from green to not green with the call still present. If the loop becomes vacant first, the call is dropped and no automatic reset occurs. If the Phase Green Input transitions from green to not green while the detector is in a Wait state, the detector is automatically reset. The signal on pin J of the MS connector is also called the Call Delay Override. (See Section 3.2, Phase Green Input specification for voltage levels.)

2.7 END-OF-GREEN (EOG)

The detector's EOG setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. The EOG function is used to synchronize resetting of the detector with the termination of the associated phase green. The assumption is that this is the safest point in time to reset the detector. This assumption is based on the premise that at the termination of the associated phase green, traffic should be moving, and therefore, a reset would not result in the loss of a call when traffic comes to rest over the loop(s). The EOG function is only available when the Max Presence function is set between 1 and 999 seconds. It is not available when the Max Presence function is OFF. When the EOG function is enabled (ON), the detector will automatically be reset at the same time the Phase Green Input signal (pin J of the MS connector) transitions from the ON state to the OFF state, if the Max Presence Time has counted down to zero and is resting in the wait state. The signal on pin J of the MS is also called the Call Delay Override. (See Section 3.2, Phase Green Input specifications for voltage levels.)

2.8 OPTION 1: LOOP INDUCTANCE DISPLAY

The detector's Loop Inductance Display setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. When this option is enabled (ON), the LCD displays the total loop inductance (actual loop inductance plus actual lead-in inductance) in microhenries for loop inductance values in the range of 20 to 2500 microhenries. By recording the inductance of the loop / lead-in circuit when it is first installed, the actual inductance can be compared to the expected inductance to help identify defective loop / lead-in circuits. Loop / lead-in inductance can be easily estimated using the simple formulas included in Section 8.7 of this manual. NOTE: This option is automatically disabled 15 minutes after activation or on loss of power.

2.9 OPTION 2: LOOP INDUCTANCE -ΔL/L DISPLAY

The detector's Loop Inductance -ΔL/L Display setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. When this option is enabled (ON), the LCD displays the percentage of inductance change (-ΔL/L value) during the Call state. To facilitate the viewing of the maximum amount of change in the -ΔL/L value while traffic is in motion over the detection zone, the detector holds the peak -ΔL/L value for a period of two seconds. NOTE: This option is automatically disabled 15 minutes after activation or on loss of power.

2.10 OPTION 3: CALL EXTENSION CONTROL

The detector's Call Extension Control setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. When this option is enabled (ON), the detector will extend calls for the programmed extension time **only** when the Phase Green Input signal (pin J of the MS connector) is active. When this option is OFF, the detector extends ALL calls for the programmed extension time. The signal on pin J of the MS connector is also called the Call Delay Override. (See Section 3.2, Phase Green Input specifications for voltage levels.)

2.11 OPTION 4: NOISE FILTER DISABLE

The detector's Noise Filter Disable setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. When Option 4 is enabled (ON), internal noise filtering is disabled thus providing a faster response time. When this option is OFF, internal noise filtering is utilized. When the detector is used in speed and/or occupancy applications, the noise filter should be disabled (i.e. Option 4 ON) to provide the most accurate data possible. It is recommended that this option not be activated. The factory default setting of OFF provides stable operation in high crosstalk environments. NOTE: Changing the setting of this feature will reset the detector.

The Loop Fail Count is not reset when the setting of Option 4 is changed. Also, changing the setting of Option 4 will not cause the prior Loop Fail indication to cease (see Section 5.3, Loop Fail Indications).

2.12 OPTION 5: PHASE GREEN LOOP COMPENSATION

The detector's Phase Green Loop Compensation setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. When Option 5 is enabled (ON), normal loop compensation is used until the Phase Green Input signal (pin J of the MS connector) becomes active. Once the Phase Green Input signal is active,

the detector desensitizes the loop. Maximum desensitization is 0.05% (-AL/L). This desensitization tunes out small changes, such as adjacent lane pickup, therefore minimizing the chance of max timing an empty lane. Note: A small motorcycle may also be tuned out in a short period of time following the start of Phase Green. This option is useful in minimizing false detection resulting from adjacent lane pickup when a detector must be run with a high sensitivity setting. When Option 5 is not enabled (OFF), normal loop compensation is used.

2.13 OPTION 6: VEHICLE COUNTING DISPLAY

Option 6 has two parameters, Option 6.0 and Option 6.1.

When Option 6.0 is enabled (ON), the normal operating display is replaced with the accumulated vehicle count. The unit is capable of accumulating 65,535 vehicle counts before rolling over to zero. The display will show the hundreds, tens, and ones digits until the accumulated count exceeds 999. At this point the display will alternate between the ten thousands and thousands digits and the remaining three digits for hundreds, tens, and ones.

When the detector is first powered up, the detector enters a training mode. Operation in the training mode is indicated by the accumulated vehicle count flashing on the LCD. Training mode enables the detector to identify what degree of inductance change a typical vehicle causes as it is detected. When the training period is complete, the flashing display of the accumulated vehicle count on the LCD will cease and the LCD will show the actual accumulated vehicle count. The most accurate vehicle counts are obtained once the detector is operating in this mode, i.e. after the training period is complete.

Option 6.1 is used to reset the accumulated vehicle count. When Option 6.1 is changed from the OFF state to the ON state, the accumulated vehicle count is reset to zero. Option 6.1 will always be in the OFF state when first viewed. The accumulated vehicle count is also cleared by loss of power.

2.14 OPTION 7: VEHICLE COUNTING LOOP CONFIGURATION

This feature is only available on the True Count™ version of the Model L-1200 detector (L-1201). The detector's Vehicle Counting Loop Configuration setting can be set from 01 to 04. This setting should indicate the number of loops installed in a single lane. The setting 01 would indicate a single loop. This could be a single 6' x 6' or a long loop such as a 6' x 50' Quadrupole™. The remaining three settings indicate the number of 6' x 6' loops installed in a single lane of traffic.

Several factors can influence the accuracy achieved with this detector:

1. Lanes per Detector - The detector was designed to be used in applications where it is used to count vehicles in a single lane of traffic. It is not intended to be used in applications where it is necessary to count cars across multiple lanes of traffic.
2. Loop Geometry - In the multiple loop settings (02-04), **all loops** must be of the same configuration, i.e. the same number of turns and the same size. Also, all loops must be equally spaced. The ideal spacing for 6 ft. by 6 ft. loops is 15 ft. center to center or 9 ft. spacing between loop edges. Further, multiple loops should always be wired in a series network. This is important to ensure that a vehicle passing over the group of loops causes the same amount of inductance change in each loop. In the single loop setting (01), square or rectangular configurations will give slightly better results than Quadrupole™ configurations.
3. Loop Placement - Loops should always be placed in the center of the traveled lane. Loops should extend out in front of the stop bar. For turning movements, loops should not extend so far out in front of the stop bar that exiting vehicles would exit more out of the side of the loop than out the front of the loop. If the detector is operating in the multiple loop mode and other movements of traffic clipping the front edge of the loop are a concern, the detector will only count vehicles that cross more than one loop. It will ignore all vehicles that clip a single loop.
4. Sensitivity Setting - The sensitivity should be set so that a single passenger vehicle in the detection zone creates a seven dot deflection on the bargraph on the LCD.

Whenever the detector is powered up, the sensitivity is changed, or the loop configuration is changed, the detector will enter the training mode. While in this mode, the detector is evaluating individual vehicles passing through the detection zone. This means that no other vehicle can occupy any part of the detection zone while a vehicle passes through. The detector will accumulate counts during the training period. Optimal count accuracy will occur after the training period is complete. Depending on traffic density and the length of detection zone, this training period could take many hours. We recommend installing the detector the day before actual vehicle counts are to be collected. This will allow sufficient time for the detector to train itself. The training period is necessary to ensure that the detector can adjust itself to the exact particulars of a given loop installation.

The vehicle counting feature cannot be turned off and is active regardless of any other features that have been enabled. Even if other features (Delay, Third Car Passage, Directional Logic, or Detector Disconnect) would cause the normal detector output to be in the No Call state, the vehicle counting feature will still operate correctly.

2.15 OPTION 11: AUDIBLE DETECT SIGNAL

The detector's Audible Detect Signal setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. When this option is enabled (ON), an audible signal will be activated whenever the detection zone is occupied. The audible signal indicates actual occupancy of the loop detection zone. Timing and disconnect functions have no effect on the audible signal. This feature allows a technician to watch the detection zone on the street and confirm correct detector operation without having to look at the detector display as well. NOTE: This option is automatically disabled 15 minutes after activation or on loss of power.

2.16 OPTION 12: DETECTOR DISCONNECT

The detector's Detector Disconnect setting can be toggled ON or OFF and the Extension timer toggled between ON and OFF by momentarily pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button. The Detector Disconnect feature requires that the Phase Green Input be connected to the proper controller phase. When the Phase Green Input is not active, the detector shall operate normally. When the Phase Green Input is active, the extension timer will start to count down at the end of each detection. If this timer reaches zero before the next detection, the detector will no longer output a call until the Phase Green Input is not active. Since the extension timer is used as a disconnect timer while in this mode, two different disconnect types are available:

Option 12.1 OFF: Extension timing still occurs and the extension timer is also the disconnect timer during phase green. This will cause the call output to remain in the Call state until disconnect occurs. This may allow the user to use gap times appropriate for the advance loops without considering the effects on the stop bar loops.

Option 12.1 ON: Extension timing is disabled and the extension timer is used as the disconnect timer. This will cause the call output to follow the occupation of the loop detection zone until disconnect occurs.

This feature is intended to be used in applications where a loop at the stop bar is not needed after any waiting queue in the associated traffic lane is moving during the green phase. The expected installation is a stop bar loop (typically a 20' to 30' long detection zone) and an advance detection loop (typically a 6' long detection zone) for a single traffic lane. This feature provides a means for keeping the stop bar loop from placing calls to the traffic controller after the stop bar loop has served its intended purpose during the beginning period of the associated green phase. The detector connected to the stop bar loop would have the Detector Disconnect feature turned ON and have a programmed extension time that functions as the disconnect time. The detector connected to the advance detection loop would be programmed as normal.



This example assumes an extension time of 2 seconds. The dotted lines show where disconnect would occur. Phase Green is the state of the light (actual Phase Green Input is inverted).

When the Detector Disconnect feature is turned ON and the signal is not green, the detector outputs calls to the traffic controller as usual. When the signal turns green, vehicles begin to move and eventually the stop bar detection zone is cleared. At the time that the stop bar detection zone is cleared the disconnect timer begins to count down. If another vehicle enters the stop bar detection zone before the disconnect timer reaches zero, the detector outputs the new call to the traffic controller and the disconnect timer is reset to its initial value. Once the stop bar detection zone remains clear for a time equal to the programmed disconnect time, the detector is disabled and will not generate any further calls to the traffic controller until after the green has terminated. When the stop bar detection loop is disabled, the green phase can only be extended by vehicles detected by the advance detection loop. NOTE: The disconnect timer will always time an initial gap each time that the phase turns green. If Option 12.1 is OFF, the detector will generate an output for the specified extension time at the start of each green phase.

Section 3 Specifications

3.1 PHYSICAL

WEIGHT: 24 oz. (680.4 gm).

SIZE: 4.70 inches (11.94 cm) high x 2.50 inches (6.35 cm) wide x 5.90 inches (14.99 cm) deep (excluding connector). Connector adds .675 inch (1.71 cm) to depth measurement.

OPERATING TEMPERATURE: -40° F to +180° F (-40° C to +82° C).

CIRCUIT BOARD: Printed circuit boards are 0.062 inch thick FR4 material with 2 oz. copper on both sides and plated through holes. Circuit board and components are conformal coated with polyurethane.

CONNECTOR: MS3102A-18-1P. See Section 3.6 for pin assignments.

3.2 ELECTRICAL

POWER: 89 to 135 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 6 Watts maximum (120 volt AC models). 180 to 270 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 6 Watts maximum (240 volt AC models). 18 to 30 VAC, 6 Watts maximum (24 volt AC models).

LOOP INDUCTANCE RANGE: 20 to 2500 microhenries with a Q factor of 5 or greater.

LOOP INPUTS: Transformer isolated. The minimum capacitance added is 0.068 microfarad.

LIGHTNING PROTECTION: Meets and/or exceeds all applicable NEMA TS 1-1989 specifications for transient voltage protection.

RESET: Meets and/or exceeds NEMA TS 1-1989 detector specifications. When operating in Normal Mode, the detector can be reset by pressing and holding the FUNC button for three seconds. The detector can also be reset by removing and reapplying power, by changing the setting of Option 4 (Noise Filter Disable), or by changing either the sensitivity or loop frequency setting.

PHASE GREEN INPUT: Also known as Call Delay Override. Meets and/or exceeds all NEMA TS 1-1989 requirements. Application of a high state voltage (89 to 135 VAC) to pin J of the MS connector causes the delay timer for the detector to abort the delay timing function and also provides control for Phase Green Loop Compensation, Max Presence Timing (End-of-Green), Extension Timing, and Detector Disconnect, if the features are programmed.

RELAY RATING: The relay contacts are rated for 6 Amps maximum, 150 VDC maximum, and 180 Watts maximum switched power.

SOLID STATE OUTPUT RATING: Optically isolated. 30 VDC maximum collector (drain) to emitter (source). 100 mA maximum saturation current. 2 VDC maximum transistor saturation voltage. The output is protected with a 33-volt Zener diode connected between the collector (drain) and emitter (source).

3.3 OPERATIONAL

DISPLAY: The LCD backlighting illuminates whenever any pushbutton is pressed. The backlighting will extinguish 15 minutes after the last pushbutton press.

DETECT INDICATOR: The detector has a super bright, high intensity, red light emitting diode (LED) to indicate a Call Output, Delay Timing, Extension Timing, Pending State, or Failed Loop condition.

RESPONSE TIME: Meets or exceeds NEMA TS 1-1989 response time specifications. (See Section 3.4 for actual response times.)

SELF-TUNING: The detector automatically tunes and is operational within two seconds after application of power or after being reset. Full sensitivity and hold time require 30 seconds of operation.

ENVIRONMENTAL & TRACKING: The detector is fully self-compensating for environmental changes and loop drift over the full temperature range and the entire loop inductance range.

GROUNDING LOOP OPERATION: The loop isolation transformer allows operation with poor quality loops (which may include one short to ground at a single point).

LOOP FEEDER LENGTH: Up to 5000 feet (1500 m) maximum with proper feeder cable and appropriate loops.

LOOP (FAIL) MONITOR: If the total inductance of the detector's loop input network goes out of the range specified for the detector, or rapidly changes by more than $\pm 25\%$, the detector will immediately enter the Fail-Safe mode and display **LOOP FAIL** on the LCD. The type of loop failure will also be displayed as **L lo** (for -25% change or shorted loop conditions) or **L hi** (for +25% change or open loop conditions). This will continue as long as the loop

fault exists. **However, if the detector is reset, or power is momentarily lost, the detector will return if the loop inductance is within the acceptable range. If any type of loop failure occurs in one (or more) loop(s) in a group of two or more loops wired in parallel, the detector will not respond with a Fail-Safe output following any type of reset. It is essential that multiple loops wired to a common detector channel always be wired in series to ensure Fail-Safe operation under all circumstances.** At the time of a loop failure, the LED will begin to flash at a rate of three flashes per second. The LED will continue this display pattern until the detector is manually reset or power is removed. If the loop self-heals, the **LOOP FAIL** message on the LCD will extinguish and the detector will resume operation in a normal manner; except the LED will continue the three flashes per second display pattern, thus providing an alert that a prior Loop Fail condition has occurred. Each loop failure for the detector is counted and accumulated into the Loop Fail Memory. The total number of loop failures written into the Loop Fail Memory (since the last power interruption or manual reset) is viewed by stepping through the functions in Program Mode until the LOOP FAIL message is displayed.

3.4 TABLE: SENSITIVITY, -ΔL/L, & RESPONSE TIMES

Sensitivity	-ΔL/L	Response Time Noise Filter Enabled (Option 4 OFF)	Response Time Noise Filter Disabled (Option 4 ON)
OFF	-----	-----	-----
1	0.64%	96 ±16 ms	12 ±2 ms
2	0.32%	96 ±16 ms	12 ±2 ms
3	0.16%	96 ±16 ms	12 ±2 ms
4	0.08%	96 ±16 ms	12 ±2 ms
5	0.04%	96 ±16 ms	12 ±2 ms
6	0.02%	96 ±16 ms	15 ±3 ms
7	0.01%	96 ±16 ms	23 ±5 ms
8	0.005%	96 ±16 ms	38 ±8 ms
9	0.0025%	96 ±16 ms	68 ±14 ms
CALL	-----	-----	-----

3.5 TABLE: DEFAULT SETTINGS

Function	Setting
Frequency	2
Sensitivity	6
Delay Time	0
Extension Time	0
Max Presence Time	OFF
Presence / Pulse Mode	Presence
EOG	OFF
Option 1 - Loop Inductance Display	OFF
Option 2 - Loop Inductance -ΔL/L Display	OFF
Option 3 - Call Extension Control	OFF
Option 4 - Noise Filter Disable	OFF
Option 5 - Phase Green Loop Compensation	OFF
Option 6.0 - Display Vehicle Count	OFF
Option 6.1 - Reset Vehicle Count	OFF
Option 7 - Number of Loops	04
Option 11 - Audible Detect Signal	OFF
Option 12.0 - Detector Disconnect	OFF
Option 12.1 - Detector Disconnect Type	OFF

3.6 TABLES: PIN ASSIGNMENTS

RELAY OUTPUTS

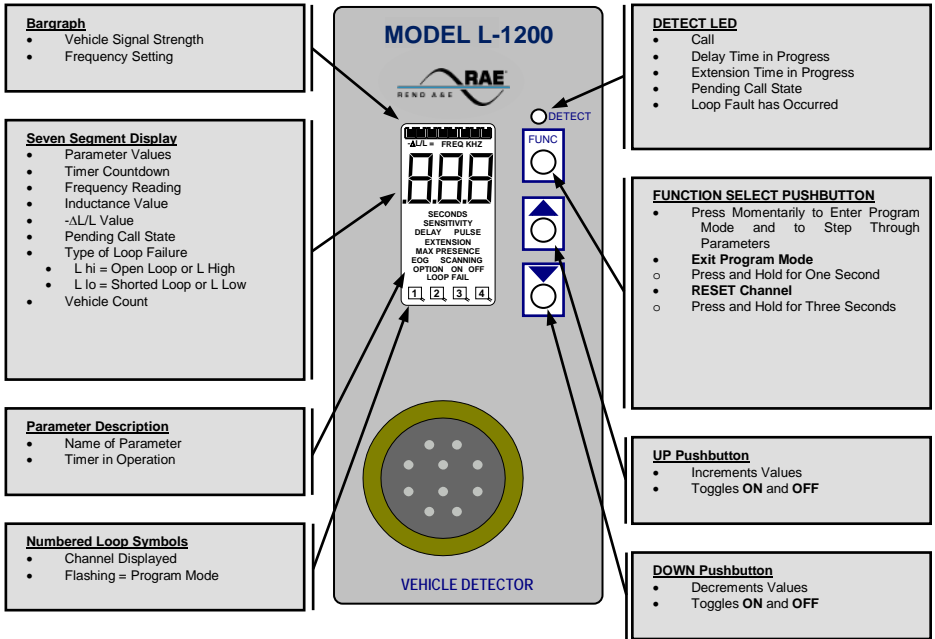
Pin	Function
A	Power, Neutral, 120 / 240 / 24 VAC
B	Output, Relay Common
C	Power, Line, 120 / 240 /24 VAC
D	Loop Input
E	Loop Input
F	Output, Relay Normally Open
G	Output, Relay Normally Closed <i>Model 1201 - True Count™ Output, Relay Normally Open</i>
H	Chassis Ground
I	No Connection <i>Model 1201 - True Count™ Output, Relay Common</i>
J	Phase Green Input (Delay Override)

SOLID STATE OUTPUTS

Pin	Function
A	Power, Neutral, 120 / 240 / 24 VAC
B	Output, Emitter (Source)
C	Power, Line, 120 / 240 /24 VAC
D	Loop Input
E	Loop Input
F	Output - Collector (Drain) <i>Model 1200-SSTX No Connection</i>
G	No Connection <i>Model 1200-SSTX No Connection Model 1201 - True Count™ Output, Collector (Drain)</i>
H	Chassis Ground
I	No Connection <i>Model 1200-SSTX Output, Collector (Drain) Model 1201 - True Count™ Output, Emitter (Source)</i>
J	Phase Green Input (Delay Override)

NOTE: Relay contact states are shown with power applied, loop(s) connected, and no vehicle(s) present.

Section 4 User Interface



NOTE: There are no internal switches or jumpers to set.

Section 5 Installation and Set-Up

The detector has no DIP switches or jumpers to configure. Connect the detector to an appropriately wired harness and apply power. If the detector is not new from the factory, it may be advantageous to reset the detector back to the factory defaults to avoid having to check every setting. To reset the detector to factory default, press and hold all three pushbutton switches simultaneously for five seconds. When all three buttons are depressed, the display will start counting down from five (5). When the countdown reaches zero (0), releasing the pushbuttons will reload the factory defaults and reset the detector.

All operating parameters can be adjusted from the front panel. The detector continues to operate normally while it is in the Program Mode. The value currently displayed is always the actual value being used. Example: If you are changing the delay time, the time displayed at the instant that a vehicle entered the detection zone would be the value used for the delay timer.

Pressing the FUNC button enters the Program Mode. The FUNC button has an auto repeat function. This allows quick navigation to the desired parameter. The FUNC button only moves forward through all of the parameters. There is no way to move backwards through the parameters.

Pressing and holding the FUNC button for one second will exit the Program Mode and return to the Normal Mode.

Pressing and holding either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button will cause the value to change rapidly until the button is released.

5.1 PROGRAM MODE DISPLAY SCREENS



PARAMETERFrequency.
SETTINGS.....Eight (8) Selections - 1 to 8.
SETTING DISPLAYEDBargraph indicates settings from 1 (left) to 8 (right).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYActual Frequency of the loop circuit. Typically 20.0 to 99.9 kilohertz.
DEFAULT SETTING.....2.
EXAMPLE.....Frequency setting 4 is selected. The loop frequency is 34.9 kHz.
NOTES.....Changing the frequency will reset the detector. An unstable frequency display varying more than ± 0.2 kilohertz may indicate loop crosstalk or other interference.



PARAMETERSensitivity.
SETTINGS.....11 Selections - 1 to 9, OFF, or CALL.
SETTING DISPLAYED7-segment display will show the currently selected setting.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCurrently selected Sensitivity.
DEFAULT SETTING.....6.
EXAMPLE.....Sensitivity 5 is selected.
NOTES.....Changing the sensitivity will reset the detector. If the detector is in the call state when viewing this parameter, the bargraph will show the strength of vehicle calls so that the correct sensitivity can be verified from this screen.



PARAMETERPresence / Pulse Mode.
SETTINGS.....Presence or Pulse.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word PRESENCE or PULSE will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYBlank.
DEFAULT SETTING.....Presence.
EXAMPLE.....Pulse Mode is selected.
NOTES.....If the detector is in the call state when this parameter is changed, the change will not take effect until the detection zone is empty or the detector is reset.



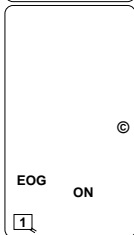
PARAMETERDelay.
SETTINGS.....256 Selections - 0 to 255 Seconds in one-second steps.
SETTING DISPLAYED7-segment display will show the currently selected setting.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCurrently selected Delay time in seconds.
DEFAULT SETTING.....0 seconds.
EXAMPLE.....Delay of 10 seconds selected
NOTES.....If the detection zone is occupied when this parameter is changed, the change will not take effect until the detection zone is empty or the detector is reset.



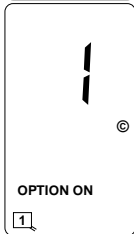
PARAMETERExtension.
SETTINGS256 Selections - 0 to 25.5 Seconds in 0.1-second steps.
SETTING DISPLAYED7-segment display will show the currently selected setting.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCurrently selected Extension time in seconds.
DEFAULT SETTING0 seconds.
EXAMPLEExtension of 2.5 seconds selected.
NOTESThis parameter will hold the Disconnect timer value if Option 12.0 is ON and extension will not be added to a vehicle call if Option 12.0 and 12.1 are ON.



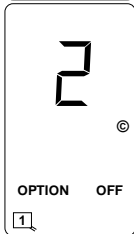
PARAMETERMax Presence.
SETTINGS1000 Selections - 1 second to 999 seconds or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYED7-segment display will show currently selected setting.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCurrently selected Max Presence time in seconds.
DEFAULT SETTINGOFF.
EXAMPLEMax Presence is turned OFF.
NOTESIf the detection zone is occupied when this parameter is changed, the change will not take effect until the detection zone is empty or the detector is reset.



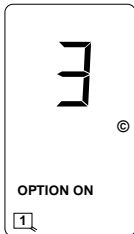
PARAMETEREOG (End Of Green).
SETTINGSON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYBlank.
DEFAULT SETTINGOFF.
EXAMPLEEOG is turned ON.
NOTESThis parameter is only displayed if the Max Presence setting has been programmed with a value between 1 and 999. Operation of this feature requires that the Phase Green Input be correctly connected to the controller phase green circuitry.



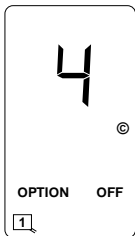
PARAMETEROption 1 (Loop / Lead-In Inductance Display).
SETTINGSON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTINGOFF.
EXAMPLEOption 1 is turned ON.
NOTESThis option will automatically turn off 15 minutes after being activated or on loss of power.



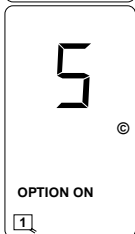
PARAMETEROption 2 (Percentage of Inductance change, $-\Delta L/L$).
SETTINGSON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTINGOFF.
EXAMPLEOption 2 is turned OFF.
NOTESThis option will automatically turn off 15 minutes after being activated or on loss of power.



PARAMETEROption 3 (Call Extension Control).
SETTINGSON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTINGOFF.
EXAMPLEOption 3 is turned ON.
NOTESOperation of this option requires that the Phase Green Input be correctly connected to the controller phase green circuitry.



PARAMETEROption 4 (Noise Filter Disable).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....Option 4 is turned OFF.
NOTES.....Changing the setting of this option will reset the detector. **It is recommended that this option be set to OFF for normal operation.**



PARAMETEROption 5 (Phase Green Loop Compensation).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....Option 5 is turned ON.
NOTES.....Operation of this option requires that the Phase Green Input be correctly connected to the controller phase green circuitry.



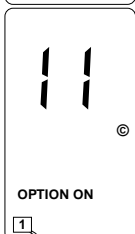
PARAMETEROption 6.0 (Display Vehicle Count).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....Option 6.0 is turned ON.
NOTES.....This option is only visible on the L-1201 versions of the L-1200.



PARAMETEROption 6.1 (Reset Vehicle Count).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....Option 6.1 is turned OFF.
NOTES.....This option is only visible on the L-1201 versions of the L-1200.



PARAMETEROption 7 (Number of Loops).
SETTINGS.....7.01 through 7.05.
SETTING DISPLAYED7-segment display will show currently selected setting.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....7.04.
EXAMPLE.....The number of loops is set to 4.
NOTES.....This option is only visible on the L-1201 versions of the L-1200.



PARAMETEROption 11 (Audible Detect).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....Option 11 is turned ON.
NOTES.....This option will automatically turn OFF 15 minutes after being activated or on loss of power.



PARAMETEROption 12.0 (Detector Disconnect).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.

EXAMPLE.....Option 12.0 is turned ON.
NOTES.....When this option is turned ON, the value entered in Extension time is used as a Disconnect time. Operation of this option requires that the Phase Green Input be correctly connected to the controller phase green circuitry.



PARAMETEROption 12.1 (Detector Disconnect Type).
SETTINGS.....ON or OFF.
SETTING DISPLAYEDThe word ON or OFF will be displayed.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThe number of this option.
DEFAULT SETTING.....OFF.

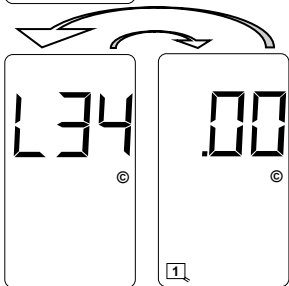
EXAMPLE.....Option 12.1 is turned OFF.
NOTES.....When this option is turned ON, the value entered in Extension time is used as a Disconnect time and no extension of the call is made. When Option 12.1 is turned OFF, Extension time is active. Extension time and Disconnect time function concurrently.



PARAMETERLoop Fail.
SETTINGS.....Pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button will clear the Loop Fail memory.
SETTING DISPLAYEDView only.

7 SEGMENT DISPLAYLoop Failures since the last time it was cleared manually or due to power failure.

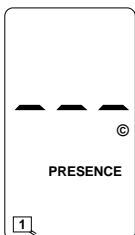
DEFAULT SETTING.....0.
EXAMPLE.....There are eight (8) Loop Failures in the accumulator.
NOTES.....Count will be reset to zero after loss of power, by pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button, or by resetting the detector.



PARAMETERFirmware Version and Revision.
SETTINGS.....View Only.
SETTING DISPLAYEDView Only.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYModel letter and firmware version on one screen and firmware revision on the other screen.

DEFAULT SETTING.....Not Applicable.
EXAMPLE.....Model L firmware version 34, revision .00.

5.2 NORMAL MODE DISPLAY SCREENS

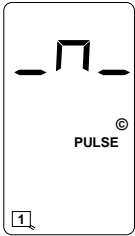


STATEIdle.
BARGRAPH DISPLAY.....OFF.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYThree Dashes.
TEXT.....PULSE or PRESENCE indicating detection mode of the detector.

DETECT LED.....OFF.
DETECTOR OUTPUT.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....The detector is idle and in the presence mode of detection.
NOTES.....This is the normal state for the display when the loop detection zone is unoccupied and the detector does not have any timing options set.



STATEPresence Call.
BARGRAPH DISPLAY.....Number of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCall.
TEXT.....PRESENCE, indicating detection mode of the detector.
DETECT LED.....Solid ON.
DETECTOR OUTPUT.....ON.
EXAMPLE.....The detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds the detection threshold by four (4) sensitivity levels and the detector is outputting a call.



STATEPulse Call.
BARGRAPH DISPLAY.....OFF.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAY \square for 125 milliseconds.
TEXT.....PULSE, indicating detection mode of the detector.
DETECT LED.....ON for 125 milliseconds.
DETECTOR OUTPUT.....ON for 125 milliseconds.
EXAMPLE.....The detection zone is occupied and detector is outputting a call of 125 milliseconds duration.
NOTES.....This display is only shown for 125 milliseconds (the duration of the pulse output).



STATETiming Delay.
BARGRAPH DISPLAY.....Number of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCountdown of remaining Delay time (in seconds).
TEXT.....SECONDS, DELAY, and PULSE or PRESENCE.
DETECT LED.....Four Hz flash rate with 50% duty cycle (125 ms ON, 125 ms OFF).
DETECTOR OUTPUT.....OFF.
EXAMPLE.....The detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds the detection threshold by two (2) sensitivity levels, there are three (3) seconds of Delay remaining, and the detector is not outputting a call.



STATETiming Extension.
BARGRAPH DISPLAY.....OFF.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCountdown of remaining Extension time (in seconds).
TEXT.....SECONDS, EXTENSION, and PULSE or PRESENCE.
DETECT LED.....16.6 Hz flash rate with 50% duty cycle (30 ms ON, 30 ms OFF).
DETECTOR OUTPUT.....ON.
EXAMPLE.....The detection zone is vacant, there are two and one-half (2.5) seconds of Extension time remaining, and detector is outputting a call.
NOTES.....When Option 12.0 is ON and 12.1 is OFF, the Extension timer becomes the Disconnect timer.



STATETiming Max Presence.
BARGRAPH DISPLAY.....Number of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYCountdown of remaining seconds of Max Presence.
TEXT.....SECONDS and MAX PRESENCE.
DETECT LED.....Solid ON.
DETECTOR OUTPUT.....ON.
EXAMPLE.....The detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds the detection threshold by five (5) sensitivity levels, there are 30 seconds of Max Presence remaining, and the detector is outputting a call.



STATEMax Presence Timed Out and Waiting for End Of Green.
BARGRAPH DISPLAYNumber of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAY000 - Showing that the Max Presence timer has timed out.
TEXTSECONDS, MAX PRESENCE, and EOG (EOG will be flashing).
DETECT LEDSolid ON.
DETECTOR OUTPUTON.
EXAMPLEThe detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds the detection threshold by five (5) sensitivity levels, Max Presence has timed out and is waiting for the End Of Green, and detector is outputting a call.



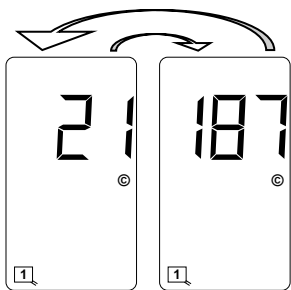
STATEPending.
BARGRAPH DISPLAYNumber of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYPnd.
TEXTPULSE or PRESENCE indicating detection mode of the detector.
DETECT LED3.3 Hz flash rate with 83% duty cycle (250 ms ON, 25 ms OFF).
DETECTOR OUTPUTOFF.
EXAMPLEThe detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds the detection threshold by seven (7) sensitivity levels and the detector is not outputting a call. Option 12 (Detector Disconnect) has been selected.
NOTESThe Pending state is used when the detector would normally output a call but is not, due to the operational function Option 12 (Detector Disconnect).



STATELoop Inductance Display (Option 1 ON).
BARGRAPH DISPLAYOFF if no vehicle is detected. Number of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.) if a vehicle is detected.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYLoop / Lead-In circuit inductance in microhenries. If the value exceeds 999, the display will alternate between the thousands place (1 or 2) and the lower three digits of the inductance value.
TEXTL=
DETECT LEDThe detect LED operates normally indicating call, no call, delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
DETECTOR OUTPUTThe detector output operates normally.
EXAMPLEThe Loop / Lead-In circuit inductance is 98 microhenries and the detector is not detecting a vehicle.
NOTESIf Option 2 (-AL/L Display) is ON, this display is only visible when the detector is not detecting a vehicle.



STATELoop Inductance -AL/L Display (% Change) (Option 2 ON).
BARGRAPH DISPLAYOFF.
7 SEGMENT DISPLAYPercentage of change in inductance of the Loop / Lead-In circuit.
TEXT-AL/L.
DETECT LEDThe detect LED operates normally indicating call, no call, delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
DETECTOR OUTPUTThe detector output operates normally.
EXAMPLEPercentage change of inductance of the call is 0.087%.
NOTESThis display is only visible while the detector is detecting a vehicle and not timing any functions.

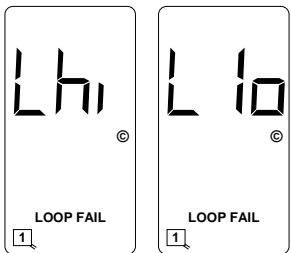


- STATE**Accumulated Vehicle Count Display (Option 6.0 ON).
- BARGRAPH DISPLAY**OFF if no vehicle is detected. Number of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot = current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity level, etc.) if a vehicle is detected.
- 7 SEGMENT DISPLAY**Alternates between upper two digits and the lower three digits. If the upper two digits are zero, they are not displayed at all and only the lower three digits will be displayed.
- TEXT**None.
- DETECT LED**The detect LED operates normally indicating call, no call, delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
- DETECTOR OUTPUT**The detector output operates normally.
- EXAMPLE**The accumulated vehicle count is 21,187.
- NOTES**This display will flash while the detector is in the training mode. This display is only visible on the L-1201 version of the L-1200.



- STATE**LCD Test.
- BARGRAPH DISPLAY**All segments on.
- 7 SEGMENT DISPLAY**All segments on.
- TEXT**All segments on.
- DETECT LED**The detect LED operates normally indicating call, no call, delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
- DETECTOR OUTPUT**The detector output operates normally.
- EXAMPLE**All segments on.
- NOTES**This display is visible whenever two or three pushbutton switches are pressed at the same time.

5.3 LOOP FAIL INDICATIONS



+25% change Or open loop conditions.

-25% change Or shorted loop conditions.

If the total inductance of the loop input network goes out of the range specified for the detector, or rapidly changes by more than $\pm 25\%$, the detector will enter the Fail-Safe mode and LOOP FAIL will be displayed on the LCD. The type of loop failure will also be displayed as *L lo* (for -25% change or shorted loop conditions) or *L hi* (for +25% change or open loop conditions). This will continue as long as the loop fault exists. Fail-Safe mode generates a continuous call in Presence Mode and in Pulse Mode. At the time of a loop failure, the detect LED will begin to flash at a rate of three flashes per second. The LED will continue this display pattern until the detector is manually reset or power is removed.

If the loop self-heals, the LOOP FAIL message on the LCD will extinguish and the detector will resume operation in a normal manner; except, the LED will continue the three flashes per second display pattern, thus, providing an alert that a prior Loop Fail condition has occurred. Each loop failure is counted and accumulated into the Loop Fail Memory. The total number of loop failures for the detector is written into the Loop Fail Memory (since the last power interruption or manual reset) and can be seen by stepping through the functions in Program Mode to the LOOP FAIL display.

This is a useful tool to identify intermittent loop problems. If the count is extremely high for the period of time observed, the problem is very likely a loose connection (check for loose connections at the terminal strip and bad splices in the field). The Loop Fail Count is reset when power is removed from the detector. This prevents the Loop Failure Count from moving to another loop, if the detector is moved to a new location.

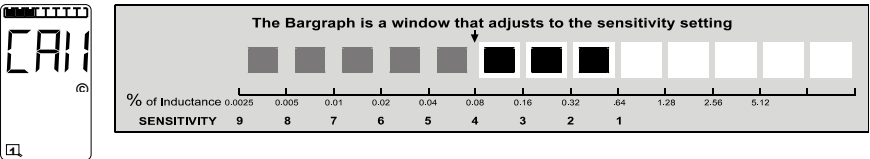
To view the Loop Fail Count, repeatedly press the FUNC button until the LOOP FAIL display is shown. The Loop Fail Count display is after the OPTION displays. Pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button while the Loop Fail Count is displayed will reset the count to zero.

NOTE: The Loop Fail Count is not reset when the setting of Option 4 (Noise Filter Disable) is changed or when the detector's sensitivity or frequency is changed. The prior Loop Fail indication will continue until the Loop Fail Count is reset to zero.

5.4 SETTING SENSITIVITY USING THE BARGRAPH

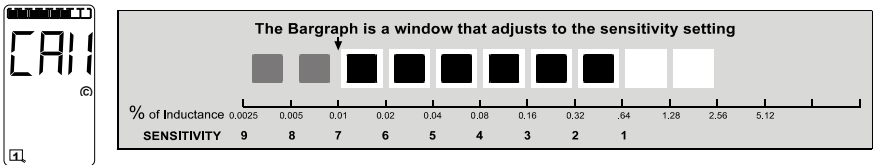
The bargraph is a graphical representation of the relative change of inductance as seen by the detector. It automatically takes into account the detector's sensitivity setting, loop geometry, configuration, lead-in length, etc. The first bar segment represents the minimum inductance change (set by the sensitivity level) necessary for the detector to output a call. Each additional segment to the right represents the inductance change in excess of the next sensitivity threshold. Usually, the larger the vehicle, the greater the $-\Delta L/L$; thus, more and more segments are displayed. The bargraph can be used as a precise indicator to select the proper sensitivity level.

The bargraph below shows the deflection (3 segments) of a vehicle with Sensitivity set to Level 4. The vehicle in



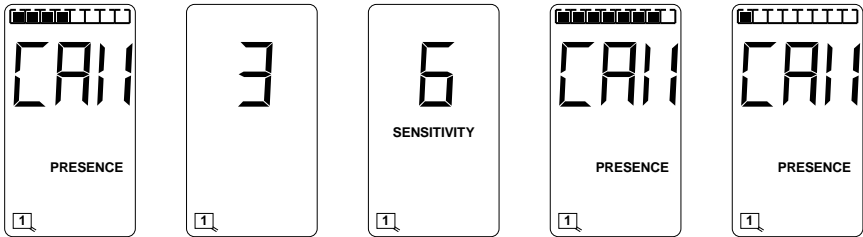
the loop zone is causing a change of inductance greater than 0.32% $-\Delta L/L$ or Sensitivity Level 2.

The bargraph, below, has the same vehicle in the loop zone causing the same inductance change as above. Since the sensitivity setting was increased to Level 7, six segments are now displayed. If the bargraph displays 5 or 6 segments for a vehicle in the loop and motorcycles are not a concern, the sensitivity has been set to the proper range.



5.5 SETTING SENSITIVITY FOR MOTORCYCLE DETECTION USING THE BARGRAPH

The bargraph can also be used to select the proper sensitivity level for small motorcycle detection. The relative change of inductance caused by a motorcycle and a single automobile are proportional on any loop configuration. Selecting the sensitivity level that causes the bargraph to display the seventh segment for a single standard



automobile automatically sets the sensitivity to detect small motorcycles. Follow the steps below:

Step 1: Observe a single standard automobile in the loop zone. Note the number of segments displayed on the bargraph. (4)

Step 2: Go to the Program mode. Note the sensitivity level. (3)

Step 3: Subtract the actual number of segments displayed from the desired number of 7. ($7 - 4 = 3$) Increase the sensitivity three levels.

Step 4: Verify that a single standard automobile causes the bargraph to move seven segments.

Step 5: A small motorcycle should be detected causing a one segment deflection.

Note: This method applies to conventional loop configurations only. Other loop configurations, such as Quadrupole™, will require a different method to correctly set sensitivity for motorcycle detection. Increasing the sensitivity to detect motorcycles in some loop configurations will make the loop sensitive to adjacent lane detection. If adjacent lane traffic is detected, the phase will max time when no vehicles are present in the loop (see Option 5 - Phase Green Loop Compensation for a possible solution).

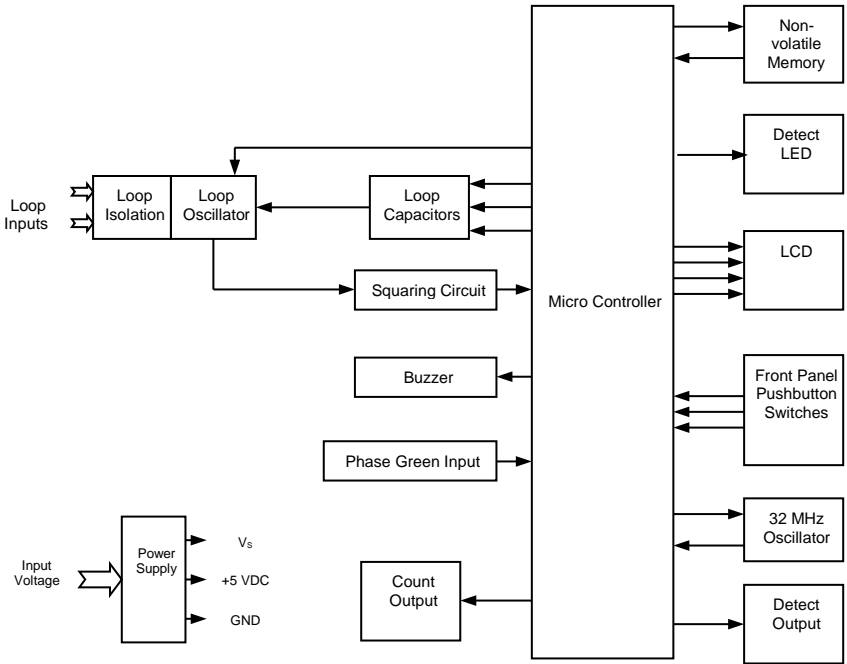
5.6 FULL RESTORE TO FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS

Pressing all three front panel switches simultaneously and continuously for five (5) seconds resets the detector and restores all the factory default settings. The countdown of the five second period is displayed on the LCD. Releasing any of the switches before the countdown ends aborts the Full Restore operation. (See Section 3.5 for default settings.)

5.7 DISPLAY TEST

Pressing any two or three of the front panel switches simultaneously will turn on all possible symbols and messages on the LCD.

Section 6 Block Diagram



Section 7 Theory of Operation

The Reno A & E Model L-1200 detector digitally measures changes in the resonant frequency of the loop circuit to determine if a vehicle has entered the detection zone. The Model L-1200 Series detector applies an excitation voltage to the loop circuit resulting in the loop oscillating at its resonant frequency. The current flow in the loop wire creates magnetic fields around the loop wire. When a vehicle passes over the loop area, the conductive metal of the vehicle causes a loading of the loop's magnetic fields. The loading decreases the loop inductance, which causes the resonant frequency to increase. By continuously sampling the loop's resonant frequency, the magnitude and rate of change can be determined. If the frequency change exceeds a selectable threshold (set by the sensitivity settings), the detector will activate an output signal. If the rate of change is slow, typical of environmental drift, the detector will continuously track and compensate for the change. The Model L-1200 detector also monitors the loop frequency for out of range conditions such as an open or shorted loop circuit.

The detector's oscillator circuit supplies an excitation voltage that is coupled to the loop circuit by a loop isolation transformer. The transformer provides high common mode isolation between the loop and detector electronics, which allows the detector to operate on poor quality loops including a single short to ground. The transformer also limits the amount of static energy (lightning) that can transfer to the detector electronics. A spark gap transient suppression device is connected across the loop inputs connected to the isolation transformer. This device dissipates static charges before they reach the transformer. A network of four capacitors is connected to the detector side of the isolation transformer. Three of the capacitors can be switched in or out of the oscillator circuit to shift the frequency of the loop oscillator circuit thus providing frequency separation between adjacent loops. The three switchable capacitors are electronically switched using FETs and are selected when programming parameter values with the front panel pushbutton switches.

The output from the loop oscillator is fed into a squaring circuit. The sine wave from the loop oscillator circuit is squared to provide a precise zero crossing signal for the input to the microcontroller. This signal is called the loop sample. The loop sample is an integral number of complete oscillations from the loop oscillator circuit. The number of loop oscillations counted is a function of the selected sensitivity setting for the detector. The required number of loop oscillations needed for a loop sample increases as the sensitivity setting is increased. The microcontroller uses the period of the loop sample for accumulating high-speed (32 MHz) crystal clock pulses generated by the microcontroller's internal high-speed crystal oscillator. The number of crystal clock pulses accumulated during consecutive loop samples is compared to the internal reference number of crystal clock pulses stored in the microcontroller's memory.

When a vehicle enters the loop zone the loop inductance decreases. This decrease in loop inductance causes an increase in the loop oscillator frequency. In turn, an increase in loop oscillator frequency results in a decrease of the time period for the loop sample. Hence, when a vehicle enters the loop zone the number of crystal clock pulses accumulated during a loop sample period decreases. By comparing the new count with the reference count, a percentage change can be calculated that indirectly relates to the inductance change. If the magnitude of the change exceeds a selectable threshold (sensitivity setting), the detector activates an output device. The rate of change is also monitored. Slow rates of change caused by environmental fluctuations are tracked and automatically compensated for.

The microcontroller uses the high-speed crystal clock count to calculate the loop inductance, frequency and percentage of change. If selected, the values are displayed on the seven segment LCD. The microcontroller also processes the pushbutton switch selections for the LCD and stores the operating parameters in non-volatile memory. Stored parameters are only changed with the front panel switches and are unaffected by loss of power or detector reset. The microcontroller continuously processes the loop samples and the detector operation is not affected during the operation of the switches or the LCD. (Note: When either sensitivity or frequency is changed, the detector is reset.)

In addition, the microcontroller conditions the outputs based on Phase Green Input and the programmed settings of the various timers (Delay, Extension, and Max Presence) and options (EOG, Option 3, Option 4, Option 5, and Option 12).

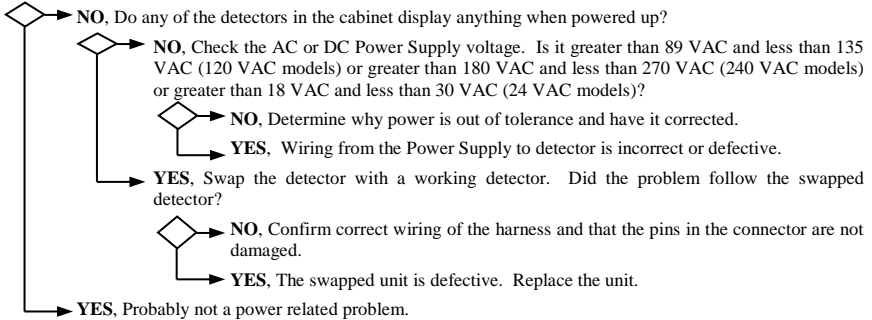
Section 8 Maintenance and Troubleshooting

The Reno A & E Model L-1200 Detector requires no maintenance. If you are having problems with your Model L-1200 detector, use the troubleshooting chart below to help determine the cause of the problem.

Symptom	Where To Start
No LCD display and LED not lit.	See Troubleshooting Power Problems.
LCD displays garbage and detector does not respond to button presses.	See Troubleshooting Initialization Problems.
Detector does not respond to button presses.	See Troubleshooting Initialization Problems.
LCD continually displays L lo and Loop Fail or L hi and Loop Fail.	See Troubleshooting Loop Fail Problems.
The detect LED is flashing three times per second and detector appears to be working correctly.	See Troubleshooting Intermittent Loop Fail Problems.
Detector intermittently stays in the Call state.	See Troubleshooting Intermittent Detector Lock Ups.
Detector will not time delay.	See Troubleshooting Delay Problems.
Detector does not always time delay.	See Troubleshooting Delay Problems.
LCD displays Pnd and the detector does not output a call.	Detector disconnect (Option 12.0) has been turned on.
The detector does not always time extension.	Option 3 is on.
Max Presence never resets the detector.	EOG is turned on and the Phase Green Input is not transitioning from green to not green.
LCD always displays a flashing Call.	The sensitivity has been set to Call forcing the detector to output a constant call.

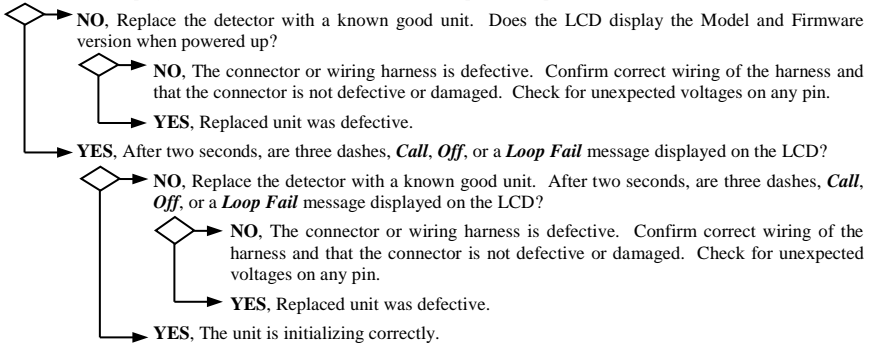
8.1 TROUBLESHOOTING POWER PROBLEMS

Does the LCD display anything when the detector is powered up?



8.2 TROUBLESHOOTING INITIALIZATION PROBLEMS

Does the LCD display the Model and Firmware version when powered up?



→ **YES**, If possible, connecting each loop to its own detector is preferred. Or try a parallel wiring arrangement for the loops if separate detector is not possible.

8.4 TROUBLESHOOTING INTERMITTENT LOOP FAIL PROBLEMS

Have you been able to see the detector display while the loop failure was occurring?

◇ → **NO**, Loop Fail problems tend to be bad splices in the loop / lead-in circuit, shorts in the loop / lead-in circuit, shorts to earth ground in the loop / lead-in circuit, or loose connections or bad solder joints in the signal cabinet. If you have any splices that are not soldered and sealed with an adhesive heat shrink or epoxy resin, replace the splice with one that is. Using a MegOhm meter, measure the resistance from one of the loop wires to earth ground. It should be greater than 50 megOhms. Inspect the loop. Look for exposed wires or debris pressed into the saw cut. Tighten all screw terminals in the signal cabinet that the loop circuit uses. Check solder joints in the loop circuit, especially on the harness itself. Disconnect and reconnect any connector used in the loop circuit and check for loose pins and sockets in these connectors. If your cabinet has lightning or surge suppression devices on the loop inputs in the cabinet, remove or replace them. Check for places in the field where the loop wire or lead-in cable may be pinched or chaffed. Look for wires pinched under junction box covers and where the wire enters a conduit, especially where the loop wire leaves the saw cut and enters a conduit. After checking all of the above items, you could swap out the detector but this type of failure is rarely ever related to the detector.

◇ → **YES**, Did the display show *L hi*?

◇ → **NO**, The display must have been *L lo* then. This indicates an intermittent shorted loop or -25% inductance change. Using a MegOhm meter, measure the resistance from one of the loop wires to earth ground. It should be greater than 50 megOhms. Inspect the loop. Look for exposed wires or debris pressed into the saw cut. Check for places in the field where the loop wire or lead-in cable may be pinched or chaffed. Look for wires pinched under junction box covers and where the wire enters a conduit, especially where the loop wire leaves the saw cut and enters a conduit. **If your cabinet has lightning or surge suppression devices on the loop inputs in the cabinet, remove or replace them.**

◇ → **YES**, This indicates an intermittent open loop or +25% inductance change. If you have any splices that are not soldered and sealed with an adhesive heat shrink or epoxy resin, replace the splice with one that is. Tighten all screw terminals in the signal cabinet that the loop circuit uses. Check solder joints in the loop circuit, especially on the harness itself. Disconnect and reconnect any connector used in the loop circuit and check for loose pins and sockets in these connectors.

8.5 TROUBLESHOOTING INTERMITTENT DETECTOR LOCK UPS

Have you been able to see the detector display while the loop was locked up?

◇ → **NO**, See **Troubleshooting Intermittent Loop Fail Problems** and follow the path for unable to see the detector display while the loop failure was occurring.

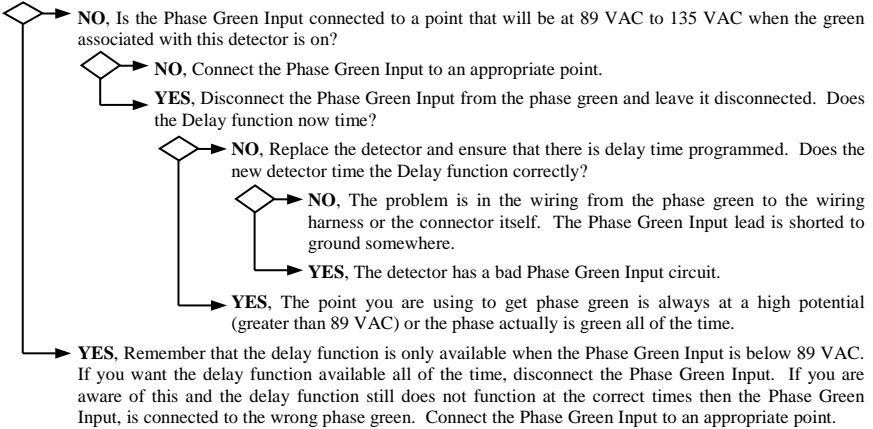
◇ → **YES**, Were more than two segments lit in the bargraph on the LCD?

◇ → **NO**, Problems of this type tend to be difficult to isolate due to the many possible causes and the short duration of the symptom (usually less than 30 minutes). If the problem occurs more frequently in the morning or when raining, suspect a short to earth ground in the loop / lead-in circuit. This can usually be verified by testing with a MegOhm meter but not always. Vibration can also be a possible cause. Loop wires may be moving slightly in a conduit due to vibrations from truck traffic. Utility lids in the street near the loop may also be a source of problems. Ensure that lids near a loop are bolted down so that they cannot move. Check that each set of loop wires is twisted together in each pull box and that lengths are not excessive. And also see **Troubleshooting Intermittent Loop Fail Problems** and follow the path for a loop failure that displays *L lo* on the LCD.

◇ → **YES**, See **Troubleshooting Intermittent Loop Fail Problems** and follow the path for a loop failure that displays *L lo* on the LCD.

8.6 TROUBLESHOOTING DELAY PROBLEMS

Does the detector ever time the Delay function?



8.7 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LOOPS

Always use a wire with cross-linked Polyethylene insulation (insulation type XLPE) for loop wire.

Typical sensing height is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the shortest leg of a loop. Therefore, a 6' x 6' loop will have a detection height of 4'.

The inductance of a conventional four-sided loop can be estimated using the formula:

$$L = P \times (T^2 + T) / 4$$

Where: L = Loop Inductance in microhenries
P = Loop Perimeter in feet
T = Number of Turns of Wire.

Therefore, a 6' by 6' loop with 3 turns would have an inductance of:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= (6 + 6 + 6 + 6) \times (3^2 + 3) / 4 \\ L &= 24 \times (9 + 3) / 4 \\ L &= 24 \times 12 / 4 \\ L &= 24 \times 3 \\ L &= 72 \text{ microhenries.} \end{aligned}$$

The inductance of a Quadrupole™ loop can be estimated using the formula:

$$L = [P \times (T^2 + T) / 4] + [CL \times (T^2 + T) / 4]$$

Where: L = Loop Inductance in microhenries
P = Loop Perimeter in feet
T = Number of Turns of Wire
CL = Length of Center Leg in feet.

Therefore, a 6' by 50' loop with a 2-4-2 configuration would have an inductance of:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= [(6 + 50 + 6 + 50) \times (2^2 + 2) / 4] + [50 \times (4^2 + 4) / 4] \\ L &= [112 \times (4 + 2) / 4] + [50 \times (16 + 4) / 4] \\ L &= (112 \times 6 / 4) + (50 \times 20 / 4) \\ L &= (112 \times 1.5) + (50 \times 5) \\ L &= 168 + 250 \\ L &= 418 \text{ microhenries.} \end{aligned}$$

Loop Feeder cable typically adds 0.22 microhenries of inductance per foot of cable.

Total inductance of loops connected in series:

$$L_{\text{TOTAL}} = L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + \dots + L_N.$$

Total inductance of loops connected in parallel:

$$L_{\text{TOTAL}} = 1 / [(1 / L_1) + (1 / L_2) + (1 / L_3) + \dots + (1 / L_N)].$$