# **Model S-1201 Series**

**Loop Detector** 

**Operations Manual** 

Two Channel Menu Driven Programmable Inductive Loop Detector

Built-in Loop Analyzer for Each Channel

This manual contains technical information for the

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#### Section 1 General Description

This Operation Manual was written for people installing, operating, and maintaining Reno A & E Model S-1201 inductive loop vehicle detectors. Designed to be used in freeway entrance and exit ramp monitoring applications, the Model S-1201 is a two channel, shelf mount type, inductive loop vehicle detector that meets or exceed NEMA Standards TS 1-1989. A rear mounted DB-9 serial connector can be used to provide a means of communication with other related equipment.

The Model S-1201 incorporates a microcontroller that monitors and processes signals from two separate loop / lead-in circuits and two Phase Green Inputs. The microcontroller uses these inputs to determine how to control the detector outputs. A Liquid Crystal Display (LCD), two light emitting diodes (LEDs), and four 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.

The Model S-1201 Series detector is a scanning detector. The scanning operation sequentially activates the ON and OFF cycle of each channel's oscillator. Since only one channel's loop(s) is (are) active at a given time, crosstalk between adjacent loops connected to the same scanning detector is minimized. The Model S-1201 Series' unique scanning process also disconnects the capacitors and dampens the oscillator during the OFF cycle. This eliminates oscillation past the OFF point (ringing or decay) every time the loop circuit is scanned, which can result in crosstalk. When operating in the Program Mode, the Model S-1201 Series displays the real time loop frequency reading for each channel. 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 S-1201 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 S-1201 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 option programming.

#### 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) per channel. 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  $\pm 1$  in the last digit, this is an indication of possible crosstalk between loops.

#### 2.2 SENSITIVITY

There are nine (9) selectable sensitivity levels per channel, 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 channel 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 channel 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 for each channel is available. Presence or Pulse mode is toggled by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\blacktriangledown$  (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  $125 \pm 10$  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 channel resumes full sensitivity within 0.5 seconds.

#### 2.4 CALL DELAY

Each channel'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 a Phase Green Input (Call Delay Override) signal (pin J of the MS connector of channel 1 or 2) is active, the Call Delay function for the channel is aborted and the Call Delay time is forced to zero.

#### 2.5 CALL EXTENSION

Each channel's Call Extension is adjustable from 0 to 25.5 seconds in 0.1 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 channel 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, each channel'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 channel. 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 still present when the Max Presence timer reaches Of-Green (EOG) function is not enabled (OFF) and the call is still present when the Max Presence timer reaches

zero, the channel 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 channel enters a Wait state. The Wait state continues until either the loop becomes vacant or the Phase Green Input signal for a channel (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 a channel is in a Wait state, the channel is automatically reset. The signals on pin J of the MS connectors of channels 1 and 2 are also called Call Delay Overrides. (See Section 3.2, Phase Green Input specification for voltage levels.)

#### 2.7 END-OF-GREEN (EOG)

Each channel's EOG setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\checkmark$  (DOWN) button. The EOG function is used to synchronize resetting of a detector with the termination of the associated phase green. The assumption is that this is the safest point in time to reset the channel. 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 channel 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 signals on pin J of the MS connectors of channels 1 and 2 are also called Call Delay Override. (See Section 3.2, Phase Green Input specifications for voltage levels.)

#### 2.8 DETECTOR ID

This feature is used to assign a unique identification value to the detector for communication purposes. Detector ID settings can range from 000 to 253. NOTE: When first initialized, the detector ID setting is 000.

#### 2.9 OPTION 1: LOOP INDUCTANCE DISPLAY

Each channel's Loop Inductance Display setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\checkmark$  (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 9.7 of this manual. NOTE: Enabling this option activates it for both channels. This option is automatically disabled 15 minutes after activation or on loss of power.

#### 2.10 OPTION 2: LOOP INDUCTANCE -ΔL/L DISPLAY

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

#### 2.11 OPTION 3: CALL EXTENSION CONTROL

Each channel's Call Extension Control setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\checkmark$  (DOWN) button. When this option is enabled (ON), the channel 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 channel extends ALL calls for the programmed extension time. The signals on pin J of the MS connectors of channels 1 and 2 are also called Call Delay Overrides. (See Section 3.2, Phase Green Input specifications for voltage levels.)

#### 2.12 OPTION 4: NOISE FILTER DISABLE

The detector's Noise Filter Disable setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\lor$  (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: Enabling this option activates it for both channels. Changing the setting of this feature will reset both detector channels.* 

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).

#### 2.13 OPTION 5: PHASE GREEN LOOP COMPENSATION

Each channel's Phase Green Loop Compensation setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\lor$  (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 active1, the channel desensitizes the loop. Maximum desensitization is 0.05% (- $\Delta$ L/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 channel must be run with a high sensitivity setting. When Option 5 is not enabled (OFF), normal loop compensation is used.* 

#### 2.14 OPTION 6: VEHICLE COUNTING DISPLAY

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

When Option 6.0 is enabled (ON) for a channel, the normal operating display for that channel 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 for the selected channel. When Option 6.1 is changed from the OFF state to the ON state, the accumulated vehicle count for the selected channel 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.

#### 2.15 OPTION 7: VEHICLE COUNTING LOOP CONFIGURATION

Each detector channels'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<sup>TM</sup>. The remaining three settings indicate the number of 6' x 6' loops installed in a single lane of traffic.

Several factors can influence the count accuracy achieved with this detector:

- Lanes per Detector The detector was designed to be used in applications where each channel 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<sup>TM</sup> 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.

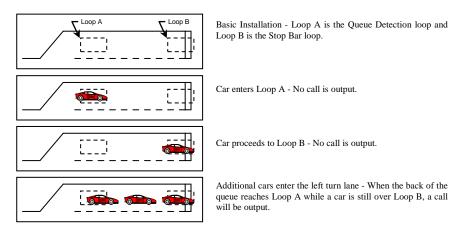
The vehicle counting feature cannot be turned off and is active regardless of any other features that have been enabled. Even if other features (Delay, Third Car Passage, Directional Logic, or Detector Disconnect) would cause the normal detector output to be in the No Call state, the vehicle counting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

#### 2.16 OPTION 9: THIRD CAR PASSAGE

Each channel's Third Car Passage setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\blacktriangledown$  (DOWN) button. Option 9 is a paired channel option. This means that it takes two channels to implement the feature. Therefore, when this option is toggled ON or OFF in one channel, its paired channel is also set to the same state. In the Model S-1201, Channel 1 is paired with Channel 2. *NOTE: Option 9 is mutually exclusive with Option 10. Turning ON one option will automatically turn OFF the other option.* 

When Option 9 is enabled (ON), the output of the two paired channels are logically ANDed together. This means that while the loops for both of the paired channels are occupied, a call will be output on both channels. While only one channel is occupied, or neither channel is occupied, a call will not be output for either channel. The first channel with detection will enter a pending state while waiting for detection on the other paired channel. While in the pending state, the LCD will show *Pnd* on the display.

This feature is intended to be used in Protected / Permissive left turn situations. The expected installation is a stop bar loop for the left turn lane connected to one channel, a queue detection loop (with a small amount of delay time programmed) for the left turn lane connected to the other channel, and the output of either channel connected to the Vehicle Call input for the protected movement of the traffic controller.



When Third Car Passage is turned on, as the first vehicle enters the left turn lane it will drive over the queue detection loop. Since there is no vehicle over the stop bar loop, there is no call output generated. The vehicle advances to the stop bar loop. Still, no output is generated because there is no vehicle over the queue detection loop. If the vehicle traffic in the left turn lane backs up to the queue detection loop, then the stop bar loop and the queue detection loop will both be occupied at the same time. This will cause the detector to generate a call to the traffic controller to service the protected movement for the left turn. This should help clear the queue of vehicles in the left turn lane. The spacing between the stop bar loop and the queue detection loop controls the size of the queue needed to generate a call to the protected movement of the controller. The delay time on the Queue control op should be sufficiently long that vehicles driving over this loop to enter the queue do not generate a call.

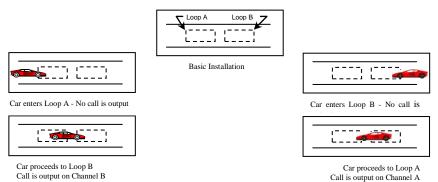
#### 2.17 OPTION 10: DIRECTIONAL LOGIC

Each channel's Directional Logic setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\blacktriangledown$  (DOWN) button. Option 10 is a paired channel option. This means that it takes two channels to implement the feature. Therefore, when this option is toggled ON or OFF in one channel, its paired channel is also set to the same state. In the Model S-1201, Channel 1 is paired with Channel 2. NOTE: Option 10 is mutually exclusive with Option 9. Turning ON one option will automatically turn OFF the other option.

When Option 10 is enabled (ON), directional logic is enabled. Directional logic starts with a detection on one channel. This channel will go into the pending state, display *Pnd* on the LCD, and NOT output a call. When both of the paired channels have detection, the last channel to have detection will output a call until the detection for the last channel ends, even if the detection ends for the first channel. None of the timing functions of the first channel with a detection will time (Delay, Extension, Max Presence, and Detector Disconnect) and the first channel will always operate in the Presence Mode regardless of the programming of the channel.

This feature is intended to be used in parking lot applications where vehicles can enter or exit from the same lane, freeway ramps for wrong way detection, and left turn lanes where other movements in the intersection tend to clip the detection zone of the left turn lane. The expected installation is two loops, one after the other in the same lane, spaced anywhere from slightly overlapping to 6 feet apart. **NOTE:** Contact a Field Engineer at Reno A & E regarding proper loop configurations and spacing for specific applications.

When Directional Detection is turned on, a vehicle entering the first loop will cause that channel to enter the pending state. As the vehicle enters the second loop while still occupying the first loop, the second channel will enter the Call state while the first channel remains in the pending state. A call is never output on the first channel with a detection. Under normal conditions both outputs can never be on at the same time. However, if one of the loops fail, both outputs will come on and stay on until the failure is corrected.



#### 2.18 OPTION 11, AUDIBLE DETECT SIGNAL

Each channel's, Audible Detect Signal setting can be toggled ON or OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\checkmark$  (DOWN) button. Only one channel can be turned ON at a time. Turning this option ON for one channel automatically turns it OFF for the other channel. When this option is enabled (ON), an audible signal will be activated whenever the detection zone for the selected channel 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.* 

#### 2.19 OPTION 12: DETECTOR DISCONNECT

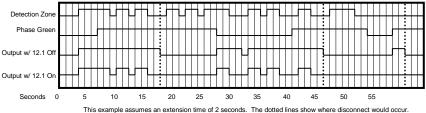
Each channel's Detector Disconnect setting can be toggled ON or OFF and the Extension timer toggled between ON and OFF by momentarily pressing either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\lor$  (DOWN) button. The Detector Disconnect feature requires that the Phase Green Input for the channel be connected to the proper controller phase. When the Phase Green Input is not active, the channel 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, this channel 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 channel 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 channel connected to the



Phase Green is the state of the light (actual Phase Green Input is inverted).

advance detection loop would be programmed as normal.

When the Detector Disconnect feature is turned ON and the signal is not green, the channel 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 channel 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 channel 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 channel will generate an output for the specified extension time at the start of each green phase.

#### Section 3 Specifications

#### 3.1 PHYSICAL

WEIGHT: 34 oz. (963.9 gm).

SIZE: 6.45 inches (16.38 cm) high x 2.50 inches (6.35 cm) wide x 6.35 inches (16.13 cm) deep (excluding connectors). Front mounted connectors add .675 inch (1.71 cm) to depth measurement, rear mounted connector adds .215 inch (0.55 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.

CONNECTORS: (See Section 3.6 for connector pin assignments.)

PRIMARY CONNECTORS: Two (2) MS3102A-18-1P (front mounted).

SECONDARY CONNECTOR: Nine (9) pin, metal shell, D subminiature receptacle with gold plated female contacts and nuts for retaining screws (rear mounted).

#### **3.2 ELECTRICAL**

POWER: 89 to 135 VAC, 50/60 Hz, 6 Watts maximum.

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. The detector can be reset by removing and reapplying power or by changing the setting of Option 4 (Noise Filter Disable). Each detector channel can be independently reset by pressing the CHAN button until the desired channel is selected, then pressing and holding the CHAN button for three seconds. Also, changing either the sensitivity or loop frequency of a channel will reset that channel.

PHASE GREEN INPUTS: Also known as Call Delay Overrides. 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 of channel 1 or 2 causes the delay timer for the channel 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.

#### **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: Each channel 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.

GROUNDED 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 channel's loop input network goes out of the range specified for the detector, or rapidly changes by more than  $\pm 25\%$ , the channel 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 retune 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 channel's LED will begin to flash at a rate of three flashes per second. The LED will continue this display pattern until the channel is manually reset or power is removed. If the loop self-heals, the LOOP FAIL message on the LCD will extinguish and the channel 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 channel 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 channel's functions in Program Mode until the LOOP FAIL message is displayed.

#### 3.4 TABLE: SENSITIVITY, -AL/L, AND RESPONSE TIME

Sensitivity	-ΔL/L	Response Time Noise Filter Enabled (Option 4 OFF)	Response Time Noise Filter Disabled (Option 4 ON)
OFF			
1	0.64%	133 ±27 ms	20 ±4 ms
2	0.32%	133 ±27 ms	20 ±4 ms
3	0.16%	133 ±27 ms	20 ±4 ms
4	0.08%	133 ±27 ms	20 ±4 ms
5	0.04%	133 ±27 ms	20 ±4 ms
6	0.02%	133 ±27 ms	27 ±5 ms
7	0.01%	133 ±27 ms	42 ±8 ms
8	0.005%	133 ±27 ms	72 ±14 ms
9	0.0025%	133 ±27 ms	133 ±27 ms
CALL			

**NOTE:** Entries in this table are based on the assumption that both channels are set to the same sensitivity. To approximate response time for a detector with the channels set to different sensitivities, look up the response time for each channel and divide it by two, then add these times together.

## 3.5 TABLE: DEFAULT SETTINGS

Function	Channel 1	Channel 2
Frequency	3	7
Sensitivity	6	6
Delay Time	0	0
Extension Time	0	0
Max Presence Time	OFF	OFF
Presence / Pulse Mode	Presence	Presence
EOG	OFF	OFF
Detector ID	000	
Option 1 - Loop Inductance Display	OFF	OFF
Option 2 - Loop Inductance - ΔL/L Display	OFF	OFF
Option 3 - Call Extension Control	OFF	OFF
Option 4 - Noise Filter Disable	OFF	OFF
Option 5 - Phase Green Loop Compensation	OFF	OFF
Option 6.0 - Display Vehicle Count	OFF	OFF
Option 6.1 - Reset Vehicle Count	OFF	OFF
Option 7 - Number of Loops	04	04
Option 9 - Third Car Passage	OFF	OFF
Option 10 - Directional Logic	OFF	OFF
Option 11 - Audible Detect Signal	OFF	OFF
Option 12.0 - Detector Disconnect	OFF	OFF
Option 12.1 - Detector Disconnect Type	OFF	OFF

## 3.6 TABLE: PIN ASSIGNMENTS

#### Primary Connectors CHANNEL 1 CONNECTOR

Pin	Function	Pin	
Α	Power, Neutral, 120 VAC	Α	No
В	Channel 1 Output, Relay Common	В	Ch
С	Power, Line, 120 VAC	С	No
D	Channel 1 Loop Input	D	Ch
E	Channel 1 Loop Input	E	Ch
F	Channel 1 Output, Relay Normally Open	F	Ch
G	True Count <sup>TM</sup> Channel 1 Output,	G	Tr
G	Relay Normally Open	G	Re
Η	Chassis Ground	Η	Ch
I	True Count <sup>TM</sup> Channel 1 Output,	т	Tr
1	Relay Common	1	Re
J	Channel 1 Phase Green Input (Delay Override)	J	Ch

#### **CHANNEL 2 CONNECTOR**

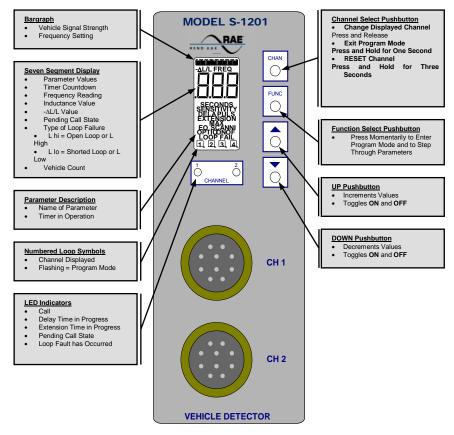
Pin	Function
Α	No Connection
В	Channel 2 Output, Relay Common
С	No Connection
D	Channel 2 Loop Input
E	Channel 2 Loop Input
F	Channel 2 Output, Relay Normally Open
G	True Count <sup>™</sup> Channel 2 Output,
U	Relay Normally Open
Η	Chassis Ground
т	True Count <sup>™</sup> Channel 2 Output,
1	Relay Common
J	Channel 2 Phase Green Input (Delay Override)

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

#### Secondary Connector DB-9 SERIAL CONNECTOR

Pin	Function
1	No Connection
2	RS-232 TX Out
3	RS-232 RX In
4	No Connection
5	Logic Ground
6	No Connection
7	No Connection
8	No Connection
9	No Connection

#### 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 for each channel. To reset the detector to factory default, press and hold all four pushbutton switches simultaneously for five seconds. When all four 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 both channels.

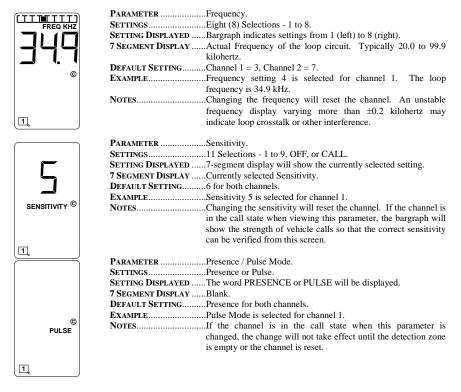
All operating parameters can be adjusted from the front panel. The detector continues to operate normally while it is in the Program Mode. The value currently displayed is always the actual value being used. Example: If you are changing the delay time, the time displayed at the instant that a vehicle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

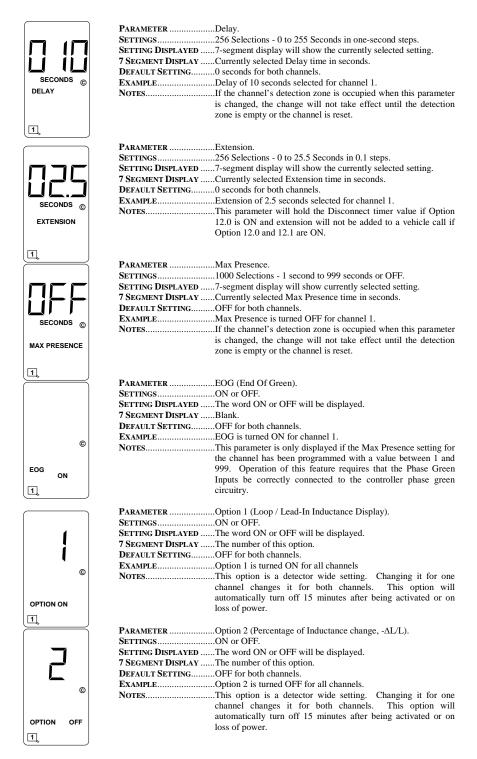
Pressing the FUNC button enters the Program Mode. The FUNC button has an auto repeat function. This allows quick navigation to the desired parameter. The FUNC button only moves forward through all of the parameters. There is no way to move backwards through the parameters.

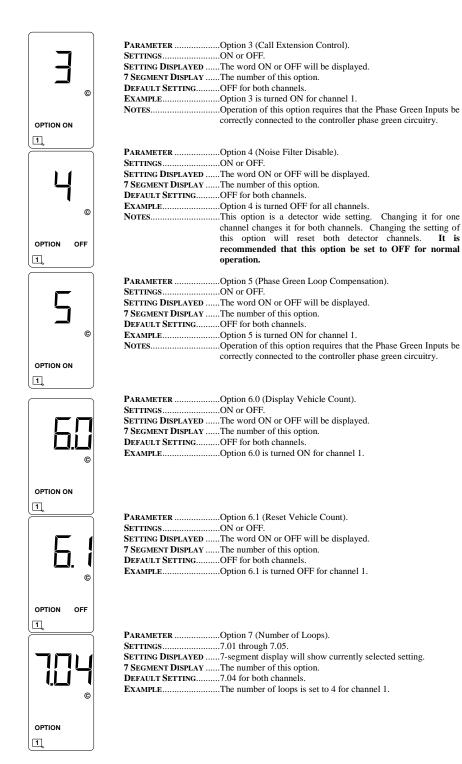
While viewing any parameter, pressing the CHAN button will display the same parameter for the next channel. The currently selected channel is indicated at the bottom of the LCD. Pressing and holding the CHAN button for one second will exit the Program Mode and return to the Normal Mode.

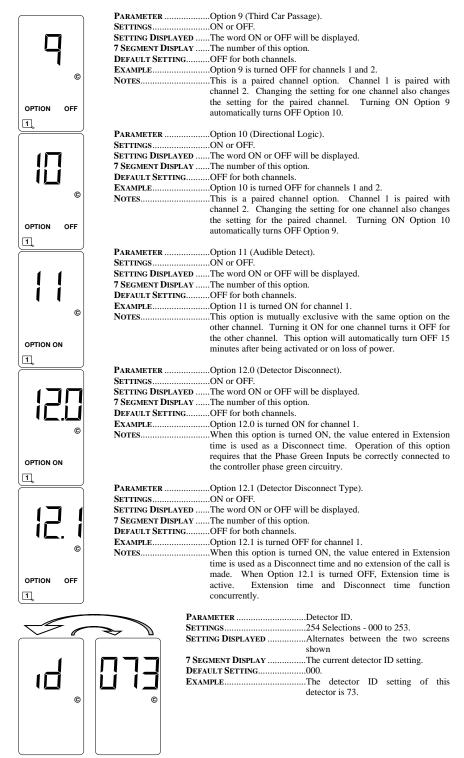
Pressing and holding either the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\blacktriangledown$  (DOWN) button will cause the value to change rapidly until the button is released.

#### 5.1 PROGRAM MODE DISPLAY SCREENS









	<ul> <li>PARAMETERLoop Fail.</li> <li>SETTINGSPressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button will clear the Loop Fail memory.</li> <li>SETTING DISPLAYEDView only.</li> <li>7 SEGMENT DISPLAYLoop Failures since the last time it was cleared manually or due to power failure.</li> </ul>
©	DEFAULT SETTING0 for both channels. EXAMPLEThere are eight (8) Loop Failures in the accumulator for
	channel 1.
LOOP FAIL	NOTESCount will be reset to zero after loss of power, by pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) button, or by resetting the channel.
<b>534</b> ®	PARAMETER       Firmware Version and Revision.         SETTINGS       View Only.         SETTING DISPLAYED       View Only.         Yessen and firmware version on one screen and firmware version on the other screen.         DEFAULT SETTING       Not Applicable.         EXAMPLE       Model S firmware version 34, revision .00.

## 5.2 NORMAL MODE DISPLAY SCREENS

© PRESENCE	STATE
1	NOTES
	STATEPresence Call. 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 DISPLAYCall. TEXTPRESENCE, indicating detection mode of the channel. CHANNEL LEDSolid ON.
PRESENCE	CHANNEL DUTPUT
1	the detection threshold by four (4) sensitivity levels and channel 1 is outputting a call.
	STATEPulse Call. BARGRAPH DISPLAYOFF.
	<b>7 SEGMENT DISPLAY</b>
	CHANNEL LEDON for 125 milliseconds.
© PULSE	CHANNEL OUTPUTON for 125 milliseconds. EXAMPLEChannel 1 detection zone is occupied and channel 1 is outputting a call of 125 milliseconds duration. NOTESThis display is only shown for 125 milliseconds (the duration of
1	the pulse output).







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SECONDS ©
MAX PRESENCE

STATE	
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 DISPLAY	Countdown of remaining Delay time (in seconds).
	SECONDS, DELAY, and PULSE or PRESENCE.
	Four Hz flash rate with 50% duty cycle (125 ms ON, 125 ms
	OFF).
CHANNEL OUTPUT	OFF.
EXAMPLE	Channel 1 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 channel 1 is not
	outputting a call.
STATE	Timing Extension
BARGRAPH DISPLAY	
	Countdown of remaining Extension time (in seconds).
	SECONDS, EXTENSION, and PULSE or PRESENCE.
	OFF).
CHANNEL OUTPUT	
EXAMPLE	Channel 1 detection zone is vacant, there are two and one half
	2.5 seconds of Extension time remaining, and channel 1 is
	outputting a call.
NOTES	When Option 12.0 is ON and 12.1 is OFF, the Extension timer
	becomes the Disconnect timer.
STATE	Timing Max Presence.
	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.).
	Countdown of remaining seconds of Max Presence.
	SECONDS and MAX PRESENCE.
CHANNEL LED	
CHANNEL OUTPUT	
EXAMPLE	Channel 1 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 channel 1 is
	outputting a call.
STATE	Max Presence Timed Out and Waiting for End Of Green.
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 DISPLAY	000 - Showing that the Max Presence timer has timed out.
1ЕХТ	SECONDS, MAX PRESENCE, and EOG (EOG will be
CHANNEL LED	flashing). Solid ON
CHANNEL CLED	
	Channel 1 detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds
<b>2</b>	the detection threshold by five (5) sensitivity levels, Max
	Presence has timed out and is waiting for the End Of Green,
	and channel 1 is outputting a call.
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<b>STATE</b>	Pending
	Number of sensitivity levels that the inductance change caused
DARGRAI II DISI LA I	by the vehicle exceeds the detection threshold (first dot =
	current sensitivity level, second dot = next lower sensitivity
	level. etc.).
7 SEGMENT DISPLAY	
	PULSE or PRESENCE indicating detection mode of the
	channel.
CHANNEL LED	3.3 Hz flash rate with 83% duty cycle (250 ms ON, 25 ms
	OFF).
CHANNEL OUTPUT	OFF.
EXAMPLE	Channel 1 detection zone is occupied by a vehicle that exceeds
	the detection threshold by seven (7) sensitivity levels and
	channel 1 is not outputting a call. Either Option 9 (Third Car
	Passage), Option 10 (Directional Logic), or Option 12 (Detector
	Disconnect) has been selected.
NOTES	The Pending state is used when the channel would normally
	output a call but is not, due to the operational functions of
	Options 9 (Third Car Passage), Option 10 (Directional Logic),
	or Option 12 (Detector Disconnect).
~	
	Loop Inductance Display (Option 1 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 SECMENT DIEDI AV	Loop / Lead-In circuit inductance in microhenries. If the value
7 SEGMENT DISPLAT	exceeds 999, the display will alternate between the thousands
	place (1 or 2) and the lower three digits of the inductance value.
Техт	
	The detect LED operates normally indicating call, no call,
	delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
CHANNEL OUTPUT	The channel output operates normally.
	Channel 1 Loop / Lead-In circuit inductance is 98 microhenries
	and channel 1 is not detecting a vehicle.
NOTES	If Option 2 (- $\Delta$ L/L Display) is ON, this display is only visible
	when the channel is not detecting a vehicle.
STATE	Loop Inductance - L/L Display (% Change) (Option 2 ON).
BARGRAPH DISPLAY	
7 SEGMENT DISPLAY	Percentage of change in inductance of the Loop / Lead-In
	circuit.
Техт	
CHANNEL LED	The detect LED operates normally indicating call, no call,
a	delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
	The channel output operates normally.
EXAMPLE	Percentage change of inductance of the call on channel 1 is
Name	0.087%.
NOTES	This display is only visible while the channel is detecting a
	vehicle and not timing any functions.

	STATE	Accumulated Vehicle Count Display (Option 6.0 ON).
		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.
<u> </u>	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.
	Техт	None.
	CHANNEL LED	The detect LED operates normally
		indicating call, no call, delay, extension, and/or pending as expected.
	CHANNEL OUTPUT	The channel output operates normally.
	EXAMPLE	The accumulated vehicle count for channel 1 is 21,187.
	NOTES	This display will flash while the detector is in the training mode.
-AUL = BARGRAPH DISPI 7 SEGMENT DISPI	delay, extension, and/or TThe channel output ope All segments on.	rates normally. e whenever two or three pushbutton

## 5.3 DETECTOR ID / COMMUNICATION PROOCOL

The Model S-1201 detector has built-in provision for communication with external equipment typically used in freeway entrance and exit ramp monitoring applications. In instances where multiple traffic lanes are monitored, it is necessary for each detector in the system to have a unique identification signature or address in order for the ramp traffic monitoring equipment to accurately determine lane volume at any given time. The S-1201 can be assigned one of 254 ID settings ranging from 000 to 253. The factory default ID setting is 000.

Communication interface is via a DB-9 serial connector mounted on the rear of the detector. Refer to the table in Section 3.6 for connector pin assignments. The transmit / receive rate is 9,600 bits per second (no parity, one stop bit). The tables below list the various transmit / receive functions.

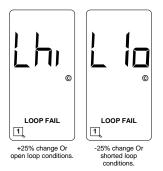
Transmit Mode	(Commands	to Detector)
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Field	Length (Bytes)	Description
Address	1	Detector ID (Address)
Command	1	1 = Poll for Count 2 = Clear Count 3 = Reset
Checksum	1	Additive Check of the First Two Bytes of the Message

Receive Mode (Responses from Detector)

Field	Length (Bytes)	Description
Address	1	Detector ID (Address)
Count	4	Four Byte Integer (Current Count)
		Byte 0 = Low Byte of Channel 1 Counts Byte 1 = High Byte of Channel 1 Counts Byte 2 = Low Byte of Channel 2 Counts Byte 3 = High Byte of Channel 2 Counts
		Detector Status Bit
Status	I	Bit 0 = Normal Operation Bit 1 = Detector Reset Bit 2 = Count Reset Bit 3 = Detector Failure Bit 4 = Detector in Training Mode Bit 5 = Unassigned Bit 6 = Unassigned Bit 7 = Unassigned
Checksum	1	Additive Check of the First Six Bytes of the Message

#### 5.4 LOOP FAIL INDICATIONS



If the total inductance of a channel's loop input network goes out of the range specified for the detector, or rapidly changes by more than  $\pm 25\%$ , the channel 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 io (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 channel's LED will begin to flash at a rate of three flashes per second. The LED will or the display pattern until the channel is manually reset or power is removed.

If the loop self-heals, the LOOP FAIL message on the LCD will extinguish and the channel 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 channel is written into the Loop Fail Memory (since the last power interruption or manual reset) and can be seen by stepping through the channel's 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.

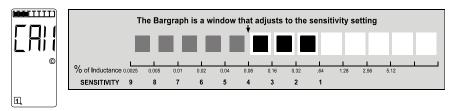
To view the Loop Fail Count, repeatedly press the FUNC button until the LOOP FAIL display is shown. The Loop Fail Count display is after the OPTION displays. Pressing the  $\blacktriangle$  (UP) or  $\blacktriangledown$  (DOWN) button while the Loop Fail Count is displayed will reset the count to zero.

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

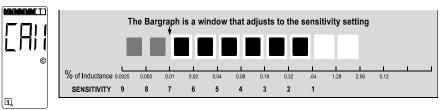
#### 5.5 SETTING SENSITIVITY USING THE BARGRAPH

The bargraph is a graphical representation of the relative change of inductance as seen by the channel. It automatically takes into account the channel'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 channel 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.



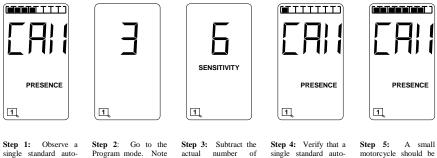
The bargraph, below, has the same vehicle in the loop zone causing the same inductance change as above. Since the sensitivity setting was increased to Level 7, six segments are now displayed. If the bargraph displays 5 or 6 segments for a vehicle in the loop and motorcycles are not a concern, the sensitivity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



range.

# 5.6 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:



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  $Quadrupole^{TM}$ , 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).

## 5.7 FULL RESTORE TO FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS

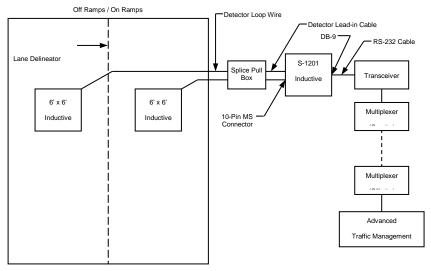
Pressing all four front panel switches simultaneously and continuously for five (5) seconds resets the detector and restores all the factory default settings. The countdown of the five second period is displayed on the LCD. Releasing any of the switches before the countdown ends aborts the Full Restore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

## 5.8 DISPLAY TEST

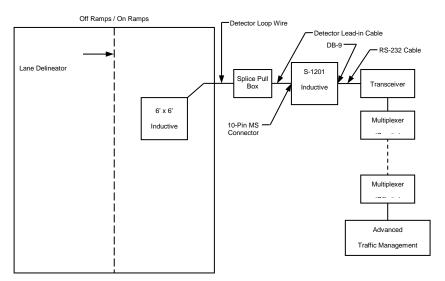
Pressing any two or three of the front panel switches simultaneously will turn on all possible symbols and messages on the LCD.

#### Section 6 System Schematic

The diagrams below show two typical configurations of systems using the Model S-1201 detector.

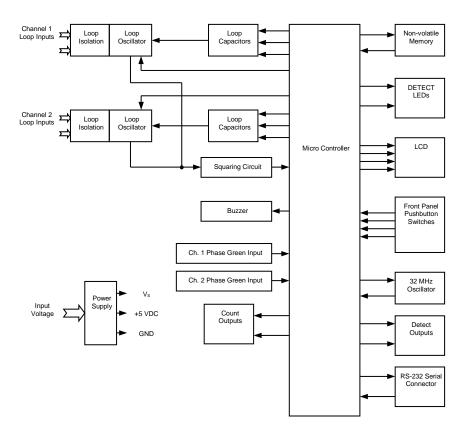


Two Lane Configurations



Single Lane Configuration

# Section 7 Block Diagram



#### Section 8 Theory of Operation

The Reno A & E Model S-1201 detector digitally measures changes in the resonant frequency of two independent loop circuits to determine if a vehicle has entered the detection zone. The Model S-1201 Series detector applies an excitation voltage to each loop circuit resulting in the loops oscillating at their 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 channel will activate an output signal. If the rate of change is slow, typical of environmental drift, the channel will continuously track and compensate for the change. The Model S-1201 detector also monitors the loop frequency for out of range conditions such as an open or shorted loop circuit.

The Model S-1201 detector is a scanning detector. The scanning method sequentially turns each channel's loop oscillators on and off. Each channel's oscillator circuit supplies the excitation voltage that is coupled to the loop circuit by a loop isolation transformer. The channel's oscillator circuit supplies the excitation voltage that is coupled to the loop and detector electronics, which allows the channel 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 scillator circuit thus providing fETs and are selected when programming parameter values with the front panel pushbutton switches.

The outputs from the two loop oscillators are tied together and fed into a common squaring circuit. This is possible since the detector is a scanning detector that allows only a single loop oscillator to be operating at any given time. 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 channel. 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 stored in the microcontroller's number.

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 channel 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 channel 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 channel's sensitivity or frequency is changed, that channel is reset.)

In addition, the microcontroller conditions the outputs based on Phase Green Inputs and the programmed settings of the various timers (Delay, Extension, and Max Presence) and options (EOG, Option 3, Option 4, Option 5, Option 9, Option 10, and Option 12).

#### Section 9 Maintenance and Troubleshooting

The Reno A & E Model S-1201 Detector requires no maintenance. If you are having problems with your Model S-1201 detector, use the troubleshooting chart below to help determine the cause of the problem.

Symptom	Where To Start
No LCD display and no LEDs 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 <i>L lo</i> and <i>Loop Fail</i> or <i>L hi</i> and <i>Loop Fail</i> .	See Troubleshooting Loop Fail Problems.
The channel detect LED is flashing three times per second and channel appears to be working correctly.	See Troubleshooting Intermittent Loop Fail Problems.
Detector intermittently stays in the Call state.	See Troubleshooting Intermittent channel Lock Ups.
A channel will not time delay.	See Troubleshooting Delay Problems.
A channel does not always time delay.	See Troubleshooting Delay Problems.
LCD displays <i>Pnd</i> and a channel does not output a call.	One of the paired channel options (Option 9 or 10) or detector disconnect (Option 12.0) has been turned on.
A channel does not always time extension.	Option 3 is on.
Max Presence never resets the channel.	EOG is turned on and the Phase Green Input for the channel is not transitioning from green to not green.
LCD always displays a flashing <i>Call</i> .	The sensitivity for the channel has been set to Call forcing the channel to output a constant call.

#### 9.1 TROUBLESHOOTING POWER PROBLEMS

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

**NO**, Do any of the detectors in the cabinet display anything when powered up?

▶ NO, Check the AC Power Supply voltage. Is it greater than 89 VAC and less than 135 VAC?

**NO**, Determine why AC power is out of tolerance and have it corrected.

→ YES, Wiring from the AC Power Supply to detector is incorrect or defective.

► YES, Swap the detector with a working detector. Did the problem follow the swapped detector?

 NO, Confirm correct wiring of the harness and that the pins in the connector are not damaged.

► YES, The swapped unit is defective. Replace the unit.

→ YES, Probably not a power related problem.

#### 9.2 TROUBLESHOOTING INITIALIZATION PROBLEMS

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

NO, Replace the detector with a known good unit. Does the LCD display the Model and Firmware version when powered up?

▶ NO, The connector or wiring harness is defective. Confirm correct wiring of the harness and that the connector is not defective or damaged. Check for unexpected voltages on any pin.

► YES, Replaced unit was defective.

→ YES, After two seconds, are three dashes, Call, Off, or a Loop Fail message displayed on the LCD?

► NO, Replace the detector with a known good unit. After two seconds, are three dashes, Call, Off, or a Loop Fail message displayed on the LCD?

➤ NO, The connector or wiring harness is defective. Confirm correct wiring of the harness and that the connector is not defective or damaged. Check for unexpected voltages on any pin.

→ YES, Replaced unit was defective.

→ YES, The unit is initializing correctly.

#### 9.3 TROUBLESHOOTING LOOP FAIL PROBLEMS

Check each channel's status by momentarily pressing the CHAN button to step through the channels. Do any of the channels display L hi and Loop Fail? NO, Do any of the channels display L lo and Loop Fail? ▶ NO, Both channels have tuned up to the existing loop / lead-in circuits and are within acceptable limits. YES, There is probably a short in the loop / lead-in circuit. Disconnect the loop from the terminal block in the cabinet. Does the status of that channel now show L hi Loop Fail? NO, The problem is in the cabinet. Replace the detector with a known good unit. Does the status of that channel now show L hi Loop Fail? NO, The detector is not the problem. Measure the resistance from each loop terminal to the pin in the connector. It should read less than 0.5 Ohms for both terminals. Check all wiring from terminal block to the connector in the harness. Also, check that the connector itself is not defective. ► YES, The replaced unit was defective. • YES, The problem is in the field, either a short in the loop / lead-in circuit or insufficient inductance in the loop / lead-in circuit. Leave the loop disconnected in the cabinet. Connect a MegOhm meter set to 500 volts to one of the loop wires and earth ground. Is the resistance greater than 50 megOhms? NO, There is leakage to earth ground in the loop / lead-in circuit. Disconnect the loop from the lead-in cable as close as possible to where the loop enters the pavement. Measure the resistance between one of the loop wires and earth ground. Is the resistance greater than 50 megOhms? ► NO, The loop is damaged. Replace the loop. ► YES, The lead-in cable is defective. Replace lead-in cable. YES, The problem is insufficient inductance in the loop / lead-in circuit. This indicates too few turns in the loop itself or some of the turns are shorted to each other. In either case, the loop must be replaced to correct the problem. YES, If a channel is not being used, you will see this display if the channel has not been turned off. Is there a loop connected to this channel? NO, Change the channel's sensitivity setting to OFF and the Loop Fail message will no longer be displayed for the channel. YES, There is an open or high resistance in the loop / lead-in circuit. Short across the loop inputs on the terminal block in the cabinet. Does the status of that channel now show L lo Loop Fail? NO. The problem is in the cabinet. Replace the detector with a known good unit. Does the status of that channel now show L lo Loop Fail with the short still applied at the loop terminals? NO, The detector is not the problem. Measure the resistance from each loop terminal to the pin in the connector. It should read less than 0.5 Ohms for both terminals. Check all wiring from terminal block to the connector in the harness. Also, check that the connector itself is not defective ► YES, The replaced unit was defective. YES, The open or high resistance is in the field. With the loop still disconnected, measure the resistance of the loop / lead-in circuit (from one lead of the loop to the other). Is the resistance below five Ohms? NO, Measure the resistance as close as possible to where the loop enters the pavement. Is the resistance below two Ohms? ► NO, The loop is probably damaged. Replace the loop. YES, The lead-in cable is defective. Check all splices. Replace the lead-in cable if necessary. ► YES, The problem is probably excessive inductance. Are there several

➤ YES, The problem is probably excessive inductance. Are there several loops connected in series for the loop / lead-in circuit?



**NO**, This is typically caused by having too many turns in a large loop. Replace the loop with one that has an inductance of less than 2000 microhenries.

 YES, If possible, connecting each loop to its own channel is preferred. Or try a parallel wiring arrangement for the loops if separate detection channels are not possible.

#### 9.4 TROUBLESHOOTING INTERMITTENT LOOP FAIL PROBLEMS

Have you been able to see the channel 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 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.

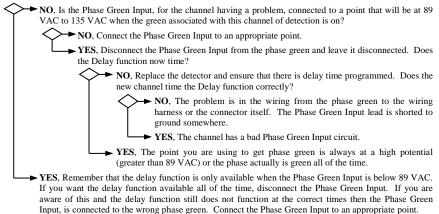
#### 9.5 TROUBLESHOOTING INTERMITTENT DETECTOR LOCK-UPS

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

- NO, See Troubleshooting Intermittent Loop Fail Problems and follow the path for unable to see the channel 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.

#### 9.6 TROUBLESHOOTING DELAY PROBLEMS

Does the channel ever time the Delay function?



#### 9.7 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LOOPS

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

Typical sensing height is <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of the shortest leg of a loop. Therefore, a 6' x 6' loop will have a detection height of 4'.

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

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

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:

 $\begin{array}{l} L = (6+6+6+6) \; x \; (3^2+3) \; / \; 4 \\ L = 24 \; x \; (9+3) \; / \; 4 \\ L = 24 \; x \; 12 \; / \; 4 \\ L = 24 \; x \; 3 \\ L = 72 \; microhenries. \end{array}$ 

The inductance of a Quadrupole<sup>TM</sup> loop can be estimated using the formula:

$$L = [P x (T^{2} + T) / 4] + [CL x (T^{2} + T) / 4]$$

 $\begin{array}{l} L = Loop \mbox{ Inductance in microhenries} \\ P = Loop \mbox{ Perimeter in feet} \\ T = Number \mbox{ of Turns of Wire} \\ CL = Length \mbox{ of Center Leg in feet.} \end{array}$ 

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

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

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

Total inductance of loops connected in series:

$$\begin{split} & L_{TOTAL} = L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + \ldots + L_N. \\ & L_{TOTAL} = 1 \ / \ [ \ (1 \ / \ L_1) + (1 \ / \ L_2) + (1 \ / \ L_3) + \ldots + (1 \ / \ L_N) \ ]. \end{split}$$

Total inductance of loops connected in parallel:

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