MR10/20 Magnetic Card Reader
Installation and Specifications

1. General:

The MR10/20 family of magnetic stripe card readers are designed for reading standard or high-coercivity magnetic stripe cards. The MR10/20 provides a TTL interface to an access control panel and the MR20 also provides a 12-key keypad for PIN entry. The following paragraphs describe instructions for installing and maintaining the card reader.

2. Mounting the Reader:

Find a suitable location to anchor the reader mounting bracket. The reader may be mounted vertically or horizontally. See recommended orientation. The mounting of the reader does not require a junction box. However, rigid conduit is required for outdoor application. A single gang junction box may be used to provide a transition to rigid conduit. If a single gang junction box is used, a wall plate (optional) may be used to cover the junction box. The reader is then secured to the mounting bracket using a screw. Refer to figures for reader dimensions and typical junction box usage.

3. Reader Wiring:

The reader has a RJ-11 modular jack for easy field connection. A small piece of pre-terminated cable is supplied with each standard reader for field wiring. The pre-terminated cable has nonstandard color. Refer to pin number if the pre-terminated cable is not used. Cable with wires of 24AWG or larger are recommended for field wiring.

4. Connecting the Keypad:

The MR20 reader provides a 12-key keypad for PIN entry. The flex tail of the keypad is connected to the electronic board via a ZIF (zero insertion force) connector. The contacts are engaged/disengaged by a moving slide. Care must be exercised when connecting and disconnecting the keypad. When connecting the keypad to the board, open the slide as shown. Insert the electronics into the housing and insert flex tail in the ZIF connector. Then, close the slide to engage the contacts. To disconnect the keypad, follow the previously described steps in reverse.

CAUTION: DO NOT DISCONNECT KEYPAD WITHOUT DISENGAGING THE CONNECTOR!

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5. Weather Proofing the Reader:

The reader is rated to operate over an extended temperature range. However, if the reader is expected to be exposed to weather, the weatherized option (-OW) must be ordered. The option is implemented in two parts. With the (-OW) option, the electronics is conformal coated against moisture. A tube of dielectric grease is supplied for the installer to coat field connections to complete the procedure. After field connection/configuration is made, the grease is to be applied on the DIP switch slides, keypad connection, and the RJ-11 jack to seal out moisture.

Do not use sealant to seal reader case to the wall. Doing so will trap water in the reader and may cause damage to the reader.

6. TTL Interface:

The TTL interface has the standard 6-wire interface widely used in the access control application. In addition, an input to control the buzzer is provided. Cable with minimum of 24AWG wires should be used.

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<th>Wire</th>
<th>Signal</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Vin</td>
<td>Power supply input, 5Vdc or 12Vdc, Model dependent</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Data</td>
<td>Reader data output for Clock/Data signaling</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>White</td>
<td>Data 0</td>
<td>Reader data output for Wiegand signaling</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>White</td>
<td>Clock</td>
<td>Reader data output for Clock/Data signaling</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Buzzer/LED</td>
<td>Buzzer/LED input: 0V turns on the buzzer</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>Signal Ground</td>
<td>Power supply return, DC ground</td>
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7. Grounding the Reader:

To avoid having ESD (electrostatic discharge) interfering with the operation of the reader, the reader casing shall be grounded. This can be accomplished by tying the mounting bracket to earth ground locally (e.g. grounded conduit).

8. Dip Switch Settings:

The DIP switches (S1 & S3) on the MR10/20 readers are used to select a preset format. This preset format determines how the card is interpreted, the functions for the LED and buzzer, and the output signal format, etc. Refer to the format specification for detail. The settings are for STANDARD models ONLY.
9. MR10/20 Standard Format Code Summary:

The following formats are supported in standard models (300x2-0000/310x2-0000). Unless otherwise indicated, the LED input line controls both LEDs (low=green, high=red); the BUZZER input controls the buzzer (low = activate); a good read is signaled by a flash of the green LED; a bad read is signaled by a flash of the red LED and a double beep of the buzzer.

Format 0  32-bit Wiegand compatible output from standard Northern Computer mag card. 16-bit facility code and 16-bit user ID. Reverse read and error filter is enabled. Tamper monitor disabled.
Format 1*  Basic mag-stripe data output: send track 2 data without any verification or formatting using CLOCK/DATA signaling. (All reads are "good", card data is sent as is). Tamper monitor disabled. * Most commonly used CLOCK/DATA format.
Format 2  Mag-stripe data output with zero trim using CLOCK/DATA signaling. (All reads are "good", trims excess zero bits, otherwise sends data as is). Tamper monitor enabled.
Format 3  Mag-stripe data output with zero trim, reverse read correction, and error filter enabled using CLOCK/DATA signaling. Tamper monitor disabled.
Format 4  26-bit Wiegand (8-bit fac. and 16-bit ID) compatible output from cards with 8 or more digits or AMC encoding. See Format 5 for digit usage. Tamper monitor disabled.
Format 5  34-bit Wiegand (12-bit fac. and 20-bit ID) compatible output from cards with 8 or more digits or AMC encoding. Tamper monitor disabled.

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<th>OUTPUT</th>
<th>LED</th>
<th>BUZZER</th>
<th>TAMPER</th>
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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>DATA 1/DATA 0</td>
<td>1-WIRE LED</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>1*</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>CLOCK/DATA</td>
<td>1-WIRE LED</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<td>7**</td>
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<td>2-WIRE LED</td>
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<td>15**</td>
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<td>CLOCK/DATA</td>
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10. Keypad Data and Tamper Monitor Signaling:

In the standard mode, keypad data and tamper monitor status are transmitted on the data lines as 8-bit blocks of ASCII data. They are encoded and sent using the same signaling method as selected for the card data output (clock/data or data 1/data 0). In the 8-bit mode, the keypad data sent is the 4-bit key code and its 4-bit compliment.

S3 settings:

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<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>Standard mode, 8-bit ASCII</td>
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<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>8-bit mode, 4-bit key code and its 4-bit compliment</td>
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11. Reader Verification:

The reader performs a self-test when power is first applied to the unit. If power-on test is successfully completed, the reader will turn on both LEDs for approximately 1 second and sound the buzzer for 1 short beep. Then the reader is ready for normal operation.

If further verification of the reader hardware is needed, the reader may be temporarily set to format 15. With this format selected, the reader will read and verify standard ANSI track 2 encoded card. If no read error is detected, the green LED will flash. Otherwise, the red LED will flash and the buzzer will sound two short beeps to indicate an error. The LED input can be used to verify the LED function; and the buzzer input for the buzzer function. For the MR20, the reader will echo a key press with a brief flash of both LEDs and a short beep of the buzzer. Reset to the required format for normal operation after test.

12. Maintenance:

The readers are designed to provide continuous service with minimal routine maintenance. However, contaminants (such as magnetic oxides from badges and dirt) tend to accumulate on the read head. Without regular cleaning, these contaminants will shorten the read head life and increase the probability of card read error. A maintenance schedule should be developed base on the card reader environment (dirty or clean) and the usage frequency (light traffic or heavy traffic). Extreme case may require daily cleaning.

Head cleaning may be done by using a disposable, pre-saturated magnetic head cleaning card. These cards are readily obtainable from office supply distributors.

The reader exterior surface is covered with high strength polymer and polyester membrane. It may be cleaned with a soft cloth and mild detergent if required.
13. Specifications:
The reader is for use in low voltage, class 2 circuits only.

**Power:**
- **Voltage:**
  - 5Volt Model: 5.8 Vdc (4.9 to 6.4 Vdc)
  - 12Volt Model: 12 Vdc (10.2 to 13.8 Vdc)
- **Current:**
  - 50mA (25mA typical)

**Data output:**
- data 1/data 0 or clock/data

**Timing:**
- clock/data: period 1mS setup/hold time 400uS, clock pulse width 200uS typical
- data 1/data 0: period, 3mS for Wiegand data, 1mS for mag stripe data pulse width 50uS typical

**LED input:**
- 1-wire mode: input not driven: LEDs off
  - input > 3.5Vdc: Red LED on
  - input < 0.8Vdc: Green LED on
- 2-wire mode: input < 0.8Vdc: Red LED on

**Buzzer/LED:**
- 1-wire mode: input not driven or > 3.5Vdc: buzzer off
  - input < 0.8Vdc: buzzer on
- 2-wire mode: input < 0.8Vdc: Green LED on

**Mechanical:**
- **Dimension:** 1.95" (50mm) W x 1.30" (33mm) H x 5.50" (140mm) L
- **Weight:** 10 oz. (284 g) nominal
- **Material:** Case, Die cast aluminum, gray powder coat standard.
  - Mounting, stainless steel
  - Wall plate, 18 CRS, gray powder coat standard

**Card:**
75 bpi, ANSI X4.16, Track 2 standard, Speed 3 to 50 ips

**Read Head:**
1,000,000 passes typical, standard.

**Distance:**
500' (152m) with 18 AWG wires.

**Environmental:**
- **Temperature:**
  - -55 to +85 degrees C, storage
  - -40 to +75 degrees C, operating
- **Humidity:**
  - 5-95% RHNC, standard
  - 100% (-OW option)

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14. Reader Mounting Dimensions:

Optional Single Gang Wall Plate - part# WP-10

Optional Double Gang Wall Plate - part# WP-20
Fitting Rigid Conduit to Junction Box

Optional Weather Shield - part# WS-10

**Warranty**

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