

# XP95A

# **Ionization Smoke Detector**



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Part No. 55000-550

**Digital Communication** XP95, Discovery and CoreProtocol® compatible

### Compliance











The XP95A Ionization Smoke Detector uses a low activity radioactive foil to detect fires by irradiating the air in the smoke chambers causing a current flow. If smoke enters the chamber the current flow is reduced leading to an alarm.

- Responds well to fast burning, flaming fires
- Operates in a variety of environments
- Minimal effects from temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure

#### Technical data

All data is supplied subject to change without notice. Specifications are typical at 24V, 73°F and 50% RH unless otherwise stated.

Detection principle Ionization Chamber

Twin compensating chambers using one Chamber configuration

single sided Ionization radiation source

Radioactive Isotope 0.9 μCi Americium 24 Sampling frequency Continuous

Sensitivity 1.1 + 0.5 %/ft

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protocol

Operating voltage Modulation voltage -9 V peak to peak Supervisory current 500 μA peak

Surge current 1 mA Alarm LED current 2.5 mA Maximum ambient 1nn°F installation temperature

Operating temperature 32 °F to 100 °F

Air velocity 0 - 300 fpm

Humidity 0% to 95% RH (no condensation or icing)

Standards and approvals UL, ULC, FM, CSFM and MSFM **Dimensions** 3.93" diameter x 1.65" height

Weight

Housing: White flame-retardant Materials

polycarbonate

Terminals: Nickel plated stainless steel

Test method Home safeguard

Gemini 501

Install as per NFPA72 and local Spacing

requirements. on smooth, flat ceilings, spacing of 30 feet may be used as a

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#### Operation

The XP95A Ionization Smoke Detector has a moulded self-extinguishing polycarbonate casing with wind resistant smoke inlets. Inside the detector is a printed circuit board that has the ionization chamber mounted on one side and the address capture, signal processing and communications electronics on the other.

The ionization chamber system is an inner reference chamber contained inside an outer smoke chamber. The outer smoke chamber has smoke inlet apertures that are fitted with an insect resistant mesh.

The radioactive source holder and the outer smoke chamber are the positive and negative electrodes respectively. An Americium 241 radioactive source mounted within the inner reference chamber irradiates the air in both chambers to produce positive and negative ions. On applying a voltage across these electrodes an electric field is formed. The ions are attracted to the electrode of the opposite sign, some ions collide and recombine, but the net result is that a small electric current flows between the electrodes. At the junction between the reference and smoke chambers is the sensing electrode that is used to convert variations in the chamber currents into a voltage.

When smoke particles enter the ionization chamber ions become attached to them with the result that the current flowing through the ionization chamber decreases. This effect is greater in the smoke chamber than in the reference chamber and the imbalance causes the sensing electrode to go more positive.

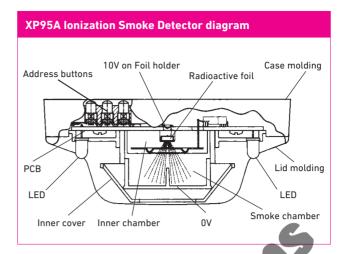
The voltage on the sensing electrode is monitored by the sensor electronics and is processed to produce a signal that is translated by the analogue / digital converter in the communications ASIC, ready for transmission when the device is interrogated.

#### **Environmental characteristics**

The XP95A Ionization Smoke Detector like all ionization detectors has some sensitivity to air movement (wind). The extent to which the analogue value will change depends on the wind speed and on the orientation of the detector relative to the wind direction. Relatively small changes in wind direction can cause significant changes in analogue value.

#### Electrical description

The XP95A Ionization Smoke Detector is designed to be connected to a two wire loop circuit carrying both data and a 17 V to 28 V dc supply. The detector is connected to the incoming and outgoing supply via terminals L1 and L2 in the mounting base. A remote LED indicator requiring not more than 4 mA at 5 V may be connected between the +R and -R terminals. An earth connection terminal is also provided. The detector is calibrated to give an analogue value of  $25\pm7$  counts in clean air. This value increases with smoke density.





## Safety note

At the end of their recommended working life of ten years ionisation smoke detectors should either be returned to Apollo for safe disposal, or disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

