Wattstopper®
Multi-Way Wall Switch Vacancy Sensor
Installation Instructions • Instructions d’Installation • Instrucciones de Instalación

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SPECIFICATIONS

Voltage ....................................................... 120VAC, 60Hz
Load (Multi-Way)
  Incandescent or fluorescent ...................... 0-600 Watts
  Fan motor ................................................ 1/6 hp
Time Delay Adjustment .. 15 sec., 5 min., 15 min., 30 min.
Environment .............................................. Indoor use only
  Operating Temperature ..32°F to 131°F (0°C to 55°C)
  Humidity ............................................. 95% RH, non-condensing
Tools Needed
  Insulated Screwdriver
  Wire Strippers

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

CH-250 Multi-Way Wall Switch Vacancy Sensors are designed to replace standard single pole and multi-way (3-way, 4-way) switches. They are ideal for any room with multiple entries, and any other indoor space where vacancy sensor-based control with manual ON/OFF capability are desirable.

Like standard switches, you can press the ON/OFF button to turn the light or fan (controlled load) ON and OFF. Unlike standard switches, the CH-250 automatically turns OFF the controlled load after the coverage area has been vacant for a period of time (Time Delay). If motion is detected within 30 seconds after it automatically turns OFF, the CH-250 automatically turns the load back ON.

The CH-250 can be wired with up to three additional CH-250s for multi-way Manual ON/OFF of one or several loads (up to one load connected to each CH-250). It can also be wired to up to four RH-253 single pole momentary wall switches for multi-way Manual-ON/OFF Automatic-OFF control of one load.

Lighted Switch
To help you locate the CH-250 in a dark room, the amber LED illuminates the ON/OFF button while the controlled load is OFF. When the controlled load is ON, the LED is OFF.

Time Delay
The CH-250 keeps the load ON until no motion is detected by any of the related CH-250s for the time delay period. The time delay can be selected by the user during set up. It can be adjusted to any of these fixed values: 15 seconds/5 minutes/15 minutes/30 minutes. We recommend that the time delay be the same in all sensors related to the same load. This makes it easier to understand the multi-way control operation as well as trouble shooting. For additional information on how to adjust it, please read the SENSOR ADJUSTMENT section of this installation manual.

Coverage Area
The CH-250 has a maximum coverage range of 180 degrees and a coverage area of 600 square feet (56 square meters). The sensor must have a clear and unobstructed view of the coverage area. Objects blocking the sensor’s lens may prevent detection thereby causing the light to turn OFF even though someone is in the area.

Windows, glass doors, and other transparent barriers will obstruct the sensor’s view and prevent detection.
INSTALLATION AND WIRING

These instructions describe only the 3-way circuit applications. For information about other applications, consult technical support.

1. **Prepare the switch box.**
   
   After the power is turned OFF at the circuit breaker box, remove the existing wall plate and mounting screws. Pull the old switch out from the wall box.

2. **Identify the type of circuit.**
   You may connect the CH-250 to a single pole or multi-way circuit. If you are unable to clearly identify some or all of the wires mentioned in this manual, you should consult with a qualified electrician.

   In a 3-way circuit (see Fig. 2), two traveler wires connect to both switches. Another wire provides power from the circuit box to one of the switches. A wire connects from one switch to the load. A ground wire may also be connected to a ground terminal on the old switches. A neutral wire should also be present in both wall boxes.

**CAUTION:** For your safety: Connecting a proper ground to the sensor provides protection against electrical shock in the event of certain fault conditions. If a proper ground is not available, consult with a qualified electrician before continuing installation.

3. **Prepare the Wires.**
   
   Tag the wires currently connected to the existing switch so that they can be identified later. Disconnect the wires. Make sure the insulation is stripped off of the wires to expose their copper cores to the length indicated by the “Strip Gage,” in Fig. 3. (approx. 1/2 inch).

4. **Wire the sensor.**
   
   Twist the existing wires together with the wire leads on the CH-250 sensor(s) as indicated in either figures 4a and 4b or figures 5a and 5b. Cap wires securely using wire nuts.

**Wiring two CH-250s in a 3-way configuration**

- Connect the green or non-insulated (copper) GROUND wire from the circuit to the green terminal on each CH-250.
- Connect the NEUTRAL wire from the circuit and from the lamp (LOAD) to the white wire on the master CH-250.
- The term “master” designates the CH-250 that connects to the load.
- Connect the NEUTRAL wire from the circuit in the other wiring box to the white wire on the auxiliary CH-250.
- Connect the power wire from the circuit box (HOT) to the black wire on the auxiliary CH-250 and to the TRAVELER 1 wire.
- Connect the TRAVELER 1 wire from the black wire of the auxiliary CH-250 to the black wire of the master CH-250.
- Connect the lamp power (LOAD) to the red wire on the master CH-250.
- Cap the red wire on the auxiliary CH-250.
- Connect the TRAVELER 2 wire coming from the yellow wire of another CH-250 to the yellow wire of the CH-250 that you are wiring.
To adjust the CH-250, you use a control located under the ON/OFF button. The wall switch cover plate must be removed to gain access to the time delay adjustment dial under the ON/OFF button.

1. Firmly grasp the side edges of the Lock Bar and gently pull it away from the switch face until it clicks. Do NOT attempt to pull the Lock Bar off of the switch!

2. Firmly grasp the side edges of the ON/OFF button. Slide the button downward approximately 1/2 inch to expose the adjustment dial.

Adjusting the Time Delay

Turn the dial counter-clockwise to reduce the amount of time the lights will remain ON after the last motion detection (minimum = 15 seconds). Turn it clockwise to increase the time delay (maximum = 30 minutes). You can only select the following values: 15 seconds/5 minutes/15 minutes/30 minutes.

Warning: Do not overturn the Time Delay adjustment dial!
TEST MODE

To test the detection coverage:

1. Press and hold the ON/OFF button.
   After 10 seconds the lighted switch turns off. The load turns ON if it was not already ON. The sensor is now in a TEST mode that lasts 5 minutes. (You can end the TEST mode sooner by pressing the ON/OFF button for another 10 seconds).

During the TEST mode, the controlled load turns ON for 5 seconds each time the sensor that initiated the TEST mode detects occupancy.

2. Move out of the coverage area or stand very still. The controlled load turns OFF after 5 seconds if no motion is detected.
3. Move into the coverage area for the unit that initiated the TEST mode. The controlled load turns ON for 5 seconds each time the sensor detects motion. After 5 seconds expire without motion detection, the load turns OFF. The controlled load turns ON automatically with the next motion detection and stays ON for 5 seconds.
4. Repeat as necessary to ensure that the desired coverage areas are within detection range.

You can do this test for each CH-250 in your multi-way configuration. So that you can determine the actual coverage area for each multi-way switch individually, only the CH-250 that is in TEST mode will control the load.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Lighted switch is OFF, no load response to ON/OFF button press:
• Make certain that the circuit breaker is ON and functioning.

Lighted switch is ON, no load response to ON/OFF button press:
• Check the lamp and/or motor switch on the fan mechanism.

Load will not turn OFF automatically:
• Press ON/OFF button. If the controlled load turns OFF, go to next step.
• The time delay can be set from 15 seconds to 30 minutes. Check the time delay setting for each CH-250 in your multi-way configuration. Ensure that all CH-250s have the same time delay setting.
• Ensure that there is no movement within the coverage area for all the sensors related to the load for the set time delay. Hot air currents and heat radiant devices can cause false detection. Make sure the sensor is at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from devices that are a significant heat source (e.g., heater, heater vent, high wattage light bulb).

If load does not respond properly after following troubleshooting, turn OFF power to the circuit then check wire connections or call technical support.

COVER PLATES

Wattstopper CH wall switches fit behind industry standard decorator style switch cover plates.

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