

# NORTECH PARKING

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## PD17X INSTALLATION GUIDE

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#### Safety Instructions:

- All installation, commissioning, repair, and service work to this product must be undertaken by suitably qualified and trained personnel.
- The unit must be earthed.
- Disconnect the power before working on the unit.
- On 120 V<sub>~</sub> and 230 V<sub>~</sub> models, a readily accessible disconnect device must be incorporated into the mains wiring.
- On all models, the power supply MUST have short circuit protection and over current protection installed at the power source. Typically this will be a 5Amp Magnetic Circuit Breaker for AC models and a fuse for DC models.
- This product must be installed in an enclosure.
- Always suspend traffic through the barrier area during installation and test as this may result in unexpected operation of the barrier.
- There are no serviceable parts or internal settings inside the product. The product warranty will be voided if the cover has been removed or if there is any tampering with the product.

#### Electrical Connections:

- Refer to the side-label on the side of the unit to verify the corresponding pin-out functions for both the 11 Pin Connector and DIN Rail housing variants of the PD17x. The pin-outs may vary from model to model.
- Before connecting the detector to a power supply, ensure that you have the correct power supply for the model you are using:
  - PD171 = 120V AC
  - PD172 = 230V AC
  - PD174 = 12V to 24V AC/DC

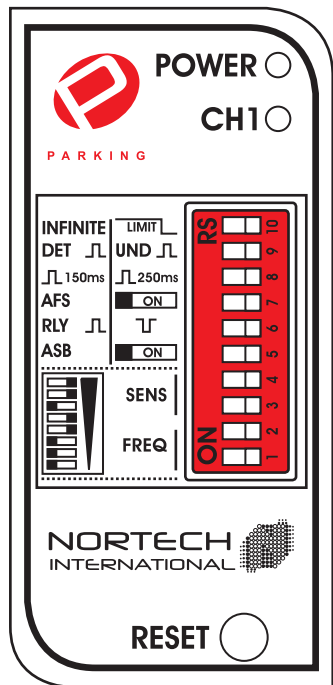
#### Front Panel Indicators:

The front panel indicators consist of a Red Power / Communication LED and one Green Channel LED.

| Description | Function                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Power LED   | <p>This red LED is on to indicate that the unit is powered and functional.</p> <p>This red LED is also used as a communications interface with the DU100 or DU700 diagnostic device to obtain diagnostic information from the unit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Channel LED | <p>This green LED indicates the current status of the detector channel. It can indicate four possible conditions namely, tuning, idle, detect or fault.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuning condition – the detector is currently tuning to the loop – the green LED flashes at a rate of 2Hz.</li> <li>Idle condition – no vehicle is detected – the green LED is off</li> <li>Detect condition – a vehicle is detected passing over the loop – the green LED is on.</li> <li>Fault condition – the detector is unable to tune to the loop as it is either out of operational conditions such as low signal strength or frequency out of range, or there exists a fault on the loop such as a short circuit or an open circuit – the green LED flashes at a rate of 2Hz.</li> </ul> <p>If the fault is self-healing the detector will continue to operate but the green LED will flash at a rate of 1Hz.</p> |

#### DIP Switch Selections:

**Presence Time (Switch 10)** - The presence time setting determines how the detector will track a detect. There are two selection options available, namely permanent presence and limited presence. The Permanent presence mode setting will maintain the presence of a vehicle over the loop by continuously compensating for all environmental changes. The Limited presence mode setting will limit the presence of a vehicle over the loop and the presence time is related to the size of the detect. Typically a 1%  $\Delta L/L$  will timeout after approximately 1 hour.



- Pulse on Detect or Undetect (Switch 9)** - The pulse relay can be set to pulse on detect, as a vehicle enters the loop, or pulse on un-detect, as the vehicle exits the loop.
- Pulse Width (Switch 8)** - The pulse width of the pulse relay can be set to either 150ms or 250ms.
- Automatic Frequency Selection (A.F.S.) (Switch 7)** - This setting allows the detector to briefly evaluate all five frequency bands and select the best operating frequency available. The tuning time with AFS switched on can range between 5 to 20 seconds. With AFS switched off, the frequency can be selected manually.
- Fail-safe or Fail-secure (Switch 6)** - The relay output operation of the presence relay can be switched between fail-safe and fail-secure.
- Automatic Sensitivity Boost (A.S.B) (Switch 5)** - ASB is a mode which alters the un-detect level of the detector. ASB causes the sensitivity level to be boosted to a maximum on detection of a vehicle, irrespective of the current sensitivity level, and maintained at this level during the entire presence of the vehicle over the loop. When the vehicle leaves the loop and the detection is lost, the sensitivity level reverts to the pre-selected level. This is typically used for vehicles with high beds, or vehicles towing trailers, where it is important to maintain the detect over the entire length of the vehicle.
- Sensitivity (Switches 3 & 4)** - The sensitivity of the detector allows the detector to be selective as to the change of inductance necessary to produce a detect. There are four possible sensitivity selection options, High (0.01%  $\Delta L/L$ ), Medium-High (0.02%  $\Delta L/L$ ), Medium-Low (0.05%  $\Delta L/L$ ) and Low (0.1%  $\Delta L/L$ ).
- Manual Frequency Selection (Switches 1 & 2)** - \*\*AFS must be turned to the OFF position to select the frequency manually. There are four possible frequency selection options, High, Medium-High, Medium-Low and Low.

#### Relay Outputs:

The PD17x has two relay outputs, with one relay set to output presence on detect and the other to output a pulse on detect or undetect. The Pulse relay automatically operates in fail secure mode, while the presence output relay can be set to operate in fail safe or fail secure mode.

| Presence Relay Programming |             |        |           |        |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Relay                      | Fail Secure |        | Fail Safe |        |
|                            |             |        |           |        |
|                            | N/C         | N/O    | N/C       | N/O    |
| Un detect                  | Open        | Closed | Closed    | Open   |
| Detect                     | Closed      | Open   | Open      | Closed |
| Fault                      | Open        | Closed | Open      | Closed |
| Power Off                  | Open        | Closed | Open      | Closed |

| Pulse Relay |        |        |
|-------------|--------|--------|
|             | N/O    | N/C    |
| Idle        | Open   | Closed |
| On Event    | Closed | Open   |
| Fault       | Open   | Closed |
| Power Off   | Open   | Closed |

#### Pushbutton:

The pushbutton is a multipurpose button which can be used to initiate a retune or can be used to either enable or disable the power fail feature, depending on how long the pushbutton is held in.

| Description       | Hold   | Function                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reset             | 3 sec  | This will initiate a detector retune                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Power fail status | 10 sec | Hold for 10s to determine the state of Powerfail. If the LEDs are ON, Powerfail is ON. If the LEDs are OFF, Powerfail is OFF.                                                                                       |
| Power fail toggle | 30 sec | Holding for 30s will toggle the Powerfail status. The state of Powerfail is known after holding for 10s. After 30s, if the LEDs turn OFF, Powerfail is now OFF. If after 30s the LEDs turn ON, Powerfail is now ON. |

#### Automatic Frequency Selection:

The Automatic Frequency Selection (A.F.S.) feature enables the unit to briefly evaluate all five frequency bands and select the best operating frequency available. It weighs up each selection based on where the frequency is located within the operational range, the signal strength, and the level of detected noise. AFS allows the detector to evaluate all the frequency selections. Due to the increased processing required, AFS takes longer to tune than when it is deactivated. The tune time with AFS on can range from 5 to 20 seconds. If after this period of time, the detector still has not tuned, it is also possible that none of the frequency selections are suitable for the loop. If this occurs, manual frequency selection should be used. Due to the sporadic nature of noise, the channel may seem quiet during the evaluation but still suffer from cross-talk.

#### Power Fail:

The Power fail feature allows the unit to remember its operating conditions and detect status in the event of power being removed. When power is restored, the unit continues operating from its saved conditions and status. This is designed specifically for fail safe situations to retain the output state and prevent a glitch on the outputs for a power failure. As such, when the power is restored the detector will not return but will instead return to the detect state prior to the power failure. If a vehicle was on the loop during the power failure, it will remain detected when the power is restored. Thus it prevents the tuning out of a vehicle over the loop during a power failure.

#### Loop Installation Guide:

Optimum functioning of the detector module is largely dependent on factors associated with the inductive sensor loop it is connected to. These factors include choice of material, loop configuration and correct installation practice. A successful inductive loop vehicle detection system can be achieved with the following constraints in mind and strictly following the installation instructions. The detector must be installed in a convenient weatherproof location as close as possible to the loop.



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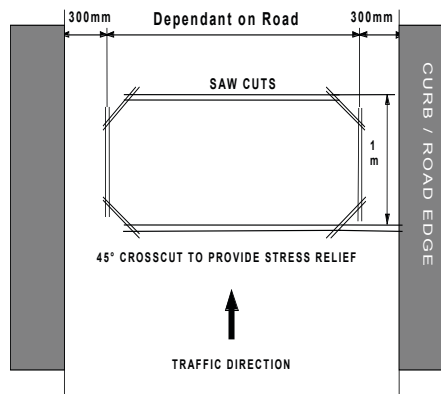
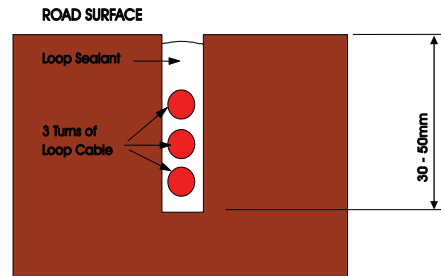
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- The loop and loop feeder cable should be constructed from an XLPE (Cross-linked polyethylene) insulated multi-stranded copper conductor with a minimum cross sectional area of 1.5mm<sup>2</sup>.
- The feeder cable should be twisted at a minimum rate of at least 20 turns per meter.
- The perimeter of the loop must not exceed 30 meters.
- The area of the loop must not exceed 30m<sup>2</sup> and must not be less than 1m<sup>2</sup>.
- The recommended number of turns is typical based on the loop perimeter – refer to the table below.

| Loop Perimeter | No. of Turns |
|----------------|--------------|
| 3 – 6 meters   | 4 Turns      |
| 6 – 10 meters  | 3 Turns      |
| 10 – 30 meters | 2 Turns      |

- Sensing loops should, unless site conditions prohibit, be rectangular in shape and should normally be installed with the longest sides at right angles to the direction of traffic movement. These sides should ideally be 1 metre apart.
- When two adjacent loops are laid in close proximity to each other, it is good practice at time of installation that a different number of turns are used in each loop to prevent cross-talk.
- Joints in the loop or feeder are not recommended. Where this is not possible, joints are to be soldered and terminated in a waterproof junction box. This is extremely important for reliable detector performance. Other forms of joins such as those available in kits, where the joint is properly sealed against moisture, are also permitted.
- All permanent loop installations should be installed in the roadway by cutting slots with a masonry cutting disc or similar device. A 45° crosscut should be made across the loop corners to reduce the chance of damage that can be caused to the loop at right angle corners. The slot should have a nominal width of 4mm and slot depth of between 30 mm to 50mm.

A slot must also be cut from the loop perimeter at one corner of the loop to the roadway edge to accommodate the feeder. After the turns of wire are wound into the slot around the loop perimeter, the wire must be routed again via the feeder slot to the roadway edge. The loops must then be sealed using a "quick-set" black epoxy compound or hot bitumen mastic that blends with the roadway surface.



## Fault Finding Diagnostics:

| Fault                                                                                                                                                                                 | Caused by                                                                                                                                                                                   | Remedy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Red LED does not glow on power up                                                                                                                                                     | If the Red LED indicator is off, then there is a fault with the power or with the power connection to the unit.                                                                             | Check the power feed to the unit.<br>Check the power connections to the unit.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| After the initial tune period the CH1 Green LED remains flashing at 2Hz                                                                                                               | The unit cannot tune to the loop due to either a faulty loop or feeder connection.                                                                                                          | Check the loop installation and the loop connections. Check the on-board diagnostics using the DU100 / 700 to confirm the fault.                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | The loop inductance is too small (<20µH) or the loop is short circuited.                                                                                                                    | Check there is no short circuit on the loop or feeder wiring. Re-install loops if required.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The loop inductance is too large (>1500 µH) is open circuit                                                                                                                           | If there is no short circuit on the loop, verify the loop inductance using an LCR meter. The Loop inductance should lie between 20µH to 1500µH. Add loop turns to increase loop inductance. | Check there is no short circuit on the loop, verify the loop inductance using an LCR meter. The Loop inductance should lie between 20µH to 1500µH. Add loop turns to increase loop inductance.                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | The loop inductance is too large (>1500 µH) is open circuit                                                                                                                                 | Check there is electrical continuity of the loop and feeder. Check all loop connections are secure. Re-install loops if required.                                                                                                                                                      |
| If the loop is not open circuit, verify the loop inductance using an LCR meter. The Loop inductance should lie between 20µH to 1500µH. Remove loop turns to decrease loop inductance. | Faulty Detector unit                                                                                                                                                                        | Replace unit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | The loop is getting spurious detections due to:                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| After tuning, the loop output LED flashes intermittently and the relay chatters.                                                                                                      | a) Crosstalk with the loop of an adjacent detector.                                                                                                                                         | a) Change the frequency setting of the detector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | b) Faulty loop or feeder connections                                                                                                                                                        | b) Check the loop wiring and ensure that the feeders are adequately twisted. Ensure that any joins in the loop feeder are soldered and made waterproof.                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | c) Electrical Noise                                                                                                                                                                         | c) Check that the loop feeder cables are adequately twisted. Ensure that the loop feeder cables are run separated from any other electrical cables to reduce any electrical noise coupling. Use screened loop feeder cable and ensure that the screen is earthed at the detector only. |

| Fault                                                               | Caused by                                                                          | Remedy                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Changing Frequency DIP switches does not initiate a retune.         | d) Movement of the loop in the ground.                                             | d) Check the loop installation for cracks in the road near the loops, as well as the condition of the loop sealant.                                                                                |
|                                                                     | e) The sensitivity of the detector may be set too high.                            | e) Set the sensitivity lower on the DIP switches.                                                                                                                                                  |
| The detector remains in detect after the vehicle has left the loop. | The A.F.S feature is enabled, which overrides the manual setting of the frequency. | The A.F.S DIP switch needs to be switched off in order to configure the frequency manually.<br>If A.F.S is disabled, holding the reset button for 3 seconds will result in the detector returning. |
|                                                                     | a) The sensitivity of the detector may be set too high.                            | a) Determine the required sensitivity level via the on-board diagnostics using the DU100 / 700. Set the sensitivity lower on the Dip switches.                                                     |
|                                                                     | b) The loop is noisy and the A.S.B feature is enabled.                             | b) Switch A.S.B feature off on the Dip switch                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                     | c) Movement of the loop in the ground or the feeder cables.                        | c) Check the loop installation for cracks in the road near the loops, as well as the condition of the loop sealant. Ensure the feeder cables are secure in the cabinet / enclosure.                |
| The detector remains in detect after the vehicle has left the loop. | d) Poorly crimped terminals                                                        | d) Check the loop connection to the terminals.                                                                                                                                                     |

## \*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\*\*

### On INITIAL installation:

- Automatic Frequency Select (AFS) is disabled by default. On power-up the detector will attempt to tune to the frequency determined by the Frequency DIP switches. Should the AFS functionality be required please enable it using the AFS DIP switch and **hold the reset button for 3 seconds** to invoke a retune.
- Power Fail functionality is disabled by default. Should the Power Fail functionality be required it may be turned on using the reset button. **Press and hold the reset button for 30 seconds to toggle the power fail functionality.** After holding the reset button for 10 seconds the LEDs on the unit will indicate the state of the Power Fail functionality. If the LEDs are OFF power fail is OFF and will turn ON after 30 seconds. If the LEDs are ON, power fail is ON and will be turned OFF after 30 seconds.