



SUMMARY

This document is the operation manual for users of the Compact 500 Voice Evacuation System. It explains how to operate the Compact 500 and how to interpret indications. This operation manual is addressed to end users as well as technical personnel, such as service technicians.

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Thank you for choosing 4EVAC as your Voice Evacuation System solution.

4EVAC Compact 500 is all-in-one Voice Evacuation System box. The box contains a completely integrated Voice Evacuation System, capable of both standalone and network operation. 4EVAC Compact 500 is certified in accordance with EN54-16 and EN54-4, which are harmonized standards under Construction Products Regulation, mandatory in the European Union.

1. What does Compact 500 do?

Compact 500 is a small form factor Voice Evacuation System which covers full compliance with standards for voice alarm installations, offering features typical for public-address applications at the same time. The primary task of the Compact 500 is to deliver reliable and intelligible transmission of voice alarm messages to the public in emergency situations, such as fire. The secondary task of the Compact 500 is to provide public-address functionalities, such as background music, public announcements or general paging.

Compact 500 is extremely scalable due to its network capabilities and creates a distributed architecture where each unit remains fully operational, even during network failure.


2. Configuration settings

Compact 500 is supplied with a pre-installed micro SD memory card. The memory card contains a complete Compact 500 system configuration file, including audio messages.

The configuration file includes user-defined settings, such as:

- network components,
- zoning,
- audio message files ,
- volume levels,
- hardware related settings,
- system behavior for various triggers, etc.

The configuration file should be prepared in the C500 Manager. The 4EVAC Manager is a GUI software package running on Windows OS. More information about the C500 Manager can be found in the software manual "C500 Manager guide".

 **NOTE:** Please make sure that the configuration file is prepared with the version of the C500 Manager compatible with the firmware of the Compact 500.

The installation file of the latest 4EVAC Manager and the manual are available at our website: www.4EVAC.com

3. Standalone vs network operation

4EVAC Compact 500 is capable of both standalone and network operation.

3.1. Standalone system

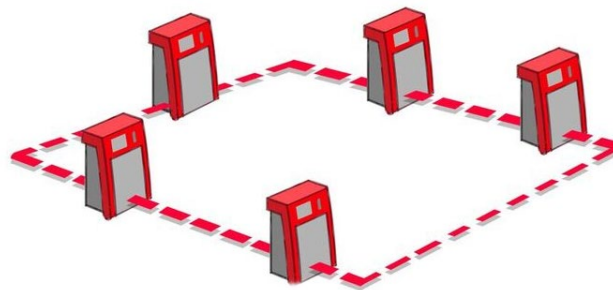
A standalone Compact 500 comprises of a single C500 main unit, which incorporates:

- 📖 Mandatory indications and manual controls
- 📖 System status outputs: EVAC, FAULT, RESET
- 📖 6 monitored EVAC inputs
- 📖 Monitored SILENCE and RESET input
- 📖 8 x GPI
- 📖 8 x GPO
- 📖 Up to 6 loudspeaker lines with EOL monitoring
- 📖 100W or 200W maximum power per line
- 📖 2 analog balanced audio inputs
- 📖 Integrated Fireman Microphone with priority
- 📖 Access key-lock to enable/disable front panel functionality
- 📖 6 programmable zone selection buttons
- 📖 Integrated power supply with battery

3.2. Network system

3.2.1. Global network (G-Net)

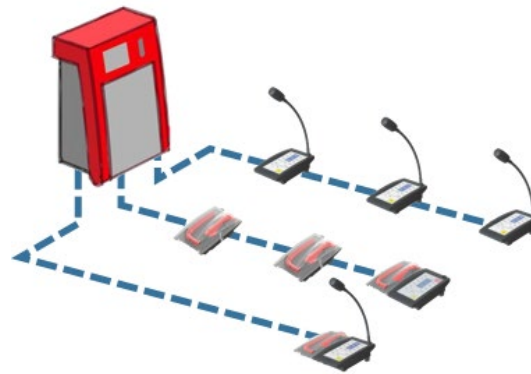
G-Net is a redundant network ring where multiple C500 main units may be connected into one system. It is used for reliable data synchronization between all connected devices and for multi-channel live audio transmission with very low latency.



G-Net redundant ring topology

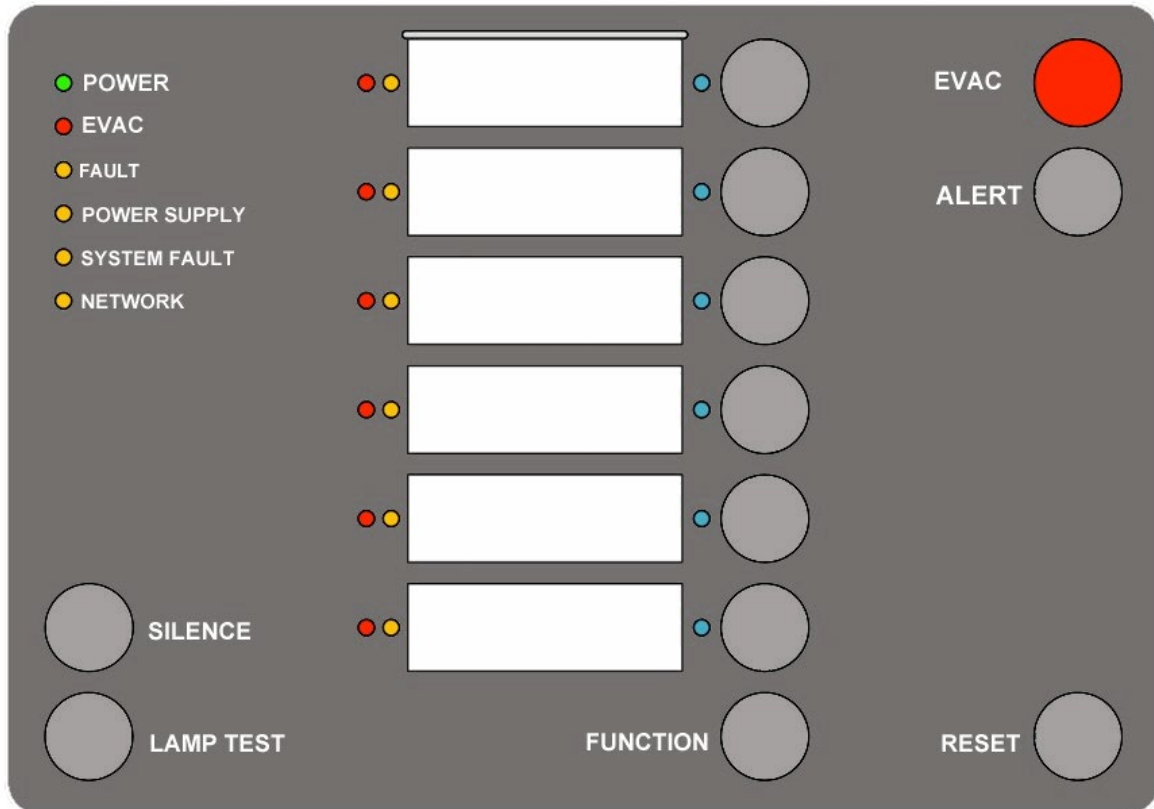
3.2.2. Local network (L-Net)

L-Net daisy-chain topology is dedicated for peripheral devices of the main unit, such as remote microphone stations. L-Net is used to expand C500 functionality to remote locations.



L-Net daisy chain topology

4. Front Panel



Compact 500 front panel

4.1. LED indicators

4.1.1. POWER

Indicates the operating status of the C500.

- Continuous: system is powered and ready
- Blinking fast: system is booting, not ready for full operation



4.1.2. EVAC

Indicates that the system is in the Voice Alarm state, where at least one zone in the system is occupied by an emergency audio signal, i.e. a pre-recorded EVAC MESSAGE or LIVE EVAC, when a fireman mic is being used.

- Continuous: EVAC state



4.1.3. FAULT

Indicates that the system is in the FAULT state (general fault indicator), where at least one device in the system is reporting a fault.

-  Continuous: when a local fault is detected
-  Blinking slow: when a local device is healthy and at least one remote device is reporting fault state

4.1.4. POWER SUPPLY

Indicates a power supply fault of the local C500 unit, where at least one of following faults is reported:



-  Continuous: mains fault
-  Blinking slow: battery-related fault:
 - Loss of battery
 - Loss of charger
 - Battery resistance too high
 - Temperature fault
 - Charger communication fault

4.1.5. SYSTEM FAULT

Indicates system fault of the C500 main unit, where:


- The CPU or program execution is stopped or malfunctioning,
- Corruption of storage memory containing config settings and audio files (SD card).
- Front panel is not communicating with main board


Where a system fault is caused by a CPU or memory fault, the C500 remains in "safe state", where critical functions (including audio transmission, reaction on control inputs, etc.) are stopped until the fault is removed.


-  Continuous:
 - CPU / program fault
 - front panel fault
-  Blinking slow:
 - SD card fault
 - Config file not compatible
 - Wrong ID setting

4.1.6. NETWORK

Indicates when any device or link in the network is missing.

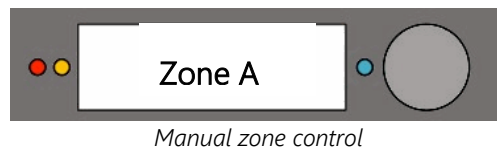
-  Blinking slow:
 - Global ring is broken (any place in the ring)

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-  Continuous:
At least one device from the network is missing.



4.1.7. Zone indicators

Zone indicators are strictly related to the corresponding zone button. If a button is not attached to any zone, then zone indicators for this button are disabled.





4.1.7.1. Red

Indicates that the zone is in EVAC condition, where the zone is occupied by one of following audio signals:

-  Continuous: LIVE EVAC
-  Blinking slow: EVAC Message.




4.1.7.2. Yellow

Indicates that the zone is transmitting an ALERT message, and/or is in fault state

-  Continuous: Zone fault (fault of any line / amplifier included in this zone)
-  Blinking slow: Zone is transmitting ALERT Message.

4.1.7.3. Blue

Zone busy / zone selection.

-  Continuous: indicates that the zone is manually selected via zone selection button on local panel
-  Blinking fast: the zone is occupied by audio signal, but is in SILENCE mode (triggered by SILENCE input or manual SILENCE button)
-  Blinking slow: indicates that the zone is currently transmitting an audio signal (except BGM).

4.2. Manual controls

4.2.1. SILENCE

Press to mute the sound of the buzzer in the entire system.

4.2.2. LAMP TEST

Press to verify visual (LEDs) and audible indications (buzzer) of the front panel of local C500.

4.2.3. ZONE selection

Press to select a zone. Press again to deselect.

NOTE: Zone selection will clear automatically after timeout defined in the configuration settings.

4.2.4. RESET

Press to clear your current zone selection.

4.2.5. FUNCTION button

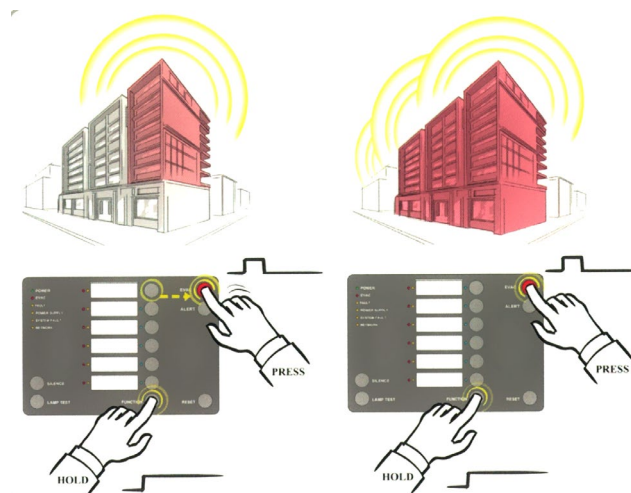
Press and hold the FUNCTION button to enable Access level 2. In access level 2 you are able to manually change the status of the system by triggering voice alarm message or resetting the system.

NOTE: Press FUNCTION button first and hold it down while pressing another button.


4.2.5.1. FUNCTION + EVAC / FUNCTION + ALERT

Use this combination in order to trigger the EVAC or ALERT message on the previously selected zones.

If no zones are selected, this will trigger EVAC or ALERT to all zones accessible from local front panel.



Triggering manual EVAC

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4.2.5.2. FUNCTION + SILENCE

Use this combination to trigger the silence instruction to the previously selected zones. If no zones are selected, this silences on all zones accessible from local front panel.

NOTE: If any EVAC input is active during manual zone silence the activation trigger will override SILENCE mode.

4.2.5.3. FUNCTION + RESET

Use this combination to reset the Compact 500 system. In a network system this will reboot the entire network. If the reset was triggered successfully, all local LED indicators should start a fast-blinking sequence during reboot.

4.2.5.4. FUNCTION + LAMP TEST

Use this combination to trigger the backup amplifier test. This test sequence will simulate an amplifier fault for each local amplifier channel, one by one, forcing the backup amplifier to engage and take over the channel where the fault is simulated. The sequence will be displayed on the front panel ZONE LEDs.

NOTE: the backup amplifier test can be triggered only if C500 has backup amplifier enabled.

5. Integrated fireman mic

The front panel of the C500 is equipped with a Fireman Microphone. Take out the handheld microphone and press the PTT button and enable LIVE EVAC signal transmission to all zones available on the local panel. This signal is a top priority audio stream and will override any other type of audio signal in the system.


If any zone was previously selected, you will start transmitting to selected zones only.

6. KEY switch

The C500 may be optionally equipped with a security key-switch on the front panel.

The key switch disables/enables the FUNCTION button and the PTT button of the fireman mic. Thus the access level is protected with an additional step.

The key switch is under surveillance, so in case of electrical or mechanical failure, the key switch fault is reported,

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7. Technical specifications

Standalone system	
Number of zones	max. 6 local zones
Maximum total loudspeaker load	600 W RMS (420W RMS pure sinewave according to EN54-16)
Power amplifiers	6 x 100 W, modular (2 channels per module), bridgeable up to 3 x 200 W
Standby power amplifiers	2 x 100 W / 1 x 200 W dedicated backup amplifiers
Loudspeaker line monitoring	
Built-in	20kHz AC monitoring with EOL module, short/open/impedance deviation
Loopdrive	loop DC monitoring with short-circuit isolators, short/open/earth leakage, EN54-17 certified
Loudspeaker type	with 100V step-down transformer
Voice messages	
Storage	max. 16 audio files x 1 minute each, micro-SD card with content monitoring
Message player	Max. 2 simultaneous local message playback
Controls and indications	
General controls / indications	Lamp test button, silence button, power, evac, general fault LED indicators
Fault indications	Power supply, system fault, network, zone fault
Zone controls / indications	6 x configurable zone selection button, zone EVAC/FAULT/BUSY LED indicators
Evac manual control	EVAC message, ALERT message, SILENCE, RESET, fireman mic with PTT button
Fireman microphone	Integrated Fireman Mic with priority and electrical monitoring
Power supply equipment	Built-in power supply system, EN 54-4 certified.
AC supply	110 – 230 V AC, 50/60Hz
AC current consumption	max. 5.3A @115V AC / 2.65A @230V AC
Inrush current	20A @115V AC, 40A @230V AC
Power supply protection	Overload current limiting, over voltage shutdown, over temperature shutdown.
Battery requirements	
Type	Sealed, rechargeable lead-acid battery for stationary use
Capacity	10 – 55 Ah
Charging time (80% capacity)	< 24 h
Rated voltage	24 V DC (2 x 12V)
Battery dimensions	2 batteries, each of max. 230 x 138 x 207 mm (LxWxH)
Battery weight	max. total 32.6 kg
Inputs	
2 x BGM	2 x independent balanced analogue in, line-level mono, 22kΩ input impedance
6x EVAC in, 1x SILENCE in, 1x RESET in	monitored logic inputs, 4.7kΩ +10kΩ EOL resistors
8 x GPI	unmonitored logic inputs (pull-down, configurable active low/hi)
Outputs	
EVAC out, FAULT out	Potential-free relay output (configurable NO/NC)
GPO	8 x Open collector output (configurable NO/NC)
Loudspeaker out	6 x 100V transformer output, 20 kHz AC monitoring with EOL
Amplifiers	
Type	Class D
Protection	over load shutdown, over temperature shutdown
Backup amplifiers	2 dedicated backup channels, auto backup at end stage failure, auto restore
Efficiency	80% @ rated power
Output voltage	max. 100V RMS

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Rated power	100W per channel, 200W bridged
Output bandwidth	50 Hz – 20 kHz
SNR	>80 dB
THD + N	0.1% @ rated power
Audio	
Frequency response	
Local BGM	50 Hz – 20 kHz
Messages, network streaming	100 Hz – 12 kHz
Analog input- output latency	< 10 ms (stand-alone system)
Network audio stream format	24 kHz sampling, ADPCM compressed
Message file input format	24 kHz, 16 bit, mono WAV
DSP features	HP/LP filter, multipoint parametric EQ, delay
Mechanical	
Dimensions (HxWxD)	80 x 52 x 28 cm
Weight (full config, without batteries)	29 kg
Housing material	Steel / ABS
IP rating	IP 30
Mounting	Wall-mounted box

Network system

Max. number of devices in the network	255
Max. number of zones	255
Max. total system output power	102 kW
Number of simultaneous network audio channels	2
Network audio transmission latency	0.3 ms per device
Local network	
Architecture	Master-slave, up to 16 slave devices per C500 main unit
Connection	3 x L-Net port, RJ-45, powered daisy chain, digital audio & control data
Cabling	X-over FTP CAT5e (or higher)
Current consumption	max. 500 mA (up to 8 slave devices) per L-Net port,
Max. length of local bus	
default	250 m
with twisted-pair extender	500 m
Global network	
Architecture	Peer-to-peer, up to 255 C500 main units
Connection	2 x G-Net port, RJ-45, powered redundant ring, digital audio & control data
Cabling	X-over FTP CAT5e (or higher) / multimode optical fiber
Current consumption	max. 500 mA per port, reserved only for network extenders
Max. distance between devices	
default	250 m
with copper extenders	750 m
with fiber extenders	2500 m

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Note: Conditions of use, Suitable for indoor applications

Product is in compliance with the Directive 89/106/EEC of the council of European Communities of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the construction products (Construction Products Directive - CPD), amended by the Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and Council of March 2011.

EN54-4:1999+A1+A2
EN54-16:2008

Power supply equipment
Voice alarm control and indicating equipment for fire detection
and fire alarm systems for buildings

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS	DECLARED PERFORMANCE	HARMONISED STANDARDS
EN54-4 Mandatory functions	PASS	EN54-4:1999+A1:2003/A2:2006
EN54-16 Mandatory functions	PASS	54-16:2008
Options with requirements:		
Audible warning	PASS	54-16:2008, 7.3
Phased evacuation	PASS	54-16:2008, 7.5
Manual silence of the voice alarm condition	PASS	54-16:2008, 7.6.2
Manual reset of the voice alarm condition	PASS	54-16:2008, 7.7.2
Voice alarm condition output	PASS	54-16:2008, 7.9
Indication of faults related to the voice alarm zones	PASS	54-16:2008, 8.4
Voice alarm manual control	PASS	54-16:2008, 10
Emergency microphone(s)	PASS	54-16:2008, 12
Redundant power amplifiers	PASS	54-16:2008, 13.14

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Ancillary Functions:

Multiple background music/audio channels and zone paging	Included (Not mandatory)
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