



Telephone / Background Music Interface

Model VA-TBM

Installation and Use Manual

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- Relocate the VA-TBM unit with respect to the radio or TV receiver or vice versa.
- Plug the VA-TBM unit into a different outlet so that it and the radio or TV receiver are on different branch circuits.

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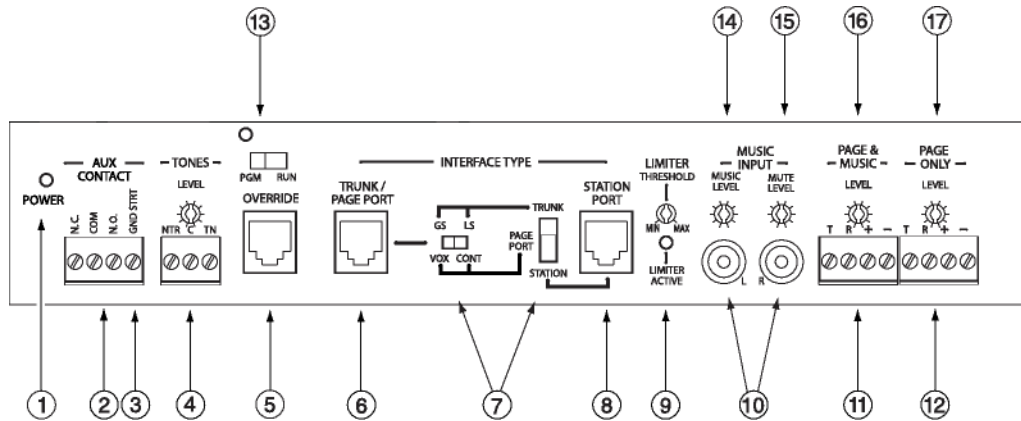
Always follow these basic safety precautions when installing and using the system:

1. Read and understand all instructions.
2. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
3. DO NOT block or cover the ventilation slots and openings. They prevent the product from overheating. DO NOT place the product in a separate enclosure or cabinet, unless proper ventilation is provided.
4. Never spill liquid on the product or drop objects into the ventilation slots and openings. Doing so may result in serious damage to the components.
5. Repair or service must be performed by a factory authorized repair facility.
6. The product is provided with a UL-CSA approved, 3-wire ground type plug. This is a safety feature. DO NOT defeat the safety purpose of the grounding type plug. DO NOT staple or otherwise attach the AC power supply cord to building surfaces.
7. DO NOT use the product near water or in a wet or damp place (such as a wet basement).
8. DO NOT use extension cords. The product must be installed within 6 feet of a grounded outlet receptacle.
9. DO NOT install telephone wiring during a lightning storm.
10. DO NOT install telephone jacks in a wet location unless the jack is specifically designed for wet locations.
11. Never touch uninsulated wires or terminals, unless the line has been disconnected at the paging or controller interface.
12. Use caution when installing or modifying paging or control lines.

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VA-TBM Feature Callouts



1. **Power Indicator** - Illuminates when AC power has been applied to the unit.
2. **AUX Contact Terminals** - Provide connections for normally open and normally closed contact closures. The contact closure can be programmed to activate during paging, night ring, tone, override, or any combination (refer to *System Programming*).
3. **Ground Start Terminal** - Connection for PBX ground. Used only when the ground start interface is elected.
4. **Tone Terminals / Tone Level Control** - Terminals provide connections to night ring and tone trigger inputs. Tone Level Control sets the level of all tones produced by the system.
5. **Override** - Secondary paging input with higher priority than TRUNK/PAGE PORT or STATION mode inputs. Connects to either loop start trunk, dry audio signal with contact closure or telephone handset.
6. **Trunk/Page Port** - Primary paging interface to telephone system when VA-TBM is set to trunk or page port mode type interface.
7. **Interface Type Slide Switches** - Sets telephone interface type for the VA-TBM.
8. **Station Port** - Primary paging interface to telephone switch when VA-TBM is set to station mode type interface.
9. **Limiter Threshold / Limiter Active LED** - Control and indicator for output limiter function.
10. **Music Input Jacks** - Stereo summing input for background music source.
11. **Page & Music Terminals** - Paging and music output connections to the VoiceArrest™ Control Module (use T & R terminals only) or an amplified speaker (use T, R, + & - terminals). Each output terminal will drive up to 150 VoiceArrest™ controllers and/or amplified speakers. The built-in 24V DC power source (+ & - terminals) will provide power for up to 20 amplified speakers. If more than 20 amplified speakers total are to be connected to the VA-TBM, an auxiliary power supply is required.
12. **Page Only Terminals** - Paging output only (no music) for up to 150 VoiceArrest™ controllers and/or amplified speakers.
13. **Program/Run Switch & LED** - Used to switch unit to program mode. The LED will light when unit is in PROGRAM mode.
14. **Music Level Control** - Music Level sets background music level.
15. **Music Mute Control** - Music Mute sets music mute level during paging.
16. **Page & Music Level Control** - Page & Music Level controls the level of page & music output.
17. **Page Only Level Control** - Page Only Level controls the level of page only output.

Introduction

The VA-TBM Paging System is a paging and signaling system. The system provides the following features and functions:

Voice Channel

- Single-zone paging
- Telephone interfaces:
 - loop start trunk
 - ground start trunk
 - station access (analog ring-up)
 - page port contact closure activation
 - page port voice activation
- Override paging (using loop start trunk or page port contact closure activation)
- Two audio outputs (both with level controls):
 - paging and background music
 - paging only
- Each output can provide audio for 150 VoiceArrest™ Controllers or one-way amplified speakers
- The built-in 24V DC power supply will supply power to 20 one-way amplified speakers
- Each output is also compatible with 70V amp inputs
- Pre-Announce/Confirmation Tone
- Adjustable Automatic Level Control with threshold and active indicator

Background Music

- High impedance transformer isolated BGM input with volume control
- Variable music mute

Signaling Tones

- Night Ringer (contact closure activation)
- Tone Trigger (tone and duration selectable, closure-activated)

Other Features

- C-form contact set with programmable activation events
- Non-volatile memory for setup data (no backup battery required)
- Setup Tone to assist in volume setting, etc.
- Pluggable terminal strips
- Microcontroller-based operation
- DTMF setting of operating parameters

Package Contents

- (1) VA-TBM
- (1) Installation and Use Manual

Installation

Wall Mounting

Mounting to a plywood backboard or studs:

1. Hold the unit level against the surface to which it will be mounted.
2. Mark where the mounting screws should be positioned.
3. Set the unit aside and install the screws leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the screws sticking out of the surface.
4. Slip the unit over the screws and tighten them snugly.

Telephone Interface

Wiring Connections & Setup

Telephone System Connections

The VA-TBM connects to virtually any telephone system: PBX station lines and CO lines, PBX loop start trunk ports, PBX ground start trunk ports, and page ports.

Interface installation consists of setting the slide switches and connecting with modular (RJ11) telephone plugs. Refer to the appropriate procedure in this section to connect the VA-TBM to the telephone system.

Note: In all cases, make sure that power to the VA-TBM is disconnected before performing the installation.

Trunk Disconnect

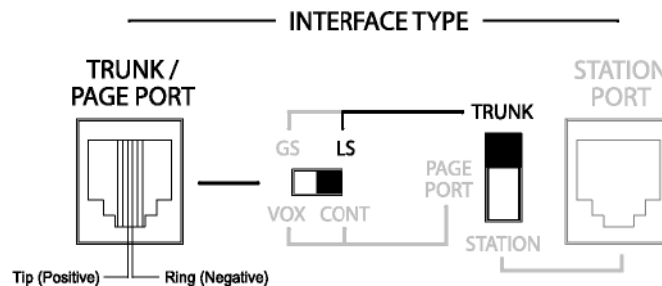
The VA-TBM includes a trunk disconnect feature. The purpose of the trunk disconnect feature is to release the VA-TBM from the trunk port in the event a user does not hang up the phone properly after making a page. If the VA-TBM does not detect voice for the interface VOX time-out period, or if the interface default timer expires, the VA-TBM will attempt to release from the trunk. When using the trunk disconnect feature with a trunk interface, the PBX must have disconnect supervision available on the trunk port connected to the VA-TBM. The trunk disconnect feature is disabled by default and can be enabled. (Refer to *System Programming*.) To set the VOX and default timers refer to *System Programming*.

PBX Loop Start Trunk Port

In this configuration, the unit supplies a 24V talk battery and loop current detection. When the unit detects a loop resistance between Tip and Ring, it activates. When the loop opens, the page ends. The unit follows the status of the trunk port.

Before configuring the VA-TBM for a loop start trunk port, make sure that the power is disconnected and all other connections are completed. Move the slide switches on the VA-TBM to the positions shown below. Use a modular telephone cord to connect the module to the phone system.

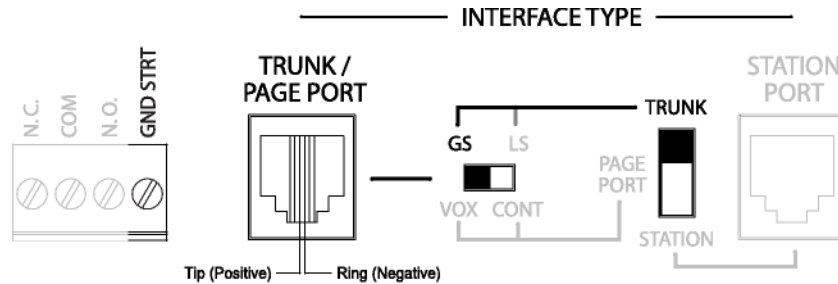
The center two conductors are Tip and Ring (24V DC) and have a specific polarity as shown in the figure to the right. If the polarity that the trunk requires is opposite, you can use a reversing modular cord to make the connection or reverse the connection through a modular block. The trunk disconnect feature is available in this mode.



PBX Ground Start Trunk Port

In this configuration, the unit supplies 24V talk battery, a contact in the Tip circuit, and loop current detector in the ring line. When the ground start trunk grounds Ring, the unit responds by closing the connection to Tip, which completes the access procedure. When the loop is opened, the page ends. The unit follows the status of the trunk. Before proceeding, make sure that the power is disconnected and all other connections are completed. Move the slide switches on the VA-TBM to the positions shown below. Use a modular telephone cord to connect the module to the phone system. Connect the GND STRT terminal on the module to the PBX ground. This is typically the AC ground for the PBX system.

The center two conductors are Tip and Ring (24V DC) and have a specific polarity as shown. If the polarity that the trunk requires is opposite, you can use a reversing modular cord to make the connection or reverse the connection through a modular block. The trunk disconnect feature is available in this mode.



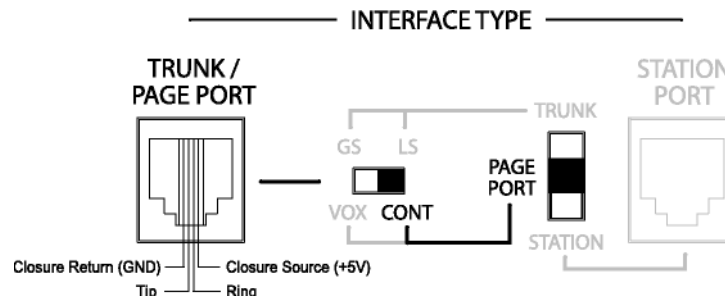
IMPORTANT:

When the GND STRT terminal is connected to earth ground, it is important that none of the VA-TBM system ground terminals are connected to earth ground. These terminals may accidentally be connected to earth ground when external equipment, such as a CD player, tuner, announcement device, etc., is connected to the VA-TBM. The closure return terminals for the Trunk/Page Port jack, the contact closure (GND), the left-most Dry Audio input terminal of the Override jack, the C terminal of the Night Ring, and the Tone Trigger input are system ground. The background music input and page outputs are transformer-isolated and are unaffected by earth ground. If the VA-TBM system ground is tied to earth ground, then the VA-TBM talk battery voltage will be shorted to ground and the unit will not function properly.

PBX Page Port Contact

In this configuration, the unit responds to a contact shorting the closure source to its return. When the short is removed, the page ends. Audio is provided to the system through a separate pair of dry audio input leads. Make sure that the power is disconnected and all other connections are completed before proceeding. Move the slide switches on the VA-TBM to the positions shown below. Use a modular telephone cord to connect the module to the phone system.

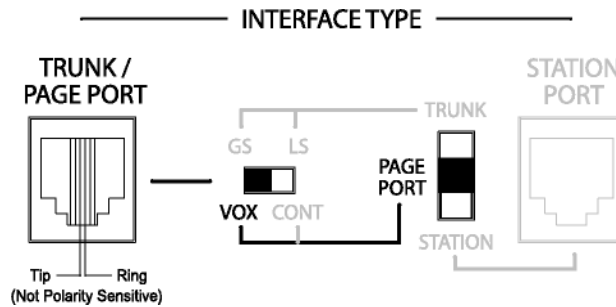
The center two conductors are used for dry audio (no DC voltage) and the connectors on either side are connected to the page port contact closure. The maximum resistance of the page port contact closure loop resistance is 1000 ohms. Open collector type outputs for controlling a page may also be used. The trunk disconnect feature is not available in this mode.



PBX Page Port VOX

In this configuration, the unit activates when audio on the page input is detected. Loss of audio allows the VOX timer to expire and ends the page.

Make sure that the power is disconnected and all other connections are completed before proceeding. Move the slide switches on the VA-TBM to the positions shown below. Use a modular telephone cord to connect the module to the phone system. The center two conductors are used for dry audio and are not polarity sensitive. The Trunk disconnect feature is not available in this mode.

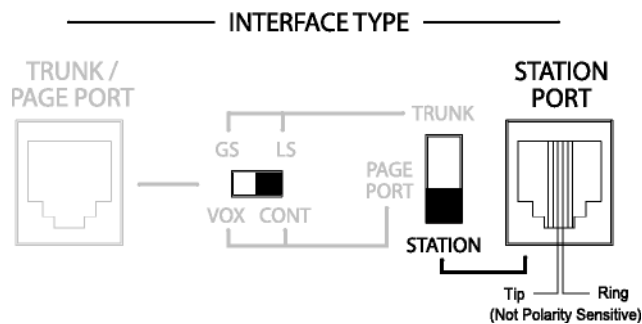


PBX Analog Station Port

In this configuration, the unit answers after detecting ring. As soon as it answers, the default timer and VOX timer are started. The default timer determines the maximum length of any page. The VOX timer repeatedly resets as long as audio is detected on the line. If no audio is detected within the VOX time period, then the page will end. If audio continues to be detected, then the default timer will control page length. The unit will disconnect if a loss of loop current is detected.

Make sure that the power is off and all connections are completed before proceeding. Move the interface slide switch on the VA-TBM to STATION. The other interface slide switch is not used and can be in any position. Use a modular telephone cord (minimum 2-conductor) to connect the VA-TBM Station Port RJ11 to the phone system. The center two conductors are Tip and Ring and are not polarity sensitive (see below). Set Default and VOX timers (see *System Programming*). The timers can be independently inhibited.

Note: The default timeout is factory set to 30 seconds, and the VOX timeout is set to 6 seconds. If both the default and VOX timers are inhibited, the only way to release the system from the station line is through the use of a Calling Party Control (CPC) pulse.



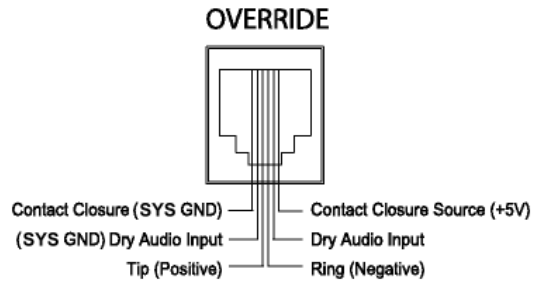
Override Input

The Override is a non-programmable feature that lets the caller take priority over all paging functions and make a page to all speakers. The feature can be activated using a loop start trunk or dedicated telephone.

The center two conductors interface directly to a Loop Start Trunk or a dedicated phone. When the trunk becomes active, the VA-TBM goes into Override mode. A contact closure and dry audio source can also be used for the Override Input. The two conductors flanking the talk battery conductors provide a dry audio gateway into the system override. Override is activated by shorting the outermost conductors.

Maximum contact closure resistance is 1000 ohms. Open collector type outputs for controlling a page may also be used. The Override feature includes a quad beep pre-announce tone that can be enabled or disabled. (The default is enabled.)

Make sure that the power is disconnected and all other connections are completed before proceeding. Plug modular cord into OVERRIDE (RJ11) jack.



Other Connections

Night Ringer

The VA-TBM night ringer signaling feature is designed to alert personnel to incoming calls after normal business hours. The feature is activated by a contact closure from the PBX.

The night ringer normally sounds a simulated ring tone, but can be programmed to sound a chime tone.

To physically connect the night ringer wiring:

1. Make sure that the power is disconnected.
2. Wire the contact closure used for night ring to the NTR (+5V) and C terminals on the VA-TBM. Maximum contact resistance for contact closure activation is 1000 ohms. Open collector type outputs for controlling a page may also be used.

Note: The Night Ring feature has priority just above background music. There is a 5-second delay after the night ring stops before background music is restored (bridges inter-ring pause).

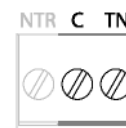


Tone Trigger

The VA-TBM tone trigger input is typically used to signal shift changes using a contact closure pair from an external master clock or as a doorbell annunciator. The tone type is programmable. This is set in programming. Refer to *System Programming* section.

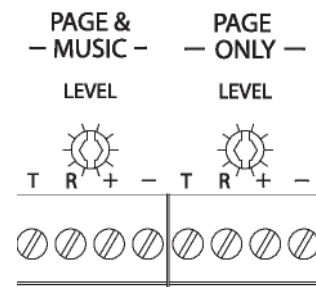
To physically connect the tone trigger wiring:

1. Make sure that the power is disconnected.
2. Wire the contact closure used for tone trigger to the TN (+5V) and C terminals on the VA-TBM. Maximum contact resistance for contact closure activation is 1000 ohms. Open collector type outputs for controlling a page may also be used.



Paging Output Connections

There are two paging outputs on the VA-TBM. One output supplies both paging and background music, while the other supplies only paging. The paging outputs are intended to connect to amplified speakers, but are also compatible with amplifier inputs as well. The Tip (T) and Ring (R) connections are transformer-isolated audio outputs with an output impedance of 8 ohms. Connect these to the audio inputs of the amplified speakers for driving up to 150 speaker inputs. The + and - terminals provide 24V DC for powering the amplified speakers. The VA-TBM can supply a total of 1A @ 24V DC.



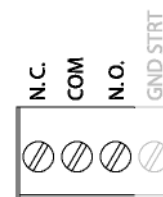
Background Music Input

The VA-TBM system provides a high-impedance, transformer-isolated summed stereo background music input. Mono sources can be connected to either RCA.



AUX Contacts

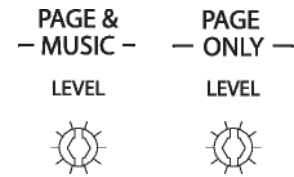
The VA-TBM system provides a dual form contact rated at 2A @ 30V DC and 0.6A @ 125V AC, which can be used to activate external equipment. The relay can be programmed to change state when specific events or combination of events (time tone, override, night ring, paging) occur. Refer to the *System Programming* section.



Controls

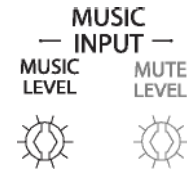
Paging Level

The VA-TBM has controls for adjusting the audio level of each output independently. These serve as master level controls that allow for overall system control. Setting the initial volume to half is a good starting point. If the speakers have their own level control, then the installer will have to determine the proper setting for each speaker depending on the application. Clockwise increases level, counterclockwise decreases level.



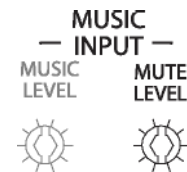
Music Level

The VA-TBM has a background music input level control. Once the page level has been adjusted set the music level control to the desired background music level. Clockwise increases level, counterclockwise decreases level.



Music Mute Level

The music mute level sets the level to which the background music is muted during paging. Once all paging levels and music levels have been set, make a page and adjust the mute level as desired. Clockwise increases mute level, counterclockwise decreases mute level. Fully clockwise fully mutes background music.



Tone Level

The tone level control sets the level for all tones. Clockwise increases level, counterclockwise decreases level.

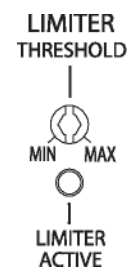


Limiter Threshold

Because not everyone speaks at the same level, the VA-TBM includes a limiter threshold control that prevents loud voices from booming out of the paging system's speakers. The limiter restricts the input signal to a preset level regardless of the input level. To set the limiter, follow the directions below.

1. Turn off the limiter by rotating the control fully clockwise.
2. Hold the telephone handset in a normal position and speak in a normal voice distinctly into the mouthpiece. Adjust the limiter control until the limiter active LED starts to come on.

Volume can be adjusted without disturbing the limiter adjustment by using the Page & Music or Page Only level controls.



Tones

Pre-Announce/Confirmation Tone

This tone can be set to be heard at the speakers being paged or the calling telephone or both. It is either a chime or beep (default). The pre-announce/confirmation tone can also be inhibited. See *System Programming* to change or inhibit this tone.

Tone Trigger

This tone is activated when the TN and C terminals are shorted together. This tone has the second highest priority after override. Several tone options are available.

2 - 7 Second Tone Burst - This is a tone burst that, once a momentary closure is detected at the tone trigger input, will sound for the set duration one time. The VA-TBM will not respond to the tone trigger input while the tone is in progress. If the closure is still present at the tone trigger input upon completion of the tone, then the VA-TBM will not sound the tone again until the closure is removed and applied again.

Tone Follow Contact - This is a tone burst that will sound continuously as long as a contact closure is present at the tone trigger input.

Double Chime Tone - This is a chime tone that will sound twice when a closure is detected at the tone trigger input. The VA-TBM will not respond to the tone trigger input while the tone is in progress. If the closure is still present at the tone trigger input upon completion of the tone, the VA-TBM will not sound the tone again until the closure is removed and applied again.

Chime Tone Follow Contact - This is a chime tone that will sound continuously as long as a contact closure is present at the tone trigger input.

Slow Whoop Follow Contact - This is a slow whoop tone that will sound continuously as long as a contact closure is present at the tone trigger input.

Override Tone

This tone is produced when override is activated. It produces a quad beep pre-announce tone that can be enabled or disabled. (The default is enabled). See *System Programming* to disable the tone.

Setup Tone

This tone can be activated only when the system is in Program mode (set with Run/Program switch). It is an interrupted tone which can be used by the installer to check speaker operation, set operational level of speakers. See *System Programming* to enable the tone.

Note: The volume level of all of the above tones are controlled by the TONE VOLUME control. All tones play at the same level. Clockwise rotation of the control increases the level. Counterclockwise rotation of the control decreases the level.

Reference

How To Page

1. Dial the paging access number for your telephone system.
2. Listen for the confirmation tone if enabled.
3. Make the page and hang up when finished.

Priority Levels

The following is a list of the priority operation of the VA-TBM.

Highest



Override
Tone Trigger
Voice Page
Night Ring
Background Music

Lowest

System Programming

System programming lets you set certain VA-TBM options and tone features using the DTMF keys of a telephone. All programming is accomplished through the Override jack on the VA-TBM.

To program the VA-TBM system, follow these instructions:

1. Place the PROGRAM/RUN switch to the PROGRAM position. The green LED will illuminate.
2. Access the VA-TBM override port (either use a single 2500-type telephone or Test Set).
3. You will hear 3 beep tones indicating access to the programming mode.
4. Dial the Feature Code and any required input data for the option you wish to program.
5. Press the [#] key to store the programming data. If you don't dial the [#], then the data is not stored. A double beep will sound to confirm the entry.

Note: After you have entered a Feature Code (and any other data), you must press the [#] key to enter it into the system. If the system accepts the code (and data), you will hear a short double beep confirming that the data has been stored in the system. Continue with the next Feature Code immediately after the confirming double beep. If the information is not accepted, you will hear a busy tone. In this case, you should hang up, check the code and the data, then re-access the system and try again.

6. Once you have finished all programming, you must first hang up the programming phone and then place the Program/Run switch in the Run position. The green LED will go out.

Default Timer

If the VA-TBM is connected to a PBX station port, or a trunk port with the trunk disconnect feature enabled, you can set the maximum page duration (default timer). The factory setting for this timer is 30 seconds. To change the time, enter the Feature Code and the new 2-digit number corresponding to the time desired. The 2-digit number represents default time in multiples of 10 seconds. (Example: 03 = 30 seconds; 12 = 120 seconds.) If you wish to inhibit the default timer, enter "00" for the time data.

VOX Timer

If the VA-TBM is connected to a station port, page port VOX, or trunk port with the trunk disconnect feature enabled, you can set the time duration for the VOX time out. The factory setting is 6 seconds. To change the time, enter the Feature Code "51" followed by a single digit from 1 to 9, corresponding to 1 to 9 seconds. To inhibit the timer, enter the Feature Code followed by "0".

DTMF Block

DTMF Block can be enabled or disabled (Feature Codes 40 and 41). If enabled, DTMF Block suppresses DTMF tones issued to the VA-TBM so that only a small portion of the tone will be heard over the paging system. If external DTMF controlled devices are connected to the output T/R terminals of the VA-TBM, the DTMF Block feature will have to be disabled in order for these devices to receive DTMF tones. In this configuration the DTMF tones will be heard over the paging system.

Setup Tone

The setup tone is a beeping tone available to assist in the adjustment of speaker volume and testing the system. The setup tone is only available in the programming mode. To activate the setup tone, dial "00" and leave the phone off hook. To deactivate the setup tone, hang up the phone.

Reset Default Values

A Feature Code is available to reset the VA-TBM system to the original factory default values. Wait for a confirmation tone before hanging up.

Warning!

Erased data cannot be recovered.

AUX Relay Contact

The VA-TBM allows the installer to program a number of different parameters to control the way in which the AUX relay contacts activate. The VA-TBM allows programming of which input events (Override, Tone Trigger, Page, and Night Ring) it will respond to, whether it will respond to the event only (Event-Driven Mode) or to a combination of the event and its place in the priority structure (Priority-Driven Mode), and if the contact will respond during the event (No Delay) or after the event ends (Delay).

Event Enable/Disable

The VA-TBM monitors for 4 types of input events: Override, Tone Trigger, Page, and Night Ring. When one of these inputs is activated, the VA-TBM detects that as a particular event. Through programming, the installer can decide which of these 4 events the VA-TBM will allow to activate the AUX relay. Setting the event to Enable allows the AUX contact to respond to that event.

For example, if the application requires that the AUX relay contacts respond only when the night ring input is active, the installer would enable the night ring event and disable all other events (override, tone trigger and page).

It is possible to enable multiple events. In this case the events are “OR’d” together. For example, if the override and tone trigger events are both enabled, the AUX contacts will activate when the override input “OR” the tone trigger input “OR” both of them become active. If all 4 events were enabled, the contacts would activate any time the VA-TBM was doing anything but sitting idle (this is the factory default condition).

Event-Driven/Priority-Driven Mode

There are applications where the AUX relay contacts should activate regardless of what else may be going on in the VA-TBM (Event-Driven Mode) and other times when it should activate so long as there is not another higher priority input active (Priority-Driven Mode).

For example, an application requires that a strobe flash for as long as the night ring line rings. This is accomplished by selecting the Event-Driven Mode and disabling all the events except night ring. In this configuration, the AUX relay contacts will activate whenever the night ring line becomes active. This action is independent of whatever else may be going on in the VA-TBM. Therefore, even though a page may be occurring that suppresses the night ring audio tone, the AUX relay will still cause the strobe to flash.

Likewise, there may be applications where it is desirable to have a higher priority event deactivate the AUX relay operation even though a lower priority event is still on going. For example, suppose the strobe above was specified to flash only when the night ring audio is produced. This is accomplished by selecting the Priority-Driven Mode instead of the Event-Driven Mode. In this case any other higher priority event will deactivate the AUX relay for the duration of that event. The AUX relay will become active again if the lower priority event is still active when the higher priority event finishes.

Delay/No Delay

It is sometimes desirable for the AUX relay to activate immediately after an event rather than during an event. By selecting the Delay programming option, the contacts activate immediately after the enabled events occur. The contacts will activate for 1 second and then deactivate.

For example, a specification requires that after a tone has been produced an audio message is to be played that is triggered by a momentary contact closure. To accomplish this, the tone trigger event is enabled and the Delay option is selected. In this configuration the AUX relay contacts trigger the message playback device at the end of the tone.

What about the Event- or Priority-Driven setting? Only the override input is a higher priority setting than the tone trigger and thus could interrupt the tone. Setting it to Event-Driven Mode will cause the audio message to trigger at the end of the tone duration, even if the override is suppressing the tone itself. However, setting it to Priority-Driven Mode may lead to multiple pulses being produced since the VA-TBM will consider the tone trigger completed when the override suppresses it and will produce the pulse. If the tone is still in progress when the override is removed, then a second pulse will be produced at the actual end of the tone duration.

Example 1			Example 2			Example 3		
Enabled/ Disabled Code			Enabled/ Disabled Code			Enabled/ Disabled Code		
Event			Event			Event		
Override	Enabled	61	Override	Disabled	60	Override	Disabled	60
Tone Trigger	Enabled	63	Tone Trigger	Disabled	62	Tone Trigger	Enabled	63
Page	Disabled	64	Page	Disabled	64	Page	Disabled	64
Night Ring	Disabled	66	Night Ring	Enabled	67	Night Ring	Disabled	66
Mode			Mode			Mode		
Event	Enabled	71	Event	Enabled	71	Event	Enabled	71
Priority	Disabled	-	Priority	Disabled	-	Priority	Disabled	-
Delay			Delay			Delay		
Delay	Enabled	68	Delay	Enabled	-	Delay	Enabled	68
No Delay	Disabled	-	No Delay	Disabled	69	No Delay	Disabled	-

Example 1: Emergency Tone/Emergency Announcement Bypass

The tone trigger and override inputs are used to provide emergency tones and live emergency announcements and when this happens any local attenuators are to be bypassed to ensure that emergency announcements can be heard.

The AUX relay contacts will signal the attenuators to go into the bypass mode. Program the VA-TBM with the override and tone trigger events enabled and all other events disabled. In this case the VA-TBM can be in Event-Driven or Priority-Driven Mode since the application only involves the two highest priority inputs. Nevertheless, set the operation for Priority-Driven with the No Delay option since the AUX relay contacts need to activate during the event. Now, when either the tone trigger OR override input becomes active, the AUX relay will signal the attenuators to bypass. During normal paging or night ring, the attenuators still control the audio level of their associated speakers.

Example 2: Strobes Flash to Announce Night Ring

Strobes throughout a facility are to flash whenever a night line rings to provide a visual alert of the ringing line. An audible alert is optional.

Program the VA-TBM with the night ring event enabled and all other events disabled. Select the Event-Driven Mode since the strobes are to flash when the night ring line is ringing independent of whatever other events are taking place with the VA-TBM. No Delay should be selected so that the AUX relay contacts activate during the event. The strobes will flash for as long as the night line rings. If a page, tone trigger or override page occurs during this event, the night ring tone will stop, but the strobe will continue to flash. The strobes stop only when the night line stops ringing.

Example 3: Message Playback Following Tone

A message is to be played immediately after a chime tone is produced.

In this application the tone trigger input will be activated to cause the chime tone (one of the VA-TBM's selectable tones).After the tone finishes the AUX relay contacts will trigger an audio playback device with a 1-second contact closure pulse. Program the VA-TBM with the tone trigger event enabled and all other events disabled. Select the Event-Driven Mode (see below about using Priority-Driven Mode in this case). Select the Delay option so that the contact will pulse immediately after the event finishes. Now, whenever the tone trigger is activated a message will play immediately after the tone stops. Typically the audio gets into the paging system through the override input.

Priority-Driven Mode Issues

Using the Priority-Driven Mode can cause some unexpected results. When the event selected to control the AUX relay is interrupted by a higher priority event that is not enabled, the VA-TBM will consider that the AUX relay event has finished even if it hasn't, and the relay will change states. If the Delay option is selected, then the VA-TBM will pulse the AUX relay contacts. If the AUX relay event is still active after the high priority event is completed, the AUX relay will again activate. This operation can lead to multiple changes in the relay state (when No Delay is selected) or multiple pulsations of the AUX relay (if the Delay option is selected). Care should be taken in using the Priority-Driven Mode, especially when low priority events are enabled.

Feature Codes & Defaults

	Feature	Feature Code	Data	Default	
Pre-Announce / Confirmation Tone	Handset & Outputs	01		01	
	Destination	Handset only	02		
		Outputs only	03		
				
	Tone	Inhibit	04		
		Beep	05		05
	Chime	06			
Override Tone	Disable	08			
	Enable	09		09	
Trunk Disconnect	Disable	14		14	
	Enable	15			
Tone Trigger	Slow Whoop Follow Contact	20			
	Tone Follow Contact	21			
	2 Sec Burst	22			
	3 Sec Burst	23		23	
	4 Sec Burst	24			
	5 Sec Burst	25			
	6 Sec Burst	26			
	7 Sec Burst	27			
	Double Chime	28			
Double Chime Follow Contact	29				
Night Ring	Simulated Ring	31		31	
	Chime	32			
DTMF Block	Disabled	40			
	Enabled	41		41	
Timers	Default Timer	50	00 - 99	03	
	VOX Timer	51	0 - 9	6	
Aux Relay Response	Override Disable	60			
	Override Enable	60			
				
	Tone Trigger Disable	62			
	Tone Trigger Enable	63			
				
	Page Disable	64			
	Page Enable	65			
				
	Night Ring Disable	66			
	Night Ring Enable	67			
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Delay	68				
No Delay	69				
.....					
Priority-Driven	70				
Event-Driven	71				
Setup Tone	Turn On	00			
	Turn Off	Hang Up			
Reset	Reset to Factory Defaults	99			

Notes to Feature Codes

Note 1 - The data digits represent time in 10's of seconds, i.e. "01" = 10 seconds. Entering "00" will disable the timer.

Note 2 - This single data digit indicates VOX delay time in seconds. Entering "0" will disable the timer.

Specifications

Input Impedance: 600 ohms
Input Level: -10 dBm nominal
VOX Sensitivity: -30 dBm
Music Source Input Impedance: 20k ohms
Music Input Level: -10 dBm nominal
Output Impedance: 8 ohms
Output Level: -10 dBm nominal

Contact Closure: 2A @ 30V DC
0.6A @ 125V AC

DC Output: 1A @ 24V DC
Voltage: 120V AC
Current: 0.5A
Temperature: 0 to 104° F
Humidity: 0 to 85% non-precipitating
Dimensions: 12-3/16" W x 5-1/4" H x 2-1/2" D
Weight: 5 lbs.

Block Diagram

