



## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

TO THE

**Vortex Control**  
Face Velocity Monitor

**Model # VCTA**

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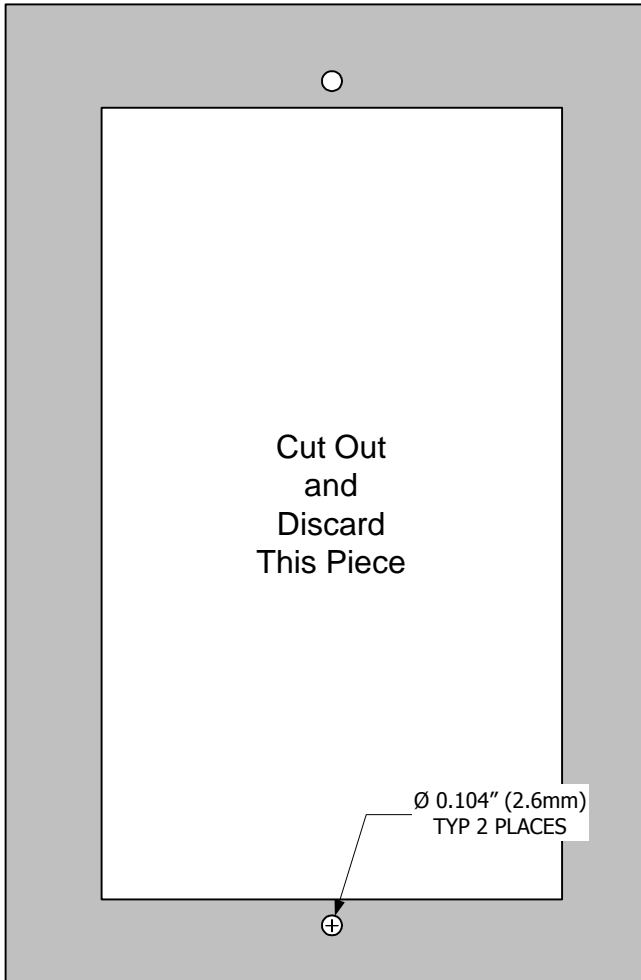
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**Mounting Hole Dimensions:**

- Template should be utilized for proper locating cut-out.
- Shaded area represents the front bezel of monitor which is 3.35" (8.51cm) W x 5.1" (12.95cm) H x 0.5" (1.27cm) D. The cut-out dimensions are 2.4" (6.35cm) W x 4.125" (10.48cm) H.
- A minimum depth of 4" (10.2cm) is required behind cutout for rear of enclosure and tubing clearance.
- Secure monitor to fume hood using the two #6 x 1" sheet metal screws to provided.

**Internal Hood Probe:**

Refer to Appendix B for a diagram of approximate locations. The hood probe must be located on the same side as the face velocity monitor to keep tubing length to a minimum. Typical installation locations are approximately 4" to 10" (10.2cm to 25.4cm) back from the rear of the sash panel and approximately 2" to 8" (5.1cm to 20.3cm) above the highest vertical opening of the sash.

*To Install:* (refer to Appendix A) Drill a 7/16" diameter (11mm) hole in the side of the fume hood in a suitable location. Feed the supplied clear tubing through the drilled hole and carefully push it over the sensor port located on the rear of the monitor enclosure. Press the reference probe firmly to seat it properly into the side of the fume hood.

Refer to Appendix A & C for all input/output terminal blocks, wiring sizing, specifications, current and load ratings, etc.

**Power:**

Standard 24 VAC control voltage is utilized to power the monitor. An optional wall pluggable power supply (shipped with the unit if ordered) can also be utilized. When powering multiple units with a common transformer, polarity must be maintained to ensure proper operation.

**Digital Inputs:**

When required, connect a set of dry contacts between either digital input 1 (DIG.IN 1) and/or digital input 2 (DIG.IN 2) and ground (GND). Note: both the digital inputs share a common ground terminal.

**Relay Output:**

When required, connect the dry contacts from relay 2 (RELAY 2) to the device monitoring the alarm status of the monitor.

**Analog Output Voltage:**

Connect the analog output positive voltage terminal (AOUT) to the positive voltage input of the monitoring device. Connect the ground (GND) terminal to the negative voltage input of the monitoring device. Note: the digital inputs and the analog output share a common ground terminal.

**NOTE:** Area where monitor is located must be under stable temperature control, approximately 65°F to 75 °F (18 °C to 24 °C). A warning message will be displayed if temperature is outside of recommended range.

#### Enter Calibration Menu

1. Press **MUTE** and **SCROLL** simultaneously and release after password screen is displayed (approx. 5 sec.)
2. Enter correct password (default is 00000), press **ACCEPT**
3. Press **CAL MENU**

#### ONE POINT (VARIABLE AIR VOLUME):

1. Press **▼** two (2) times, then press **ONE-POINT CALIBRATION**
2. Open sash to stops or operating height, press screen
3. Perform face velocity verification, press screen
4. Enter face velocity verification reading, press **ACCEPT**
5. Stand back and wait for the monitor to complete calibration readings
6. Press **CONTINUE TO CONFIG MENU** or **EXIT**

#### TWO POINT (CONSTANT AIR VOLUME):

1. Press **▼** one (1) times, then press **TWO-POINT CALIBRATION**
2. Defeat the sash stops and open sash to the full/maximum open position, press screen
3. Perform face velocity verification, press screen
4. Enter face velocity verification reading, press **ACCEPT**
5. Stand back and wait for the monitor to complete calibration readings
6. Move sash to a desired minimum position, press screen
7. Perform face velocity verification, press screen
8. Enter face velocity verification reading, press **ACCEPT**
9. Stand back and wait for the monitor to complete calibration readings
10. Press **CONTINUE TO CONFIG MENU** or **EXIT**

**THREE POINT (SPECIAL - NON LINEAR):**

1. Press **THREE-POINT CALIBRATION**
2. Open sash to the full open position with the stops defeated, press screen
3. Perform face velocity verification, press screen
4. Enter face velocity verification reading, press **ACCEPT**
5. Stand back and wait for the monitor to complete calibration readings
6. Move sash to a desired mid-range position, press screen
7. Perform face velocity verification, press screen
8. Enter face velocity verification reading, press **ACCEPT**
9. Stand back and wait for the monitor to complete calibration readings
10. Move sash to a desired minimum position, press screen
11. Perform face velocity verification, press screen
12. Enter face velocity verification reading, press **ACCEPT**
13. Press **CONTINUE TO CONFIG MENU** or **EXIT**

**NOTE:** Calibration Adjustments can only be performed AFTER field calibration is performed. Calibration adjustments are not supported for 3 point calibrations, see CALIBRATION, section 3, for calibration steps.

#### Enter Calibration Adjustment Menu

1. Press **MUTE** and **SCROLL** simultaneously and release after password screen is displayed (approx. 5 sec.)
2. Enter password (default is 00000), press **ACCEPT**
3. Press **CAL MENU**
4. Press **▼** three (3) times, then press **CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENT**

#### ONE POINT ADJUSTMENT:

1. Enter desired adjustment value, press **ACCEPT**
2. Verify displayed face velocity reading is correct, press **ACCEPT** if correct or press **RETRY** to enter a different adjustment value

#### TWO POINT ADJUSTMENT:

1. Press desired calibration point to adjust
2. Enter desired adjustment value, press **ACCEPT**
3. Verify displayed face velocity reading is correct, press **ACCEPT** if correct or press **RETRY** to enter a different adjustment value
4. When adjustments are complete, press **EXIT**



**Enter Configuration Menu**

1. Press **MUTE** and **SCROLL** simultaneously and release after password screen is displayed (approx. 5 sec.)
2. Enter password (default is 00000), press **ACCEPT**
3. Press **CONFIG MENU**

**LOW ALARM SETTINGS:**

1. Press **▼** or **▲** until **ALARMS** is displayed, press **ALARMS**
2. Press **LOW ALARM**
3. Select the alarm point for low face velocity, press **ACCEPT**
4. Select the delay time required prior to alarming, press **ACCEPT**
5. Select appropriate range for the monitor to display a caution message prior to going into alarm, note: zero(0) turns off caution band, press **ACCEPT**
6. If done, press **EXIT**
7. Select **EXIT** to return to normal display mode

**HIGH ALARM SETTINGS:**

1. Press **▼** or **▲** until **ALARMS** is displayed, press **ALARMS**
2. Press **HIGH ALARM**
3. Select the alarm point for high face velocity, press **ACCEPT**
4. Select the delay time required prior to alarming, press **ACCEPT**
5. Select appropriate range for the monitor to display a caution message prior to going into alarm, note: zero(0) turns off caution band, press **ACCEPT**
6. If done, press **EXIT**
7. Select **EXIT** to return to normal display mode

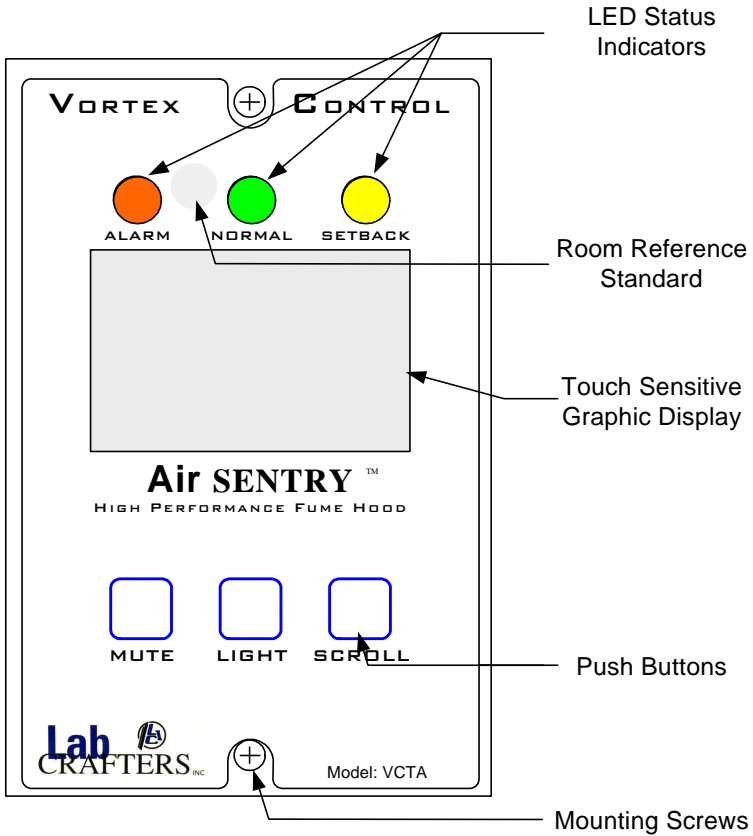
**DIGITAL INPUT SETTINGS:**

1. Press  or  until  is displayed, press
2. Select either  or
3. Select the proper function of the desired digital input, or press  to ignore the digital input completely
  - a. If the digital input is configured as an ,
    - i. Select the desired input contact positions.
    - ii. Select the desired message to display on the monitor during an alarm condition on the input.
    - iii. Select the desired time delay prior to displaying the alarm condition on the input.
  - b. If the digital input is configured as an ,
    - i. Select the desired input contact positions.
    - ii. As previously described in the low/high alarm settings, select unoccupied low alarm or high alarm set points to configure. Select the desired alarm delay time and caution band for unoccupied mode.
    - iii. Press
4. If done, press
5. Select  to return to normal display mode

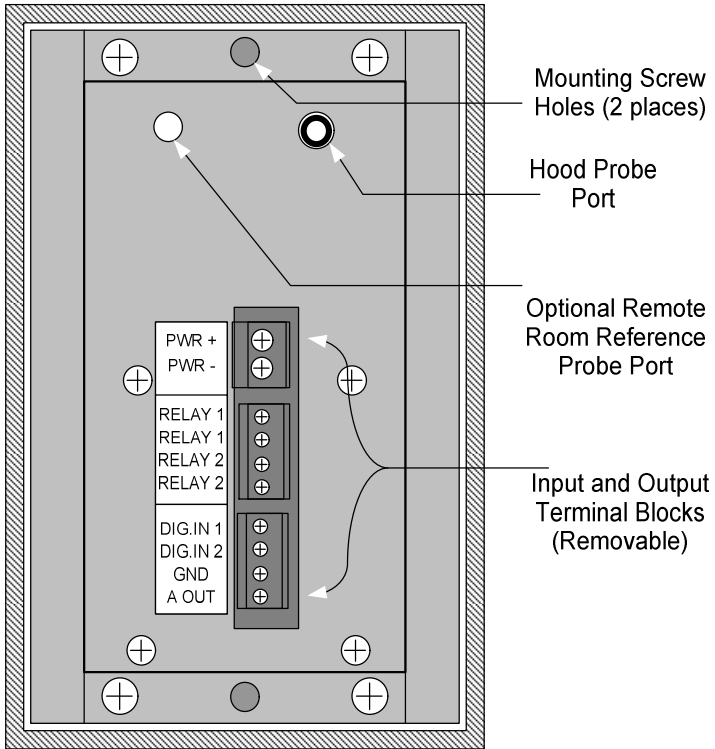
**RELAY OUTPUT SETTINGS:**

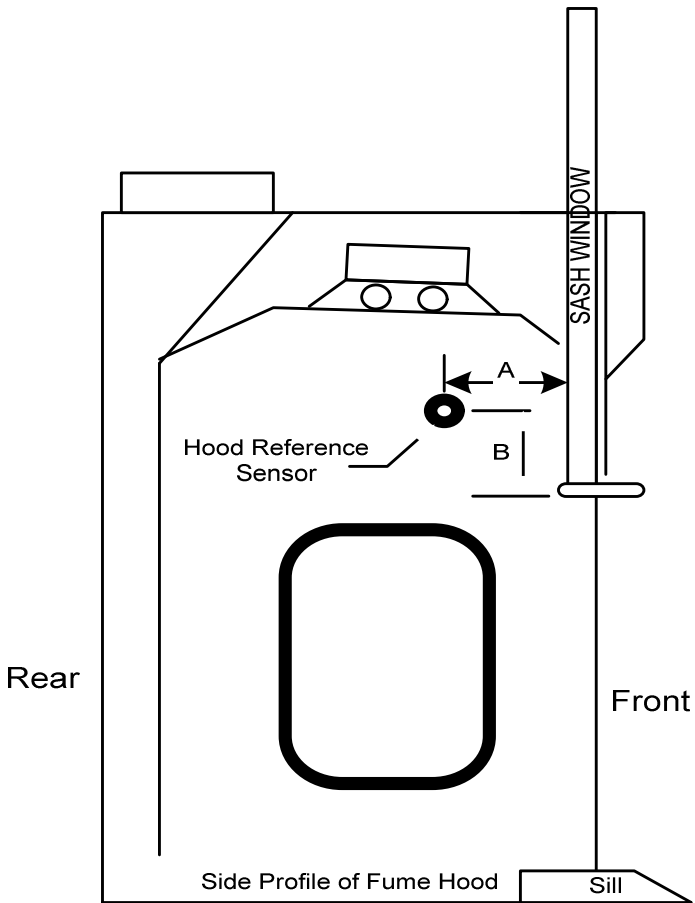
1. Press  or  until  is displayed, press
2. Select either or
3. Select the  function for the relay output, or press  to ignore the relay output completely
4. If the relay output is configured as an , select the desired output contact positions.

**\*\*\* END OF INSTRUCTIONS \*\*\***



Monitor Front





A dim. = approximately 4" - 10" (10.2 cm - 25.4 cm)

B dim. = approximately 2" - 8" (5.1 cm - 20.3 cm)

**Note: Sash is in the full open position**

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Calibrated Temp. Range: 60° to 80° F (15.6° to 26.7°C)  
Operating Temp. Range: 40° to 120° F (4.4° to 48.9°C)  
Storage Temp. Range: 0° to 150° F (-17.8° to 65.6°C)  
Humidity Range: 20% to 80% RH, non condensing (LCD Display Limits)

**DIMENSIONS**

Face Plate: 5.1"(H) x 3.35" (W) x 0.5" (D) (13cm x 8.5cm x 1.3cm)  
Rear Enclosure: 4"(H) x 2.2"(W) x 2.25"(D) (10.2 cm x 5.6cm x 5.8cm)

**WEIGHT**

15oz. (425g)

**MOUNTING**

4.25" (H) x 2.5" (W) (10.8cm x 6.4cm) cutout required.  
Mounting Screws: stainless steel sheet metal #6 x 1" flat head  
0.437" Diameter (11mm) hole required for hood reference probe

**TERMINAL BLOCKS - WIRE SIZE**

Power: removable block - 12 to 24 AWG stranded wire  
Relay outputs: removable block - 16 to 28 AWG stranded wire  
Digital in, Analog out: removable block - 16 to 28 AWG stranded wire

**SENSOR TYPE**

Factory calibrated mass air flow sensor

**ACCURACY**

Over the calibrated temp range: +/- 10 FPM (0.051MPS)

**DIGITAL INPUTS**

Referenced to digital common, accepts closed contact (1000 ohm max)

**ANALOG OUTPUT**

0-10Vdc output adjustable in 0.1Vdc increments proportional to 0-1000FPM  
(5.08MPS) adjustable in 1FPM (.005MPS) increments displayed

**RELAY OUTPUTS**

Two independent SPST relays,  
Relay 1 fails to N.O., 5A @250VAC or 30VDC (used for internal hood light)  
Relay 2 fails to N.C., 0.5A @120VAC, 1A @30VDC

**BACKLIGHT**

Dual layer fiber optic, utilizing a single ultra bright green LED

**INPUT POWER**

24VAC, 50/60Hz, +/- 20%, 8VA or 15VDC, +/-20% @ 250mA

**HOOD REFERENCE TUBING**

¼"(6.4mm) I.D. clear Ester based polyurethane tubing, 185°F (85°C) Max

**LCD TOUCH SCREEN**

LCD type: 128 x 64 characters, FSTN, Positive, Transflective,

**INDICATOR L.E.D.S**

0.315" (8mm), Wide viewing angle, diffused lens

**ALARM HORN**

Sound output at 4" (10cm): min 85dB, typ 90dB @ 2,300Hz, +/-300 Hz