

**C26350**  
**IOWA DOT**  
**VF-2420-96x208-20-RGB**  
**Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Field Test Procedure**

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## Introduction

This test procedure describes the field tests for a LED dynamic message sign site for this project. The purpose of this test is:

1. To check that the sign and related equipment supplied by Daktronics has been installed properly.
2. To check that all sign and related equipment supplied by Daktronics is functioning. Special emphasis is placed on items that, if bad, are not expected to show up as being bad during normal operation. Example: earth grounding not connected.
3. To put the sign into the state needed so that it is ready for normal operation without the need for an additional visit before beginning normal operation.
4. As a record that all tests and setup tasks have been performed at each particular site so that it will not be necessary to re-visit sites later because of not being sure whether or not certain tests or setup items have been done.

Note that this is not a test of all software functions or hardware design limits; this would be very time consuming, and would be redundant, as those tests need to be done only once.

This test should be performed for every sign site at the completion of installation of the particular site.

The test messages to be used should be the test messages listed or messages such as "Testing; Message 1" or moving rows, moving columns, etc., that will not misdirect traffic.

This test requires the cooperation of an operator at the central controller with personnel at the sign site.

Test equipment required:

- Boom truck, or whatever is required to get up into the sign
- Digital multi-meter
- Laptop computer, with central controller software, miscellaneous software, and null modem cable.
- Common hand tools
- Ground resistance tester
- Cellular telephone or other means of communication with the central controller operator.



### **Sign Exterior Inspection**

- \_\_\_1.0 Visually inspect the outside of the sign for damage.
- \_\_\_1.1 Check that the front, bottom, and rear light sensors are unobstructed.

### **Power Connection Inspection**

- \_\_\_2.0 Turn off the power to the sign, from outside the sign.
- \_\_\_2.1 Check that the hot, neutral, and earth ground wires from the 120/240 VAC power source are connected into the AC breaker rail terminal, neutral bus, and earth ground respectively.
- \_\_\_2.2 Check that the earth grounding wire is secure from the case of the sign (inside or outside) to the earth ground rod(s) near the base of the sign.
- \_\_\_2.3 Check that all AC Breaker rail circuit breakers are off, except for the "Surge Suppressor" breaker, which should be on. Apply power to the sign.
- \_\_\_2.4 Using a safe procedure, measure the AC voltage from the breaker rail input lugs to neutral; it should measure between 105 and 125 VAC. Also, check the voltage from neutral to earth ground; should be less than 10 VAC. (This is a no-load test of the input voltage.)  
L1 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ L2 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral to earth ground: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sign Interior Inspection**

- \_\_\_3.0 Make sure the Site Information for the sign is filled out: sign serial number, sign model number, sign assembly number, etc.
- \_\_\_3.1 Inspect the inside of the sign for damage and signs of water intrusion. Check for loose parts, connections, and wiring. Also, verify that the fiber-optic or Cat-5 cables are connected to the proper location on the VCB (Vanguard control board).
- \_\_\_3.2 Open each door and verify that all mounting hardware is installed properly.
- \_\_\_3.3 Check that all conduits that enter the sign are sealed inside at the end that enters the sign.

### **Sign Power Test**

- \_\_\_4.0 Turn on all circuit breakers.
- \_\_\_4.1 Check all sign utility outlets and Dual Duplex outlets (if equipped) by using a multi-meter, each outlet should measure between 105 and 125 VAC.

## Functional Test

- \_\_\_ 5.0 Turn on the sign controller power switch, check that the power indicator LED is on.
- \_\_\_ 5.1 Enter all the necessary data into the sign controller such as address, module type, sign height, sign width, sign type, access type, and peripherals.
- a. Reference display configuration sheet for peripheral config
- \_\_\_ 5.2 Verify that DS1 and DS2 LED lights illuminating white. This is verifying signal is good for fiber ports A and B.
- \_\_\_ 5.3 **Note: If testing at night run the all on 10% test patterns and turn the fans and heaters (if equipped) on manually in controller menu.** Display the "All On 100% Burn" test pattern; check that all fans and/or heater turn ON. Once complete set test pattern to "None".
- \_\_\_ 5.4 Push the vent fan override button in the service control panel for the ventilation fans and verify they turn on. Release it and they should turn off.
- \_\_\_ 5.5 Check that the value indicated by each of the three light sensors appears reasonable for the current ambient lighting conditions. Record below:
- a. **Note:** Light sensors utilize digital integrated circuits, which are calibrated at the integrated circuit factory, and do not require additional calibration.
- Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Sky conditions: \_\_\_\_\_
- Light sensor readings: 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 3: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 5.6 Check that the internal and ambient temperatures appear correct, and record below:
- Note:** Temp sensors utilize digital integrated circuits, which are calibrated at the integrated circuit factory, and do not require additional calibration.
- Ambient temperature (Temp Ambient), degrees F.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Internal temperature (TempSign1), degrees F.: \_\_\_\_\_
- If equipped: Internal temp #2 (TempSign2), degrees F.: \_\_\_\_\_
- If equipped: Internal temp #3 (TempSign3), degrees F.: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 5.7 Check that the humidity sensor is functioning, and record the reading below:
- a. Relative humidity: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 5.8 Parallel surge suppressor with remote reporting
- a. Display the "View Peripherals" screen on the controller, and check that the Surge Suppressor entry indicates "Pass"
- \_\_\_ 5.9 Check that all Power Supplies have the green indicator illuminated, except Power Supply(s) dedicated to fan operation.
- a. Check that each power supply indicates pass on the controller.

\_\_\_ 5.10 Run the following test patterns and verify they display properly on the sign.

- a. Alphabet
- b. Line Identification
- c. Module ID
- d. **Note: If testing at night do not run this test pattern.** Auto Test

\_\_\_ 5.11 Using Vanguard Software display a message that will not misdirect traffic and that has characters that butt up to the top, bottom, left, and right edges of the sign and verify that it displays correctly. This verifies proper message display capability for this sign size.

- a. Using a test message check visually that the dimming level of the display appears reasonable for the light conditions with automatic dimming set and record level. Dimming Level% \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 5.12 Set the time, date, and correct time zone.

\_\_\_ 5.13 Sign door signal switches.

Note: It may take up to 10 seconds after the door position is changed to indicate the change:

- a. Display the View Peripherals Menu on the controller. Open the doors and check that the controller indicates the doors are open. Close all sign doors, and check that the LCD indicates that the doors are closed.

\_\_\_ 5.14 **Note: If testing at night run the all on 100% test patterns.** Run the "All On 100% Burn" test pattern and leave the brightness set to 100%. Using a safe procedure, check and record the AC voltage from the sign breaker rail input lugs to neutral; it should measure between 105 and 125 VAC. Also, check the voltage from neutral to earth ground; it should measure less than 10 VAC. (This is a loaded test of the input voltage.) Record below.

- a. L1 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ L2 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral to earth ground: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 5.15 Perform a pixel test and verify that all pixels are reported as good.

\_\_\_ 5.16 **Note: If testing at night turn the fans on manually in the controller menu.** RPM Sensors with electronically controlled fans.

a. Display the "All On 100% Burn" test pattern in order to turn on the ventilation fans. Checks that all RPM sensors indicate "pass" on the sign controller; check that the same quantities of RPM sensors that exist in the sign are indicated on the sign controller.

b. Blank the sign to turn off the "All On 100% Burn" test pattern, and check that the fans turn off. Check that all RPM sensors indicate "pass".

\_\_\_ 5.17 Reinstall all enclosure covers.

\_\_\_ 5.18 Record the installed firmware version numbers (from the sign controller “Version Information” page), and the dimensions of the sign. (If the dimension of the sign doesn’t match the actual sign size, correctly configure the sign controller for this site.) Record the following information under the Site Information:

### **Final Details**

\_\_\_ 6.0 If equipped: Confirm that all sign and traffic cabinet thermostats are set properly.

\_\_\_ 6.1 Turn off sign interior lights.

\_\_\_ 6.2 Verify the sign is blank.

\_\_\_ 6.3 Verify that any test messages you created have been removed from the sign controller.

\_\_\_ 6.4 Record if main breaker is left on or off: On: \_\_\_ Off: \_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 6.5 Make sure the Site Information is filled out: serial numbers, site location, phone number, sign dimension, firmware versions, etc.



It is acknowledged that the following field test procedure has been completed for this site and the display is operational.

**Daktronics Technician**

_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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**Customer**

_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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**Transportation Quality Feedback form**

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Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_ Contract# \_\_\_\_\_

Display Type (i.e. VF2400\_27x105-66-A) \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Display \_\_\_\_\_

Display Serial # \_\_\_\_\_ nearest City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioning Date \_\_\_\_\_ Project Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Did you experience any issues or unplanned work during the commission of this display? **Yes/ No** (if no skip to additional comments/Punch list items)

Failed Part Description	Part Number	Part Serial #

**Describe the issues and or unplanned work**

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**Additional Comments/Punch list Items**

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FTP completed **Yes/ No**

Site Complete **Yes/ No** (if no documents punch list items above)