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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 and Ground resistance tester
- Laptop computer, with vanguard software
- Ethernet Cable
- Common hand tools
- Flash Drive/Memory Stick



## Traffic Cabinet Inspection

- \_\_\_1.0 Turn off the power to the traffic cabinet.
- \_\_\_1.1 Inspect the inside and outside of the traffic cabinet for damage and check for loose parts or connections. Also check that the nuts are installed on the anchor bolts (if ground-mounted traffic cabinet).
- \_\_\_1.2 Check that earth grounding wires are secured to earth ground rod from sign, traffic cabinet conduit grounding collars, traffic cabinet panel board, traffic cabinet case, and power source.
- \_\_\_1.3 Verify that ground wire and ground rods are connected properly per site riser.
- \_\_\_1.4 Remove the panel board cover. Check that the 2 hot wires, neutral, and earth ground wires from the 120/240 VAC power source are connected into the panel board main breaker terminals, neutral bus, and earth ground bus, respectively.
- \_\_\_1.5 Visually inspect the outside of the sign controller for damage, check that all necessary connectors are plugged into the outside of the sign controller, and check that the connector screws (if any) are tight.
- \_\_\_1.6 Inspect the modem panel or other communication interface panel for loose parts or wiring, and check that the wiring or fiber(s) for the communication system is terminated properly.
- \_\_\_1.7 Terminate communication from controller to sign.

## Traffic Cabinet Power Test

- \_\_\_2.0 Check that all traffic cabinet panel board circuit breakers are off, except for the "Panel board Surge Suppressor" breaker, which should be on. Apply power to the traffic cabinet only.
- \_\_\_2.1 Using a safe procedure, measure the AC voltage from the panel board main breaker 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 no-load test of the input voltage.) Record below.
  - a. L1 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ L2 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral to earth ground: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_2.2 Re-install the panel board cover.
- \_\_\_2.3 Check that all control equipment is plugged into the control equipment outlet strip.
- \_\_\_2.4 Check that the control equipment outlet strip is plugged into the surge-protected AC outlet labeled "For Control Equipment Outlet Strip Only".
- \_\_\_2.5 Check that all control equipment inside the traffic cabinet is switched off, and turn on the main circuit breaker and all circuit breakers in the traffic cabinet except for the **sign** breaker (if equipped).

\_\_\_2.6 Check that the traffic cabinet light(s) are on and that all AC outlets inside the traffic cabinet are live. **If equipped with two doors:** Close the door that is currently open and open the other door, and check that the traffic cabinet light(s) are on.

### **Sign Exterior Inspection**

\_\_\_3.0 Visually inspect the outside of the sign for damage.

\_\_\_3.1 Check that the front, bottom, and rear light sensors are unobstructed.

### **Power Connection Inspection**

\_\_\_4.0 Turn off the power to the sign, from outside the sign.

\_\_\_4.1 Remove the panel board cover. Check that the two hot wires, neutral, and earth ground wires from the 120/240 VAC power source are connected into the panel board main breaker terminals, neutral bus, and earth ground bus, respectively

\_\_\_4.2 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.

\_\_\_4.3 Check that all panel board circuit breakers are off, except for the "Panel board Surge Suppressor" breaker, which should be on. Apply power to the sign.

\_\_\_4.4 Using a safe procedure, measure the AC voltage from the panel board main breaker 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.) Record below.

L1 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ L2 to neutral: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral to earth ground: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_4.5 Re-install the panel board cover temporarily.

\_\_\_4.6 Terminate Communication cable to VCB.

\_\_\_4.7 Turn ON the circuit breaker for the cabinet lights. Open one door, and check that the cabinet light in that bay is ON. Repeat this step for each remaining door.

\_\_\_4.8 Open one sign door, push the button on the light switch, and check that the cabinet light turns OFF. Close the door. Repeat this step for one more door. (This tests that all switches are adjusted properly so that lights are OFF when all doors are closed.)

### **Sign Interior Inspection**

- \_\_\_5.0 Make sure the Site Information for the sign is filled out: sign serial number, sign model number, sign assembly number, etc.
- \_\_\_5.1 Inspect the inside of the sign for damage and signs of water intrusion. Check for loose parts, connections and wiring, inside of the sign including the inside of the power supply enclosure, and service control panel. Also, verify that the fiber-optic cables are connected to the proper location on the VCB (Vanguard control board).
- \_\_\_5.2 Open each door and verify that all mounting hardware is installed properly.
- \_\_\_5.3 Check that all conduits that enter the sign are sealed inside at the end that enters the sign.
- \_\_\_5.4 Resistance between circuit ground on the VCB and earth ground.
- Verify that power to the display is off.
  - Make sure cat5 cable isn't plugged in from controller to VCB when doing this test.
  - If equipped; remove P1 (the 4-pin connector) from all Mini CAN I/O board inside the display
  - Inside each power supply enclosure temporarily disconnect the green wire from back of display that is connected between TB1 and the back wall of the display.
  - Using a Multi-Meter Measure the resistance between from the end of the green wire connected to TB1 to the back wall of the display
  - Reading should be from 10K to 220K
  - Record Value \_\_\_\_\_
  - After test is complete reconnect green wire to the back of the sign and reconnect the cat5 cable.

### **Sign Power Test**

- \_\_\_6.0 Turn on all circuit breakers.
- \_\_\_6.1 Check all sign convenience outlets and control equipment outlets by using a multi-meter, each outlet should measure between 105 and 125 VAC.

### **Functional Test**

- \_\_\_7.0 Turn on the sign controller power switch, check that the power indicator LED is on.
- \_\_\_7.1 Verify that DS1 and DS2 LED lights illuminating white. This is verifying signal is good for fiber ports A and B.
- \_\_\_7.2 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 if necessary

\_\_\_7.3 **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”.

\_\_\_7.4 Push the button in the service control panel for the ventilation fans and verify they turn on. Release it and they should turn off.

\_\_\_7.5 Check that all power supplies are passing in the peripheral menu.

\_\_\_7.6 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_7.7 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.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_7.8 Check that the humidity sensor is functioning, and record the reading below:

a. Relative humidity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_7.9 Parallel surge suppressor with remote reporting: Display the “View Peripherals” screen on the LCD, and check that the Surge Suppressor entry indicates “Pass”.

\_\_\_7.10 **Note: If testing at night turn the fans on manually in controller menu.** Airflow 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 “Airflow Sensors” indicate “pass” on the sign controller; check that the same quantities of airflow 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 airflow sensors indicate “pass”.



- \_\_\_7.11 **Note: If testing at night turn the fans on manually in controller menu.** RPM Sensors with electronically controlled fans.
- a. Display the “All On 100% Burn” test pattern to turn on the ventilation fans. Checks that all RPM sensors report values other than 0 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”
- \_\_\_7.12 **Note: If testing at night do the all on 10% test patterns.** Display the “All On 100%” test pattern and check that it is displaying. Turn off one power supply. Check in the “View Peripherals” screen that all power supplies (isolation boards) that are on indicate 24.1 to 25.2 VDC. Repeat the above step for each remaining power supply. Turn on all power supplies.
- \_\_\_7.13 Run the following test patterns and verify that all the test patterns display properly.
- a. Alphabet
  - b. Line ID
  - c. Module ID
  - d. **Note if testing at night don’t do this test pattern.** Auto Test Patterns
- \_\_\_7.14 Set to “Normal Mode” to exit the test pattern mode.
- \_\_\_7.15 Sign door signal switches: Display the View Peripherals Menu on the LCD. Close all sign doors, and check that the LCD indicates that the doors are closed.
- Note:** It may take up to 10 seconds after the door position is changed to indicate the change
- \_\_\_7.16 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 the level. Dimming Level%\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_7.17 Set the time, date, and correct time zone.
- \_\_\_7.18 **If equipped with Beacons or Strobes:** Display any message that includes beacons and verify that all beacons or strobe flash while the message is displayed. Then blank the sign and check that the beacons or strobe and message turned off.

\_\_\_7.19 **Note: If testing at night run the all on 10% 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 panel board main breaker 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_7.20 Perform a pixel test and verify that all pixels are reported as good.

\_\_\_7.21 Cabinet heaters.

a. Set the thermostat on each cabinet heater to its highest setting. Display the “All On 100% Burn” test pattern in order to turn on the cabinet heaters and check that the 3 fans and heaters in each of the cabinet heaters are functioning.

b. Turn the thermostat on the cabinet heaters down below the ambient temperature; check that the fans turn off. Then set the thermostat to its highest setting for the cabinet heaters to turn back on.

c. Blank the sign to turn off the “All On 100% Burn” test pattern, and check that all cabinet heaters are off.

d. Turn on the cabinet heater timer for each cabinet heater, and check that the cabinet heaters turn on.

e. Set all the thermostats on the cabinet heaters to 70° F.

\_\_\_7.22 Traffic cabinet door detection switches. **Note:** Operate the doors, not just the switches, to be sure that the switches adjustments are correct. It may take up to 10 seconds after the door position is changed to indicate the change. Some traffic cabinets have only one door:

a. Display the View Peripheral Menu on the LCD. Close both traffic cabinet doors for 15 seconds and then open the door, and quickly check that the LCD indicates that the doors are closed.

b. With the door currently open, wait 15 seconds for the controller to update, and then check that the LCD indicates that the door is open.

c. Open the other door and wait 15 seconds for the controller to update, then check

d. That the LCD indicates that the door is open.

\_\_\_7.23 Reinstall all enclosure covers.



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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)