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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This manual is intended as a guide for maintenance and repairs considered field serviceable.

This field service manual supplies technical information for service and technical personnel so that they can maintain the equipment at the assembly but not the component level.

1.2 Related documentation

Technical documentation can be found at Adaptive's web site (http://www.adaptivedisplays.com):

Table 1: Related documentation

Part #	Title	Description	
TechMemo #05-0005	Preventing Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Damage	Describes the precautions to take to protect electronic components from ESD damage.	
15015002DR	Reference Wiring Diagram	Electrical wiring diagram.	

1.3 Safety information

1.3.1 Equipment symbols



Chassis ground

1.3.2 Warnings and cautions



Other warnings and cautions are posted in appropriate location throughout this manual.

1.3.3 Battery backup

In the event of a power loss, two lithium and one, sealed lead-acid batteries provide power to the sign's two controller boards and ground controller.

NOTE: The backup batteries only provide enough power to operate the sign's controllers, not the sign's LED displays.

1.3.3.1 3V lithium backup batteries

One 3V lithium battery is located on each of the sign's two controller boards



3V lithium battery _____ (Panasonic CR2032 or equivalent).



AWARNING

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

2.0 Equipment description

2.1 General description

- Serviceability: Walk in.
- Display size: 28 LED pixel rows x 105 LED pixel columns (see Figure 1).
- Character height: 18 inches, nominal (see Figure 1).
- Character width: 9 inches, nominal (see Figure 1).



Figure 1: Display size

• Pitch (distance between each LED pixel): 2.6 inches:



Figure 2: LED pitch

2.2 Outside views



2.3 Inside view

2.3.1 General inside view



2.3.2 Controllers





C	Terminal block #1	43201044	RS422 transmit/receive connection between Controller #1 and the ground controller.
D	Surge protector	30350019	Protects the RS422 transmit/receive connection from a peak surge current of 10kA. There are two surge protectors: one in the sign and the other in the sign controller cabinet: FIELD SIDE Unprotected Pair 2 $\{ \begin{array}{c} 9\\7\\7\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\$
E	Terminal block #1	43201054	Provide wiring for status signals such as power fail signals for power supplies, fan monitoring, door switch, and
F	Terminal block #2	43201054	DC power for the controller assembly.

	J I H G F E		
ltem	PCB label	Name	Description
A	JP7 to JP11		
В	J6	RS485 Port 1	 Controller #1 — connects to LED displays. Controller #2 — connects to light sensors.
C	J5 A/INPUT	Analog inputs	 Controller #1 — connects to humidity sensor. Controller #2 — not used.
D			
	J4 D/INPUT	Digital inputs	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals.
E	J4 D/INPUT P1	Digital inputs RS232 port	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used.
F	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers.
E F G	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1 JMP2 to JMP6	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR.
E F G H	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1 JMP2 to JMP6 J3	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches RS422 port	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Used to interface both controllers to the ground controller.
F G H	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1 JMP2 to JMP6 J3 J2	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches RS422 port Digital outputs	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Used to interface both controllers to the ground controller. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR.
E F G H J	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1 JMP2 to JMP6 J3 J2 JMP1	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches RS422 port Digital outputs	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Used to interface both controllers to the ground controller. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Set differently for Controller #1 and Controller #2.
E F G H J K	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1 JMP2 to JMP6 J3 J2 JMP1 J1	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches RS422 port Digital outputs Power connector	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Used to interface both controllers to the ground controller. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Set differently for Controller #1 and Controller #2. Set to DC.
E F H I J K L	J4 D/INPUT P1 S1 JMP2 to JMP6 J3 J2 JMP1 J1 P4	Digital inputs RS232 port DIP switches RS422 port Digital outputs Power connector RS232 port	 Controller #1 — connects to door switch, power supply fail signals, and Relay 3 (fans). Controller #2 — connects to power supply fail signals. Not used. Controller #1 (DIP switch #1 on for Controller #1). Controller #2 (DIP switch #2 on for Controller #2). Both controllers. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Used to interface both controllers to the ground controller. Set per wiring diagram 15015002DR. Set differently for Controller #1 and Controller #2. Set to DC. Not used.

Table 2: Sign controllers

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			• LED1:	
				Controller #1 = Heartbeat.
				Controller #2 = Heartbeat.
				Controller #3 (Ground Controller) = Heartbeat.
			• LED2:	
				Controller #1 = Communications from Controller #3 J3.
				Controller #2 = Communications from Controller #3 J3.
N				Controller #3 (Ground Controller) = Communications from Central/Local port P1 and P2.
N	LEDT to LED4 Diagnostic LEDS	• LED3:		
				Controller #1 = No use.
				Controller #2 = No use.
				Controller #3 (Ground Controller) = Flashes when responses come from sign controller on J6.
			• LED4:	
				Controller #1 = Flashes when transmitting out of J6 LED display board.
				Controller #2 = Flashes when transmitting out of J6 light sensor.
				Controller #3 (Ground Controller) = Flashes when transmitting goes to sign controllers on J6.
0	J5	Programming port		
Ρ	J4	Ethernet port		
Q	S2 RESET	Controller reset switch	Used to do	a soft reset on the controller.
R	P3		Not used.	
S	P2		Not used.	

2.3.2.2 Ground controller (Controller #3) panel





2.3.3 Sign power panels

There are 6 power panels in the sign (see "2.3.1 General inside view" on page 9). Each panel contains two, Meanwell PSP-500-12 12VDC output power supplies.





2.3.4 LED driver board

There are 84 LED driver boards in a sign. Each board is 5 x 7 pixels, and each pixel is composed of 8 LED lamps.



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3.0 Maintenance

3.1 Physical Inspection

3.1.1 Exterior inspection

- Check for any physical damage to the exterior of the sign.
- Check for any physical damage to the interior of the sign.
- Check for loose nuts, bolts, hinges, doors, etc. on the sign.
- Check the electronics for foreign debris and general cleanliness.
- Check the interior of the sign for foreign debris and general cleanliness.
- Check the exterior of the sign for general cleanliness.
- Check the LEDs of the sign for general cleanliness and visibility.

3.1.2 Interior inspection

- Check for any obvious physical damage to the interior.
- Check for loose nuts, bolts, hinges, doors, and so on.
- Check the electronics for foreign debris and general cleanliness.
- Make sure the sign's drain holes are not plugged.

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4.0 Troubleshooting

This chapter contains the LED Variable Message Sign (VMS) Trouble Shooting and a general explanation of how each problem can be isolated through a step by step direction.

4.1 Introduction

Due to the complexity of the electronic equipment, it is impossible to describe every possible malfunction that could occur. The intent of this section is to follow a path from the beginning to the end of each system so that a general understanding of the operating system is established. When the sign is not functioning properly, these procedures should help you access the electronics and isolate the defective component(s) in the sign. The defective components may then be removed and replaced with a known good component. The topics discussed and most common problems that you might experience are listed below.

If none of the procedures suggested in this chapter produce a satisfactory solution, you may contact the Adaptive Micro Systems Service Department at 414-357-2020 during normal business hours.

4.2 Tools required for Troubleshooting and repair

In all cases of troubleshooting and repair some tools are required to perform these tasks. The following is a list of common test equipment and tools required to test, remove and replace a defective PCB and/or piece of hardware:

- DMM (Digital Multi Meter)
- 1/8" slotted screwdriver
- 3/16" slotted screwdriver
- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- #3 Phillips screwdriver
- 3/16" nutdriver
- 1/4" nutdriver
- 3/8" nutdriver
- 7/16" nutdriver
- 6" or 8" slip joint pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire strippers (multi gauge)

Access to the electronics and operating system is required to perform the procedures listed herein. Make sure that you have all codes, keys, combinations, and special entry tools.

4.3 Common problems

4.3.1 Inoperative AC power

Most common problems to the AC side are as following:

- Cable connection not properly secured or came off
- Bad power supply
- Circuit Breaker tripped
- Corroded terminals
- Blown Lighting Arrestor (TVS)

When following these step-by-step procedures, continue going down the numbered list until the problem has been identified and isolated. While troubleshooting the system, make sure that all cables are properly connected and making positive contact (in some cases loose cables are the cause of the problem).

- Verify AC power to the power panel providing power to the sign controllers.
- Verify AC power to the power supply providing power to the ground controller.
- In the load center, verify that AC power is applied to the power supply boxes across breakers.
- In the power supply panels, verify that AC power is applied to all the power supplies, across input terminals. See "2.3.3 Sign power panels" on page 16 for power supply panel view and measure across TB1 and TB2 to verify AC voltage is present.

Observe safety practices because this is HIGH VOLTAGE that you are measuring and could result in serious injury.

• If satisfactory results from each AC power test points have been achieved, continue to the next section. If during the testing a problem is found, repair or replace the component.

4.3.2 Inoperative DC power

The most common problems to the DC side are the following:

- Cable connection not properly secured.
- Cable connection came off.
- Bad power supply.
- Defective printed circuit board.
- Corroded terminals.

When following these step-by-step procedures, continue going down the numbered list until the problem has been identified and isolated. While troubleshooting the system, make sure that all cables are properly connected and making positive contact (in some cases loose cables are the cause of the problem).

- The DC power is checked after the AC power side has been verified.
- In the power supply panels, verify that the 12VDC power is present at the +V and -V, terminals TB3, and TB4. Orange is V+ and Violet is V-.

- In the LED driver board, verify that DC power is present on the LED driver board. Check LED indicator LD1 (labeled *POWER*). If it is lit, then power is supplied to the board. Also check the power connector for 12VDC. Orange is V+ and Violet is V-.
- Light sensor/temperature sensor board LS0-2. Check +12VDC (pin 11) and GND (pin 9) on the boards.
- In most cases when the sign is inoperative, the problem is with a piece of hardware that causes the sign to blank or prevents data from getting to the sign. If a problem is found during the testing, repair or replace the component.

4.3.3 Nonfunctional brightness control nonfunctional sign

- If one or more photocell sensors are nonfunctional, the sign will still operate. The sign will dim according to ambient light levels unless all three are non-functional.
- Check all connections to and from the photocell sensor board and make sure the cables are connections are ok. Check for 12VDC power at the photocell.
- Check software to make sure the sign is not in a "blank" mode.
- Check the address switch on the photocell and the configuration JUMPERS (J6-JMP7-11) on the controller board.
- Verify light sensors are addressed properly.
- Verify COM LED indicator is flashing on each light sensor.
- To verify each light sensor is working, first make sure that sign is in photocell mode first using Intelligent Control. Then check each sensor separately:
 - □ Front light sensor verification:
 - Cover the back and top light sensors.
 - Using Intelligent Control, check the Status screen to see if a photocell reading is present. If above 2 out of 15, cover the front photocell. The value should decrease to 1. If all is as described, go to top light sensor verification.
 - If the value is less than 2 out of 15, shine a floodlight on photocell to saturate the light sensor.
 The value should change within 30 seconds. If status of the light value increases, continue to top light sensor verification. If status does not increase, then replace the light sensor board.
 - **D** Top light sensor verification:
 - Cover the front and back light sensors.
 - Using Intelligent Control, check the Status screen to see if a photocell reading is present. If above 2 out of 15, cover the top photocell. The value should decrease to 1. If all is as described, go to back light sensor verification.
 - If the value is below 2 out of 15, shine a floodlight on photocell to saturate the light sensor. The value should change within 30 seconds. If status of the light value increases, continue to back light sensor verification. If status does not increase, then replace the light sensor board.
 - □ Back light sensor verification:
 - Cover the top and back light sensors.

- Using Intelligent Control, check the Status screen to see if a photocell reading is present. If above 2 out of 15, cover the back photocell. The value should decrease to 1. If all is as described, all light sensors are working properly.
- If the value is below 2 out of 15, shine a floodlight on photocell to saturate the light sensor. The value should change within 30 seconds. If status of the light value increases, then all light sensors are working. If value doe not increase, then replace the pcb assembly.
- Remove and replace the board.

4.3.4 Nonfunctional single LED(s) functional sign

• Remove and replace the LED driver board containing the bad LED(s).

4.3.5 Nonfunctional single pixel(s) functional sign

- In Intelligent Control, run the Pixel Test to locate where the bad pixel is located.
- Remove and replace the LED driver board containing the bad pixel(s).

4.3.6 Nonfunctional pixels on entire display board(s) functional sign

- In Intelligent Control, run the Pixel Test to locate where the bad pixel(s) is/are located.
- Verify that the DC power supplies are not defective and tests for presence of voltage.
- If the test indicates a bad set of power supplies, remove and replace the power supply supplying power to the display boards. If the voltage at the LED driver board is less than 10.5VDC, this may show pixel failures for the pixel diagnostics.
- If power supplies are OK, remove and replace the LED driver board containing the bad pixel(s).

5.0 Part replacement

5.1 List of field-replaceable parts

Part name	Page
Sign controllers	page 26
Power supplies	page 29
LED driver board	page 32
Light sensor	page 35

Table 3: Field-replaceable parts

5.2 Controlling electrostatic discharge (ESD)



This equipment contains components that may be damaged by "static electricity", or electrostatic discharge. To prevent this from happening, be sure to follow the guidelines in Adaptive TechMemo 00-0005, "*Guidelines for Controlling Electrostatic Discharge Damage*", available at Adaptive's web site at http://www.adaptivedisplays.com.

5.3 Sign controller board replacement

1. Turn all sign breakers to the OFF position, except the breaker for the sign lights. See "NOTE: Both power supplies may not turn on at the same time if there is not enough display load." on page 16.



2. Loosen, but do not remove, the screws (circled below) on the protective cover over the controller plate. Then remove the cover:



View is representative of field installation.

3. Locate the controller board (either Controller #1 or #2) to be replaced. See Table 3 on page 27.

4. Set the DIP switches on the *replacement* controller board so they match the DIP switch settings on the board to be replaced:



Figure 3: Sign controller boards.

View is representative of field installation.

5. Disconnect all cables from the controller board to be replaced.

6. Remove the four screws (circled below) that hold the controller board to the sign:



- 7. Fasten the new controller board to the sign. Then reconnect all the cables to the new board.
- 8. Reattach the protective cover over the controller plate.
- 9. Close the sign and apply power to the sign.

5.4 Power supply replacement

Two types of power supplies are used:

- Meanwell PSP-500-12 (see "5.4.1 Sign power supplies" on page 29) This 12VDC output power supply is used *inside* the sign.
- Meanwell SP-200-12 ("5.4.2 Ground controller power supply" on page 31) This is the 12VDC output power supply used *on the ground controller plate*.

5.4.1 Sign power supplies

1. Turn all sign breakers to the OFF position, except the breaker for the sign lights.



2. Loosen, but do not remove, the screws (circled below) on the protective cover over the power panel. Then remove the cover:



View is representative of field installation.

3. Remove all wires from the power supply to be replaced:

DC connections:

- □ V+ (orange-colored wire)
- □ V- (violet-colored wire)
- Gignal harness

AC connections:

- □ Hot (black wire)
- □ Neutral (white wire)
- Ground (green wire)
- 4. Remove the four screws (circled below) that hold the power supply to the power panel:



- **5.** Fasten the new power supply to the power panel. Then reconnect all the wires to the new power supply.
- 6. Reattach the protective cover to the power panel.
- 7. Close the sign and then apply power to the sign.

5.4.2 Ground controller power supply

1. Remove power from the ground control panel.



2. Remove all wires from the power supply:



3. Loosen, but do not remove, the 4 screws that hold the power supply to the ground controller plate. Then remove the power supply:



- 4. Fasten the new power supply to the plate. Then reconnect all the wires to the new power supply.
- 5. Close the sign and then apply power to the sign.

5.5 LED driver board replacement

- NOTE: To match the color and intensity of the sign's LEDs, you may need to determine the BIN letter of the LED driver board to be replaced (see "2.3.4 LED driver board" on page 17).
- **1.** Turn all sign breakers to the OFF position, except the breaker for the sign lights.



- **2.** Locate the LED driver board to be replaced.
- 3. In the following order, remove these cables from the back of the LED driver boards:
 - □ Power cable
 - □ Communications cable and address wire harness



4. Turn the 4 release latches (circled) counterclockwise and lift the display panel housing with the handles to remove the housing from the front face mounting structure.



5. Remove the 4 screws from the front and back of the display panel housing. Carefully lift the back of the display panel housing off the housing. WARNING: Do not allow the back panel flange to come in contact with driver boards or display panels when removing back of housing. Improper removal will result in damage to the boards and/or panels.



6. Loosen the screw that holds the LED driver board to the sign. Slide the board up to remove the board.



- 7. Slide the new LED driver board in place. Make sure the board is fully seated and tighten down the screw.
- Carefully slide the back of the display panel housing in place and tighten the front and back screws.
 WARNING: Do not allow the back panel flange to come in contact with driver boards or display panels when mounting back of housing. Improper mounting will result in damage to the boards and/ or panels.



- **9.** Using the handles, return the display panel housing to the front face mounting structure. Turn the latches clockwise until tight. Do not overtighten.
- **10.** Pull on handles to verify assembly is fully seated in mounting structure.
- **11.** Reconnect all cables to the LED driver boards.
- **12.** Apply power to the sign and verify function.

5.6 Light sensor replacement

1. Turn all sign breakers to the OFF position, except the breaker for the sign lights.



2. Remove the 12 screws at the base of the light sensor globe. Remove the attachment bracket and globe to access the light sensor boards.



3. Locate the light sensor board to be replaced.

4. Set the address switch on the *replacement* light sensor board to the setting on the board that will be replaced.



Figure 4: Light sensor Representative view

5. Use a small, flat blade screwdriver to remove the wire connector from the light sensor that is being replaced. Then remove the four nuts (circled below) that hold the board to the base of the light sensor.



- 6. Attach the replacement light sensor board and screw down the wire connector.
- 7. Reattach the attachment bracket and globe to the base with the 12 screws (see figure in Step 2).