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# DETECT, LOCATE AND ISOLATE IN LESS THAN 4 SECONDS... WE BROADCAST



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# Operation

Automatically opens circuit when the DC-voltage carrier drops below threshold on loop. Fault Isolator Modules (FIM) should be spaced between groups of loudspeakers (maximum 25, please refer to your national standards organisation for detailed information) in a loop to protect the rest of the loop. If an open or a short occurs between any two isolators, than both isolators immediately switch to an open circuit state and isolate the faulty group of loudspeakers between them. The remaining isolators, the T-branch loudspeakers of the affected FIM's and the loudspeakers on the loop remain fully operational. During fault status, the Loopdrive Booster, LDB, is feeding both loop-branches simultaneously and the fault is indicated by the status LED's on both FIM's and LDB's.

(Optional: Detailed information is provided via dedicated PC application over RS485 from the LDB)

> ALTERNATIVE STYLE LOOPS: The FIM is used at it's T-Branch to feed a single loudspeaker or a group of loudspeakers to limit the on-going effect to the devices on the main loop.



NOTE: The maximum number of loudspeakers between FIM's is not limited within the maximum LOOP-load of 800W, however, National standards may limit the amount of loudspeakers between Isolators.

The LED indicator(s) on the FIM and LDB are flashing with intervals to indicate the error. The FIM restores the faulty partition of the Loop-branch-lines to normal condition when the short or open circuit condition is removed and a general reset command is given by pressing the RESET button on the corresponding LDB.

The FIM is equipped with a power capacitor that is charged by the LDB and has enough capacity to run at least two measurement cycles without the need for re-charging.

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#### Fault Isolator Module FIM

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The Fault Isolator Module (FIM) is the successor in our range of loudspeaker loop-isolator devices that are using our patent technology to deliver a higher level of availability of evacuation loudspeaker lines that are installed according to the return-loop principle.

A loudspeaker failure in a faulty section between any two FIM's in the loop is automatically detected and isolated in order to ensure maximum availability of the remaining loudspeakers on that same loop. The FIM protects the loop integrity against any open and wire-to-wire short circuits.

# Features and benefits

### General

#### - FN54-17 certified

- At least two measurement cycles without the need for re-charging; - Patent Redundant loop Technology using sophisticated Field Isolator Modules - FIM - and central Loop-Drive-Boosters - LDB;
- Considerable cost savings in cabling and installation because in most cases fire-retardant cabling and installation (E-XX) is not needed and/or
- speaker loops can be extended with preservation of the systems integrity; - Isolates and reinstalls the loop maximum functionality within 4
- seconds after detection of a fault; - Using ordinary 2-wire loudspeaker cabling. (Ground wire connection is
- available depending on national standards requirements);
- Higher level of system availability for VACIE applications;
- Works with all commercial 100 Volt loudspeaker with DC-blocking capacitor and VACIE systems;

## Operational

- Service mode for live FIM installation and testing;
- FIM-Tracking mode for exact fault locating;
- GUI PC-interface with enhanced monitoring fields.

## Electrical

- Protection against cable short, wire-to-wire, and cable open:
- Protection against EARTH leakage to ground and EARTH loop fault;
- Maximum of up to 200 FIM's on a single LDB;
- Maximum of 255 LDB's in one system;
- Maximum of 32 LDB's sharing a single DIN-rail;
- Maximum audio ring-load: 100 V(RMS)/800 Watt (Audio).

## Mechanical

- Cost saving WAGO push-terminal installation connectors on FIM;
- Maximum cable core diameter of installation cable: 2 x 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup>:
- Maximum loop length: 1000 m.





The Loopdrive originally designed housing in combination with colored WAGO push-terminals are a guarantee for a fast and correct installation of the device. The transparent cover enhances the emitting light signals from the onboard status indicators of the FIM. Fault indications can be easily identified during installation.

An external General Fault indicator output can drive a remote indicator where visual status feedback of the FIM is requested.

The WAGO push terminals used on the FIM accept from 0,8 to 2,5 mm2 core installation cable. A simple but effective tie-wrap quickly secures the cable onto the loopdrive housing.

An additional adapter can be ordered to the unit that increase the IP - rating from IP21 to IP33 by adding compression glands that take up 8 to 13 mm sized installation cable.

Complementary 20 mm gland allows for quick and easy installation onto the firedome of the loudspeaker using one of the existing cable gland entries of the loudspeaker. (See installation guide below).





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The additional adapter comes with fitting screws and three compression-glands and can be ordered seperately.

# No extra cable ! No extra junction box !





The T-branch output of the FIM interfaces directly with the input of the single loudspeaker through the fixing-hole of the Loopdrive housing and the compression gland.



# FIM-VC+V60 - Loopdrive Volumecontroller

The FIM is equipped with WAGO push-terminals that accept up to 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup> core installation cable. A Tie-wrap quickly fixates the cable to the loopdrive housing.

Playing backgroundmusic is a necessity for i.e. shopping-malls, restaurants, hotels and fashion stores. But you might not want to have the same level everywhere in the building.

WAGO push-terminals

Loopdrive FIM-VC provides you with local volumecontrol of the backgroundmusic in combination with paging-override using existing 2-wire infrastructure.

The FIM-VC can handle up to 50Watt of loudspeaker load on its T-branch and provides 8-step volume control plus an AUXILAIRY input for a local audio source. Ideal for shops where they like to select from in-house entertaining feed to their own in-store music player. In case of an emergency, the FIM-VC will automatically override the in-store music player and broadcast the emergency messages coming form the inhouse voice-evacuation system.

The FIM-VC follows the Loopdrive concept and acts as an isolator in cause of cable short and/or cable open faults. The override function is triggered by the additional 20kHz carrier that is mixed with the paging/emergency broadcast.

#### Main benefits:

- \* Emergency paging and BGM over a 2-wire system
- \* No need for any additional 24VDC override cable
- \* Local volumecontrole and local music entry (AUX)
- \* Quick and simple to install.

#### Technical data:

- \* Trigger threshold: 7.5Vrms (20kHz)
- \* Inrush period for override: 0.3sec
- \* Fade-out period after override: 1.0sec.

#### FIM-VC contains:

\* 1 x single gang flushmount Volume controller V60 (60W). \* 1x surfacemount FIM-VC controller.









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Single-gang flushmount box (optional)

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Main operating window

**SNIFFER** is a comprehensive Graphical User Interface (GUI) that let you automate the commissioning and installation of a Loopdrive system with up to 256 LDB-units over a single RS485 connection.

Sniffer is not only visualizing the various commissioning procedures but also provide streamlined methods for fault-finding and device allocating without the direct need for a digital communication protocol over the 2-wire audio line's. It fulfills the user's needs and expectations by far.

# Settings and commands that are available from the various menu's are:

- FIM reset
- LDB reset

#### Basic settings like:

- General Fault Contact status
- Audio mute
- Earth-loop detection

## And special service functions such as:

- Service mode
- Audio output switching
- FIM Tracking mode



Loopdrive. With a click on the button the system is instructed to activate the FIM's in sequential order, tracking the number of FIM's on both the PRIMARY (send) and SECUNDARY (return) line during first commissioning by measuring, registering and counting the inrush current.

**Tracking-mode** will generate a notifying signal when the loop is successfully closed and ready for operation. The total amount of FIM's that were Tracked are shown in the information fields and stored with the corresponding LDB for later verification.

In case a faulty section in the line is detected during Tracking-mode operation, the operator is notified and the exact location of the faulty section is listed by the number of the last successful initialized FIM on either Primary or Secondary side of the loop.

Sniffer app detects single and multiple twisting in cabling, providing the correct signal phase along entire loop.

Timestamp	Mode	Loop	Primary Port (V)	Primary Port (mA)	Secondary Port (V)	Secondary Port (mA)	Earth	^
2014-11-10: 08:23:50	Quiescent	Ok	29 V	4 mA	29 V	0 mA	Ok	
2014-11-10: 08:23:51	Quiescent	Ok	29 V	4 mA	29 V	0 mA	Ok	
2014-11-10: 08:23:52	Quiescent	Ok	29 V	4 mA	29 V	0 mA	Ok	
2014-11-10: 08:23:53	Quiescent	Ok	29 V	4 mA	29 V	0 mA	Ok	
2014-11-10: 08:23:54	Service mode	Ok	29 V	4 mA	12 V	0 mA	Ok	11
2014-11-10: 08:23:55	Service mode	Ok	28 V	1 mA	26 V	0 mA	Ok	
2014-11-10: 08:23:56	Service mode	Ok	27 V	0 mA	26 V	0 mA	Ok	-

Log-file window

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# - Loop Drive Booster

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The Loop Drive Booster (LDB) is the heart of the Loopdrive system. This device drives up to 200 FIM's over a dual-core cable. A single LDB can pass 800 W of audio signal from an amplifier and injects at the same time DC to the loop for powering and managing FIM modules. One amplifier channel can be split into multiple LDB in parallel, creating multi-loop with individual surveillance for multi-zone paging applications.

The housing clicks on a DIN-rail that provides DC-power and accommodate for the RS485 data connection and General-Fault contact to a maximum of 32-LDB's on a single DIN-rail. Front buttons and indicators allow for quick access to the various functions and indications of the Loopdrive system.

# Specifications / Loop Drive Booster (LDB)

## Electrical

Electrical	
DC Power supply	18—36 VDC, nominal 24 VDC
DC Power consumption	
idle current (200 x FIM, full load)	100 mA continuous
max. power consumption	2.4 W
AMP input (100V audio)	
max. AC voltage max. AC current frequency range	max cont. 100 VRMS, 300 VPP max cont. 8 A 40 Hz ~ 20 kHz (-3dB)
LOOP output	
AC DC voltage DC current	same as AMP output 30 V max. cont. 130 mA
Wiring	2-wire: 0.8 - 2.5 mm² loop max. length 1 km
Grounding	Earth loop through third connection-pin
Loop relay contact rating	max. 250 VAC / 8 A (Dual-state type)
Maximum total loop load	800 W
Loudspeaker type	only with DC blocking capacitor
Maximum number of FIM connected, single loop	200
Short detection	Yes
Open detection	Yes
Ground leakage detection	Yes

# Functional

Interfacing	
Status indicators User buttons General Fault contact Serial data communication	3 x LED indicator Reset button + Service button Pin-to ground (programmable) RS-485
Maximum supply current, single DIN rail	8 A
Bus address range	00 — FF (0 — 255)
Audio recovery time	
Loop short Other faults	< 4 s O s (no audio interruption)

## Mechanical

Housing	Bopla CombiNorm-Connect
Protection rating	IP 30
Dimensions (WxHxD)	17,5 x 114,5 x 99 mm
Mounting	Quick-snap on DIN-rail, inside rack housing
Compliant standards	
Voice evacuation	EN 54-16 NEN 2575 NPR 2576
Safety	EN 60065
EMC immunity	EN 50130-4



## Ordering information



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# Electrical

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Electrical			
DC Power supply (powered via loop from LDB)	19 $\sim$ 30 VDC, nominal 30 VDC		
DC Power consumption			
idle current max. power consumption	100 µA continuous 20 mW		
LOOP connection			
DC AC Voltage AC Current AC Frequency range	30 V, max. cont. 130 mA max cont. 100 VRMS, 300 VPP max cont. 8 A 40 Hz ~ 20 kHz (-3dB)		
T-branch output			
DC AC maximum AC load	560 mV, max. 15 μΑ, cont. 1 μΑ same as LOOP 50 W		
Wiring	2-wire, max. 2.5 mm², loop max. length 1 km, outer cable diameter max. 13 mm		
Grounding	optional earth loop through third connection pin		
Loop relay contact rating	max. 250 VAC / 8 A (Dual-state type)		
Maximum total loop load	800 W		
Loudspeaker type	only with DC blocking capacitor		
Maximum number of FIM's, single loop	200		
Maximum number of loudspeakers			
between FIM's	Infinite within the maximum loop-load of 800W (National standard may limit the number of loudspeakers between FIM's)		
T-branch	Infinite within the maximum T-branch load of 50W (National standard may limit the number of loudspeakers)		
Short detection	Yes		
Open detection (only T-branch with EOL monitoring)	Yes		

#### **Functional** Interfacing Status indicators 2 x two-colour LED (orange/blue), 1 x output to optional external fault LED User buttons Reset + EOL detection switch Fault report Open relays Audio recovery time Loop short < 4 sOther faults 0 s (no audio interruption) Mechanical Housing PP plastic with transparent cover IP 21, IP 33 Protection rating Dimensions (WxHxD) 110 x 130 x 55 mm IP 21 housing IP 33 housing 110 x 180 x 55 mm Mounting Surface mounting, on-speaker mounting Connections LOOP / T-branch 3-way 5 mm WAGO push-in terminal block (L+,L-,GND) 0.8 - 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> Ext. LED 2-way 3.5 mm screw terminal block Compliant standards Short-circuit isolators EN 54-17 (0560-CPR-142190002) Voice evacuation NEN 2575 NPR 2576 Safety EN 60065 EMC EN 55103

# Ordering information



IP33, Adapter with 3 x Plug & Play socket



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