

# ***First Alert***<sup>®</sup>

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## **RADIO CONTROLLED WEATHER STATION ALARM CLOCK**



### **USER MANUAL SFA2650**

**PLEASE READ THIS USER MANUAL COMPLETELY BEFORE  
OPERATING THIS UNIT AND RETAIN IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When used in the directed manner, this unit has been designed and manufactured to ensure your personal safety. However, improper use can result in potential electrical shock or fire hazards. Please read all safety and operating instructions carefully before installation and use, and keep these instructions handy for future reference. Take special note of all warnings listed in these instructions and on the unit.

1. Read these instructions – All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the appliance is operated.
2. Keep these instructions – The safety and operating instructions should be kept for future reference.
3. Heed all warnings – All warnings on the appliance and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
4. Follow all instructions – All operation and use instructions should be followed.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water – The appliance should not be used near water; for example, near a bath tub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool.
6. Clean only with dry cloth – The appliance should be cleaned only as recommended by the manufacturer.
7. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
8. Only use attachments / accessories specified by the manufacturer.
9. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
10. This appliance shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing water and that no object filled with liquids such as vases shall be placed on the apparatus.
11. Power Sources – The appliance should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance. Do not overload wall outlet.
12. Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type.
13. Do not attempt to dismantle, open or repair this product yourself. If a fault occurs, seek advice from your local qualified service technician or contact the distributor via the telephone number at the back of this instruction manual.
14. Caution marking and nameplate are located on back of product.

## COMPLIANCE WITH FCC REGULATIONS

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

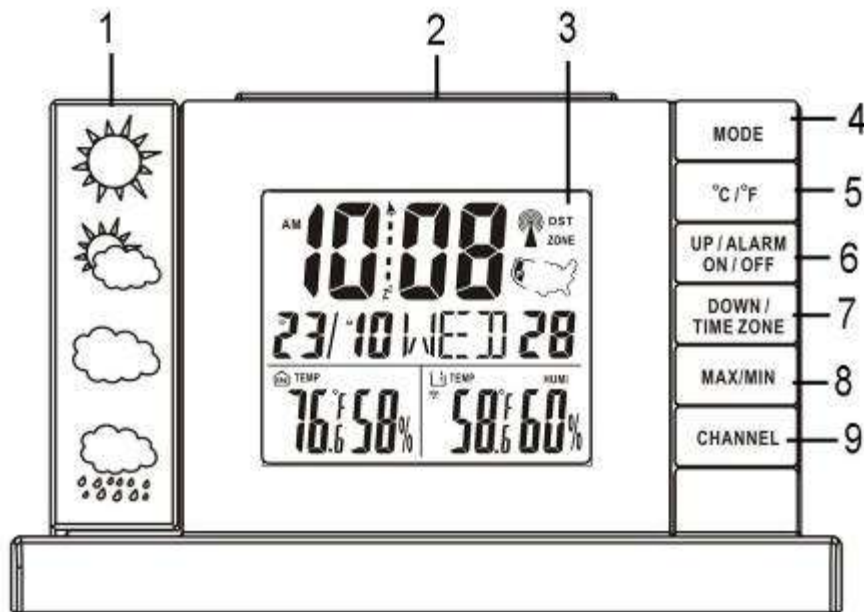
**CAUTION:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## SPECIAL NOTE

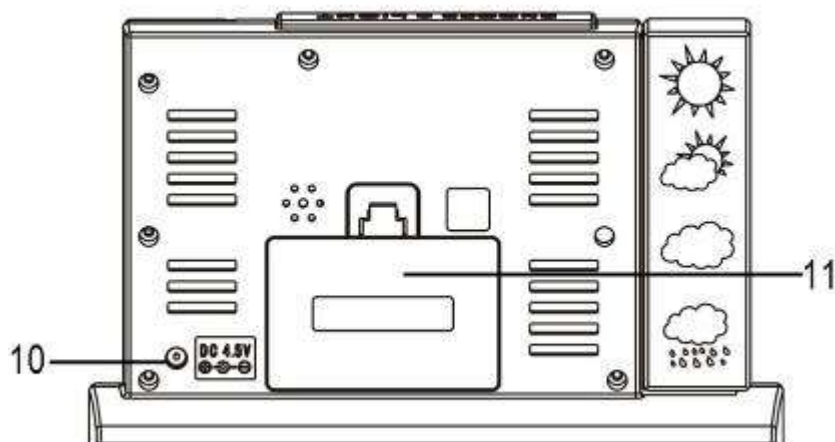
To prevent any scratching or damage to your furniture, we strongly recommend that you purchase small self-adhesive felt pads, available at hardware stores and home improvement centers everywhere, and apply these pads to the bottom of the unit before you place the product on any fine wooden furniture.

## LOCATION OF CONTROLS

### MAIN UNIT

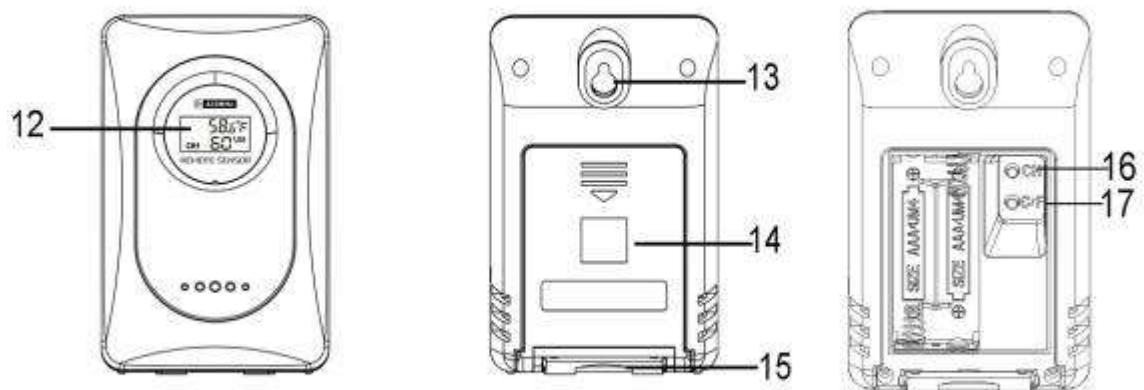


1. Weather Forecast Indicator
2. SNOOZE/LIGHT Button
3. Multi Function Display
4. Mode Button
5. Celsius (°C) / Fahrenheit (°F) selection button
6. Adjust UP/Alarm ON/OFF Button
7. Adjust DOWN/Time Zone Button
8. Maximum/Minimum Temperature/Humidity Record Button
9. Channel Selection Button



10. DC IN Jack
11. Main Unit Battery Compartment Door

## REMOTE SENSOR



12. Remote Sensor Display

13. Remote Sensor Wall Mount Hole

14. Remote Sensor Battery Compartment Cover

15. Folding Stand

16. Channel Selection Button (Inside Battery Compartment)

17. Celsius (°C) / Fahrenheit (°F) selection button (Inside Battery Compartment)

## DISPLAY



1. AM/PM Time Indicator
2. Clock Display
3. Alarm Indicator
4. RCC (Radio Controlled Clock) Indicator
5. RCC Reception Indicator
6. DST (Daylight Saving Time) Indicator
7. Time Zone Indicator
8. Day of the Week Display
9. Second Digits
10. Outdoor Humidity Meter
11. Outdoor Temperature Meter
12. Wireless Sensor receiving indicator
13. Indoor Humidity Meter
14. Indoor Temperature Meter
15. Date/Month
16. Date/Month Format
17. Snooze Indicator

## POWER SOURCE

This unit operates using the included AC-DC Adaptor or on 3 X AAA batteries (not included)

### AC POWER OPERATION

An AC-DC Adaptor with the output 4.5V DC 200mA (included) is required for operating the main unit in AC power mode.

- 1.) To connect the AC-DC Adaptor to the unit, firmly and securely insert the DC plug of the adaptor into the DC Jack located on the left hand side of the back of the unit.
- 2.) Plug the AC-DC Adaptor plug into a household AC outlet that supplies 120V AC ~ 60Hz.

Connecting this system to any other power source may cause damage to the system.

**NOTE:** When the AC-DC adaptor is connected to the DC Jack, the batteries are automatically disconnected.

### BATTERY OPERATION

1. Open the Battery Door on the back of the main unit.
2. Following the polarity (+ and -) diagrams shown inside the battery compartment, insert 3 'AAA' (UM-4) batteries (not included).

**Note:** For optimum performance, alkaline-type batteries are recommended.

3. Replace the Battery Door.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure that the batteries are installed correctly. Wrong polarity may damage the unit.

### **NOTE:**

When you first apply power (AC-DC Adaptor or Batteries) to the SFA2650, the clock display will default to 12 hour mode. The display will show 12:00 AM, and the U.S.

map will have the West coast highlighted for Pacific Time zone.

If the display is showing something different, or is not in 12 hour mode, please unplug the power adaptor and remove all the batteries from the main unit. Wait a minute or two, and reattach the AC-DC Power Adaptor and replace the Batteries.

## REMOTE SENSOR

1. Open the Battery Door on the back of the remote sensor.
2. Following the polarity (+ and -) diagrams shown inside the battery compartment, insert 2 'AAA' (UM-4) batteries (not included).

**Note:** For optimum performance, lithium type batteries are recommended.

3. Replace the Battery Door.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure that the batteries are installed correctly. Wrong polarity may damage the unit.

## BATTERY NOTE AND CARE

- Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced incorrectly. Replace only with the same or equivalent type.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- If the unit is not to be used for an extended period of time, remove the battery. Any old or leaking battery can cause damage to the unit and may void the warranty.
- Do not dispose of batteries in fire, batteries may explode or leak.
- Do not try to recharge batteries not intended to be recharged; they can overheat, rupture and leak(Follow battery manufacturer's directions).
- Only an adult should replace the batteries

## CLOCK AND CALENDAR SETTING

The time on this unit can be set manually or automatically when it's receiving the WWVB signal broadcasted by NIST radio station.

### AUTOMATIC TIME SETTING

#### **Radio Controlled Clock Receiving**

The unit will automatically enter the RCC (Radio Controlled Clock) receiving state after about 4 minutes once it's plugged in or reset.

To enter the RCC receiving mode immediately,

1. In clock display mode, press and hold the "DOWN/TIME ZONE" button for 2 seconds, or until the RCC receiving indicator (#4) appears flashing on the display. The unit will enter RCC receiving mode automatically every day.
2. Automatic RCC receiving will begin at the following times: 2:00 AM, 3:00 AM, 4:00 AM and 5:00 AM respectively. The unit begins receiving the RCC signal at 2:00 AM, if it fails to receive at this time, the unit will try to receive again at 3:00 AM automatically. If the reception is successful at 2:00 AM, it will not enter the RCC receiving mode any more until 2:00 AM the next day. If it fails again at 3:00 AM, the unit will try again two more

times, again at 4:00 AM and at 5:00 AM. If the unit fails to receive the RCC signal at 5:00 AM, it will not automatic enter the RCC receiving mode again until 2:00 AM on the following day. The RCC receiving period for this unit is around 7 minutes.

**NOTE:**

**Please check the following if you are having problems getting the clock to set automatically:**

- If you are using batteries, check them and replace if necessary.
- Try rotating the main unit 90 degrees or relocate it to another location opposite where you have it placed. The antennas are directional and you might be able to improve the signal strength by turning the antenna.
- Place the SFA2650 along a wall or near a window that faces the source of the broadcast (Fort Collins, Colorado).
- Relocate the clock at least 3-6 feet away from any computer monitors, which can cause interference (some monitors have a scan frequency at or near the WWVB carrier frequency of 60 kHz).
- If nothing else works, take the clock outdoors at night and power it down (remove the batteries and unplug it), then power it up again to force it to look for the WWVB signal. If the unit works outdoors but not indoors, you probably have a local interference problem inside your house or building.
- The shielding provided by a metal building might prevent the clock from working. For example, if you live in a mobile home or a house with steel siding, the clock might not work because the signals are being blocked.

**RCC reception icons**

1. When the unit enters RCC receiving status, the RCC indicator (tower-shaped icon) (#4) will flash on the display.
2. When unit is receiving the signal, the RCC indicator (#4) and the RCC receiving indicator (#5) will flash.
3. If RCC signal is too weak to be received, the RCC indicator (#4) keeps flashing but the RCC receiving indicator (#5) will not be displayed.
4. If the unit received the synchronization signal, the RCC indicator (#4) and the RCC receiving indicator (#5) will both be displayed solid and exit the receiving mode.
5. When the unit fails to receive the signals in a day, it will receive the signal again at 2:00 AM on next day. To exit the RCC receiving mode, press the "DOWN/TIME ZONE" button. The RCC indicator icon (#4) disappears from display.
6. During the receiving of the RCC signal, if the alarm sounds, it will exit RCC receiving mode first and change to alarm mode.
7. When received a DST signal, the DST indicator will appear on display.



8. The RCC indicator (#4) and RCC receiving indicator (#5) will turn off if you reset the time

## **MANUALLY SETTING THE TIME & CALENDAR**

If you are out of the broadcast reach of the RCC radio station or if the reception is not strong enough, the time can be set manually.

In clock display mode, tap the DOWN button repeatedly to select a Time Zone listed below.

Pacific Time ( **P** ) → Mountain Time ( **M** ) → Central Time ( **C** ) → Eastern Time ( **E** )

### **Setting 12/24 Hour Format**

1. Press and hold the MODE button for 2 seconds to enter into time setting, “12H” will appear and flash.
2. Press the UP/DOWN button to change clock setting display in 12 or 24 hour format.

### **Setting the Clock**

3. Press the MODE button to confirm, hour digits will flash to prompt for input.
4. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the hour value. Press and hold the buttons to speed up the forward or reverse scanning of the digits.
5. Note: Make sure the hour is set so that the AM or PM indicators are displayed correctly.
6. Press the MODE button after the hour is set, Minute digits flashing to prompt for input.
7. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the minute value. Press and hold the buttons to speed up the forward or reverse scanning of the digits.

### **Setting the Calendar**

8. Press the MODE button after the minute is set, Year digits flashing to prompt for input.
9. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the year.
10. Press the MODE button after the year is set, Month/Date format icons flashing to prompt for input.
11. Press the UP/DOWN button to change Month – Date or Date – Month display format.
12. Press the MODE button to confirm, month digits is flashing to prompt for input.
13. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the month value.
14. Press the MODE button to confirm, Date digits is flashing to prompt for input.
15. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the date value. Press and hold the buttons to speed up the forward or reverse scanning of the digits.
16. Press the MODE button to confirm, Language menu for Week date is flashing to prompt for input. Tap the UP/DOWN button to select the language you want in below sequence.

English (ENG) → German (GER) → French (FRE) → Italian (ITA) → Dutch (NET) → Spanish (ESP) → Danish (DAM)

### **Turning DST ON/OFF for RCC reception**

17. Press the MODE button to confirm, DST ON/OFF of radio controlled is flashing to prompt for input.

18. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to select ON or OFF. Select ON, you will receive day light saving time automatically. Select OFF, you will no receive day line saving time.
19. Press the MODE button to finish the set up.

**NOTE:** 1.) As soon as the RCC signal is received again, the clock will automatically synchronize with received time.


2.) DST ON/FF only available in RCC mode but no manually change the time.

3.) The unit will save your last change and exit automatically if no key is operated in 30 seconds.

4.) If the unit was reset, you need to set the clock again.

## ALARM SETTING

### Setting Alarm Time

1. Tap the MODE button twice to enter Alarm setting mode, the alarm indicator  appears on display.
2. Press and hold the MODE button for 3 seconds, Hour digits will flash.
3. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the hour value. Press and hold the buttons to speed up the forward or reverse scanning of the digits.
4. Note: Make sure the hour is set so that the AM or PM indicators are displayed correctly.
5. Press the MODE button after the hour is set, Minute digits flashing to prompt for input.
6. Tap the UP/DOWN button repeatedly to set the minute value. Press and hold the buttons to speed up the forward or reverse scanning of the digits.
7. Tap the MODE button to finish the setting or wait for few seconds to exit alarm setting mode.
8. Alarm will sound for 2 minutes when set time comes. Tap snooze button to enter SNOOZE mode during alarm sounding. Tap any button on front panel to turn off the alarm until next day.


### Turn the Alarm ON/OFF

In clock display mode, tap the MODE button twice to enter Alarm display mode.

In Alarm off mode, tap the ALARM ON/OFF button to turn on alarm, Alarm icon  appears in display.

In Alarm on mode tap the ALARM ON/OFF button to turn off the alarm, alarm icon disappears from display.

### SNOOZE

- When the alarm sounds, it can be temporarily stopped by pressing the SNOOZE/LIGHT button. "SNOOZE" indicator  appears in display and flash.
- The alarm will be delayed for 5 minutes and then come again.
- This manual snooze operation can be repeated again and again while alarm sounding.

## WEATHER STATION OPERATION

## **INDOOR WEATHER MEASUREMENT (MAIN UNIT)**

**NOTE:** 1.) The main unit display backlight will remain when using the AC power adaptor.  
2.) When using battery power, the backlight will be off to save battery power. Press the LIGHT/SNOOZE button once, and the backlight will turn on for 10 seconds. Pressing other buttons on the front panel will not turn on the backlight.

### **View the Time Zone**

In clock display mode, tap the TIME ZONE button repeatedly to view the time of different time zones.

### **Change the Temperature Display format**

In clock display mode, tap the °C /°F button on main unit to change temperature display format in degree Celsius (°C) or Fahrenheit (°F) mode.

**NOTE:** This setting is only applicable to the main unit display, but not the remote sensor.

### **Indoor Weather Measurement**

1. The indoor temperature and humidity is shown in the lower left hand corner of the main unit display.
2. Tap the MAX/MIN button to check the maximum & minimum temperature and humidity levels that have been recorded.
3. Press and hold the MAX/MIN button will erase the previously recorded data and start to record new data.

## **OUTDOOR WEATHER MEASUREMENT (REMOTE SENSOR)**

This unit includes a remote sensor to let you measure outdoor temperature and humidity up to 100 feet away from the main unit. The remote sensor can be used on table or mounted to the wall.

**NOTE:** Always place the remote sensor in a location protected from direct sunlight, rain, moisture, splashing and dripping liquids.

### **Using the Stand**

To use this unit on an outdoor ledge, unlock the folding stand from the bottom of the remote sensor and fold it back to form the stand.

### **Mounting the Remote Sensor On a Wall**

1. Use a flat head screw (not included) which is suitable to be hanger for the remote sensor.
2. Screw the flat head screw directly into a wall that you want to mount the sensor on, and tighten until the screw head is about 1/4" away from the wall.
3. Hang the remote sensor onto the screw head. Make sure it's securely attached.

### **Using the Remote Sensor**

1. Remove the rear battery compartment cover of the outdoor remote sensor, press the °C / °F button to select Fahrenheit (°F) for the temperature display.

**NOTE:** This setting is only applicable to the remote sensor display and will not affect the main unit.

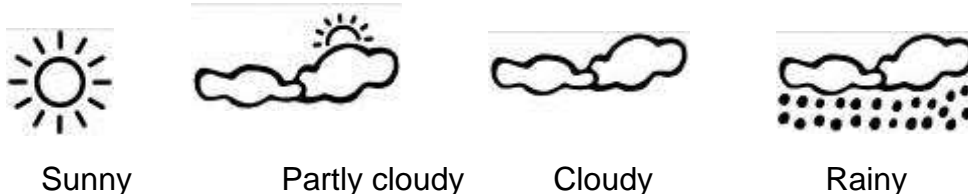
2. Press the channel selection button to set the same channel number with main unit, the channel number (1 - 3) shows in the LCD display.
3. Replace the battery compartment door.
4. The outdoor temperature on the main unit will display “- .-” and humidity will display “- -” until it picks up the signal from the remote sensor.
5. Press and hold the CHANNEL button on main unit for about 3 seconds, the wireless remote receiving icon starts flashing. The main unit starts communicating with the remote sensor.
6. When the main unit detects the remote sensor (after about 1 minute), it will start to display the temperature and humidity measured by the remote sensor.

**NOTE:** 1.) After first time set up or reset, if the main unit does not display outdoor temperature and humidity automatically within 5 minutes, press and hold the main unit CHANNEL button for more than 2 seconds to reset current channel information. If it still does not detect the remote sensor, reduce the distance between them or find another location for the sensor and/or main unit.

2.) Wireless distance may become shorter as the signal may be shielded by thick walls, steel, concrete, aluminum foil etc., or there maybe strong interference from other nearby operating electronic devices.

### **Weather Forecast Indicators**

Place the remote sensor in a natural ventilated area to get more accurate results. The four weather icons Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy and Rainy represent the estimated weather forecast over the next 6 hours.



**NOTE:** The forecast is calculated by changes in temperature and humidity and is indicative only. There is no guarantee of accuracy when using this unit for forecasting the actual weather. The calculation can be affected by many varying and local meteorological conditions. If there is any inconsistency of weather forecast between a local weather station and this unit, the local weather station's forecast should be followed.

### **Crystal Weather Forecast Indicator**

- When you power the unit on for the first time, the crystal weather forecast indicator will light up from Sunny to Rainy and then stop at the Partly cloudy position.
- The related weather forecast indicator lamp will light up upon the weather forecast after recording the remote sensor data over a 60 minute period.
- Press the SNOOZE/LIGHT button any time, the crystal weather indicator lamp lights

up and will cycle.

- The weather indicator lamp lights up from Sunny to Rainy, and will cycle every 5 minutes automatically.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

1. Do not subject the unit to excessive force, shock, dust or extreme temperature.
2. Do not tamper the internal components of the unit.
3. Clean your unit with a damp (never wet) cloth. Solvent or detergent should never be used.
4. Avoid leaving your unit in direct sunlight or in hot, humid or dusty places.
5. Keep your unit away from heating appliances and sources of electrical noise such as fluorescent lamps or motors.

**CAUTION:** Never allow any water or other liquids to get inside the unit while cleaning.

### Resetting the Unit

If the unit experiences a power surge or electric shock, it is possible that the internal micro-controller may lock up and the unit will not respond to any commands from the panel controls. In this event, unplug AC adaptor and remove all dry cell batteries, wait for 1 minute, reinstall all batteries and reconnect the AC adaptor. The unit will be reset to 12:00 AM and all of your previous settings will be erased.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

If you experience difficulties in the use of this music system please check the following or call 1-800-777-5331 for Customer Service.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
The unit does not respond (no power).	No batteries installed or installed batteries are exhausted.	Install 3 x "AAA" batteries or replace the exhausted batteries.
	AC power source no function or DC cable is not plugged into the DC jack on the back of the unit.	Plug the AC adaptor into a wall outlet.
	Wall outlet is not functioning.	Plug another device into the same outlet to confirm the outlet is working.
Wireless Range short	Remote sensor out of range	Operation in open area and try to relocate the position
	Remote sensor battery exhausted	Replace the exhausted batteries.

## SPECIFICATION

### Power requirement:

#### Main Unit

DC Input: 3 X AAA (UM-4) Batteries or  
DC 4.5V, 200mA

Remote Sensor 2 X AAA (UM-4) Batteries

Frequency: 433.980 MHz

Temperature Range Indoor 32 – 122 °F (0 - 50 °C)  
Outdoor -4 – 140 °F (-20 - 60 °C)

Humidity Range Indoor/Outdoor 20% - 90%

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  - c. Claims are made within the warranty period
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