

# RF280THS



Fire Systems

EN | Installation Instructions  
Wireless (RF)  
Photoelectric Smoke  
Detectors

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## 1.0 Overview

The RF280THS Smoke Detector is an open-area wireless smoke detector designed for use with commercial fire protective signaling and household fire warning systems. Refer to NFPA 72 and the *Smoke and Fire Detectors Installation Considerations* (P/N: 26715).

For commercial and industrial installations, allow spacing of 30 ft (9 m) between detectors.

An Alarm and Test LED flashes approximately every 26 sec to verify the detector has battery power and the smoke sampling circuitry is functioning. The LED flashes every 0.5 sec in an alarm, allowing you to verify individual detector alarms. The detector automatically resets after 3 min if the alarm condition no longer exists.

The detector can be manually reset by pressing the **Test** button. If there is an alarm after the **Test** button is pressed, the detector re-alarms in 20 to 30 sec. After the alarm condition clears, the control panel alarm can be cleared by a control panel reset command.

Supervision is provided by transmitting a low power level signal to the receiver every 65 min if there is no other activity. All transmissions from the RF280THS send battery status information to the control panel.

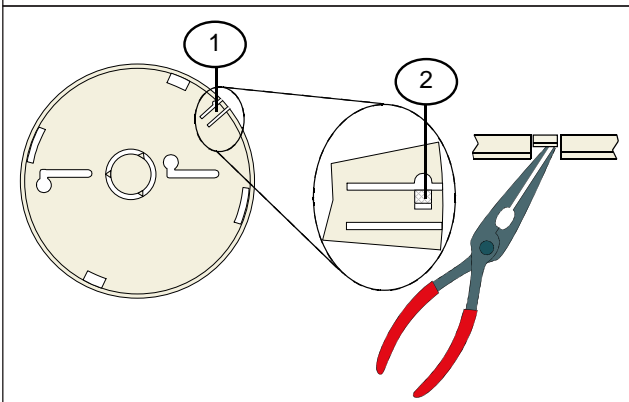
## 2.0 Mounting



The detector's maximum wireless range in open air is approximately 500 ft (150 m). In normal residential or commercial applications, keep the detector within 100 ft (30 m) of the control panel receiver it is assigned to. Temporarily mount the detector using double-sided tape, and test it from the desired location before permanently mounting it.

1. Remove the detector's dust cover. You can replace the dust cover during construction periods, but remove it when the alarm system is enabled.
2. The mounting plate has a base locking tab that, if used, requires you to press the locking tab towards the mounting surface to release the detector. If you do not want the Lock-In feature, do not make changes to the mounting plate. Use the Lock-In feature by modifying the base locking tab as shown in *Figure 1*.

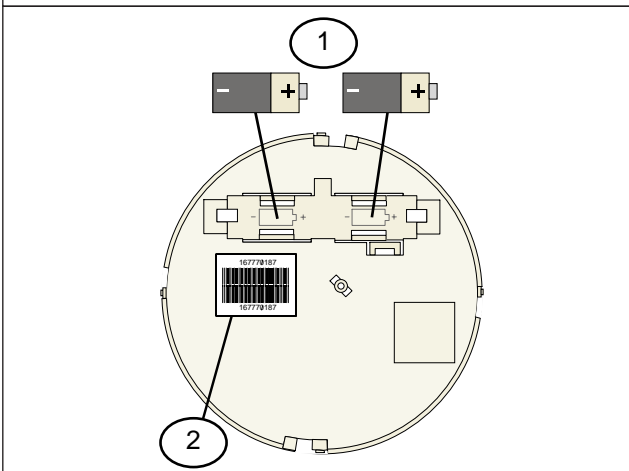
**Figure 1: Modifying the Lock-In Tab**



- 1 - Base locking tab
- 2 - Lock-In feature. Break away to access.

3. Remove the detector from the mounting plate by twisting the base counterclockwise.
4. Install the mounting plate in the desired location, and do not attach the detector to the mounting plate at this time.
5. Install the two lithium batteries (*Item 1 in Figure 2*) in the detector's base and observe the polarity. These batteries are supplied in a separate package.

**Figure 2: Installing the Batteries**



- 1 - Lithium batteries (2)
- 2 - Programming serial number

6. A two-part sticker on the detector's base (*Item 2 in Figure 2*) contains the nine-digit programming serial number. Remove one of the stickers and store it in a safe place. You need the number to program the detector from the control panel.
7. Connect the detector to the mounting plate and twist it clockwise.

### 3.0 Programming

Refer to your control panel wireless reference guide for programming information.

### 4.0 Testing

#### 4.1 Operational



Notify all concerned parties before and after performing maintenance or testing the fire alarm system.

1. When the system is free of alarms, check each detector to ensure the red Alarm and Test LED flashes approximately every 26 sec. This verifies the detector is operating properly.
2. Test each detector to ensure it causes a control panel alarm.
3. Alarm the detector by doing one of the following:
  - a. Press and hold the the **Test** button for 9 to 12 sec.

The LED lights, the sounder sounds, and a Test Report is sent to the control panel.

- b. Release the **Test** button to end the test.
- or

Simulate an alarm following the instructions for an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) Listed aerosol smoke detector tester, such as the Home Safeguard Industries' 25S.

#### 4.2 Sensitivity



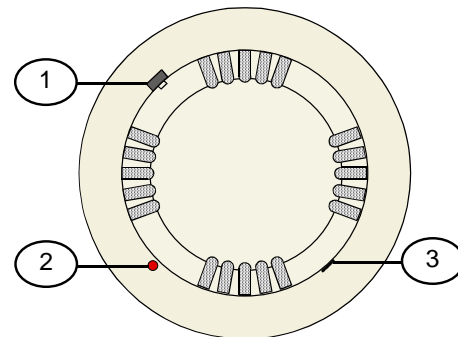
The detector's calibration is important in determining its continued operation. Depending on local regulations, the frequency of calibration testing might be required more often than once a year. According to NFPA 72, test calibration at installation, and every other year thereafter. Perform a Functional Test monthly.

Test the detector's sensitivity by pressing the **Test** button and observing the Alarm and Test LED.

#### 4.3 Manual

1. Press and hold the **Test** button (*Item 1 in Figure 3*).
2. Observe the Alarm and Test LED (*Item 2 in Figure 3*). The detector can take up to 12 sec to enter Test Mode.

**Figure 3: Sensitivity Testing Components**



- 1 - Test button  
2 - Alarm and Test LED  
3 - Cover latch

- If the detector is within the factory-marked calibration range, it goes into alarm and the LED steadily lights.
- If the detector is too sensitive, the LED rapidly flashes four times (once every 0.5 sec) and the detector goes into alarm with the LED steadily on.
- If the detector is not sensitive enough, the LED slowly flashes twice (once every 2 sec) and the detector goes into alarm with the LED steadily on.
- If the detector is not operational, it does not signal an alarm. Return the unit for repair.

#### 4.4 Visual Check

The RF280THS includes the Chamber Check™ Automatic Trouble Indication. The detector uses this feature to automatically indicate when its calibration is out of the factory-listed range.

Check the detector's sensitivity by visually inspecting it and observing the Alarm and Test LED's flash rate. Normally, the flash rate is once every 26 sec. When the detector is out of the sensitivity range, the LED quickly flashes twice every 26 sec to indicate low sensitivity. The LED quickly flashes twice every 13 sec for high sensitivity, indicating a dirty chamber.

## 5.0 Thermistor Test

Expose the thermistor to a heat source such as a hair dryer or a shielded heat lamp. Expose the thermistor until the detector goes into alarm and the Alarm and Test LED flashes every 0.5 sec. If the detector does not go into alarm, return it to Bosch for repair.



Before proceeding to the next detector, clear each alarm for each test

## 6.0 Maintenance

At least once a year, clean the detector's cover. Use a vacuum, clean and dry compressed air, or water. Pay particular attention to the screens. In dusty areas or areas of heavy insect concentration, cleaning might be required more often.

To clean the detector:

1. Remove the detector from the mounting plate.
2. Insert a thin, flathead screwdriver into the cover latch and pry the cover away from the chassis (*Figure 4*).
3. Grasp the chamber cover and pull it up and away from the chassis (*Figure 5*).
4. With the chamber cover removed, clean the inside of the cover with a vacuum, clean and dry compressed air, or water.
5. Clean the inside of the chamber with a vacuum or clean and dry compressed air.



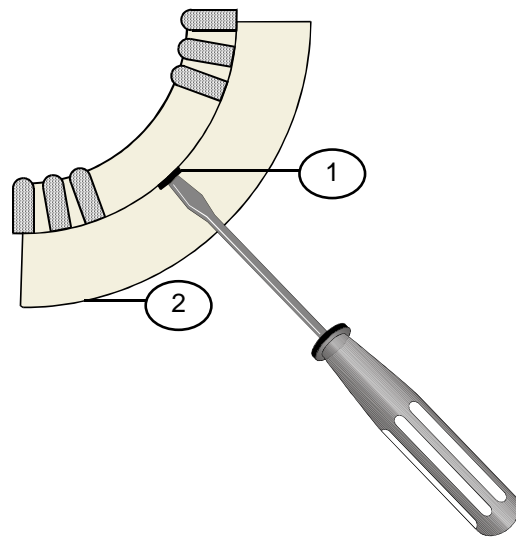
Do not clean the chamber with water.

6. Replace the chamber cover by placing it parallel to the chamber and gently snapping the locking tabs into place.
7. Replace the detector's cover.
8. Connect the terminal strip and return the detector to its mounting plate.
9. Test the detector for proper calibration.



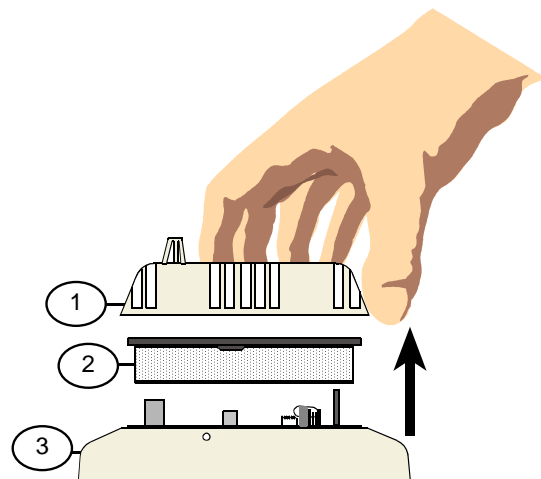
Do not paint the detector. Paint or other foreign matter covering the screen can prohibit or retard smoke from entering the detector.

Figure 4: Removing the Detector Cover



- 1 - Cover latch
- 2 - Chassis

Figure 5: Removing the Chamber Cover



- 1 - Detector cover
- 2 - Chamber cover
- 3 - Chassis

## 7.0 Specifications

<b>Description</b>	Wireless Photoelectric Smoke Detector with an integral +135°F (+57°C) heat sensor and an internal 85 db sounder
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	+32°F to +100°F (0°C to +38°C); 0 to 95% relative humidity, non-condensing
<b>Supply Voltage</b>	Approximately 6 VDC supplied by two 3 VDC lithium batteries
<b>Battery Life</b>	Approximately 5 years under normal operating conditions with the recommended battery types
<b>Recommended Battery Types</b>	Duracell DL123A Energizer EL123AP Panasonic CR123A
<b>Compatible Receivers</b>	RF3224 RF3222 RF3212 RF3213
<b>Patents</b>	The RF280THS is protected by one or more of the following: #5,400,014 #5,543,777 #D339,078 #DES,293,089
<b>Compliance</b>	This device complies with Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and the RSS-210 of Industry and Science Canada. Operation is subject to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This device might not cause harmful interference, and</li> <li>• This device must accept any interference received, including interference that might cause undesirable operation.</li> </ul>



Changes not expressly approved by Bosch can void the user's authority to operate this detector.

## Notes

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