

Upgrading your Smoke & Heat Alarms



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Interconnection and Power Supply

Power Supply

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BRITISH STANDARD

15.4 Recommendations for power supplies for Grade D systems

The following recommendations should be met.

- a) The normal supply for smoke alarms and any heat alarms in a Grade D system should be derived from the public electricity supply to the premises. The mains supply to the smoke alarms and heat alarms should take the form of either:
 - an independent circuit at the dwelling's consumer unit, in which case no other electrical equipment should be connected to this circuit (other than the supply to a dedicated social alarm control unit); or
 - NOTE 1 Mains powered CO alarms conforming to BS EN 50291 and installed in accordance with BS EN 50292 may also be interlinked with the fire detection and alarm system if the manufacturer of all the components makes such a recommendation.
 - a separately electrically protected, regularly used local lighting circuit, in which case there should be a means for isolation of the smoke alarm(s) from the lighting circuit (e.g. for maintenance).
 - NOTE 2 This does not imply that there need be separate electrical protection of the smoke alarm circuit, a single means of protection against overload or short circuit (e.g. a fuse or circuit-breaker) sening the entire circuit is acceptable.
 - NOTE 3 A number of manufacturers use a fixed base for the electrical connections, and the smoke or heat alarm can be readily removed by use of a tool-operated release tab, etc.
 - NOTE 4 The mains supply to the alarm system may be transformed to extra low voltage before being distributed at that voltage to the alarms.
- b) Any device that isolates the power supply to the smoke alarm(s) should be labelled "SMOKE ALARMS: DO NOT SWITCH OFF". Where smoke alarms are connected to a lighting circuit, the label should, instead, read "CAUTION. SMOKE ALARMS CONNECTED TO THIS CIRCUIT. DO NOT SWITCH OFF".
- If smoke alarms and any heat alarms are of a type that can be interconnected by wiring, all smoke alarms and heat alarms should be connected on a single final circuit.
- NOTE 5 This recommendation is intended to ensure electrical safety by avoidance of a situation in which one device, isolated for maintenance, remains connected to a live device via the interconnect wining. Accordingly, the recommendation does not apply if the form of interconnection is not capable of conducting current, e.g., if the means of interconnection comprises radio communication rather than wining.
- d) The standby supply for smoke alarms and heat alarms should take the form of a primary battery or a secondary battery.
- e) The capacity of the standby supply should be sufficient to power the smoke alarm(s) and any heat alarms in the quiescent mode for at least 72 h whilst giving an audible or visual warning of power supply failure, after which there should remain sufficient capacity to provide a fire warning for a further 4 min. In the absence of a fire, a fault warning light should be active for at least 24 h.
- f) In an HMO with a single key or card-operated meter, the mains power supply for all smoke and heat alarms may be served by the meter. However, where, in an HMO, the accommodation of each resident is served by a separate key or card-operated meter, Grade D smoke and heat alarms in common parts should not be supplied via the meter of any resident.



Power Supply

Hard-wired Interconnection

Supply taken from dedicated circuit



Power Supply

Hard-wired Interconnection

Supply taken from lighting circuit











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Power Supply

RF Interconnection

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Power Supply

RF Interconnection

Supply taken from lighting circuit













Interconnection and Power Supply

Power Supply

Hybrid Interconnection

(RF & Hard-wired mixed)

Supply taken from lighting circuit





Scotland Alarm Requirements

All homes should have:



All alarms should be ceiling mounted



All homes should have:

One smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings



All alarms should be ceiling mounted





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All homes should have:

Smoke alarms in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings

Smoke alarms installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes



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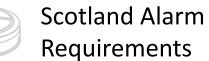
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Heat alarms installed in every kitchen



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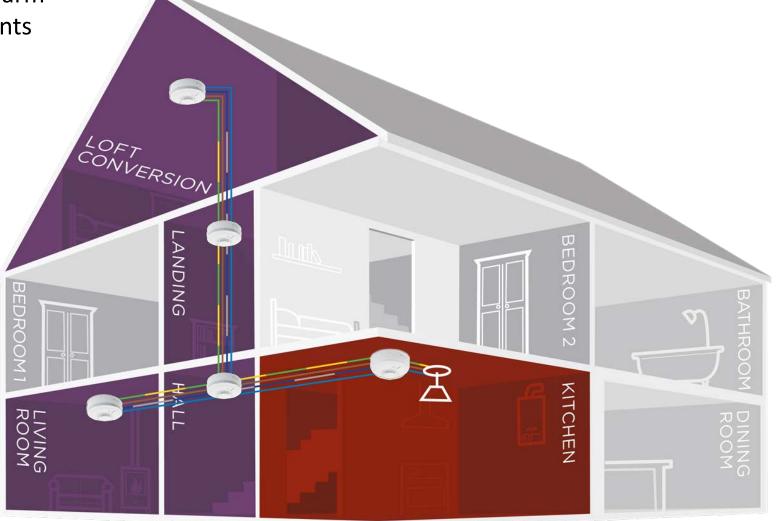




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- ▶ Heat alarms installed in every kitchen
- All alarms should be interlinked

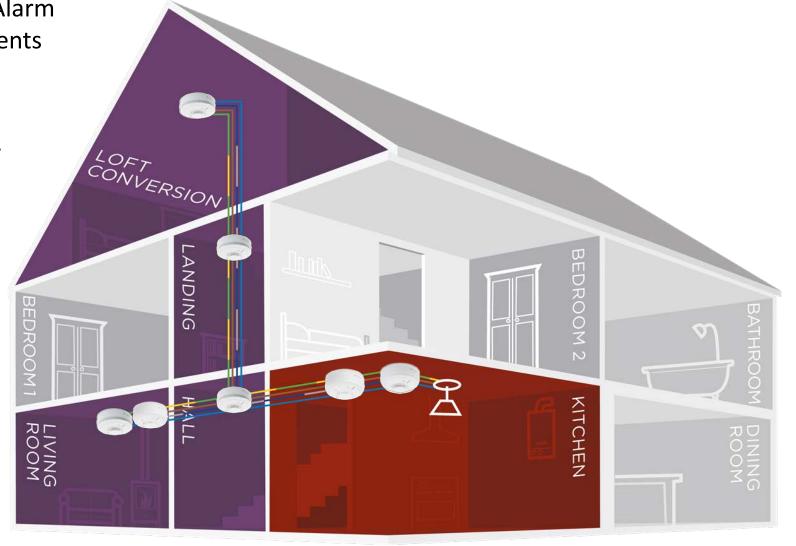


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- Smoke alarms installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes
- Heat alarms installed in every kitchen
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- Carbon monoxide detectors to be fitted where there is a fuel burning appliance or a flue



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Option 1:

Grade D (Mains powered with sealed, tamper-proof battery backup)

Category LD2 (Escape routes and principle habitable rooms)

Hard-wire Interconnection



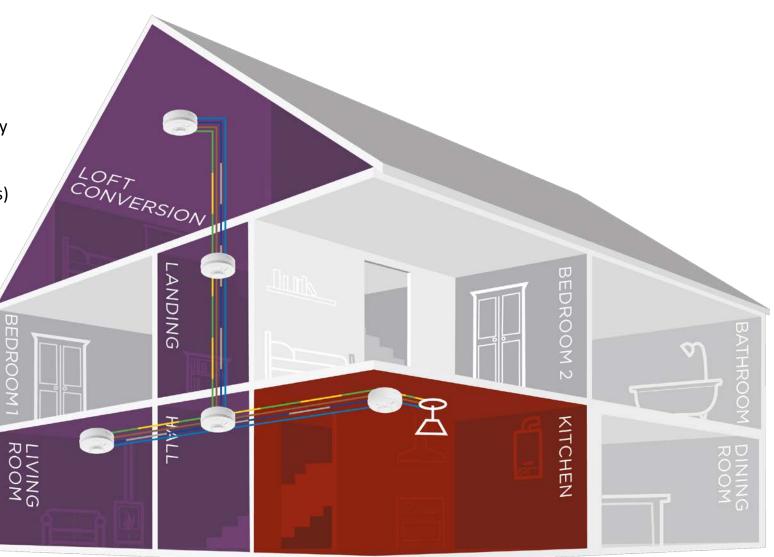
Ei3024 All rooms except kitchen



Ei3014 Kitchen



Ei3028
Kitchen with
CO
appliance





Option 2:

Grade D (Mains powered with sealed, tamper-proof battery backup)

Category LD2 (Escape routes and principle habitable rooms)

RF Interconnection



Ei3024 All rooms except kitchen



Ei3014 Kitchen



Ei3028 Kitchen with CO

appliance







Option 3:

Grade D (Mains powered with sealed, tamper-proof battery backup)

Grade F (Battery powered)

Category LD2 (Escape routes and principle habitable rooms)

RF Interconnection



Ei3024
All rooms
except kitchen



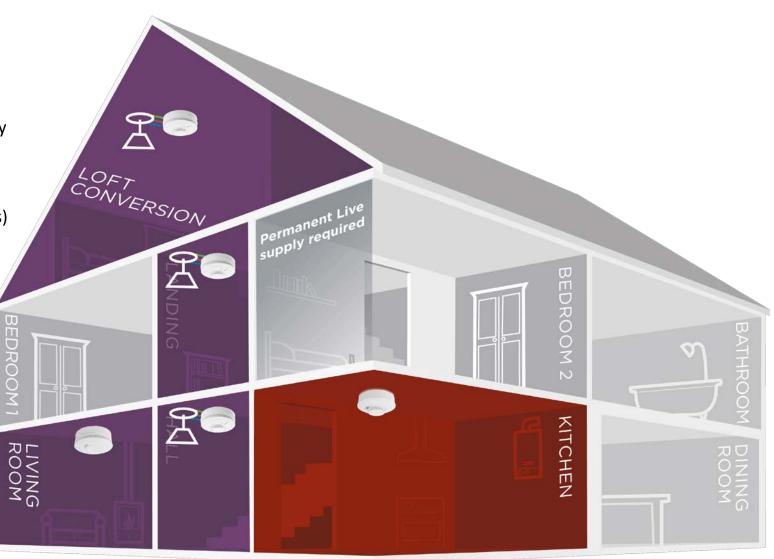
Ei603RF Kitchen

Ei650RF Living Room



Ei3000MRF

Fitted to all 3000 series alarms





Option 4:

Grade D (Mains powered with sealed, tamper-proof battery backup)

Grade F (Battery powered)

Category LD2 (Escape routes and principle habitable rooms)

Hybrid Interconnection



Ei3024 All rooms except kitchen



Ei603RF Kitchen

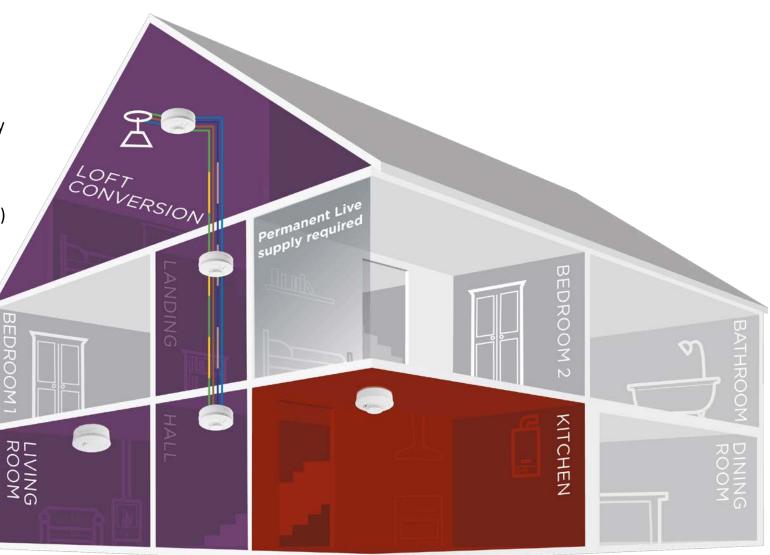


Ei650RF Living Room



Ei3000MRF

Fitted in one 3000 series alarm









Alarm Controller

- No wiring − 10 year lithium battery
- ▶ One button three functions
- ▶ RF Interconnection
- ▶ Alarm indicator lights

Product shown: Ei450 RadioLINK Alarm Controller



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Accessories



Alarm Controller

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- ▶ One button three functions
- ▶ RF Interconnection
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These lights flash when the alarms sound

Product shown: Ei450 RadioLINK Alarm Controller







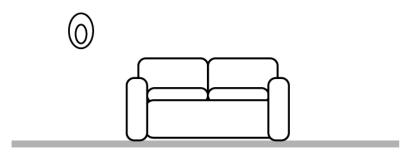
Alarm Kit for the Deaf

- ▶ Mains powered with rechargeable back-up
- ▶ Flashing strobe light
- ▶ Vibrating pad for placing under pillows
- → Strobe only version also available

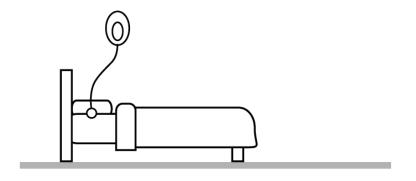








Daytime Rooms Strobe only



Bedrooms Strobe and pad



Thank you

