

After the detector is initialized and operating in a normal manner, the loop is continuously monitored for faulty conditions (e.g. broken wires, poor splices, bad solder connections, etc.). If the measured loop inductance value rapidly changes by more than  $\pm 25\%$ , the loop is considered to have failed. The detector then enters the Fail Safe Mode, which generates a constant Call output and a constant count output. When the detector is in Fail Safe Mode, the Loop Fail symbol located at the bottom of the LCD will be illuminated and the LCD will display **L lo** for low loop inductance and shorted loop situations or **L hi** for high loop inductance and open loop situations. In addition, the **DETECT** LED will begin to emit a flashing pattern (three flashes per second). If the loop self-heals, the detector and LCD will resume normal operation. The LED will continue to flash as a means of indicating a prior loop fail condition and will continue to do so until the loop fail register is cleared.

#### Firmware Version

The version and revision level of the firmware programmed into the detector are displayed. This is a view only parameter. The display alternates between the model letter and firmware version (e.g. **L35**) and the firmware revision level (e.g. **.00**).

### III. Reset Procedures

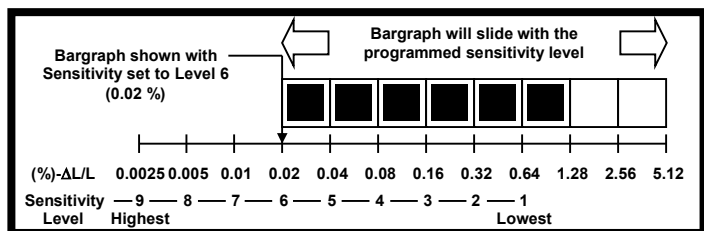
- Pressing and holding the **CHAN** pushbutton continuously for three (3) seconds will reset the displayed detector channel maintaining all previous settings.
- Changing the frequency or sensitivity setting will enter the new setting and reset the displayed detector channel. Changing any of the other parameters will take effect immediately or on the next detection, but will not reset the displayed detector channel. Simply entering the program mode without changing any parameter will not reset the displayed detector channel.
- Pressing and holding all four front panel pushbuttons simultaneously and continuously for five (5) seconds resets the detector and also restores all factory default settings.
- Changing the setting of Option 4 (Noise Filter Disable) will reset the detector.
- Removing and reapplying power will reset the detector and reset the vehicle count to zero.
- The Loop Fail History is cleared by all reset procedures described above except changing the setting of Option 4 or changing frequency or sensitivity. Pressing either the **▲** (UP) or **▼** (DOWN) pushbutton while viewing the Loop Fail History will also clear the Loop Fail History.

### IV. Sensitivity Setting

Sensitivity is controlled by selecting a Sensitivity Level for the detector channel. The sensitivity settings of 1 through 9 represent detection thresholds from the least sensitive to the most sensitive. Setting the proper Sensitivity Level for the loop circuit provides stability to the system and improves count accuracy. If set too high, the detector may detect adjacent traffic. If set too low, the detector may not detect small vehicles or high bed vehicles.

The LCD includes an eight (8) segment bargraph that is a representation of the relative change of inductance as seen by the detector. This automatically takes into account loop size, loop inductance, number of loops, number of turns, loop geometry, lead-in length, etc. The bargraph is a sliding scale that is related to the programmed Sensitivity Level. The first (left-most) bargraph segment represents the minimum inductance change necessary for the detector to output a Call at the currently selected Sensitivity Level. Larger inductance changes are indicated by more segments. Each additional segment indicates that the next Sensitivity Level has also been met or exceeded. When used in this manner, the bargraph can be used to determine if the sensitivity is set too high or too low, facilitating the optimal setting of the Sensitivity Level.

The diagram below shows the bargraph with the detector channel set to Sensitivity Level 6 (0.02%  $\Delta L/L$ ). The bargraph indicates that the vehicle in the loop zone has exceeded the minimum Sensitivity Level by an additional five Sensitivity Levels or 0.64%  $\Delta L/L$ . *The typical vehicle to be detected should cause five or six segments of the bargraph to become filled.*



If the typical vehicle to be detected is not creating a five or six segment display on the bargraph, count how many segments are being displayed and subtract six. If the number is positive, lower the sensitivity that many levels. If the number is negative, raise the sensitivity that many levels. Example: The detector channel sensitivity is currently programmed at three (3). The bargraph shows four (4) segments during a typical vehicle detection. Take four (4) (the number of segments displayed) and subtract six (6) to get minus two (-2). Since the answer is negative, raise the Sensitivity Level, currently at three (3), by two (2) to arrive at the desired Sensitivity Level of five (5).

The bargraph can also be used to take advantage of a direct relationship between the percent change of inductance caused by a single standard automobile and a small motorcycle in the same loop / lead-in configuration. Adjusting the Sensitivity Level until seven (7) segments of the bargraph are shaded when a standard automobile is present in the loop detection zone ensures that the sensitivity has been set high enough to detect a small motorcycle in the same loop detection zone. The best method to reduce adjacent loop detection is to reduce the Sensitivity Level by the number of segments that are flickering, however this will also eliminate the ability to reliably detect small motorcycles.



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# MODEL L-1201 SERIES

Firmware Version 35.00

## SINGLE CHANNEL LOOP DETECTOR

### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

#### I. Factory Default Settings

Function	Default Setting
Loop Frequency (8 steps)	2
Sensitivity Level (OFF, 1 to 9, CALL)	6
Presence / Pulse Mode	Presence
Call Delay Time (0 to 255 seconds)	0
Call Extension Time (0 to 25.5 seconds)	0.0
Max Presence Time (OFF, 1 to 999 seconds)	OFF
End-of-Green (EOG)	OFF
Option 1 - Display Loop Inductance (L)	OFF
Option 2 - Display % Loop Inductance Change ( $-\Delta L/L$ )	OFF
Option 3 - Call Extension Control	OFF
Option 4 - Noise Filter Disable	OFF
Option 5 - Phase Green Loop Compensation	OFF
Option 6.0 - Display Vehicle Count	OFF
Option 6.1 - Reset Vehicle Count	OFF
Option 6.2 - Display Training Number	OFF
Option 6.3 - Modify Default Training Number	OFF
Option 7 - Number of Loops for Vehicle Counting	7.04
Option 11 - Audible Detect Signal	OFF
Option 12 - Detector Disconnect	OFF

#### II. Viewing and Programming Detector Functions

##### i. Entering and Exiting Program Mode

- Enter the **PROGRAM** mode by momentarily pressing the **FUNC** pushbutton. Use the **FUNC** pushbutton to step through the functions described below.
- To change a function's setting or to toggle a function **ON** or **OFF**, press the **▲** (UP) or **▼** (DOWN) pushbutton.
- To exit the **PROGRAM** mode and return to the **NORMAL** display mode, press and hold the **FUNC** pushbutton continuously for one second.

##### ii. Program Mode Functions

###### Loop Frequency

Loop Frequency can be adjusted from 1 to 8. Press the **▲** (UP) or **▼** (DOWN) pushbutton to change the programmed Loop Frequency. The filled segment on the bargraph indicates the setting. The left-most segment represents setting 1 and the right-most segment represents setting 8. The LCD displays the actual operating frequency of the loop circuit. A separation of at least 5 KHz for adjacent loops, not connected to the same detector, is recommended. The factory default setting is Loop Frequency 2. **NOTE: Changing the Loop Frequency setting will reset the detector. The Loop Frequency setting should not be changed while the detection zone is occupied.**

## Sensitivity Level

The Sensitivity Level can be adjusted from 1 to 9 or set to **CALL** or **OFF**. Press the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton to change the programmed Sensitivity Level. The lowest Sensitivity Level is 1 and the highest Sensitivity Level is 9. The detector can be configured to place a permanent Call by selecting **CALL** (one setting above Sensitivity Level 9). The detector can be disabled by selecting **OFF** (one setting below Sensitivity Level 1). If **CALL** or **OFF** is selected, the LCD flashes the message **CALL** or **OFF** during **NORMAL** display mode. Refer to **Section IV Sensitivity Setting** for instructions on how to use the bargraph to determine the proper Sensitivity Level setting for the loop / lead-in network connected to the detector. The factory default setting is Sensitivity Level 6. **NOTE: Changing the Sensitivity Level setting will reset the detector. The Sensitivity Level setting should not be changed while the detection zone is occupied.**

## Presence / Pulse Mode

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles between Presence and Pulse modes. Presence Mode provides a Call hold time of at least four minutes (regardless of vehicle size) and typically one to three hours for an automobile or truck. When operating in Pulse Mode, an output pulse of 125 ±10 milliseconds duration is generated for each vehicle entering the loop detection zone. Each detected vehicle is instantly tuned out if it remains in the loop detection zone longer than two seconds. This enables detection of subsequent vehicles entering the loop detection zone. After each vehicle leaves the loop detection zone, the detector channel resumes full sensitivity within 0.5 seconds.

Call Extension, Call Delay, and Max Presence can all modify the operation of Presence Mode. Only Call Extension and Call Delay modify Pulse Mode operation. The factory default setting of this option is **OFF** (Presence Mode).

## Call Delay Time

Call Delay Time can be adjusted from 0 to 255 seconds by pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton. When the Call Delay Time is set to 0, pressing the DOWN pushbutton steps the value up to 255 seconds. When the Call Delay Time is set to 255 seconds, pressing the UP pushbutton steps the value down to 0 seconds. During the Call Delay period, the **DETECT** LED flashes at a four Hz rate with a 50% duty cycle, the LCD displays a countdown of the Call Delay Time, and the output remains inactive. When a vehicle enters the detection zone, the delay begins to count down. At the end of the delay time, the output activates and the LED turns on. The factory default setting of Call Delay Time is 0 seconds.

## Call Extension Time

Call Extension Time can be adjusted from 0 to 25.5 seconds by pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton. When the Call Extension Time is set to 0, pressing the DOWN pushbutton steps the value up to 25.5 seconds. When the Call Extension Time is set to 25.5 seconds, pressing the UP pushbutton steps the value down to 0. During the Call Extension period, the **DETECT** LED flashes at a 16 Hz rate with a 50% duty cycle and the LCD displays a countdown of the Call Extension Time. When a vehicle leaves the detection zone, the output remains active until the extension time reaches 0. The factory default setting of Call Extension Time is 0.0 seconds.

## Max Presence Time

Max Presence Time can be adjusted from OFF to 999 seconds by pressing the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton. When Max Presence time is set to **OFF**, pressing the ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton steps the value to 999 seconds. If Max Presence Time is set to anything other than **OFF**, the End-of-Green (EOG) feature is available.

A Call output occurs either when a vehicle is detected (Delay Time = 0) or after the delay timer has counted down to zero following the arrival of a vehicle. The Max Presence timer starts timing when a Call output occurs. Any time a Call output drops while the Max Presence timer is timing, the Max Presence timer is reset to the Max Presence time setting. The Max Presence timer counts towards zero as long as the Call output exists. If EOG (End-of-Green) control is **OFF**, the detector resets at the time the Max Presence timer reaches zero. If EOG is **ON**, the detector goes into a wait state when the Max Presence timer reaches zero. The detector remains in the wait state until the Call drops or the green input signal to the detector transitions from the **ON** condition to the **OFF** condition. If the Call drops, no reset action occurs. If the Max Presence timer is in the wait state when the green input signal transitions from the **ON** condition to the **OFF** condition, the detector is reset with the vehicle over the loop. When the Max Presence timer is in the wait state, the **MAX PRESENCE - EOG** message flashes on the LCD. **NOTE: If the Max Presence timer does reset the detector, no Call Extension time will occur.** The factory default setting of Max Presence Time is **OFF**.

## End-of-Green (EOG)

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles between **ON** and **OFF**. See Max Presence Time above for the effects of turning this feature on. **NOTE: This feature is only available if Max Presence Time is not set to OFF.** The factory default setting of End-of-Green is **OFF**.

## Option 1 - Display Loop Inductance (L)

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles Option 1 between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 1 is **OFF**, the LCD indicates three dashed lines (- - -) during a No Call state or **CALL** and the Call strength (via the LCD bargraph display) during a Call state. When Option 1 is **ON** and the detector is operating in **NORMAL** display mode, the LCD continuously indicates the Loop Inductance value (L) in microhenries (µH) between 15 and 2500 µH. The display shows three digits if the inductance is between 15 and 999 µH. If the inductance is greater than 999 µH, the display alternately flashes between **1** or **2** and the lower three digits. The combination of the one and three digit displays represent inductance values from 1000 to 2500 µH. When a vehicle is detected, the Call is indicated by means of the **DETECT** LED and the LCD bargraph display. The countdown of the Delay, Extension, and/or Max Presence timers is **not** displayed when Option 1 is **ON**. Once set to **ON**, Option 1 will turn **OFF** after 15 minutes have elapsed. The factory default setting of Option 1 is **OFF**.

## Option 2 - Display % Loop Inductance Change (-ΔL/L)

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 2 is **OFF**, the LCD indicates a steady Call when a vehicle is detected. When Option 2 is **ON**, the LCD indicates the -ΔL/L value when a vehicle is detected. The maximum -ΔL/L value that occurred is displayed for two seconds unless a greater change occurs.

## Option 3 - Call Extension Control

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles Option 3 between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 3 is **OFF**, the detector extends **all** Calls for the programmed extension time. When Option 3 is **ON**, the detector extends Calls for the programmed extension time **only** when the associated Phase Green Input (Delay Override) signal is active. The factory default setting of Option 3 is **OFF**.

## Option 4 - Noise Filter Disable

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles Option 4 between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 4 is **OFF**, internal noise filtering is utilized. When Option 4 is **ON**, internal noise filtering is disabled thus providing a faster response time. It is recommended that this option only be turned **ON** when the detector is used for speed and/or occupancy measurement applications. The factory default setting of Option 4 is **OFF**.

## Option 5 - Phase Green Loop Compensation

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles Option 5 between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 5 is **OFF**, normal loop compensation is used. No compensation occurs during the first four minutes following the detection of a vehicle to preserve small motorcycle detection for a full four minutes. When Option 5 is **ON**, loop compensation begins when the Phase Green (Delay Override) input becomes true and the detector is outputting a Call. The detector will then begin to tune out small changes, such as adjacent lane pick up and/or loop drift. The presence time for average size vehicles is not affected (note that a small motorcycle will also be tuned out in a short period of time following the start of Phase Green). This option is useful in minimizing false detection resulting from adjacent lane pickup effect. The factory default setting of Option 5 is **OFF** for Channels 1 and 2.

## Option 6 - Display / Reset Vehicle Count

This option has four parameters. Pressing the **FUNC** pushbutton scrolls through the available Option 6 settings. Option 6.0 is used to turn the display of vehicle counts **ON** and **OFF**. Option 6.1 is used to reset the vehicle count to zero. Option 6.2 is used to view the training number. Option 6.3 is used to set the default value of the training number. Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles between **ON** and **OFF** for parameters 6.0, 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3. When Option 6.0 is **ON**, the **NORMAL** display will show the accumulated vehicle count since last vehicle count reset. The display will show the hundreds, tens, and ones digits until the accumulated count exceeds 999. At this point the display will alternate between the ten thousands and thousands digits and the remaining three digits for hundreds, tens, and ones. Setting Option 6.1 to **ON** resets the accumulated vehicle count. The setting automatically returns to the **OFF** state when the parameter is exited. **NOTE: Contact Reno A&E Technical Support for advice on the use of Option 6 settings 6.2 and 6.3.** The factory default setting of Options 6.0, 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 is **OFF**.

## Option 7 - Number of Loops for Vehicle Counting

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton scrolls through the available Option 7 loop configurations for counting. The available loop configurations are 7.00 through 7.05. Option 7 settings 7.00 and 7.01 are for single loop configurations. A setting of 7.00 will provide a single count output only when the detector enters the detect state. If multiple vehicles occupy the detection zone at the same time, only the first vehicle will prompt a vehicle count. A setting of 7.01 will provide a count output for each vehicle that enters the detection zone. This setting allows identification of multiple vehicles that may occupy the detection zone at the same time. Settings of 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, and 7.05 are used for multiple loop configurations. The last two digits specify how many loops there are in the detection zone. These settings will also provide a count output for each vehicle that enters the detection zone. The detection zone must be confined to a single lane of traffic. The factory default setting of Option 7 is 7.04.

## Option 11 - Audible Detect Signal

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 11 is **ON**, an audible signal is emitted as long as the detection zone is occupied (if the detector channel is set to operate in Presence Mode), or for a period of two seconds (if the detector channel is set to operate in Pulse Mode). Delay and Extension time have no effect on the audible signal. Option 11 will automatically turn off after 15 minutes. The factory default setting of Option 11 is 11.0 (**OFF**).

## Option 12 - Detector Disconnect

Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton toggles Option 12 between **ON** and **OFF**. When Option 12 is turned **ON**, detector disconnect is enabled and the detector operates normally during times when the phase green input is **OFF**. When the phase green input is **ON**, the detector will use the value programmed as extension time to determine when to disconnect the output. If the detection zone is empty for the amount of time specified in the extension timer, the output will be disconnected. If a Call does not exist when the phase green input transitions to **ON**, the output is immediately disconnected. The output is re-enabled when the phase green input transitions to **OFF**. The factory default setting of Option 12 is **OFF**.

## Loop Fail

The number of loop failures logged in the loop fail register is displayed. Any time the detector enters the Fail Safe Mode due to a recognized loop failure, the loop fail register is incremented by one count. Pressing either the ▲ (UP) or ▼ (DOWN) pushbutton will clear the loop fail register. The number of loop fail counts is also reset to zero by any power down, when the harness is disconnected from the detector, or when the detector channel is reset. The loop fail register is not reset when the setting of Option 4 (Noise Filter Disable) is changed or when the detector channel's sensitivity level or frequency is changed.