Carbon Monoxide Alarm for Residential Use

ATTENTION: PLEASE READ, FOLLOW AND SAVE

Dear New COSTAR® 9SIR Owner,

Congratulations as you have taken steps to help ensure the health and life safety of you and your family. We are proud to offer you our unique, patented CO Sensor technology that detects CO in a manner similar to the human body's response. The COSTAR® 9SIR provides low cost protection from both the acute and chronic effects of CO poisoning.

Please read this owner's manual carefully so you will have a better understanding of the effects of CO poisoning and the COSTAR® 9SIR alarm, as we work together pursuing a safer, healthier indoor air quality for us all. To your good health and safety.

Mark Goldstein
President
Quantum Group Inc.

WARNING: Failure to replace this product by the “REPLACE BY DATE” printed on the alarm cover may result in death by Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Replace by Date is SIX (6) years from date of manufacture.

1.0 WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CO

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an insidious poison. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It is a cumulative poison. Even low levels of CO have been shown to cause brain and other vital organ damage in unborn infants with no effect on the mother.

The following symptoms are related to CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING and should be discussed with ALL members of the household:

MILD EXPOSURE

Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue (often described as “flu-like” symptoms)

MEDIUM EXPOSURE

Severe throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate

EXTREME EXPOSURE

Unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio respiratory failure, death

Many cases of reported CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING indicate that while victims are aware they are not well, they become so disoriented they are unable to save themselves by either exiting the building or calling for assistance. Also, young children and household pets may be the first affected.

Your CO alarm is designed to detect the toxic CO fumes that result from incomplete combustion, such as those emitted from appliances, furnaces, fireplaces and auto exhaust.

A CO Alarm is NOT A SUBSTITUTE for other combustible gas, fire or smoke alarms. This carbon monoxide alarm is designed to detect carbon monoxide gas from ANY source of combustion. CAUTION: This alarm will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide gas at the sensor. Carbon monoxide gas may be present in other areas.

WARNING: This product is intended for use in ordinary indoor locations of family living units. It is not designed to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) commercial or industrial standards. Individuals with medical problems may consider using warning devices that provide audible and visual signals for carbon monoxide concentrations under 30 ppm.

2.0 WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF THE ALARM SOUNDS

WARNING: Activation of this device indicates the presence of carbon monoxide (CO) which can kill you if alarm sounds:

2.1 Operate reset/silence button;

2.2 Call your emergency services (____ - ______) [fire department or 911];

2.3 Immediately move to fresh air — outdoors or by an open door/window. Do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. Do not reenter the premises nor move away from the open door/window until the emergency services responders have arrived, the premises have been aired out, and your alarm remains in its normal condition.

2.4 After following steps 2.1-2.3, if your alarm reactivates within a 24 hour period, repeat steps 2.1-2.3 and call a qualified technician (____ - ______) to investigate sources of CO from fuel burning equipment and appliances, and inspect for proper operation of this equipment. If problems are identified during this inspection, have the equipment serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not inspected by the technician and consult the manufacturers’ instructions or contact the manufacturers directly for more information about CO safety and this equipment. Make sure that motor vehicles are not and have not been operating in an attached garage or adjacent to the residence.

2.5 IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS The 9SIR has been designed and is warranted to operate for six years.

2.6 Never disconnect the battery to silence an alarm. The alarm will automatically sense when the level of CO has dropped below the danger level. You should stay outside the residence in fresh air until the alarm is silenced. When the alarm sounds, do not stand too close to the alarm. The sound produced by the alarm is loud because it is designed to awaken a person in an emergency. Prolonged exposure to the alarm at a close distance may be harmful to the human body’s response.

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2.11 Figure 1: Recommended CO alarm protection for single floor residence

3.0 DEVELOPING YOUR OWN CO SAFETY PLAN

This CO alarm can quickly alert you to the presence of CO — it cannot prevent toxic CO emissions. Please note that while there are hazards against which CO detection may not be effective, such as gas leaks or explosions. The ultimate responsibility for protection against toxic CO fumes rests solely on you.

Installing CO detectors is just the first step in protecting your family from toxic CO poisoning. We also suggest that you create an effective, comprehensive safety program as outlined below.

3.1 Install CO detectors properly following the instructions in this manual.

3.2 Develop a family escape plan and practice it with your entire family, especially small children.

– Draw a floor plan of your home and find two ways to exit from each room. There should be one way to get out of each bedroom without opening the door.

– Teach children what the CO alarm signal means and how they must exit the residence by themselves if necessary.

– Decide on a meeting place a safe distance from your house and make sure all children understand where they should go and wait if there is a dangerous CO condition.

– Conduct CO safety drills at least every 6 months to make sure that everyone, even small children, know what to do in order to escape safely.

– Know where to go to call the Fire Department from outside your residence.

NOTE: This unit is designed to detect carbon monoxide (CO) entering its sensing chamber. It does not sense combustible gas (such as natural gas, propane or butane), heat, smoke or flames.

3.3 This CO alarm is designed for use within a single residential living unit only. In a multi-family building, the alarm may not provide early warning for residents if it is placed outside of the residential units, such as on outside porches, in corridors, lobbies, basements, or in other apartments. In multi-family buildings, each residential unit should have detectors installed as previously indicated.

3.4 When properly located, installed, and maintained, this CO alarm is designed to provide early warning of developing poisonous CO conditions at a reasonable cost. This alarm monitors the air, and when it senses CO, it activates its built-in alarm. It can provide precious time for you and your family to escape from your residence before CO can seriously injure or kill. However, such an early warning is possible only if the alarm is located, installed and maintained as specified in the Owner's Manual.

4.0 IMPORTANT: WHAT YOUR CO ALARM CAN AND CANNOT DO

If bedroom doors are usually closed at night, alarms should be placed in each bedroom as well as in the common hallway between them. CO alarms may not sense CO on a different level of a residence or building. For example, a second floor alarm may not sense a CO leak on the first floor or in the basement.

Therefore, alarms should be placed on every level of a residence or building. If the alarm is located outside of a bedroom, it may not wake up a sound sleeper, especially if the bedroom door is closed or only partly open. If the alarm is located on a different level of the residence than the bedrooms, it is even less likely to wake up people sleeping in the bedroom. Installing CO alarms may qualify you for lower homeowner’s insurance rates, but CO alarms are not a substitute for insurance. Homeowners and renters should continue to insure their lives and property.

WARNING: The COSTAR® Model 9SIR CO Alarm is not designed for marine or RV use.

5.0 INSTALLING THE COSTAR® 9SIR FOR RESIDENTIAL USE

5.1 RECOMMENDATIONS One of the most important considerations in any CO alarm system is the location of the alarms. Statistics of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that most of the fatal CO occurrences happen at night while people are sleeping. Early warning of CO is best achieved by the correct installation of CO alarms. Placement of an alarm in a garage may cause an alarm due to CO from automotive exhaust.

5.2 RECOMMENDED MOUNTING LOCATIONS Put a CO alarm inside each bedroom where the occupant closes the door while sleeping. Particulate smoke can be blocked by a closed door, but CO fumes are likely to get through.

Example:

Family Room
Bedroom
Living Room
Kitchen
Dining Room
Bedroom
Bedroom
Bedroom
Carpet
Carpet
Carpet
Carpet
Figure 2: Recommended CO alarm protection for multi-level residence

5.3 This CO alarm must be mounted on the wall or ceiling.

5.4 WALL LOCATION: Locate the top of the alarm at least 3 feet from the floor.

5.5 CEILING LOCATION: Alarm should be mounted as close as possible to the center of a hallway or room. If this is not possible, the edge of the alarm should be at least 4 inches from any wall

5.6 LOCATIONS TO AVOID

Nuisance alarms are caused by placing units where they will not operate properly. To avoid nuisance alarms, do not place units:

– Within 5 feet (1.5m) of any cooking appliance or firearm.

– Near an open window or door, because the fresh air entering the opening may delay CO from reaching the alarm.

– In damp or very humid areas or next to bathrooms with showers. Install detectors at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from bathrooms.

– In very cold or very hot environments or in unheated buildings or outdoor rooms where the temperature can go below or above the operating range of the alarm. Temperature limits for proper operation are 40°F to 100°F (4.4°C to 38°C).

– Good ventilation is recommended when household cleaning supplies or similar contaminants are used.
5.7 CONDITIONS WHICH CAN RESULT IN TEMPORARY CO SITUATIONS:

- Excessive spillage or reverse venting of fuel burning appliances caused by outdoor ambient conditions, such as:
  - Wind direction and/or velocity, including high gusts of wind. Heavy air in the vent pipes (cold humid air with extended periods between cycles).
  - Negative pressure differential resulting from the use of exhaust fans.
  - Simultaneous operation of several fuel burning appliances competing for limited internal air.
  - Vent pipe connections vibrating loose from clothes dryers, furnaces, or water heaters.
  - Obstructions in or unconventional vent pipe designs which can amplify the above situations.

- Extended operation of unvented fuel burning devices (range, oven, fireplace, etc.)

5.8 Temperature inversions which can trap exhaust gasses near the ground.

5.9 Car idling in an open or closed area garage, or near a home.

6.0 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS: CAUTION! READ CAREFULLY

- Ensure that the alarm is sealed. The cover is not removable.
- Select proper location (see section 5.6).
- A mounting plate is provided on the back of the alarm. Remove the mounting plate from the back of the alarm by holding the mounting plate and twisting the alarm in the direction indicated by the "OFF" arrow on the alarm cover.
- The 6 year limited warranty has a 2 year replacement window at no cost with a new alarm if it fails. After 2 years the price will be prorated like tires on your car, which means you can buy a new alarm for 50% off of the retail price if your product fails between 2 and 3 years.

6.1 To insure aesthetic alignment of the alarm with the hallway or wall, the "A" line on the mounting plate must be:

   A.) Parallel with the hallway walls when ceiling mounting
   B.) Horizontal when wall mounting (See steps A & B in figure 4)

6.2 As described in Figures 1-3, attach the mounting plate on the wall. Be sure the "UP FOR WALL MOUNTING" text and arrow are facing up. Use the screws and anchors provided to secure the mounting plate.

6.3 The battery is INSTALLED REVERSED FOR SHIPPING. Remove and reinstall the battery in the correct orientation as noted on the inside of the battery door. When installing the battery, press the battery reminder arm down into the battery compartment (see step C). The alarm will beep once indicating proper battery installation.

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6.6 Alignment marks are provided on the edge of the trim plate and the alarm. After installing the mounting plate, place the alarm on the mounting plate with the alignment marks lined up. Twist the alarm in the direction indicated by the "ON" arrow on the alarm cover (see step D) until it locks in place.

6.7 To make your carbon monoxide alarm tamper resistant, a locking pin has been provided in the bag with the screws and anchors. Using this pin will deter children and others from removing the alarm from the mounting plate. To use the pin insert it into the hole in the side of the alarm after the alarm has been installed on the mounting plate (see Fig 6). Note the tamper resist pin will have to be removed in order to change the battery; this can be done easily with a long nose pliers. Using the long nose pliers pull the pin out of the hole, it is now possible to remove the alarm from the mounting plate.

6.8 Test alarm immediately following installation and weekly for proper operation by pushing the test button until a short beep is heard (approximately three seconds). Release the button. The alarm will then test itself for proper operation and the RED L.E.D. will flash 5 times. At completion of the self test, the alarm will sound 2 patterns. The alarm then resumes normal operation.

6.9 This box contains two self-adhesive labels. You should write the telephone numbers of the emergency service provider and a qualified technician in the space provided on the labels. Place one label near a source of fresh air where you plan to gather after the alarm indicates the presence of carbon monoxide.

6.10 Alkaline type: DURACELL MN1604

6.11 This limited warranty does not cover: (1) 9 volt alkaline battery; (2) products which have been improperly installed, repaired, maintained, modified, or which have been subjected to misuse, abuse, accident, neglect, exposure to fire, water, or excessive changes in climate or temperature, or combined with non-Quantum Group Inc. - approved accessories; (2) physical damage caused from use other than normal and proper operation or handling, as specified in the owner's manual; (3) cosmetic damage; (4) products on which warranty stickers or product serial numbers have been removed, altered, or rendered illegible; (5) the cost of installation, removal or reinstallation.

6.12 QUANTUM GROUP INC. SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, GENERAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS OR ANTICIPATED PROFITS ARISING OUT OF USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE PRODUCT.

6.13 The warranty period begins on the date of purchase. To warranty the product, contact Quantum Group Inc. at 1-800-432-5599 with the purchase receipt and complete model number. Both the product and any replacement product must be returned to Quantum Group Inc. with shipping prepaid.