Alpha-Numeric Display Pager

MODEL: AL-A26

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Getting Started

The ALA26 pager Programming software, provides the flexibility to program ALA26 pagers to meet individual requirements. To obtain the best results from the product, please take a few minutes to read this instruction guide.

Equipment Required

To install and operate the programmer, you need a system that meets the following minimum requirements:

- An personal computer (PC) with printer port, or compatible
- Windows 98 SE or above operating system (XP Recommended)
- 256 MB of RAM
- ALA26 Programmer
- A DB25 male-male printer cable
- ALA26 Pager Programming Software

Equipment Setup

Refer to Figure 1 while performing the follows:
1. At the rear of the PC, connect the DB25 male-male interface cable to the printer port on your computer.
2. Plug end of the DB25 cable into the ALA26 programmer.
3. Hardware installation is complete.
Press down on the pager until it is tight in the fixture.

Figure 1 Programmer Hardware Connections
Installing Programmer Software

Installation

Install the programmer software into a PC as follows:

1. Uncompress the ALA26V373.zip and save them in a temporary directory.
2. Double click the setup.exe file. Click on “Y”.
3. Click “Next” on the Welcome screen.
4. Enter your user information and click “Next”.  
   (Note: you must enter at least a single character “ into the company field)
5. Choose where the program should be installed and click “Next”.

6. On the Select Program Folder screen choose where you would like the program to show up in your start menu and click “Install”.
7. Click “Finish” on the Setup Complete screen.
You now have the program installed. To run it from the Start menu/Programs / Gold Apollo / ALA26 Pager Programmer
ALA26 Programming

Introduction

Preparing a Pager for Reading or Programming:

- Establish a computer hardware configuration.
- Run the programming software of ALA26.
- A Power LED illuminates on the Programming Interface to indicate proper contact. If the Power LED did not illuminate then you must check the configuration and restart the programming software of ALA26.
- Align the pager contact pin holes with the contact pins of the ALA26 Programmer.
- Press down on the pager until it is tight in the fixture.
- Turn the pager off or wait the pager until standby mode. The pager is now ready to read or program.

Starting the Programmer

The application can be launched from Start → Programs → Gold Apollo → ALA26 Pager Programmer. The following window appears:

- Input your password. If key in wrong password for 3 times, the system shuts off automatically. If the password is correct, the following window appears:
Now, the system examines that the ALA26 programmer is well installed. If any questions, the following window appears:

![Image of error message]

Please re-check the ALA26 programmer and printer port are well installed or not. If the connection with the ALA26 programmer are OK. The system enters the Code and Features Menu.

**Code and Features Menu**

![Image of software interface]
**Frequency**

- **Range Of Frequency**: 130-180MHz
- **Frequency Of Pager**: 1530000 00Hz
- **POCSAG Signal Baud Rate**: 1200 bps
- **Channel**: 5KHz

- **Range Of Frequency**: You can select the range of frequency and all setting will load default value.

- **Frequency Of Pager**: The frequency is on which the pager operates.

- **POCSAG Signal Baud Rate**: The baud rate is on which the pager operates.

- **Channel**: Channel Spacing for frequency.

**Capcode (Decimal Address)**

- **Cap #1**: Please input 1st Capcode (7 Dec digits between 8 and 2097151).

- **ON**: Enable or disable 2nd Capcode (address).

- **Fun. Bit**: Click to set function bit (A, B, C, D) message control.

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Function Bit (A B C D) Message Display:
N: STD Number.
P: PRC Number.
A: Alpha number.
I: Ideographic.
T: Tone only
D: Disable

Function Bit (A B C D) Priority Alert: V is Enable, - is disable.

Function Bit (A B C D) Message Type:
P: Personal.
1 to 9: Mail Drop 1 to Mail Drop 9.
A to E: Mail Drop A to Mail Drop E.
G: Group.
### Message Type Status

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<td>Alert Length</td>
<td>Select</td>
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- **Alert Length Select**

Click to set personal and mail drop(1~9, A~E) alert length.

![Screenshot of Personal and Mail Drop Status Control](image)

- **Personal and Group Alert Length**
  - Personal Alert Length: 8 sec

- **Mail Drop Alert Length**
  - Mail Drop 1: Disable
  - Mail Drop 2: Disable
  - Mail Drop 3: Disable
  - Mail Drop 4: Disable
  - Mail Drop 5: Disable
  - Mail Drop 6: Disable
  - Mail Drop 7: Disable
  - Mail Drop 8: Disable

- **OK**
The available selections for all personal and group call messages alerts are:

- 02: 2 sec.
- 08: 8 sec.
- 16: 16 sec.
- 32: 32 sec.
CT: continuous.

- **Alert Length**

The available selections for mail drop messages alerts are:
- --: Disable.
- BP: Short Beep.
- 01: 1 sec.
- 16: 16 sec.

**Auto Increase 1 after write**

- 1st Capcode Auto Increase
  1st capcode always increment by one after write.

- 2nd Capcode Auto Increase
  2nd capcode always increment by one after write.

**Alert and Status**
Alert and Status

- **Duplicate Msg Detect**
  If it is selected, duplication detection is performed on all personal messages with the same message type as the new message, on a character by character basis. Error characters are ignored during the check. If all non-error characters in both messages match, the existing matching message is flagged as a duplicate. The message with the least number of errors is stored and the other messages are discarded. Duplication is not performed on mail-drop messages.

- **Discard Error Msg**
  If it is selected, error message will be discarded.

- **Disp Source Addr ON**
  If it is selected, the message will show the address source at last.

- **Battery Gauge Level-High**
  This value represents the battery voltage level necessary for the battery gauge to display a full battery. If the battery voltage is higher or equal to this value, the full battery gauge icon is displayed. Valid selections are: 1.58V, 1.53V, 1.48V, 1.43V, 1.39V, 1.35V, 1.29V, 1.23V, 1.19V, 1.14V, 1.09V, 1.05V, and 1.00V. The High level must be greater than the Med level, and the Med level Must be greater than the Low level. None of the levels can be equal to each other.

- **Battery Gauge Level-Med**
  This value represents the battery voltage level necessary for the battery gauge to display a full battery. If the battery voltage is higher or equal to this value, the full battery gauge icon is displayed. Valid selections are: 1.58V, 1.53V, 1.48V, 1.43V, 1.39V, 1.35V, 1.29V, 1.23V, 1.19V, 1.14V, 1.09V, 1.05V, and 1.00V. The High level must be greater than the Med level, and the Med level Must be greater than the Low level. None of the levels can be equal to each other.
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If it is selected, the back-light will turn on after any key is pressed.

If it is selected, the RD key can use as delete feature at read message moment.

If it is selected, the RD key can use as Pager off feature at time display moment.

If it is selected, then the message most length is 2,000 characters, otherwise the length only can be 300 characters.

If it is selected, beep and vibration will active together.

If it is selected, the message will indicate the counter number at first.

If “Direct” is selected then the message will show on the display at a message received. Otherwise it only shows a message location icon on the display.

If it is selected, the pager emits a low battery cell alert when the battery reaches a low cell state.
● **Polarity** Normal

It selects the RF signal polarity is normal or invert.

● **Sequential Lockout** Disable

The value is a sequential lockout timer begins when a message arrives and is flagged as being sequentially locked out. If duplicate messages arrive, one of the messages is disregarded and not flagged as a duplicate. Valid selections are disabled, 30 seconds, 60 seconds, 120 seconds, 175 seconds and 240 seconds.

● **Reminder Duration** 2 minutes

With this option selected, the time period begins with a newly arrived message and is reset every time a new message is received. Once the time period expires, the pager does not emit any more reminder alerts until a new message arrives. Valid time period selections are: Disable, 2 minutes, 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

● **Out-of-Service Control** 5 min

With an out-of-service time specified by the code plug, the pager is considered “out of service” when it does not detect a POCSAG synchronization word for that time period. The out-of-service icon displays at this time. Valid selections are: disabled, 1 min, 2 min, 5 min and 10 min.

● **Read Time Out** 12 sec

The current pager display changes after the selected time frame has expired. Valid selections are: 8 sec, 12 sec, 20 sec and 30 sec.

● **Password (4 Dec)** 0000

It is used for the user’s manual programming.

● **Screen Contrast** [4] Screen

It selects the LCD display contract level.

● **Counter Out Enable**

If it is selected, the message will indicate the counter number at first.
● **[ ]** Zoom In/Out Disable

If it is selected, menu of zoom function will be disabled.

● **[ ]** Set Scroll Disable

If it is selected, menu of scroll is disabled.

● **[ ]** Set Time Disable

If it is selected, menu of set time is disabled.

● **[ ]** Set Alarm Disable

If it is selected, menu of set alarm is disabled.

● **[ ]** Set Alert Disable

If it is selected, menu of set alert is disabled then you must select one of 5 type alerts as your default.

● **[ ]** Power Off Disable

If it is selected, menu of pager off is disabled.

● **[ ]** Auto Sleep Disable

If it is selected, menu of auto sleep is disabled.

### Manual Write

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| ☑ Manual Write Enable | ☑ Password Required Enable
| ☑ Frequency Modification Enable | ☑ Password Modification Enable |

● **[ ]** Manual Write Enable

If it is selected, manual write enable.

● **[ ]** Frequency Modification Enable

If it is selected, frequency modification is enabled at manual programming.

● **[ ]** Password Required Enable

If it is selected, enters manual programming password is required.
● **Password Modification Enable**

If it is selected, enters manual programming password can be modification.

### Prompts

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<td>APOLLO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prompt Language Type</td>
<td>English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date Display Method</td>
<td>mm-dd-yy</td>
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### Prompts Edit

Each prompt can be customized in the code-plug, if desired, or the defaults can be used.
Source Prompts

![Source Prompts Image]

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Each prompt can be customized in the code-plug, if desired, or the defaults can be used. If selected, the text programmed is displayed at the first of the message or end of message.

File | Open (Ctrl + O)

Click “Open” or “Ctrl + O” to open the ALA26 code-plug file. The file has the extension “.tbl”.

File | Save (Ctrl + S)

Click “Save” or “Ctrl + S”, save the current code-plug data to a file.
File | Exit (Ctrl + E)

Exit the programmer software.

Pager | Read (F3)

Click “Read” or press “F3” to read code-plug data from a ALA26. The status window shows reading process, when it's done, you will see a message window of "Read success" on the screen.
Click “Write” or press “F4” to program the ALA26. The status window shows the writing process. When writing process finished, will starting verify process, when it is done, you will see a window of "Verify success" on the screen.
About

About the ALA26 Pager Programmer software information.