Uplink 5500EZ

Installation and User Guide

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1 Overview

The Uplink® 5500EZ is an “always on,” multi-purpose, FCC-certified device capable of sending and receiving alarm signals or other data over the LTE Cellular Network. When connected to an alarm system, the 5500EZ will send alarm signals over the cellular network to Uplink’s alarm processing center, that will forward the signals to the appropriate monitoring station and/or selected email addresses.

The 5500EZ can be connected to an alarm system using up to four inputs on the 5500EZ. Each of these inputs can be set up to send a selected signal to the monitoring station. Contact ID, SIA, Modem Ile/Illa2 and 4/2 (:20 PPS) formats are supported.

The 5500EZ also has two configurable relay outputs to send signals to alarm panels or control other devices.
2 Installation

2.1 Installation Steps

Before beginning installation: If you are not yet an Uplink dealer, register by visiting www.uplink.com and click on the new dealer account tab.

1. Activate the system. The Uplink 5500EZ operates “out of the box” with most commercial panels. No additional programming or equipment is required. To activate with default functions, go to www.uplink.com, or use the Uplink Installer App, or call 1-888-987-5465. Consult the Quick Installation Guide included with the 5500EZ.

2. Install the antenna on the top of the unit.

3. Position the unit for maximum signal strength. Connect the unit to a 12V DC, 500mA power supply. Be sure the area is dry and free from interference of metal objects and obstructions.

4. Determine network availability and signal strength.
   a. Signal strength should be one blink minimum. Relocate the unit or install a high-gain antenna if necessary.

Table 1 - LED Indications – Inside Product Label
5. Disconnect the unit from the power supply before wiring. The standard configuration for the Uplink 5500EZ is to leave DIP switches S1 and S2 set to “OFF” (Input 1 triggered by 9V DC to 12V DC or an open collector). For detailed wiring instructions and alternative configurations, see UNIT WIRING on pages 8 and 9.

**Caution:** Do not connect the unit to a receptacle controlled by a switch.

**Caution:** Improper connections at the power connector may result in damage to the unit.

6. Configure the unit. Set the DIP switches on the front panel of the unit according to the following table:

![DIP Switches Diagram](image)

Figure 1 - DIP SWITCHES

**DIP Switch Settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DIP SWITCH Functionality</th>
<th>S1</th>
<th>S2</th>
<th>S3</th>
<th>S4</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>S1 and S2</strong></td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Input 1 Type</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Standard Input</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<td>Pulse Counter</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Timed Bell</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sampled Siren</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td><strong>S3</strong></td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Input 4 Normal Operation</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Input 4 Neg Pulse causes reset</td>
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<td>OFF</td>
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<td><strong>S4</strong></td>
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<td>Output 1 - Controllable via Website</td>
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Table 2: Dip Switch Settings
When you have finished wiring and configuring the unit, re-apply power to the unit and wait at least two minutes then test the connection to the central station by creating an alarm from the panel.

**Note:** The DIP switches are only read immediately after the unit is powered up. Always cycle the unit’s power after making changes to the DIP switch settings.

### 2.1.1 5500EZ Front Case and Circuit Board

![Diagram of 5500EZ Front Case and Circuit Board](image)
3 Unit Wiring

Outputs

Inputs

+ - + - + - + - + -

12 VDC

Figure 3 - DETAIL OF CONNECTIONS

3.1 Inputs

3.1.1 Input 1 (Selectable Via DIP Switches)

- Standard Input - (DIP switches S1 OFF, S2 OFF) This mode configures the unit to be tripped from a DC voltage ranging from 9 V DC to 12 V DC or an open collector.

- Pulse Counter - This mode configures the unit to count 12-volt pulses. This is not intended for rapid repetitive pulses.

- Timed Bell - (DIP switches S1 ON, S2 OFF) This mode configures the unit to be tripped from a DC voltage ranging from 9 V DC to 12 V DC. The unit reads a pulsed voltage as a fire signal and a steady voltage as a burglary signal. It may be necessary to place a 1K Ohm resistor in parallel to prevent false alarms when using panels with supervisory voltage on the bell circuit. Some panels with supervised bell circuits may require a 1K Ohm resistor in the circuit. Contact Technical Support for further details.

- Sampled Siren* - (DIP switches S1 ON, S2 ON) This mode configures the unit to be tripped from a siren driver or a panel with a built-in siren driver. The unit reads a steady tone as a fire signal and a yelping tone as a burglary signal.

Note: The input assumes that a speaker is connected to the panel. If you are not using a speaker we recommend using a Timed Bell instead of Sample Siren. This is an option on most panels.
3.1.2 Input 4

Neg Pulse Reset

(DIP switch S3 ON) A trigger of INPUT 4 from high-to-low and back-to-high causes the S500EZ to reset. The high-to-low-to-high must be held for at least 100 ms.

3.1.3 *Inputs 2, 3, and 4 (and Input 1 if Standard Type)

Voltage Trip

Inputs 2, 3, and 4 (and 1 if set for standard input) can be tripped by applying 12 V to the + input and 0 V to the - input. A signal must be continuously present for 500 ms.

Open Collector

Inputs 2, 3 and 4 (and 1 if set for standard input) can be tripped by applying 12 V to the + input and the Open Collector output of the panel to the - input. A signal must be continuously present for 500 ms.

3.2 Outputs

Outputs can be used to signal communication trouble to the alarm panel or can be used to control other devices at the installation site. Outputs 1 and 2 are dry contact relays rated for a maximum of 100 mA at 24 V DC and are in the normally closed condition (selectable to NO).
3.2.1 Output 1

- **Controllable Output via Website** - (DIP Switch S4 OFF) This mode configures the unit to accept commands over the air (OTA) to open or close the relay.

- **Normally Closed Trouble Output** - (DIP Switch S4 ON) This mode configures the unit to keep the relay closed while the radio is connected to the network. The relay will open if the radio loses its connection to the network after a programmable delay of 0 to 15 minutes.

3.2.2 Output 2

Available for OTA commands unless you plan on using Uplink Remote. If you plan on using Uplink Remote, this output is used for the Key Switch Zone (arming and disarming the panel).

3.3 Serial Interface

When utilizing the micro-USB connector on the 5500EZ to connect serially to an Elk or Europlex panel, you will need the accessory cable (PN 2091195500EZCB00). You must have the serial cable connected prior to applying power to the device.

Once power has been applied, you must enable serial protocol and send a command to the device. To do this, log in to Uplink.com, go to the Edit Unit screen and set the Serial Connection to Panel = Yes, then go to the Program Unit Over-The-Air screen and send the Enable Aux Serial command. For detailed instructions, see the Uplink 5500EZ Serial Interface Reference Guide.

**Note:** The Elk and Europlex panels will need to be programmed to enable the serial protocol. See the panel's installation / programming manual for details.

3.4 Power

Power Supply - The customer-supplied 12 V DC power supply/battery charger should be capable of supplying 500 mA peak for brief high current demands of the radio during transmission.
4 Antenna Specification

The following types of antennas should be used with this unit:

4.1 Antenna 1

- **Antenna type**: External Dual Band ¼ wave antenna (included with unit) Maximum Antenna Gain: 3.0 dBi
- **Antenna connector**: SMA

4.2 Antenna 2

- **Antenna type**: External Dual Band ¼ wave antenna magnet mount (available separately)
- **Maximum Antenna Gain**: 3.5 dBi Antenna connector: SMA
- **Cable length and loss**: 3-meter, RG-174, total loss 2.8 dB