Access Control
Composite All-In-One Cable, Reader Cables, and Accessory Cables
Systems

Access Control Systems

An access control system is an integration of hardware, software, and management tools that electronically monitor and control access through door, gates, elevators, and many other entry points. Access control systems are found virtually everywhere. They can be found in Hotels, Hospitals, Airports, Banks, Prisons, Military facilities, Social Clubs, Residential Complexes, Libraries, Factories, and many other places where access security is a premium.

The Access Control Systems of today are becoming more sophisticated. Many other security applications are being integrated with the Access control system to make it a complete security system. Some security systems being integrated are: • CCTV • Intrusion detection • HVAC • Time & attendance reporting.

READER TECHNOLOGY:
There are many choices in reader technology, the most common technologies for card access control are:
- Bar Code
- Magnetic stripe - One of the most popular
- Wiegand
- Proximity - One of the most popular

BAR CODE:
Bar code is very common in non-security applications but it seldom is the technology of choice for security and access control.

MAGNETIC STRIPE:
Magnetic stripe is the most widely used technology worldwide for access control applications. Most people are familiar with the technology because of its wide spread use by bank and credit card operations. This technology only provides medium security level because it is possible to duplicate cards. But because of the low cost of the cards and readers this technology is an attractive choice for many applications.

WIEGAND:
Wiegand was originally created to provide a permanently encoded card when magnetic stripe cards were so sensitive to magnetic fields. This technology was the most common choice for high security applications before the advent of lower cost proximity technology and high density magnetic stripe.

PROXIMITY:
Proximity is the fastest growing technology for card access control applications. The proximity technology reader constantly transmits a low-level fixed RF signal that provides energy to the card. When the card is held at a certain distance from the reader, the RF signal is absorbed by the card which contains a unique identification code. The main advantage is there is no wear, no slots, no moving parts, and no read heads to maintain. Proximity technology is based on a frequency of 125KHZ, which has a longer read-range than smart card technology.
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Access Control System Design

Access Control System and Cables
A Conventional Access Control system can range from the environment, the type and control of access, and to control the security of access. All Access Control Systems have a type of Reader, Control Panel, software, and other peripheral Devices.

Access Control Cables:
Reader Cables: Dependent on the type of Reader (Barcode, Magnetic Strip, Computer Chip, Biometric, and many others).
Door Contact Cables:
Request to Exit Cables:
Lock Power Cables

RS-485 Cables: Communication Cables for Low Streaming Data to the Control Panels

LAN/Networking Cables: Communication for Low/Medium/High Data Rates for Data transfer.
Access Control Design

There are many types of Access Control Designs.

Typical Access Control Door Wiring

Access Control Door Wiring when using

Access Control Systems using Serial Controllers
Access Control Design

Access Control System using Serial main and Sub-Controllers

Access Control Systems using serial main controller and intelligent readers
Access Control Design

Access control systems using serial controllers and terminal servers
Access Control Composite Cables - All-In-One

West Penn Wire All-In-One Composite Access Control Cables incorporates 4 cables.

Reader Cable:
22/6 Shielded
or
3Pair 22AWG Shielded - Longer Run
Orange Jacket

Door Contact Cable:
22/2 Unshielded
White Jacket

Lock Power Cable:
18/4 Unshielded
Gray Jacket

Request-to-Exit (REX):
22/4 Unshielded
Blue Jacket

The Access Control All-In-One Cable is available in 3 Types of Designs:

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AC1822 - Overall Blue Jacket CM Rated
AC251822B - Overall Yellow Jacket CMP Rated
AC251822B3P - Overall Yellow Jacket CMP Rated (3Pair Reader Cable)

All the reader cables in the All-In-One Cable design can reach up to 250ft from Panel to Reader. Our 3 Pair Design can reach up to 290ft.
**Access Control Individual Cables**

West Penn Wire provides the individual cables for each of the components of a Access Control Design.

**Reader Cable:**
The Reader Cables range from 6 thru 15 Conductors. Most Systems are Weigand or Proximity Readers which utilize 6 Conductors, for Keypads and other devices may require a higher conductor count. The AWG Size is normally between 22-18AWG Stranded Conductors. The insulation of standard reader cables are normally PVC (Flame Retardant) or PP. The Reader cable is a low data signal design and do not require an extremely low capacitance. Reader cables signals are susceptible to low frequency noise. Therefore, a foil shield is normally required to the overall cable design.

**Door Contact Cable:**
The Door Contact cable is utilized to open/close door contact closures. The cable Conductor and AWG is normally 22-18AWG with 2 to 4 Conductors. The Insulation is either PVC (Flame Retardant) or PP. The Capacitance of the cable is not an important Characteristics of the door contact cable.

**Lock Power Cable:**
The Lock Power cable is used for the electronic locking device. The cable conductor and AWG is normally 1814AWG and 2 to 4 Conductors.

**Request-to-Exit (REX):**
The REX Cable is used where REX is required in an Access Control System. REX can be a Push Button or motion detection. The cable conductor and AWG is normally 22-18AWG and 2 to 4 Conductors.
**Access Control RS-485 Communication**

Serial controllers. Controllers are connected to a host PC via a serial RS-485 communication line. External RS-232/485 converters or internal RS-485 cards have to be installed, as standard PCs do not have RS485 communication ports.

Advantages:

- RS-485 standard allows long cable runs, up to 4000 feet (1200 m)
- Relatively short response time. The maximum number of devices on an RS-485 line is limited to 32, which means that the host can frequently request status updates from each device, and display events almost in real time.
- High reliability and security as the communication line is not shared with any other systems.

Disadvantages:

- RS-485 is not well suited for transferring large amounts of data (i.e. configuration and users). The highest possible throughput is 115.2 kbit/sec, but in most system it is downgraded to 56.2 kbit/sec, or less, to increase reliability.
- RS-485 does not allow the host PC to communicate with several controllers connected to the same port Simultaneously. Therefore, in large systems, transfers of configuration, and users to controllers may take a very long time, interfering with normal operations.

**RS-485 Cables:**
Conductor
22-24 AWG Tinned Copper

Insulation:
Low Loss Insulation - Polypropylene (PP) or Polyethylene (PE) for Non-Plenum and FEP (Tefon) for Plenum Rated Cables
Impedance: 100-120 Ohms
Capacitance: 12-16pf/f

Shield:
RS-485 cables require a shield to help in reducing the EMI/RFI interference. A Overall Shield 100% Foil, or Overall Shield 100% Foil+ High Percetage braid

Jacket:
The jacket depends on the environment the installation is in. General, Riser or Plenum.
Aquaseal Power-limited water-resistant cables are designed to be used for indoor/outdoor fire alarm system. The Aquaseal products are manufactured using a premium grade jacket compound. These cables are flame retardant, sunlight and water resistant, and employ an abrasion and crush resistant construction. This durability allows the Aquaseal power-limited water-resistant cables to be direct burial.

The internal cable construction employs a dry water blocking barrier instead of a messy gel. Unlike many other outdoor cables which can not be placed indoors due to their inability to pass flame tests. Aquaseal water-resistant cables carry both indoor and outdoor ratings.

Aquaseal cable retains consistent electrical characteristics compared to standard cable when immersed in water. The moisture blocking barrier used in this cable has proven itself in various tests where standard outdoor cable has failed. This can be verified by monitoring the capacitance levels of both cables. Aquaseal water-resistant cables will consistently have lower capacitance values and remain stable over the long haul enabling the lowest signal loss.

Aquaseal is UL listed NEC type FPL or PLTC rated and utilizing 18 AWG to 12 AWG makes this cable excellent for low voltage Conventional and Addressable systems.

**Access Control Cable List**

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Access Control IP Design

Access control system using IP controllers

Access control system using IP Readers
**Access Control IP Design**

IP readers. Readers are connected to a host PC via Ethernet LAN or WAN.

Advantages:
- Most IP readers are PoE capable. This feature makes it very easy to provide battery backed power to the entire system, including the locks and various types of detectors (if used).
- IP readers eliminate the need for controller enclosures.
- IP reader systems scale easily: there is no need to install new main or sub-controllers.

Disadvantages:
- In order to be used in high-security areas, IP readers require special input/output modules to eliminate the possibility of intrusion by accessing lock and/or exit button wiring. Not all IP reader manufacturers have such modules available.
- Being more sophisticated than basic readers, IP readers are also more expensive and sensitive, therefore they should not be installed outdoors in areas with harsh weather conditions, or high probability of vandalism, unless specifically designed for exterior installation. A few manufacturers make such models.

Cables:
Category 5E and/or Category 6.

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