

# 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 doors, 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, and time & attendance reporting.

#### Reader Technology:

There are many choices in Reader Technology; the most common technologies for card access control are:

- Barcode
- Magnetic Stripe
- Wiegand
- Proximity

#### Barcode:

Barcode 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 widespread 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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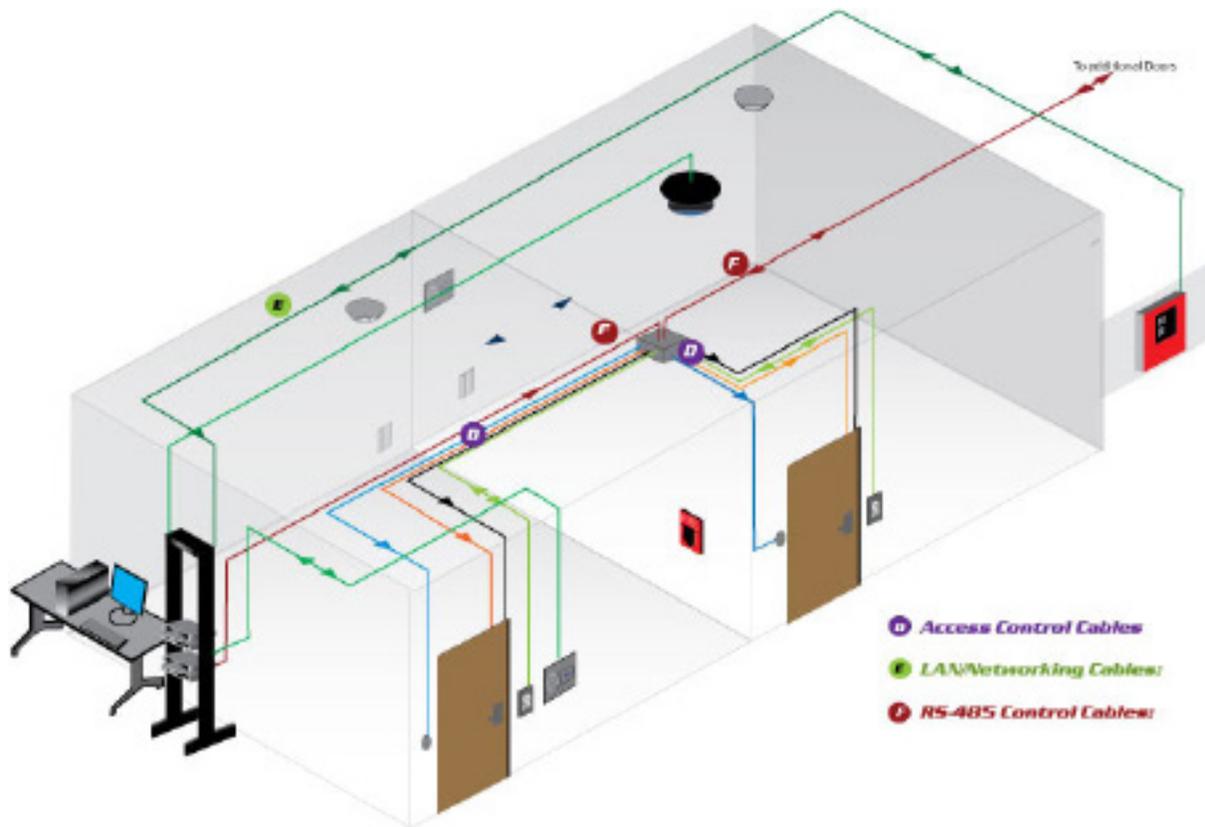
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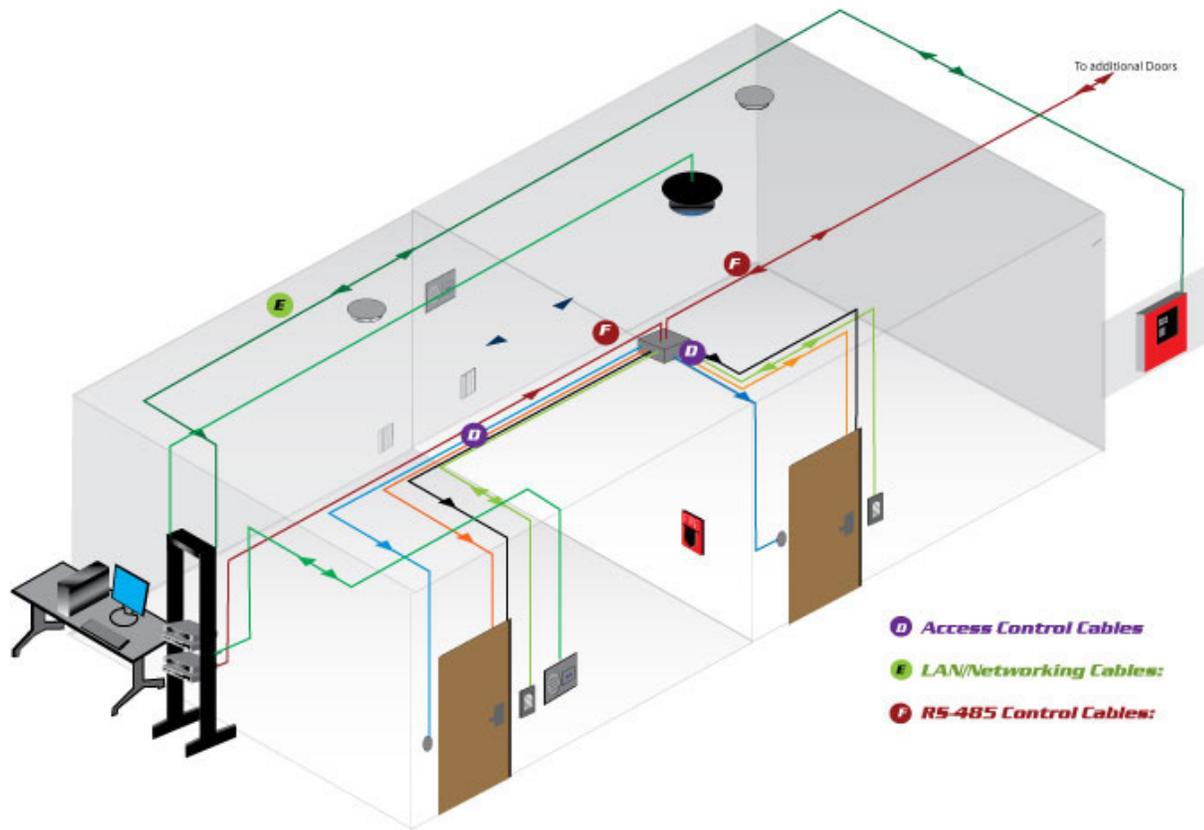
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## Access Control System Design



### 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 stripe, computer chip, biometric, and many others)

Door Contact Cables

Request to Exit Cables

Lock Power Cables

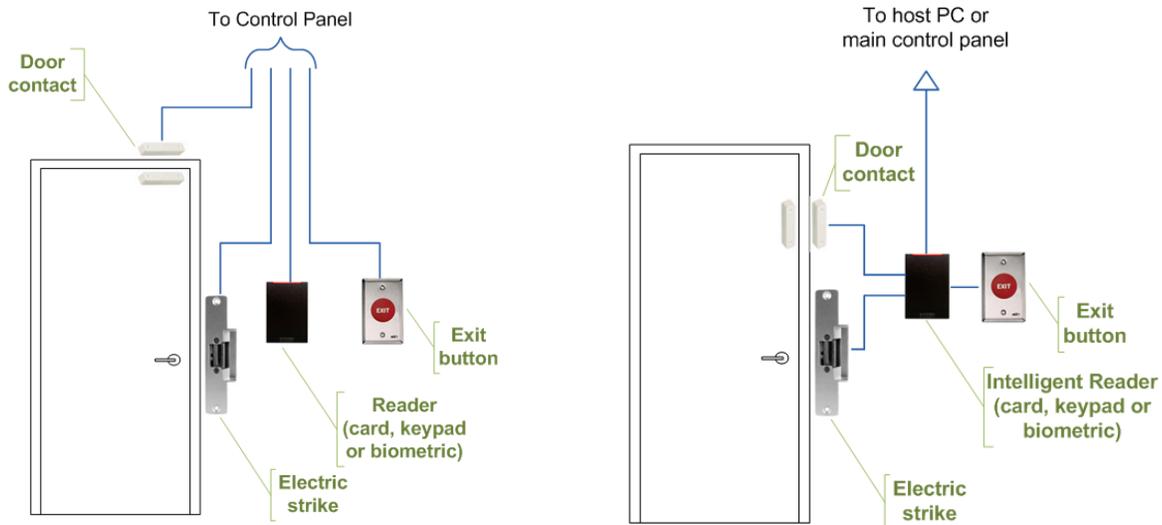
RS-485 Cables: Communication cables for low streaming data to the control panels

LAN/Networking Cables: Communication for low/medium/high data rates for data transfer

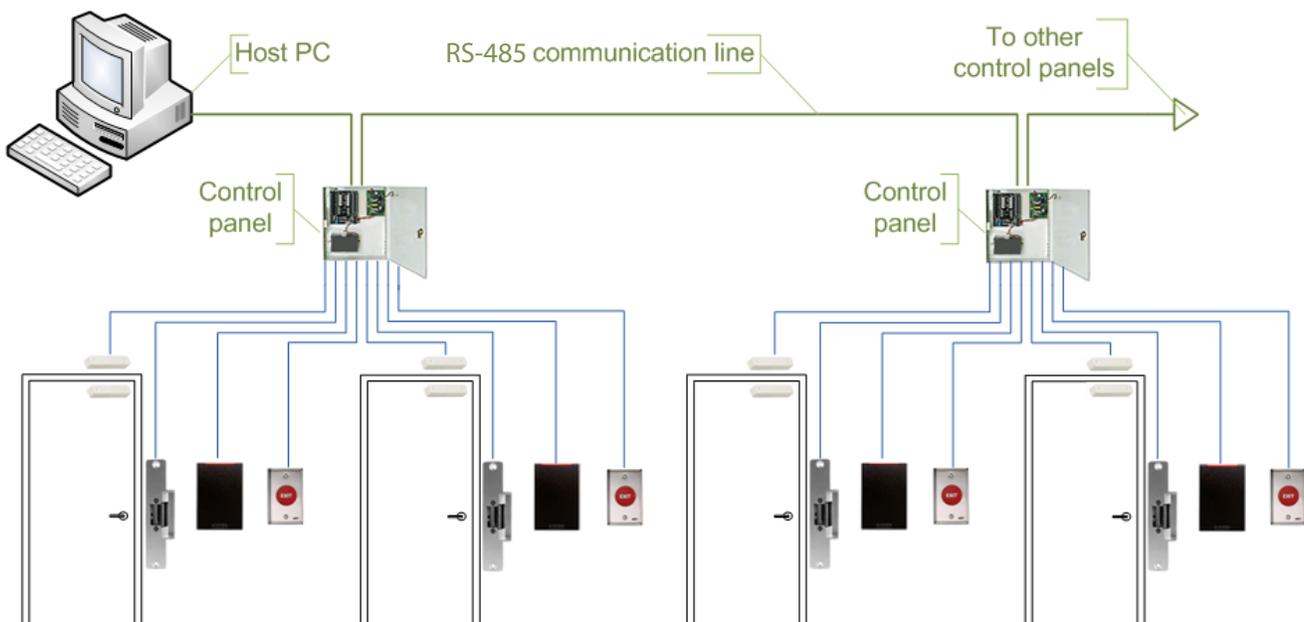
## Access Control Design

There are many types of Access Control Designs.

### Typical Access Control Door Wiring

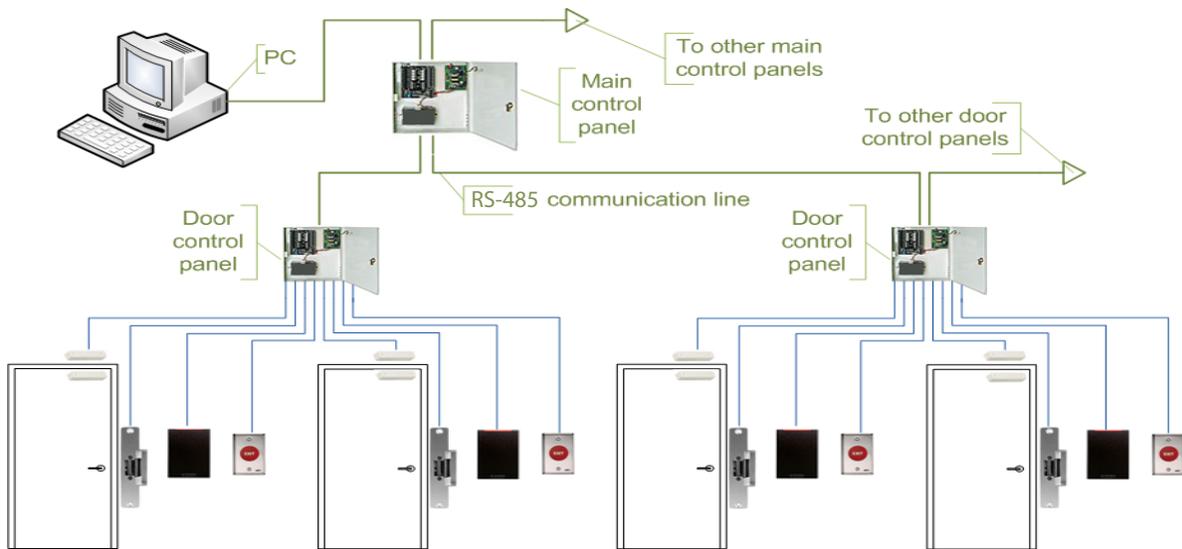


### Access Control Systems Using Serial Controllers

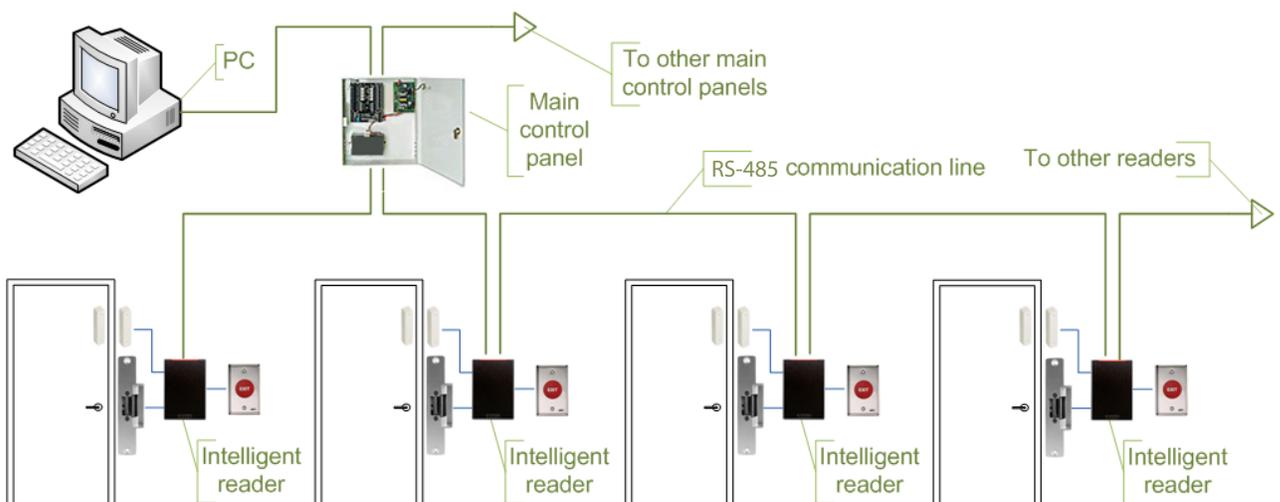


## Access Control Design

### Access Control System Using Serial Main and Subcontrollers

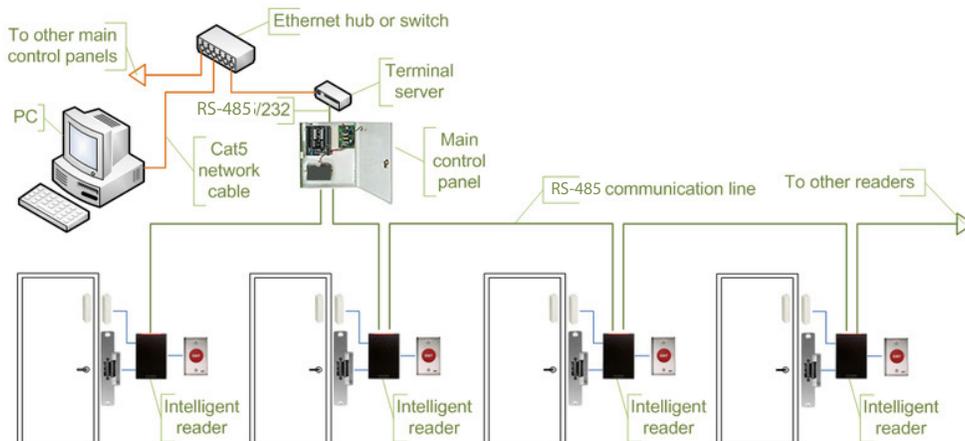
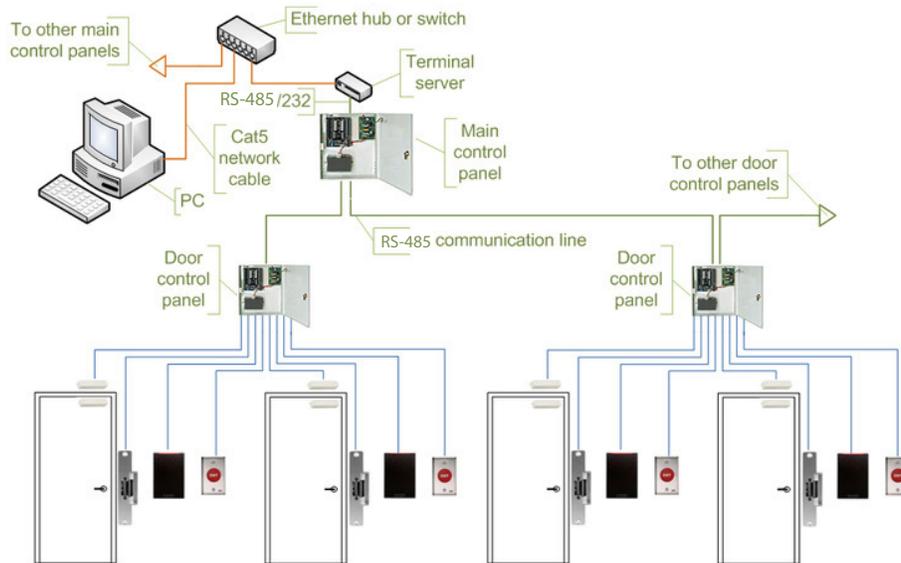
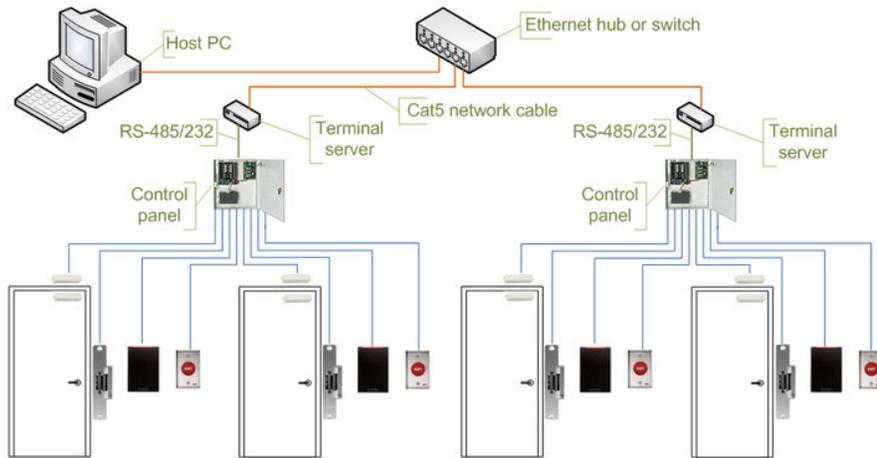


### Access Control Systems Using Serial Main Controller and Intelligent Readers



## Access Control Design

### Access Control Systems Using Serial Controllers and Terminal Servers



## Access Control Composite Cables - All-In-One

West Penn Wire's all-in-one composite Access Control Cables incorporate 4 cables.

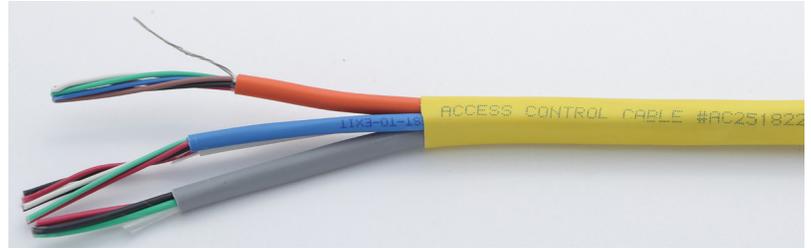
### Reader Cable:

22/6 Shielded

or

3-Pair 22 AWG 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:

Cable Type	AWG Size	# of Cond. or Pair	CM	CMP	Aquaseal Indoor/Outdoor
Reader	22	6 or 3 Pair	AC1822	AC251822B	AQC1822
Door Contact	22	2		AC251822B3P	
Lock Power	18	4		(3 Pair)	
REX	22	4			

AC1822 - Overall blue jacket CM rated

AC251822B - Overall yellow jacket CMP rated

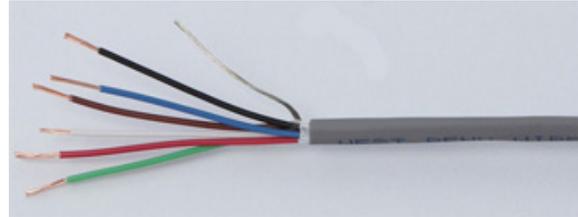
AC251822B3P - Overall yellow jacket CMP rated (3-pair reader cable)

AQC1822 - Indoor/Outdoor CM Rated

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 an 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. Keypads and other devices may require a higher conductor count. The AWG size is normally between 22-18 AWG 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 doesn't require an extremely low capacitance. Reader cables signals are susceptible to low frequency noise. Therefore, a foil shield is normally required for 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 22-18 AWG with 2 to 4 conductors. The insulation is either PVC (flame retardant) or PP. The capacitance of the cable is not an important characteristic 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 18-14 AWG 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 push-button or motion detection. The cable conductor and AWG is normally 22-18 AWG and 2 to 4 conductors.

## Access Control RS-485 Communication

Serial 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 RS-485 communication ports.



### Advantages:

- RS-485 standard allows long cable runs, up to 4000 feet (1200m)
- 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 systems it's downgraded to 56.2 kbit/sec or less to increase reliability.
- RS-485 doesn't allow the host PC to simultaneously communicate with several controllers to the same port. 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 (Teflon) 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.  
An overall shield 100% foil or overall shield 100% foil + high percentage braid.

### Jacket:

The jacket depends on the environment the installation is in.

## AQUASEAL - Indoor/Outdoor Cables



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't be placed indoors due to the inability to pass flame tests.

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.

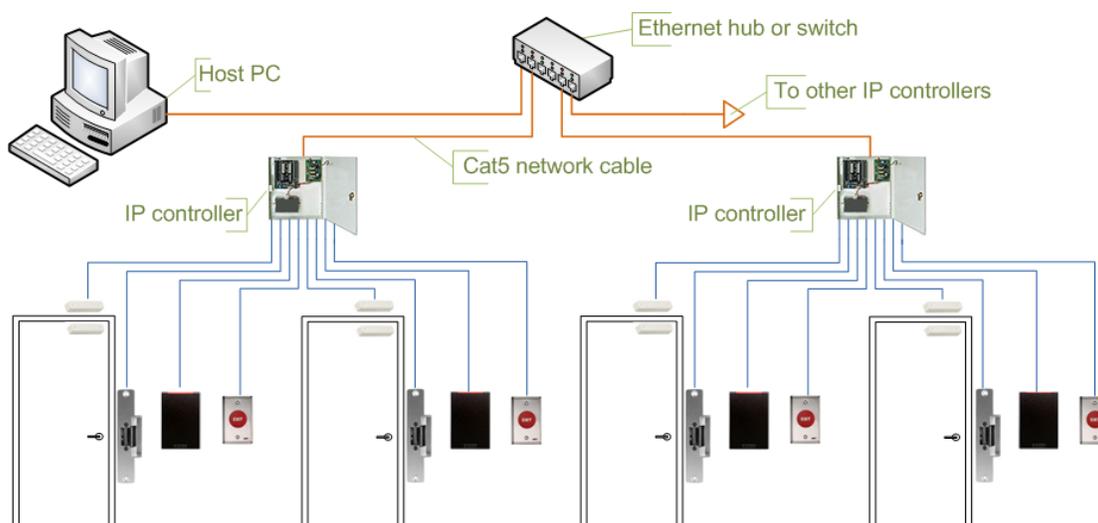
Aquaseal is UL listed, NEC type FPL or PLTC rated and utilizes 18 AWG to 12 AWG, which makes this cable excellent for low voltage Conventional and Addressable systems.

### Access Control Cable List

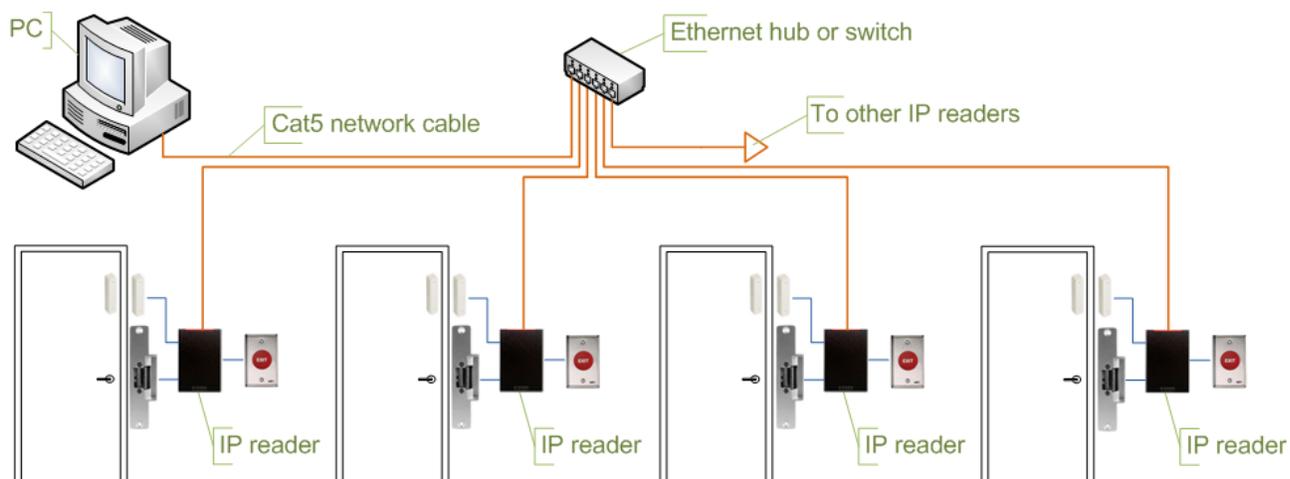
Environment	Reader Cables	Door Contact	Lock Power Cable	REX Cables	RS-485 Cables
Non Plenum	3270 3271 3272 3263 3021	221 224 241	244 245	241 244	D2401 D4851 D2402 D4852
Plenum	253270 253271	25221B 25224B 25241B	25244B 25245B	25241B 25244B	D252401 D254851 D252402 D254852
Indoor/Outdoor	AQC3270 AQC3186 AQC3274	AQC224 AQ224	AQC44	AQ244	

## Access Control IP Design

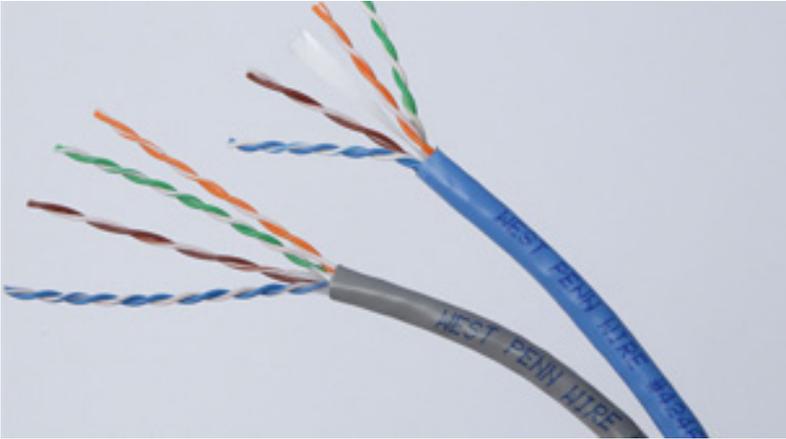
### Access Control System Using IP Controllers



### Access Control System Using IP Readers



## Access Control IP Design



IP 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 subcontrollers.

### 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

Environment	Category 5E UTP	Category 5E F/UTP	Category 6 UTP	Category 6 F/UTP	Category 6A UTP	Category 6A F/UTP
Non Plenum	4245	4245F	4246	4246F	4246A	4246AF
Plenum	254245	254245F	254246	254246F	254246A	254246AF
Indoor/Outdoor	4245IO		4246IO	4246FIO		4246AFIO
Outside Plant	4245OSP		4246OSP			
Armored	M57562					



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