KIDDE™

FIREX®

WIRE-FREE INTERCONNECT SMOKE ALARM
with Voice Alerts

ITEM 21033918 | MODEL SMDCFEX-VRF

2 AA Batteries (INCLUDED)



Photoelectric + Firmware Technology

Intertek

Conforms To Standard UL 217

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Description

When you're on the job, there's no room for uncertainty. Built for pros, the FireX Smoke Alarm (model SMDCFEX-VRF) delivers dependable, code-compliant detection — backed by North America's #1 home fire safety brand.*

This advanced photoelectric sensor alarm meets UL 217 10th Edition standards. You'll also find key features both you and your customers will appreciate, like voice alerts, wire-free interconnect,[1] reduced nuisance alarms, self-testing capability, event memory and universal mounting for streamlined installs.

Features & Benefits

- **Faster Detection[2]** – Advanced smoke chamber design for quicker, more reliable alerts
- **Reduced Nuisance Alarms** – Intelligent algorithms help distinguish real threats from false alarms
- **Fire Event Locator Memory** – LED indicator every 15 seconds after an alarm event
- **Self-Testing Diagnostics** – Monitors key functions for consistent, lasting performance
- **Heat & Humidity Protection** – Conformal coating protects against oxidation, corrosion and environmental conditions
- **5-Inch Universal Mounting Bracket** – Streamlines installation and replacement
- **Preinstalled Dust Cover** – Rigid plastic cover shields alarm from construction dust and debris
- **Durable, Fire-Resistant Housing** – Built-to-last with screw-secured PVC construction that resists yellowing and aging
- **Wire-Free Interconnect[1]** – Low-cost retrofit solution delivers interconnected detection with no wiring required
- **Voice Alerts** – React quickly with crystal-clear voice alerts that tell you exactly why the alarm is sounding

Ordering Information

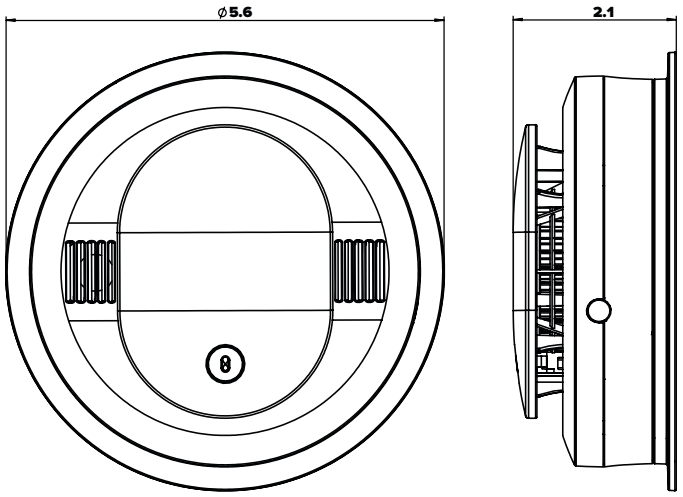
Ordering Number	UPC	GTIN	Pack	Case Dimensions (D x W x H in)	Case Weight (lbs)	Cartons/Pallet
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**Based on total household installations as of December 2023. [1] Different models offer different interconnection options and requirements. Check the User Guide for more info. [2] 29% faster average smoke detection based on internal testing of smoldering wood fires for Kidde 9th Edition vs. leading competitor 8th Edition products.*

Model Specifications

Alarm Indications	Smoke Alarm: Temporal-3, ≥85 dB @10 ft, with voice *"Fire!"*
	Red LED in sync with hazard
	Amber LED = Fault / Error / EOL / Low Battery
	Green = Power
	Event Recall: Red LED every 15 sec (24 hrs.)
	Clean Me: 1 blink + 3 chirps / Voice *"Clean the Alarm"* (dust)
Power & Battery	Primary: 3V DC 2 × AA batteries (included)
	Battery Life: ~1 yr (replace when chirp occurs)
	UL 217 10th Endurance: ≥ 1 year standby + 4 min alarm + 7 days trouble signal
	Approved: Energizer E91, Gold Peak 15A, Golden Power GLR6A
	Not lithium compatible
Functional Features	Test/Hush Button (simulates smoke)
	Hush™ (8 min)
	Alarm Auto Reset After Hushing
Wireless	Frequency band: 916MHz-923MHz
	Number of channels = 8
Compliance & Listings	ETL Listed; UL 217, 10th Edition
	NFPA 72 (2025)
	NFPA 101
	ICC/IBC aligned
	CSFM Listed
	Meets HUD/FHA standards
Architectural / Engineering	Housing: Flame-retardant thermoplastic (UL 94)
	3 LED indicators + voice
	≥85 dB
	Meets UL 217 10th, NFPA 72 (2025), NFPA 101, FHA, HUD
Technical	Model: SMDCFEX-VRF
	Sensor: Photoelectric
	Temp: 40–100 °F
	Humidity: ≤95% RH
	Dimensions: 5.67" box / 5" out
	Weight: ~1.0 lb.
	Interconnect: Up to 24 Kidde devices
Warranty	10-Year Limited (excludes batteries)
User Guide Languages	English / Spanish

Product Dimension (in)



Installation of Alarm[3]

The alarm can be installed on any standard single gang electrical box, up to a 4" octagon junction box. See User Guide for more location information and additional instructions.

The alarm should be installed to comply with all local codes having jurisdiction in your area, Article 760 of the National Electric Code, and NFPA 72. Make certain all alarms are wired to a single, continuous (non-switched) power line, which is not protected by a ground fault interrupter. A maximum of 1000 ft of wire can be used in the interconnect system. Use standard UL listed household wire (18 gauge or larger as required by local codes).

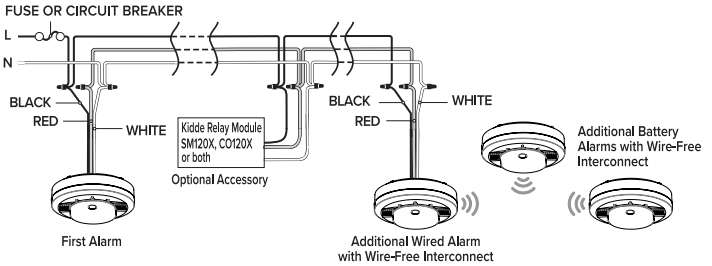
A maximum of 24 Kidde Safety devices may be interconnected in a multiple station arrangement. The interconnect system should not exceed the NFPA interconnect limit of 12 smoke or smoke/CO combination alarms and/or 18 alarms total (smoke, CO, smoke/CO combination, heat, etc.). With 18 alarms interconnected, it is still possible to interconnect up to a total of 6 remote signaling devices and/or relay modules.

This model meets the latest residential smoke alarm standards, which includes enhanced resistance to nuisance alarms from cooking. Industry experts recommend that both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms be installed to help ensure optimal detection of the various types of fires that can occur within the home. Ionization sensing alarms may detect invisible fire particles (associated with fast flaming fires) sooner than photoelectric alarms. Photoelectric sensing alarms may detect visible fire particles (associated with slow smoldering fires) sooner than ionization alarms. Industry experts recommend specific locations for smoke alarms, such as every level and sleeping area of the dwelling. The alarm can be installed on the surface of any wall or ceiling following the UL/NFPA/Manufacturer's recommended placement guidelines.

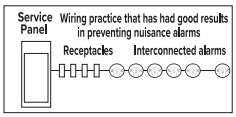
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Installation of Alarm[3] *(Continued)*

Interconnect Diagram[3]



Wires on alarm harness:	Connected to:
Black:	Hot side of AC line
White:	Neutral side of AC line
Red:	Interconnect lines (red wires) of other units in the multiple station set-up



⚠ **WARNING:** *Failure to properly connect AC power and install batteries in the correct orientation will prevent proper operation of this alarm and will prevent its response to fire hazards.*

This model can be interconnected using Wire-Free Interconnect with the following: RGSDR-RW, RGCUDR-RW, 20SAR-VRF, 20SDR-VRF, 30CUAR-VRF, 30CUDR-VRF, SMACFEX-VRF, SMDCFEX-VRF, CUACFEX-VRF, CUDCFEX-VRF.

Alarm Warnings – *Featuring multi-color LEDs*

- **Fire:** The red LED will flash in sync with the alarm pattern (3 long beeps). The alarm will repeat this pattern until the unit is reset or smoke is eliminated.
- **End of Unit Life:** Two chirps and amber LED flashes per minute.
- **Alarm Memory:** Alerts a user if smoke has been detected in the last 24 hours. If smoke has been detected, the red LED blinks every 15 sec.

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Pro Notes / Maintenance

- Clean only with compressed air/vacuum & dry cloth — no water or cleaners
- Keep 3 ft from ducts, fans and lights
- **Troubleshooting Nuisance Alarms**
  1. **Hush** – Press Hush/Test to silence the alarm
  2. **Clean** – Clear alarm openings using compressed air or vacuum
  3. **Test** – After cleaning, press Hush/Test to retry alarm
  4. **Call** – If issue persists, call Kidde Pro Support

Keep the installed dust cover on until at least 24 hours after all construction has been completed (drywall, painting, varnishing, mounting plate install, etc.). Retain the dust cover and reinstall it to protect the alarm during future construction projects. Construction dust and chemicals can cause contamination and false alarms.



⚠ **WARNING:**
Dust cover must be removed for alarm to operate.

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