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G7 EXO

Technical User Manual

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1. OVERVIEW

1.1 G7 EXO

Cloud-Connected Area Monitor

G7 EXO is a cloud-connected area monitor that bundles industry-leading gas detection with automated compliance and business analytics tools. For the first time ever, the days of manually collecting data from the field, reviewing spreadsheets and compiling reports are behind you.

G7 EXO solves the challenges of continuous toxic and combustible gas monitoring for sites, facilities and fence lines. Automating long-term area monitoring and connected safety for streamlined efficiency, G7 EXO allows teams to focus on their work at hand.

In the event of a safety incident or gas exposure, monitoring personnel can see what has happened and communicate with workers directly via text messaging or an optional two-way voice calling feature through their EXO.



1.2 BLACKLINE SAFETY CLOUD

The Blackline Safety Cloud is a cloud-hosted system consisting of cellular networks, satellite networks, the Blackline Live™ web portal application, your monitoring account and G7 EXO.

EXO comes with basic system access which allows EXO to connect to the Blackline Safety Cloud. Depending on your needs and requirements, additional service plan options are available including 24/7 safety monitoring by Blackline's Safety Operations Center and two-way voice communication.



1.3 BLACKLINE LIVE WEB PORTAL

The cloud-hosted Blackline Live web portal monitors and manages all of your workers and G7 devices, and delivers reports and business analytics insights.

Blackline Live

Blackline Live's real-time alerting and live map allows you to quickly locate and respond to gas events and other incidents in the field.

You can use Blackline Live to create and customize configuration profiles that determine how a device or a group of devices operates in the field. Similarly, alert profiles are set up to determine what contacts should be notified in the event of an incident and what response protocol monitoring personnel will follow to ensure your team gets the help it needs.

Blackline Live keeps track of alert history and gas sensor calibrations and bump tests, eliminating the need to manually retrieve data logs from the field.

Lastly, Blackline Live allows you to tailor user access depending on employee roles: employee, supervisor, administrator and monitoring team. This ensures that everyone has access to the right tools to accommodate their role in a comprehensive monitoring program.

For more information about Blackline Live visit support.blacklinesafety.com/products/blackline-live.

Blackline Analytics

With Blackline Analytics you can review data collected from your EXO fleet to make decisions follow up with your team and ensure everything is running smoothly. Choose from a number of different reports and filters to explore your data.

Blackline Analytics is built directly into the Blackline Live portal, allowing employees with the appropriate user access controls to see your organization's data. If users have only been given access to specific groups of devices, they will only see data attached to those particular devices.

For more information about Blackline Analytics visit support.blacklinesafety.com/products/blackline-analytics.

1.4 GAS INLET MODULES

What is a gas inlet module?

Gas inlets enable calibration, bump tests and air sampling from remote areas. Gas inlet modules allow you to change EXO's gas inlets to better suit your area monitoring needs. Gas inlet modules are always fitted with one diffusion gas inlet and may also include up to 4 pump gas inlets.

Diffusion module

This module has a manual calibration inlet that requires a fixed flow regulator to function correctly.

Four-channel pump module

This module has a manual calibration inlet that requires a fixed flow regulator to function correctly. It also has four pump inlets that can sample air from remote areas using internal pumps and external tubes.

What gas inlet module is currently installed in EXO?

EXO can have one of two gas inlet modules installed, the diffusion module or the four-channel pump module. If you are unsure of which module is installed, refer to the intake side of EXO.



Diffusion module
installed



Four-channel pump
module installed

1.5 CONNECTION MODULES

What is a connection module?

A connection module links EXO to the Blackline Safety Cloud using a cellular network or the Iridium satellite network.

EXO will first try to connect to the Blackline Safety Cloud with the built in cellular connection module. If cellular coverage is not available and an optional satellite connection module is installed, EXO will try to connect to the Blackline Safety Network through the Iridium satellite network. See sections 2.5 and 3.2 for more information on connectivity.

Cellular connection module

This module works with 2G/4G networks in Europe, and 3G/4G networks in North America to connect EXO to the Blackline Safety Network. Cellular series are available in over 100 countries, supporting over 200 cellular networks. This module is built into every EXO.

Satellite connection module

When EXO is not in cellular coverage, this module works with the Iridium satellite network to connect EXO to the Blackline Safety Cloud. In the future, this module can be pre-installed in EXO. It can also be purchased as an upgrade for EXOs in the field and will need to be installed by a trained technician.

NOTE: Two-way voice capabilities and push-to-talk are not available when connected via satellite.

Is a satellite connection module currently installed in EXO?

If you are unsure if EXO has a satellite connection module installed, refer to the window behind the battery pack. You can also find this information in the main menu under Advanced > Comm info.



Not installed



Installed

1.6 IN THE BOX

G7 EXO comes with the following components:

- G7 EXO safety and area gas monitor
- This technical user manual
- 1m (3ft) of tubing fitted with a quick connect coupling insert
- Quick charger with battery pack hex key
- Pre-installed multi-gas cartridge
- Pre-installed cellular connection module
- Pre-installed gas inlet module (one of two)
- Optional pre-installed satellite connection module
- Certification and support card

1.7 HARDWARE DETAILS

FRONT



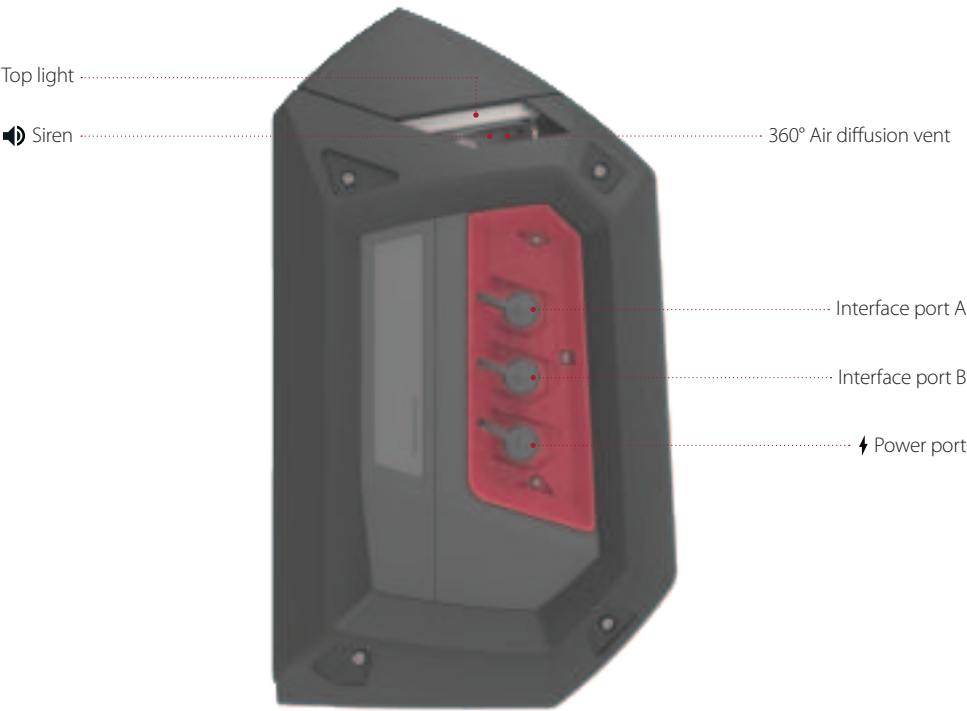
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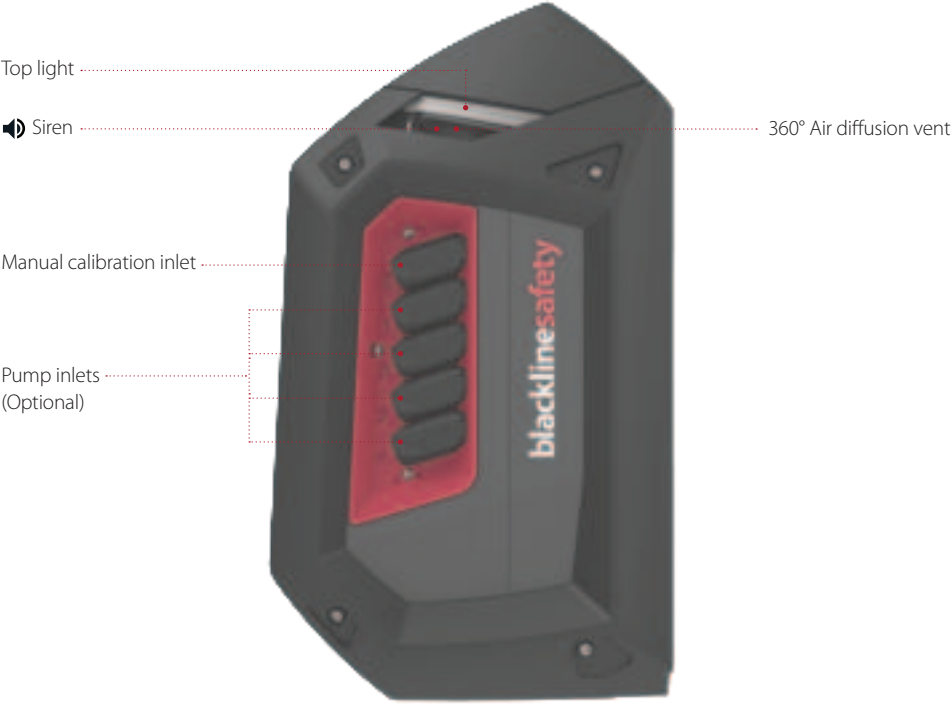
BOTTOM



RIGHT SIDE



LEFT SIDE



2. SETUP

2.1 PLACEMENT

EXO performs best when placed strategically within the area you wish to monitor. When placing EXO keep the following in mind:

Positioning

- Keep EXO upright
- Keep EXO accessible for regular interactions like bump tests and messages
- Do not hang EXO by its handle

Environmental

- Keep EXO electrical ports and gas inlets covered when not in use
- Do not place EXO in water
- Consider wind direction and air flow

Connectivity

- If connecting to Blackline Live through a satellite network, EXO needs to be outdoors with a clear view of the sky
- If connecting to Blackline Live through a cellular network, EXO may struggle to find connection indoors or in areas of weaker cellular reception

SETUP WIZARD

The Setup Wizard is an optional test you can run to see if EXO can determine its location, if it can connect to Blackline Live and if it is vertical. See section 2.4 for more information on the Setup Wizard.

2.2 LOCATION

EXO finds its location in one of three ways: through satellite-based positioning, by scanning for Blackline location beacons, or through a manually assigned location in Blackline Live.

NOTE: A defined location helps emergency response teams know where to respond. However, EXO does not need a determined location to function as a safety monitor or gas detector.

Satellite-based positioning (GPS)

EXO can use GPS/QZSS, Galileo, and Beidou satellite constellations to determine its location. Satellite-based positioning works best when the monitor is outside with a clear view of the sky. If EXO is within a location beacon's signal radius and satellite-based positioning is also available, the one with the strongest signal strength will be used. This is configurable on Blackline Live.

Location beacons

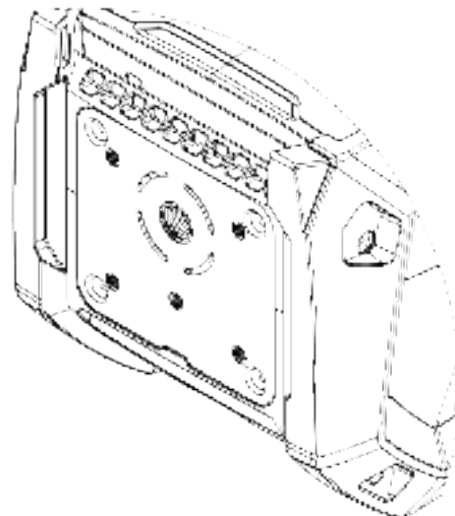
When within a beacon's signal radius, EXO will see the beacon and send the beacon's ID to Blackline Live. EXO's location will be recorded as the beacon's predefined location. If EXO sees multiple beacons it will be associated with the beacon with the strongest signal strength. If beacons and satellite-based positioning are both available, the one with the strongest signal strength will be used. This is configurable on Blackline Live.

Manually assigned location

In locations where satellite signals are weak or unavailable, you can manually assign EXO's location on Blackline Live.

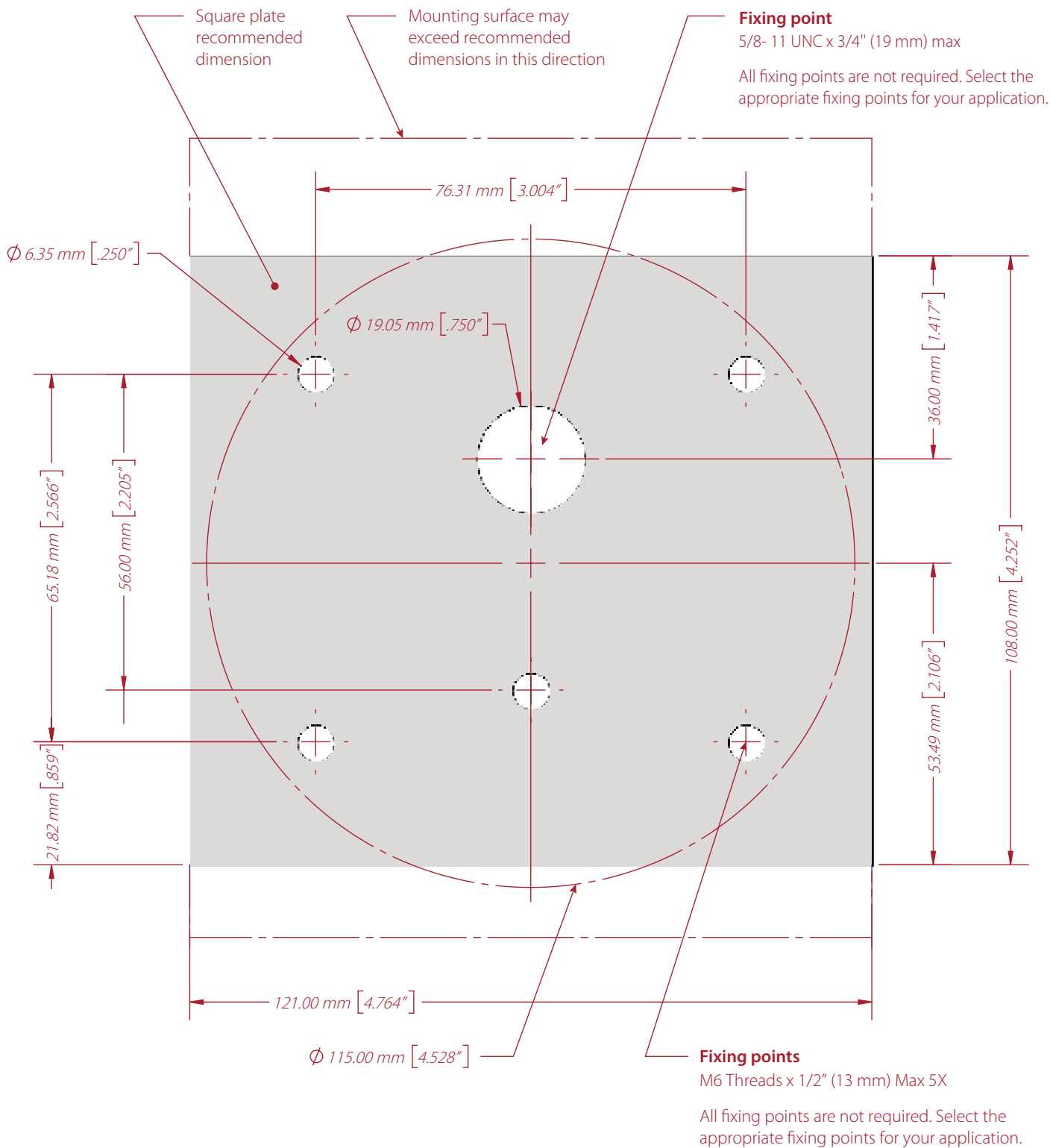
2.3 MOUNTING

The base of EXO is fitted with a mounting plate that has a 5/8"-11 mounting thread. EXO can be mounted to a 5/8"-11 x 3/4" bolt.



MOUNTING PLATE DIMENSIONS

The image below is at a 1:1 scale.



2.4 SETUP WIZARD

The setup wizard is an optional test that tells you if EXO will be able to operate correctly and fully. It determines if EXO can determine its location, if it can connect to Blackline Live and if it is vertical.

EXO will continue to monitor for gas in the area during the setup wizard test. Yellow warning alarms, a red latch pull or dangerous gas levels will override the setup wizard.

To run from start-up

1. Power on EXO
2. EXO will go through the start-up sequence
3. At the end of the start-up sequence a prompt to start the setup wizard will display on the screen
4. If no selection is made after 15 seconds the prompt screen will time out and EXO will automatically go to the main gas detection screen without running the setup wizard
5. If you choose to run the setup wizard, EXO will execute the process automatically. This process should only take a few minutes.

To run from main menu

1. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
2. Select Setup wizard
3. EXO will execute the process automatically. This process should only take a few minutes.

If setup wizard is successful,

1. EXO will let you know with a success sound and the screen will display "ready for use"
2. Select Exit to go to the main gas detection screen

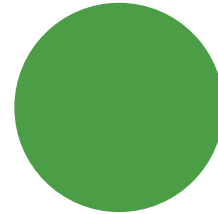
If setup wizard is unsuccessful,

1. EXO will let you know with a failure sound and the screen will display, "Insufficient"
2. The reasons for the failure will be listed on the screen with a red X. There are three possible reasons for failure:
 - EXO could not determine its location,
 - EXO could not connect to the Blackline Safety Cloud, or
 - EXO was not vertical.
3. Address each item on the list then select Retry to run the setup wizard again.
4. Select Exit to skip the setup wizard and go to the main gas detection screen

2.5 CONNECTIVITY LIGHT

Are you connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud?

EXO lets you know its connection status through the green connectivity light.



Blinking green light

A blinking connectivity light indicates EXO is trying to connect to the Blackline Safety Cloud. EXO will continue to monitor the area although monitoring personnel cannot receive alerts while this light is blinking. Data collected by EXO while the green connectivity light is blinking will be sent to Blackline Live once EXO connects to the Blackline Safety Cloud. This includes red alerts, yellow alarms, location, messages, etc.

Solid green light

A solid connectivity light indicates EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud and all data collected by EXO is actively being transmitted to Blackline Live. Monitoring personnel will receive and respond to alerts while this light is solid.

Connection lost alarm

By default, a yellow alarm will be triggered 10 minutes after EXO loses connection to the Blackline Safety Cloud. If EXO reconnects to the Blackline Safety Cloud within this time limit, no alarm will be triggered. This amount of time is configurable on Blackline Live.

See sections 1.5 and 3.2 for more information on connectivity.

3. USER INTERFACE

3.1 BUTTONS

Interacting with EXO is easy with its high-visibility, backlit LCD display, three-button menu system and SOS latch.



OK button

Press the OK button to enter the main menu on the LCD screen. Press the OK button to confirm a menu selection.



Up and down buttons

Use the up and down buttons to navigate options. Press and hold both buttons simultaneously to acknowledge and mute a yellow warning alarm or a red alert.



SOS latch pull

Pull the SOS latch to call for help when emergency assistance is required. See section 4.2 for more information.



Latch push (optional)

Push and hold the SOS latch to record a push-to-talk (PTT) message. Release the latch to send the message to devices in the same channel. See section 6.3 for more information.

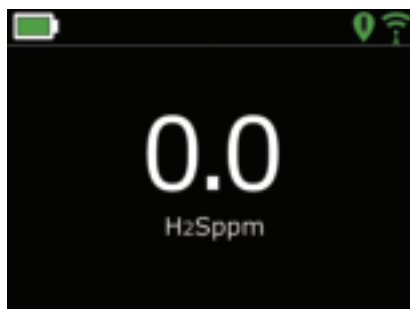
3.2 SCREEN OVERVIEW

MAIN MENU

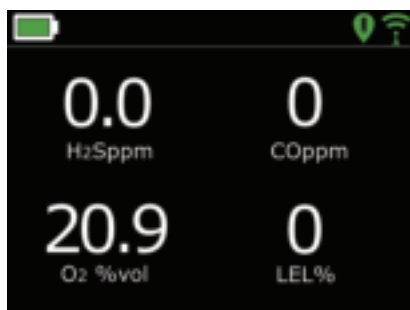
Enter the main menu by pressing the OK button while on the gas status screen. The main menu contains additional features and device information available to EXO users.

GAS STATUS SCREEN

EXO's main screen is the gas status screen. The sensor configuration of the four-gas cartridge in EXO will determine the layout of this screen.



One gas



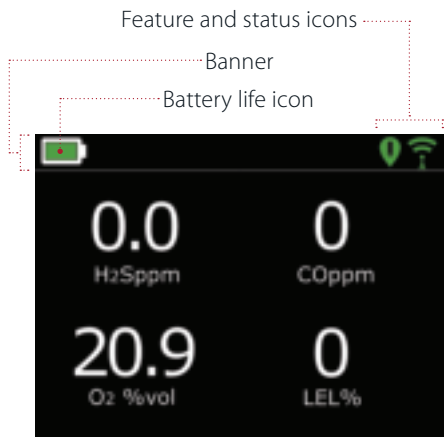
Four gases



Five gases

BANNER

The banner at the top of the gas status screen is where you will find more information about yellow alarms, red alerts, battery life, location and connectivity.



Battery life icon

The battery icon in the top bar of the screen shows how much charge the battery has. See section 3.3 for more information regarding the battery pack.

- Lightning bolt: Battery charging
- 5 bars: 81% to 100%
- 4 bars: 61% to 80%
- 3 bars: 41% to 60%
- 2 bars: 21% to 40%
- 1 bar: 1% to 20%
- Red bars: Low battery

NOTE: By default, a “low battery” message will be displayed in the banner and the battery icon will become red when the battery’s power drops below 10%. This threshold is configurable on Blackline Live.

Location icon

Only one location icon will be displayed at a time. See section 2.2 for more information regarding EXO’s location.

- Beacon**
Displayed when a beacon signal is present
- Satellite positioning (GPS)**
Displayed when no beacon signal is present and satellite positioning is possible
- None**
Displayed when there are no beacon signals and satellite positioning is not possible

Connectivity icon

Only one location icon will be shown at a time. See sections 1.5 and 2.5 for more information regarding connectivity.

- Cellular**
Displayed when EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud through a cellular network
- Satellite**
Displayed when EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud through satellite
- None**
Displayed when EXO is NOT connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud

3.3 BATTERY

All EXOs are shipped with a pre-installed battery pack and a quick charger.

Battery life

The battery pack can power EXO for over 100 days. This will vary depending on device configurations, alarm and alert response, operating temperature, sensor types and pump usage. In operational temperatures below -20°C (-4°F), the battery pack's runtime will drop significantly. See section 8.4 for more information about running EXO in cold temperature.

Battery storage

For long-term storage, Blackline recommends the battery is stored at 20°C (68°F).

Battery gauge

Press and hold the battery gauge button on the battery pack to show how much charge the battery has.

NOTE: A dim bar indicates when the battery's charge is in the lower half of the bar's percentage range.

	1 bar blinking: 0-4%
	1 bar: 5-24%
	2 bars: 25-44%
	3 bars: 45-64%
	4 bars: 65-84%
	5 bars: 85-100%

Battery gauge while charging

The Battery gauge will automatically light up and remain lit while the battery pack is charging. The gauge will display the current charge of the battery pack as described above. When the battery reaches 100% it will stop charging and the gauge's lights will turn off.

QUICK CHARGER

The EXO quick charger connects directly to the EXO battery and charges it overnight. Removal of the battery from EXO must be done in a safe environment with a clean atmosphere, specifically an atmosphere without explosive gas.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: DO NOT allow metal tools or personal items to touch the battery terminals. Touching metal or any conductive material to the battery terminals is extremely dangerous and will damage the battery.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: The EXO quick charger is NOT intrinsically safe. It should only be used in a safe environment with a clean atmosphere.

To remove the battery

1. Power off EXO
2. Ensure EXO is in a safe environment with a clean atmosphere
3. Loosen the two self-retaining screws at the top of the battery on the back of EXO
NOTE: This requires a 4mm hex key (included with EXO)
4. Pull the top of the battery away from EXO
NOTE: When vertical, the battery will lean away from EXO allowing you to grip and remove the battery



To charge the battery

1. Plug the quick charger into an outlet
2. Lift the rubber flap at the top of the battery pack to expose the charging port
3. Plug the quick charger into the charging port
4. Charging may take up to 10 hours
NOTE: The battery pack is fully charged when the red light on the charger turns green
5. When fully charged, remove the quick charger from the charging port
6. Replace the rubber flap to cover the charging port

To insert the battery

1. Ensure EXO is in a safe environment with a clean atmosphere
2. Hold the battery at a 45 degree angle with the bottom pointing towards EXO
3. Place the battery bottom first into EXO's battery slot
4. Push the top of the battery towards EXO until it sits flush
5. Tighten the two screws at the top of the battery
NOTE: The screws should be snug, but not over-tight.

If you see an O2 stabilizing message on G7 EXO's screen, wait up to 20 minutes for the O2 sensor to stabilize. EXO will NOT monitor during this process. If this message persists, contact your organization's safety professional.

TRICKLE CHARGER

You may choose to buy an EXO Trickle Charger Kit from Blackline Safety. This kit connects EXO directly to a power source through the power port eliminating the need to power down and remove EXO from the field to charge the battery pack. See section 10.1 for more information about the power port.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: An attached trickle charger is ONLY intrinsically safe when connected as described in the electrical diagrams in section 10.1.



3.4 POWER ON/OFF

To power on EXO,

Press and hold the power button for two seconds. You will know when EXO has finished its startup when it completes the following stages.

- At the end of two seconds EXO will sound a chime, signaling it is powering on
- The top lights will flash
- EXO will go through its startup sequence and the screen will display the active features on EXO
- The green connectivity light will stop flashing and become solid when EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud



If you see a O2 stabilizing message on G7 EXO's screen, wait up to 20 minutes for the O2 sensor to stabilize. EXO will NOT monitor during this process. If the message persists, contact your organization's safety professional.

To power off EXO,

Press and hold the power button for three seconds.

NOTE: If the maintenance code is enabled, you will be required to input the correct code to unlock EXO before powering off. See section 3.5 for more information about the maintenance code.

You will know when EXO has finished power off when it completes the following stages.

- EXO will show a three second countdown as you hold the power button. Every second will have a corresponding beep and flash.
- At the end of the three seconds EXO will sound a chime signaling it is powering off
- The screen will go into EXO's shutdown sequence
- Once all the lights and sounds have stopped, EXO will be powered off and disconnected from the Blackline Safety Cloud

NOTE: Make sure all red alerts have been resolved before powering off. Do NOT power off EXO if the blue LiveResponse light is on. This may mean waiting for monitoring personnel to contact you through EXO. See section 4.2 for more information on red alerts.

3.5 MAINTENANCE CODE

EXO features an optional maintenance code function to prevent unauthorized individuals from changing the settings when the device is unmanned. EXO's entire menu, device power-down and volume change actions are locked when a maintenance code is enabled. Entering the code will allow you to access locked features.

Enabling the maintenance code and setting the four-digit number passcode is done using the EXO configuration page available on the Blackline Live Portal.



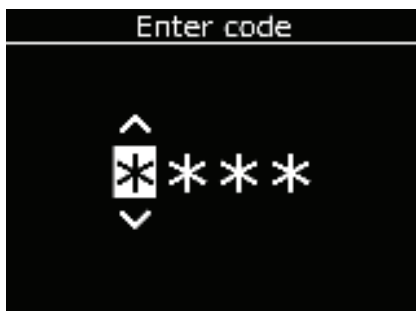
When the device is locked, a lock icon will be shown in the gas status screen banner. Pressing any button while EXO is locked will display the maintenance code entry screen.

To unlock EXO,

- Press any button to display the maintenance code entry screen
- You will be prompted to enter a four-digit number. Use the up and down buttons to select a number for the current digit
- Press OK to move on to the next digit
- After selecting the final digit, press OK to enter the entire code

If successful, the entered code will become green and you will be taken to the unlocked gas detection screen.

If unsuccessful, the entered code will become red. You can either select Retry to enter another code or Back to return to the locked gas status screen.



Enter maintenance code

3.6 ALARM TEST

What is the alarm test?

EXO's alarm test is an audio/visual assessment used to ensure the siren, speaker, LED lights and microphones are operating correctly on the area monitor. The top lights will flash and you will hear pitches that gradually get higher. The volume of the alarm test sounds cannot be adjusted.

When is a alarm test run?

A alarm test is run as part of the startup sequence, before all bump tests, before each calibration and after every 24 hour period of continuous run time.

What does a failed alarm test mean?

If EXO detects a problem while running the alarm test, the full test will immediately be attempted two more times. If EXO still detects a problem after the third attempt, a failed alarm test results will be recorded and sent to Blackline Live.

NOTE: Muffling the sounds during a alarm test will result in a failure. Too loud of an environment will also result in a failed alarm test.

3.7 SIREN AND SPEAKER

SIREN

Gas detection yellow warning alarms and red alerts, SOS alerts and sensor errors use the siren. To function effectively as an area gas monitor, the siren needs to be loud enough to be heard over all environmental noise.

To adjust EXO's alarm volume,

1. Press OK to enter the main menu
2. Select Settings
3. Select Siren volume
4. Use the up and down buttons to select the desired volume

High (default)	92 dB – comparable to a lawn mower
Medium	73 dB – comparable to a vacuum
Low	68 dB – comparable to a dishwasher

▲ SAFETY WARNING: Listening to EXO's siren at high volume for extended periods of time can cause permanent hearing loss. EXO's siren volume should be adjusted for use indoors and in smaller spaces. Ear protection should be worn during testing.

SPEAKER

Yellow warning alarms triggered by incoming two-way messages and connection lost alarms will use the speaker. Two-way voice calls, push-to-talk (PTT) messages, and the shutdown sounds also use the speaker.

Default	73 dB – comparable to a vacuum
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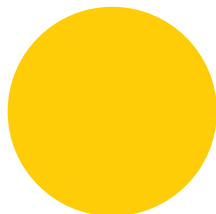
NOTE: EXO's speaker volume cannot be adjusted.



4. SAFETY ALERTS AND ALARMS

4.1 YELLOW WARNING ALARM

EXO's yellow warning alarm can be triggered by functional settings or reaching low alarm gas detection thresholds. Both are configurable on Blackline Live to best fit your needs. Contact your safety supervisor to learn more about how EXO's features are configured.



● ● ● ● ● **Rapid Blinking** ● ● ● ● ●

What do I do in the case of a yellow warning alarm?

Always follow your company's safety protocol.

Blackline recommends that people in the vicinity of an EXO in yellow warning alarm should leave the area. A trained device operator may approach EXO if their safety protocol allows it or a trained device administrator can use the

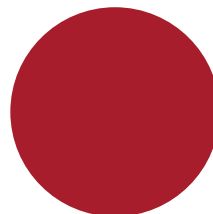
information available in the Blackline Live Portal to assess the situation.

Alarm information can be read on EXO's screen. Press and hold the up and down buttons at the same time to cancel the alarm and to let EXO know you have read the message. In the case of continuous gas exposure, EXO will unmute itself after two minutes if detected gas levels have not returned to normal.



4.2 RED ALERT

EXO's red alert can be triggered by pulling the SOS latch or by reaching high alert gas detection thresholds. Both are configurable on Blackline Live to best fit your needs. Contact your safety supervisor to learn more about how EXO's features are configured.



● ● ● ● ● **Rapid Blinking** ● ● ● ● ●

What do I do in the case of a red alert?

Immediately follow your company's safety protocol and evacuate the area.

If you know the area is safe and your company's protocol allows you to stay in the area, read the information on EXO's screen. Press and hold the up and down buttons at the same

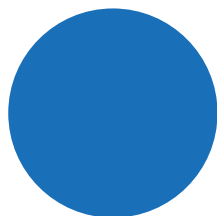
time to let EXO know you have read the message and to mute the alarm. In the case of continuous gas exposure, EXO will unmute itself after one minute if detected gas levels have not returned to normal.

NOTE: Red alerts are immediately communicated to monitoring personnel. Gas levels returning to normal or manually muting the sound does NOT cancel the alert sent to monitoring personnel.



4.3 LiveResponse

EXO's blue LiveResponse light can only be triggered by monitoring personnel through Blackline Live. It is a signal to you that the red alert has been acknowledged and is being investigated by monitoring personnel. If you see this light you can be confident help is on its way.



Blinking

What do I do in the case of a blue LiveResponse light?

You do not have to do anything.

This light lets you know that remote monitoring personnel are responding to the alert by following your team's emergency protocol. Once monitoring personnel have confirmed the

safety of everyone in the area and resolved the red alert, the blue LiveResponse light will shut off.



Depending on your team's response protocol, an EXO with voice enabled can also be contacted by monitoring personnel to create a two-way conversation between the end user and the monitoring agent responding to the alert.

NOTE: Do NOT power off EXO if the blue LiveResponse light is on.

5. SAFETY FEATURES

5.1 FUNCTIONAL SETTINGS



Two-way messages

EXO can send and receive written messages with monitoring personnel. When there is an incoming message, EXO will inform you with a yellow warning alarm. See section 6.1 for more information on two-way messages.



Connection lost

A yellow alarm will be triggered if EXO loses connection with the Blackline Safety Cloud and stays disconnected for 10 minutes. This amount of time is configurable on Blackline Live. See section 1.5 for more information on connection module.



Two-way voice call

If EXO has the two-way voice call feature enabled and is in cellular coverage, it can receive two-way voice calls from monitoring personnel as a response to red alerts. You cannot initiate or end voice calls from EXO. Voice calls are automatically answered by EXO. See section 6.2 for more information on two-way voice calls.



Low battery

If the battery pack charge goes below a default threshold of 10%, EXO will inform you with a warning message in the banner on the gas status screen. This threshold is configurable on Blackline Live. See section 3.3 for more information on EXO's battery pack.



Push-to-talk (PTT)

If EXO has the PTT feature enabled and is in cellular coverage, it is able to send and receive voice messages with other G7 EXO devices and G7 wearable devices, similar to a walkie-talkie. See section 6.3 for more information on PTT.



SOS latch

If you require emergency assistance, you can manually trigger a red alert by pulling the SOS latch. This will send an SOS alert to monitoring personnel and initiate your company's response protocol. The SOS alert can be disabled in the configuration from Blackline Live. See section 4.2 for more information on red alerts.

5.2 GAS SENSOR SETTINGS

Once you have completed a bump test (section 7.1) and calibration (section 7.2), EXO is ready to monitor and notify you of gas exposures.

Low gas threshold reached (low gas)

When gas levels reach the low concentration threshold configured by your safety supervisor, EXO will inform you with a yellow warning alarm. The sounds and lights associated with the yellow warning alarm will persist until gas concentrations return to safe levels.

NOTE: An EXO with an O2 sensor will trigger low warning alarms in oxygen-deficient and oxygen-enriched atmospheres. An oxygen-deficient atmosphere poses a risk of insufficient oxygen for breathing. An oxygen-enriched atmosphere presents an increased risk of explosion.

High gas threshold reached (high gas)

When gas levels reach the high concentration threshold configured by your safety supervisor, EXO will inform you with a red alert. The sounds and lights associated with the red alert will persist until gas concentrations return to safe levels.

NOTE: An EXO with an O2 sensor will trigger red alerts in oxygen-deficient and oxygen-enriched atmospheres. An oxygen-deficient atmosphere poses a risk of insufficient oxygen for breathing. An oxygen-enriched atmosphere presents an increased risk of explosion.

Sensor error

If a gas sensor stops working for any reason, EXO will inform you with a yellow warning alarm. An X is displayed on EXO's screen to indicate the sensor in error. Power off and restart EXO. If the sensor error persists, ensure the cartridge is installed properly. The cartridge may need to be replaced.

Over limit (OL)

If gas concentration is higher than a sensor's capability to detect, a red alert will be triggered.

Under limit (UL)

It is possible for a sensor to give negative readings. This is typically a result of improper calibration, poisoning or cross-sensitivity to other gases. If these negative readings become too low, the device will warn the user by initiating an under limit warning.

The info banner will say "under limit" and the gas sensor will give a reading of "UL". This warning notifies the user that the readings are inaccurate. If this happens, a calibration will be required to ensure the sensors are accurately detecting gas levels. If you are unable to perform a calibration and are in a clean atmosphere, you can zero the sensors to reset their baseline.

Bump test due

When gas sensors are due for a bump test, a warning will display in the banner on the gas status screen. This is configurable on Blackline Live. See section 7.1 for more information on bump tests.

Calibration due

When gas sensors are due for a calibration, a warning will display in the banner on the gas status screen. This is configurable on Blackline Live. See section 7.2 for more information on calibration.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.1 TWO-WAY MESSAGES

EXO can send and receive written messages with monitoring personnel. You have the choice to send one of 10 pre-programmed messages or write a custom message. This message will be sent to Blackline Live as an alert. The pre-programmed messages are configurable on Blackline Live.

Messages can also be sent from Blackline Live and received by EXO. A yellow warning alarm will inform you of an incoming message.

To send a pre-programmed message,

1. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
2. Select Messages
3. Select Send a message
4. Select a chosen pre-programmed message
5. EXO will display a confirmation screen and then bring you back to the gas status screen

To send a custom message,

1. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
2. Select Messages
3. Select Send a message
4. Select *Create custom*
5. Press the up or down buttons to scroll through the alphabet and numbers
6. Press the OK button to move to the next character
NOTE: Messages can have no more than 16 characters
7. Press the OK button again to finish the message
8. Press the up button to continue editing, OK to send, or down to cancel

To read received messages,

1. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
2. Select Messages
3. Select Message inbox

6.2 TWO-WAY VOICE CALLS

If EXO has the two-way voice call feature enabled and is in cellular coverage, it can receive two-way voice calls from monitoring personnel as a response to red alerts.

Two-way voice calls only work when EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud through a cellular network. G7 EXO automatically answers every voice call. You cannot initiate or end voice calls from EXO.

How does a two-way voice call work?

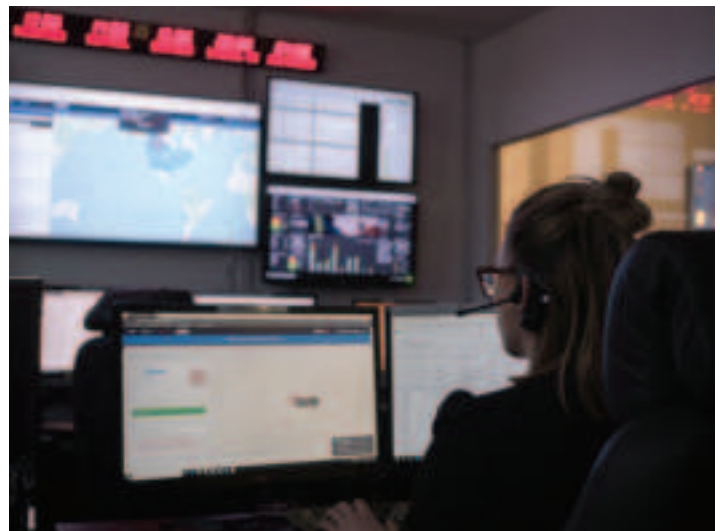
Monitoring personnel will initiate the call. If EXO is not already in an alert state, it will inform you of the incoming call with a yellow warning alarm. You will then hear a chirp indicating the voice call has been connected.

Speak directly to EXO. The microphone is located to the left of the SOS latch (see section 1.7). If monitoring personnel are having a hard time clearly hearing your responses, you may need to move closer to EXO. When monitoring personnel have confirmed you are safe, they will end the call and you will hear another chirp indicating the voice call has been disconnected.

NOTE: This feature is different from the push-to-talk (PTT) feature. Voice calls are not available when EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud through the Iridium satellite network.

Volume

Two-way calls use EXO's speaker. The speaker's volume is set at 85 dB and cannot be adjusted. See section 3.7 for more information about



Blackline monitoring personnel

6.3 PUSH-TO-TALK (PTT)

If EXO has the PTT feature enabled and is in cellular coverage, it is able to send and receive voice messages with other G7 EXO devices and G7 wearable devices, similar to a walkie-talkie. EXO can still receive and send PTT transmissions when it is locked by a maintenance code. See section 3.5 for more information on the maintenance code.

Push-to-talk only works when EXO is connected to the Blackline Safety Cloud through a cellular network. Push-to-talk does not work during an alert or alarm unless the alert or alarm has been muted. Push-to-talk only allows one transmission on a channel at a time.

Volume

Push-to-talk uses EXO's speaker. The speaker's volume is set at 85 dB and cannot be adjusted. See section 3.7 for more information about the speaker.

Transmitting

1. Press and hold the red latch
2. When EXO finishes beeping, continue to hold and begin talking into the device
3. When you're finished talking, release the latch. EXO allows PTT messages up to 30 seconds in length
4. EXO will beep once more to let you know it's done listening

Receiving

1. EXO will beep twice to signal an incoming PTT message
 2. EXO will play the message
 3. EXO will beep once more when the message is finished
- NOTE:** EXO's screen will display its current channel.

AVAILABLE CHANNELS

Channels 00 through 99

These channels are recommended for everyday use. When on a specific numbered channel, EXO:

- Transmits to devices on the same channel as EXO
- Receives transmissions from devices on the same channel as EXO, as well as transmissions from devices in the all call channel

All call channel

This channel is recommended for safety supervisors or managers. The all call channel is the highest priority push-to-talk channel. Incoming all call transmissions will override other push-to-talk transmissions. When on the all call channel, EXO:

- Transmits to all PTT devices in EXO's organization
- Receives transmissions from devices in the all call channel

Receive only channel

When on the receive only channel, EXO:

- Cannot transmit to any devices
- Receives transmissions from devices in the all call channel

CHANGING CHANNELS

Changing EXO's PTT channel is done from the PTT channel menu.

To change to a specific channel number,

1. Press the OK button to enter EXO's main menu
2. Select PTT channels
3. Select Enter channel #
NOTE: Every channel requires two digits
4. Use the up and down buttons to enter the first digit of the new channel. For example, for channel 08 the first digit is 0.
5. Press the OK button to move on to the next digit
6. Use the up and down buttons to enter the second digit of the new channel. For example, for channel 08 the second digit is 8.
7. Press the OK button to finish
8. Select Yes to confirm the new channel, or select Edit to make changes

To change to receive only or all call,

1. Press the OK button to enter EXO's main menu
2. Select PTT channels
3. Select Receive only or All call
4. Read the message on the screen
5. Select Yes to confirm

7 GAS DETECTION

7.1 BUMP TEST

What is a bump test?

A bump test will tell you if EXO's gas sensors, lights, siren, speaker and microphone are functional. The results of each bump test will be sent to the Blackline Safety Cloud automatically.

Bump test schedule

The bump test schedule can be configured to match your company's safety policy. These changes are made in the configuration profile on Blackline Live. To meet CSA's LEL performance standard, you are required to bump test before each day's use.

The bump test process results in either a pass or a fail. Exiting the bump test process before all sensors have been tested will result in a failed bump test. On startup EXO will display when the next bump test is due. By default, an overdue bump test will cause a reminder message to display in the banner of the gas status screen. This bump test overdue response is configurable on Blackline Live.

NOTE: Blackline recommends EXO should not exceed 30 days without a bump test.

Gas cylinders

Sensors can be manually bump tested at the same time using one gas cylinder with a multi-gas mixture or individually using multiple gas cylinders. If using multiple cylinders, the manual bump test process will need to be repeated for each cylinder. In step 2 of the bump test process below, ensure all the gas sensors that correspond to the attached cylinder's gas mixture are checked. The gas concentration of the connected gas cylinder should match the gas concentration listed in EXO's calibration gas configuration in Blackline Live.

NOTE: Some cartridges require you to bump test sensors in a specific order due to gas sensor cross sensitivity. Contact your safety supervisor to learn more.



Tubing connected to EXO's manual calibration inlet

MANUAL BUMP TEST

You will need,

- A cylinder(s) containing the appropriate gases
- A 0.5 LPM or 1 LPM fixed flow regulator attached to the cylinder(s)
- Tubing fitted with a quick connect coupling insert

To start

1. Ensure G7 EXO is in clean air
2. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
3. Select Gas options
4. Select Bump test
5. You will see a screen that says, "Continue with bump test?"; select Yes

Bump test process

1. EXO will run an audio/visual self test. See section 3.6 for more information.
2. A screen will prompt you to start the bump test. Ensure all the gas sensors you wish to bump test are checked. By default EXO will test all sensors.
3. Select Start bump
4. EXO will begin to count down from 60 seconds. Within this time window:
 - Attach tubing fitted with a quick connect coupling insert to EXO's manual calibration inlet



Manual calibration inlet icon

- Ensure the other end of the tubing is attached to the fixed flow regulator on the gas cylinder
 - Turn the gas regulator on to apply the gas, keep gas flowing
5. Turn the gas regulator off when prompted by EXO
 6. You will be prompted to go through steps 2-5 until all sensors have been tested. The bump test process is only considered successful once all the sensors have been successfully tested.
 7. If all sensors have been successfully tested, you will be prompted to press the OK button to complete the bump test. This screen will timeout after a few seconds.
 8. EXO will inform you if the bump test has passed or failed and when its next bump test is due
 9. Remove the tubing from the manual calibration inlet and let EXO sit until the gas readings stabilize. This may take a few minutes.

If you see a bump test fail message on G7 EXO's screen,

- Check the gas and cylinder connections
- Let EXO sit until its gas readings stabilize
- Try the bump test again
- If the bump test continues to fail, contact your organization's safety supervisor.

7.2 CALIBRATION

What is calibration?

Calibration ensures EXO can accurately detect gas. This procedure adjusts sensor parameters while the sensors are exposed to a known concentration of gas for a set amount of time. Calibrations will need to be done periodically throughout a sensor's operating life and the data collected from each procedure will be sent to the Blackline Safety Cloud automatically.

Calibration schedule

The calibration schedule can be configured to match your company's safety policy. These changes are made in the configuration profile on Blackline Live. All the sensors on a cartridge will have the same calibration schedule, but if you choose to calibrate sensors individually, they can become due independent of the other sensors. Blackline recommends calibrating all the sensors on a cartridge in a single calibration process. On startup EXO will display when the sensors' next calibrations are due. By default, an overdue calibration will cause a reminder message to display in the banner on the gas status screen. This overdue response is configurable on Blackline Live.

NOTE: Blackline recommends not exceeding 180 days without a calibration.

Gas cylinders

Sensors can be manually calibrated at the same time using one gas cylinder or individually using multiple gas cylinders. If using multiple cylinders, the manual calibration process will need to be repeated for each cylinder. In step 4 of the calibration process below, ensure all the gas sensors that correspond to the attached cylinder's gas mixture are checked. The gas concentration of the connected gas cylinder should match the gas concentration listed in EXO's calibration gas configuration in Blackline Live.

NOTE: Some cartridges require you to calibrate sensors in a specific order due to gas sensor cross sensitivity. Contact your safety supervisor to learn more.

MANUAL CALIBRATION

You will need:

- A cylinder(s) containing the appropriate gases
- A 0.5 LPM or 1 LPM fixed flow regulator attached to the cylinder(s)
- Tubing fitted with a quick connect coupling insert

To start,

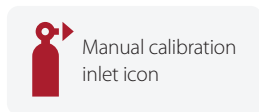
1. Ensure G7 EXO is in clean air
2. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
3. Select Gas options
4. Select Calibration
5. You will see a screen listing the configured calibration settings, followed by a screen that says, "Continue with calibration?". Select Yes.



Tubing connected to EXO's manual calibration inlet

Calibration process,

1. EXO will run an audio/visual self test. See section 3.6 for more information.
2. A screen will prompt you to zero the sensors. Ensure all the gas sensors you wish to calibrate are checked. By default EXO will zero all sensors.
3. Select Start zeroing
4. All checked sensors will be zeroed in preparation for their calibration. This will take a few seconds.
5. A screen will prompt you to select a gas mix. Ensure all the gas sensors you wish to calibrate with the chosen gas cylinder are checked. By default EXO will attempt to calibrate all sensors that have been successfully zeroed.
6. Select Start span
7. EXO will begin to count down from 60 seconds. Within this time window:
 - Attach tubing fitted with a quick connect coupling insert to EXO's manual calibration inlet



- Ensure the other end of the tubing is attached to the fixed flow regulator on the gas cylinder
 - Turn on the gas regulator and apply the gas, keep gas flowing
8. Turn gas off when prompted on EXO's screen
 9. You will be prompted to go through steps 5-8 until all zeroed sensors have been calibrated. The calibration process is only considered successful once all the sensors have been calibrated.
 10. If all sensors have been successfully calibrated, you will be prompted to press the OK button to complete the calibration. This screen will timeout after a few seconds.
 11. EXO will let you know if the calibration has passed or failed and when the next calibration is due
 12. Remove the tubing from the manual calibration inlet and let EXO sit until the gas readings stabilize

If you see a calibration fail message on G7 EXO's screen,

- Check the gas and cylinder connections
- Check that cylinder gas concentrations match the EXO calibration gas configuration
- Let EXO sit until its gas readings stabilize
- Try the calibration again
- If the calibration continues to fail, contact your organization's safety supervisor.

7.3 ZEROING SENSORS

If you know EXO is in a clean atmosphere and a gas sensor is reading abnormal levels, this can mean the sensor's baseline has shifted, and EXO's displayed gas readings are not accurate. You may need to zero or calibrate the sensor.

EXO's sensors can be zeroed manually. EXO can be configured to zero its sensors automatically on startup and they are also zeroed as a part of the calibration process. Contact your safety supervisor to learn more about how EXO's features are configured.

NOTE: The LEL-MPS sensor will auto-zero at startup. This is not configurable. See section 7.4 for more information about LEL sensors.

MANUALLY ZERO SENSORS

You can zero a sensor by using the atmosphere to reset the sensor's baseline reading. Inert purge gas may also be applied to the manual calibration inlet to zero sensors.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: EXO's sensors must only be zeroed with clean air. If a sensor is zeroed where its targeted gas levels are abnormal, the gas levels EXO displays will not be accurate. Inaccurate readings are a safety hazard.

Zeroing process,

1. Ensure G7 EXO is in clean air
 2. Press the OK button to enter the main menu
 3. Select Gas options
 4. Select Zero sensors
 5. A screen will prompt you to zero the sensors. Ensure all the gas sensors you wish to zero are checked.
 6. Select Start zeroing
- NOTE:** Do NOT apply gas
7. EXO will let you know when the zeroing is completed

If you see a zero incomplete message on G7 EXO's screen,

- EXO may be in an environment with abnormal gas levels
- EXO's cartridge may need to be replaced

7.4 LEL SENSOR PRECAUTIONS

For safety reasons EXO must be operated and serviced by qualified personnel only. Read and understand the information below before operating or servicing.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: Off-scale (overlimit) readings may indicate an explosive concentration.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: Calibrations must only be performed in areas free of flammable gases.

Blackline's LEL sensors can be calibrated with the following settings:

Gas	Calibration concentration (%vol)	Calibration concentration (%LEL)	Balance
Methane (CH ₄)	2.5%	50% ±2%	Standard quad-gas mixture

No known gases desensitize or contaminate Blackline's LEL-MPS and LEL-IR sensors. These two sensors do not cause any electromagnetic interference (EMI), and are not negatively affected by EMI, such as radio transmissions, of up to 8W.

Like any gas sensor, be sure to understand potential explosive hazards and choose the appropriate sensor technology based on these hazards.

Blackline Safety supports three different LEL sensor technologies:

1. Molecular Property Spectrometer (LEL-MPS)
2. Non-Dispersive Infra-Red (LEL-IR),
3. Catalytic-bead pellistor (LEL-P)

Molecular Property Spectrometer (LEL-MPS)

This sensor is not intended for inert environments. Environments with oxygen (O₂) levels below 18% will negatively impact this sensor's accuracy and Blackline does not recommend using it when oxygen levels are below 10%.

When bump testing or calibrating this sensor, apply a gas mixture containing at least 18% oxygen (O₂). Less oxygen than this may negatively impact the sensor's readings. If a gas mixture with less than 18% oxygen is applied during a bump test or calibration, restart EXO to auto zero the sensor.

This sensor can be calibrated two ways, default calibration and full calibration.

1. The default calibration process will validate and ensure accuracy without adjusting the LEL-MPS sensor's readings. Unlike traditional sensors, this sensor is factory calibrated for optimal accuracy. We recommend using the factory calibration for the lifetime of the sensor.
2. Advanced users can perform a full calibration with a span adjustment. A full calibration may negatively impact the accuracy of other gases. EXO can be configured to run a full calibration on this sensor in Blackline Live.

Non-Dispersive Infra-Red (LEL-IR)

This sensor is able to function in inert environments without oxygen. This sensor does not detect Hydrogen (H) or Acetylene (C₂H₂).

Catalytic-bead pellistor (LEL-P)

Any rapid up-scale reading followed by declining or erratic reading may indicate a gas concentration beyond upper scale limit which may be hazardous. Blackline does not offer this LEL sensor anymore.

7.5 PID TARGET GASES

What are target gases?

Photo-ionization detector (PID) sensors can be used to detect a large range of gases called VOCs (volatile organic compounds). The PID sensor's target gas refers to the specific gas your device is attempting to detect. EXO's readings will be adjusted based on the target gas it is configured to detect.

NOTE: Although PID sensors target a specific VOC gas, readings can still be affected by the presence of non-targeted gases. Consult your safety supervisor or industrial hygienist when preparing to use a PID sensor.

How do I set EXO's target gas?

EXO's PID sensor's target gas is set from the configuration profile in Blackline Live. Under the photoionization detector section of the gas sensor settings card, you can choose an existing target gas or set a custom target gas.

Where do I see which target gas EXO is detecting?

The target gas EXO is configured to use can be seen in two places:

- On startup
- In the gas options menu, Gas options > View gas info > VOC target

In both places EXO's screen will display the name of the target gas as well as its correction factor.

8 CARTRIDGES

8.1 CARTRIDGE OPTIONS

What cartridges can be used in my EXO?

EXOs can only fit non-pumped multi-gas cartridges, which can be fitted with up to five sensors. Five-gas cartridges will have a combined CO and H₂S sensor.



8.2 CHANGING CARTRIDGES

Changing cartridges temporarily disables EXO. Blackline Safety recommends using a second fully operational G7 device to monitor the area if you choose to replace a cartridge on site.

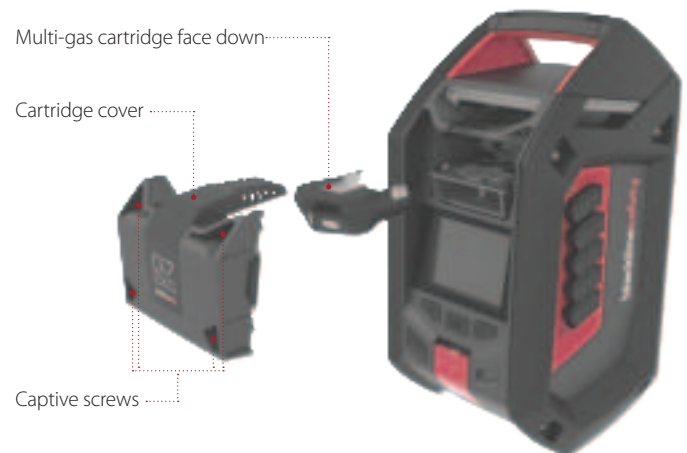
NOTE: All Blackline Safety cartridges are intrinsically safe. This means EXO's cartridges can be changed in potentially hazardous zones.

To remove a cartridge,

1. Power off EXO
2. Unscrew the four cartridge cover screws
NOTE: These are captive screws and should stay attached to the cartridge cover
3. Pull forward on the cartridge cover to remove. Set aside.
4. Pull the cartridge out of the cartridge slot

To insert a cartridge,

1. Orient the cartridge so the sensors are facing down
2. Push the cartridge into the cartridge slot
3. Replace cartridge cover
4. Tighten screws



9 GAS INLETS

8.3 CARTRIDGE CARE

Sensor contaminants

Gas sensors are susceptible to contamination by a variety of common chemicals, reducing or eliminating their effectiveness. Care should be taken when using silicones, cleaners, solvents and lubricants in close proximity to sensors as exposure may cause permanent damage to the sensor. If a device is exposed to a new chemical or compound, it is best practice to bump test and calibrate units to ensure proper sensor function is maintained.

8.4 SENSORS IN COLD WEATHER

EXO is rated to operate down to -20°C (-4°F). EXO will function in temperatures colder than this for short periods of time, but Blackline does not recommend letting the device's internal temperature drop below -20°C (-4°F).

Electrolyte sensors

At temperatures below -20°C (-4°F), the sensor electrolyte inside CO, H₂S and other electrochemical sensors can freeze over time, reducing the ability of the sensor to give a meaningful output. Storing EXO in a warm and humid (60% relative humidity) environment when not in use will help keep electrochemical sensors running longer.

Shocking an electrochemical sensor from room temperature to extreme cold and vice versa can also cause temporary drifts in sensor readings. These readings typically resolve in less than 60 seconds.

Infrared (IR) LEL sensors

Sudden temperature and humidity changes may cause condensation within the LEL-IR sensor, which can affect its optics and trigger a temporary baseline drift. Typically, they last less than 60 seconds, after which point the readings will recover and EXO will function as normal.

Shocking the IR sensor from room temperature to an extremely cold environment can cause a temporary baseline drift, typically less than 10% LEL. If this drift persists you can manually zero the sensor in the cold environment.

Shocking the IR sensor from an extremely cold environment to room temperature can cause a temporary baseline drift, sometimes reaching overlimit.

9.1 MANUAL CALIBRATION INLET

The manual calibration inlet allows you to apply gas to EXO's sensors during bump test and calibration processes.

Fixed flow regulator

A gas cylinder with a fixed flow regulator is required to use the manual calibration inlet. This inlet relies on the gas pressure in the attached cylinder to bring the gas to the sensors.

Calibration cap

EXO does not need a calibration cap. The manual calibration inlet ensures the applied gas is fed directly to EXO's sensors.

Attach tubing

The manual calibration inlet is fitted with a quick connect coupling nozzle. Attaching tubing to this inlet requires the tubing to have the corresponding quick connect coupling insert.

9.2 PUMP INLETS

The pump inlets also allow one EXO to monitor multiple remote areas using air hoses. These inlets can be configured on EXO or on Blackline Safety.

Attach tubing

Each pump inlet is fitted with a quick connect nozzle. Attaching tubing to these inlets require the tubing to have a corresponding quick connect coupling insert.



10 ELECTRICAL PORTS

10.1 CAUTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

CAUTIONS

Ordinary Locations

When used in a non-Hazardous (Classified) Location cables attached to the power port and Pins 1 and 2 of the A/B interface ports must be supplied by a Class 2 circuit, a limited energy circuit or a limited power source (LPS) as per IEC 61010-1, IEC 60950-1, or an equivalent IEC standard. The output should not exceed any of the applicable input entity parameters.

Follow local electrical codes

The wiring method used to install EXO's electrical port accessories should be in accordance to local electrical code. Installations are subject to acceptance by the authority having jurisdiction.

Barriers required

A barrier is required for each interface port when EXO is in a Class I, Division 1, Groups A,B,C,D location or Class I, Zone 0/1, Group IIC location. See diagram 10.3.6 for more information.

Intrinsic safety warning

Install EXO interface port accessories as shown in the electrical diagrams in sections 10.2 and 10.3 to ensure intrinsic safety.



DEFINITIONS

Low-side switch

A low-side switch completes the circuit on the ground side. It is intended to sink power rather than provide power.

Ui – Maximum input voltage

The maximum voltage (peak a.c. or d.c.) that can be applied to the connection facilities of apparatus without invalidating the type of protection.

Ii – Maximum input current

The maximum current (peak a.c. or d.c.) that can be applied to the connection facilities of apparatus without invalidating the type of protection.

Pi – Maximum input power

The maximum power that can be applied to the connection facilities of apparatus without invalidating the type of protection.

Ci – Maximum internal capacitance

The maximum equivalent internal capacitance of the apparatus which is considered as appearing across the connection facilities.

Li – Maximum internal inductance

The maximum equivalent internal inductance of the apparatus which is considered as appearing at the connection facilities.

Uo – Maximum output voltage

The maximum voltage (peak a.c. or d.c.) that can appear at the connection facilities of the apparatus at any applied voltage up to the maximum voltage.

Io – Maximum output current

The maximum current (peak a.c. or d.c.) in apparatus that can be taken from the connection facilities of the apparatus.

Po – Maximum output power

The maximum electrical power that can be taken from the apparatus.

Co – Maximum external capacitance

The maximum capacitance that can be connected to the connection facilities of the apparatus without invalidating the type of protection.

Lo – Maximum external inductance

The maximum value of inductance that can be connected to the connection facilities of the apparatus without invalidating the type of protection.

Lo/Ro – Maximum external inductance to resistance ratio

Maximum value of ratio of inductance to resistance that can be connected to the external connection facilities of the electrical apparatus without invalidating intrinsic safety.

10.2 POWER PORT

This electrical port allows EXO to connect to a power supply and charge its battery pack while it continues to monitor an area. Currently, two Blackline G7 EXO accessories can attach to this port:

Trickle Charger allows EXO to be hardwired directly to a power source

Solar Panel allows EXO to be powered in remote areas through solar energy.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: Cables attached to the power port are only intrinsically safe when properly set up with an electrical barrier.

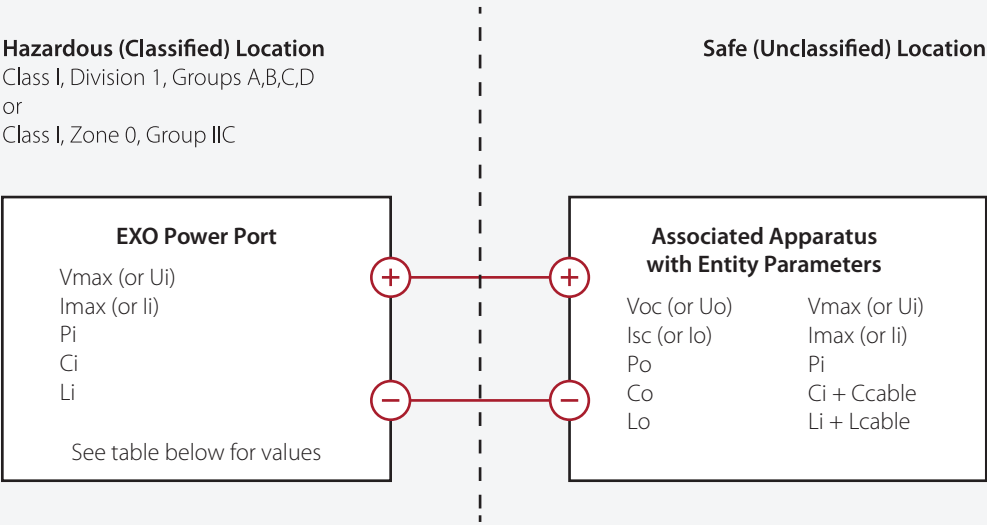
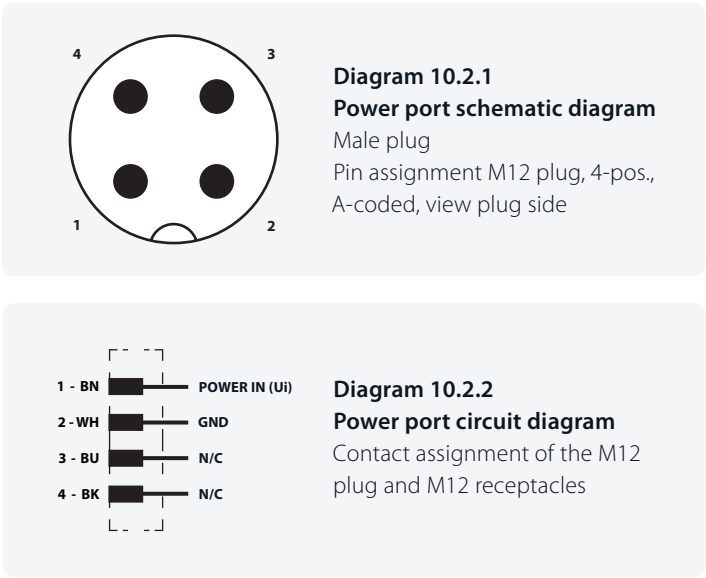
Cable requirements

EXO's power port is fitted with a male M12 4 pin plug. Electrical cables with a female M12 4 pin receptacle are required to connect to this port.

INSTALLING ACCESSORIES

Install EXO power port accessories as shown in the following electrical diagram to ensure intrinsic safety.

Diagram 10.2.3
Power port parameters



Power port input entity parameters

Terminal	Ui	Vmin	Ii	Pi	Ci	Li
Power port	18Vdc	10Vdc	500mA	5300mW	0F	12.48uH

10.3 A/B INTERFACE PORTS

When safety notifications are triggered on EXO, A/B interface ports act as switches by sending ON or OFF signals to connected accessories. Ask your Blackline Safety distributor or sales representative for a list of Blackline G7 EXO accessories that attach to the A/B interface ports.

If a high gas threshold is reached, port A will turn ON. Any device connected to port A will be active. The port will turn OFF when gas levels go back to normal on EXO.

If a low gas threshold is reached, port B will turn ON. Any device connected to port B will be active. The port will turn OFF when gas levels go back to normal on EXO.

Cable requirements

Both of EXO's A/B interface ports are fitted with a female M12 4 pin receptacle. Electrical cables with a male M12 4 pin plug are required to connect to these ports.

INSTALLING ACCESSORIES

Install EXO interface port accessories as shown in the following electrical diagrams to ensure intrinsic safety.

Diagram 10.3.3
Interface port parameters – Low-side switch

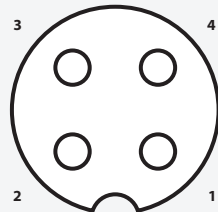
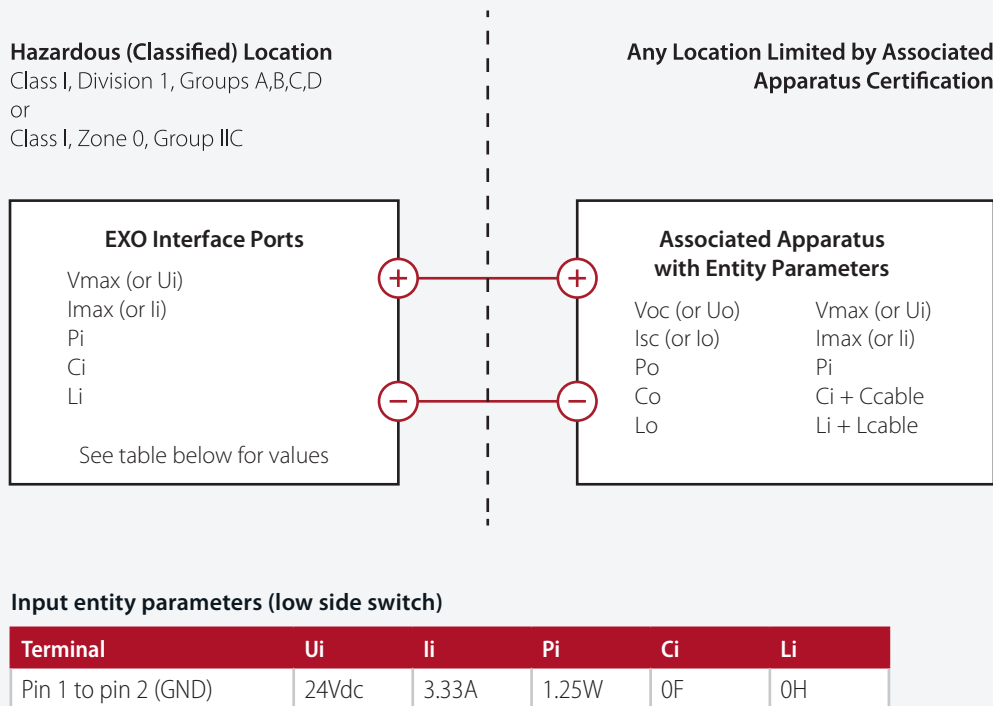


Diagram 10.3.1
Interface port schematic diagram
Female receptacle
Pin assignment M12 socket, 4-pos.,
A-coded, view receptacle side

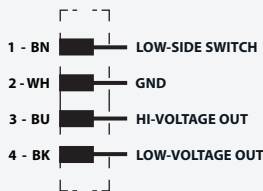
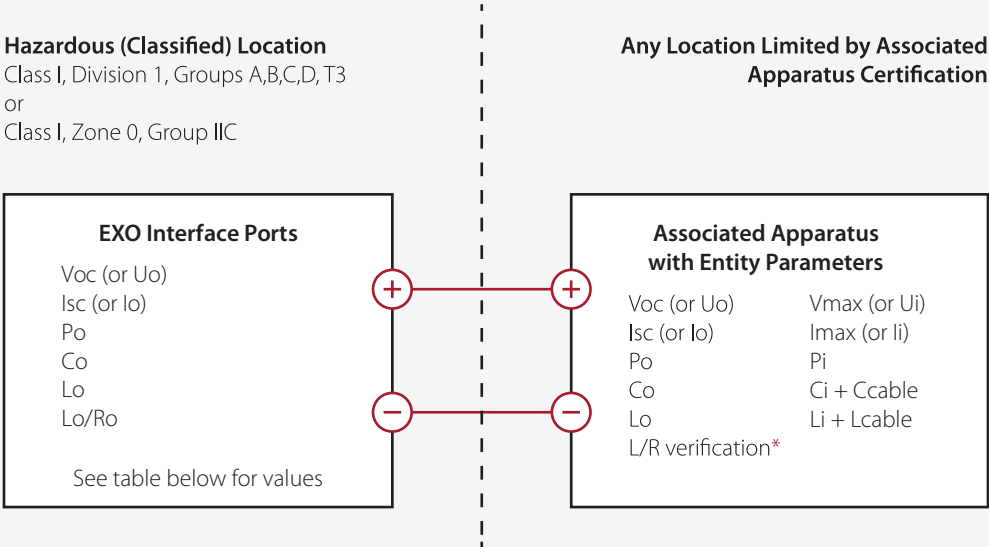


Diagram 10.3.2
Interface port circuit diagram
Contact assignment of the M12
plug and M12 receptacles

Diagram 10.3.4
Interface port parameters – pins 3 & 4



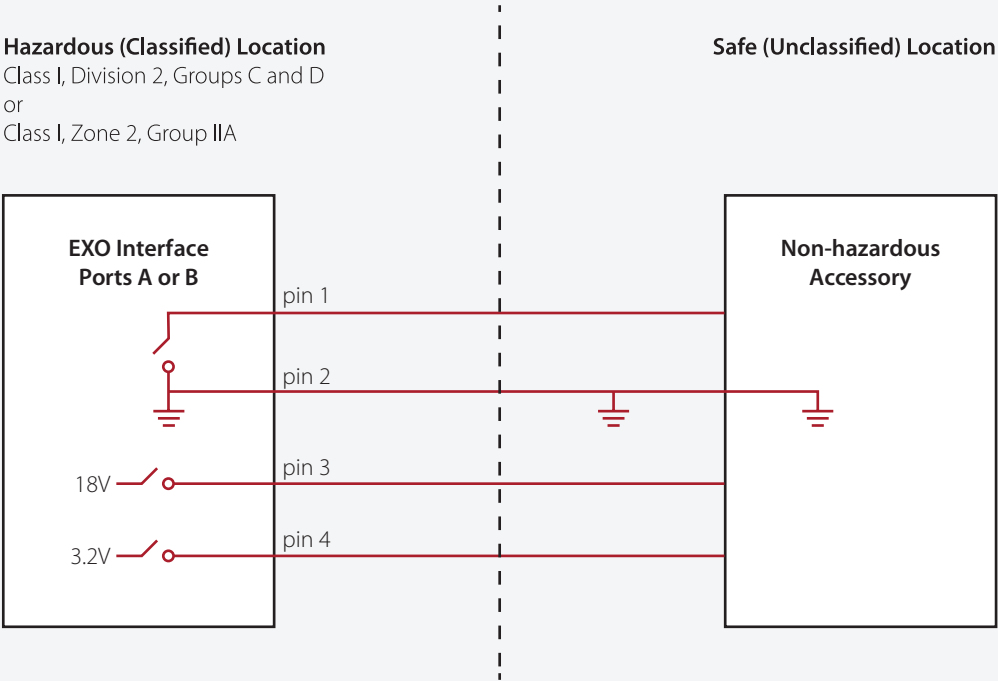
Output entity parameters

Terminal	Uo	Io	Po	Co	Lo	Lo/Ro*
Pin 3 to pin 2 (GND)	20.76Vdc	268mA	1.39W	0.194uF	495uH	6.39uH/Ω
Pin 4 to pin 2 (GND)	4.94Vdc	108mA	97mW	100uF	3.05mH	91.68uH/Ω

* Li may be greater than Lo and the cable length restrictions due to cable inductance (Lcable), and can be ignored if both of the following conditions are met:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lo/Ro} &\geq \text{Li/Ri} \\ \text{Lo/Ro} &\geq \text{Lcable/Rcable} \end{aligned}$$

Diagram 10.3.5
Interface port functional parameters



Functional output parameters for interface ports A and B

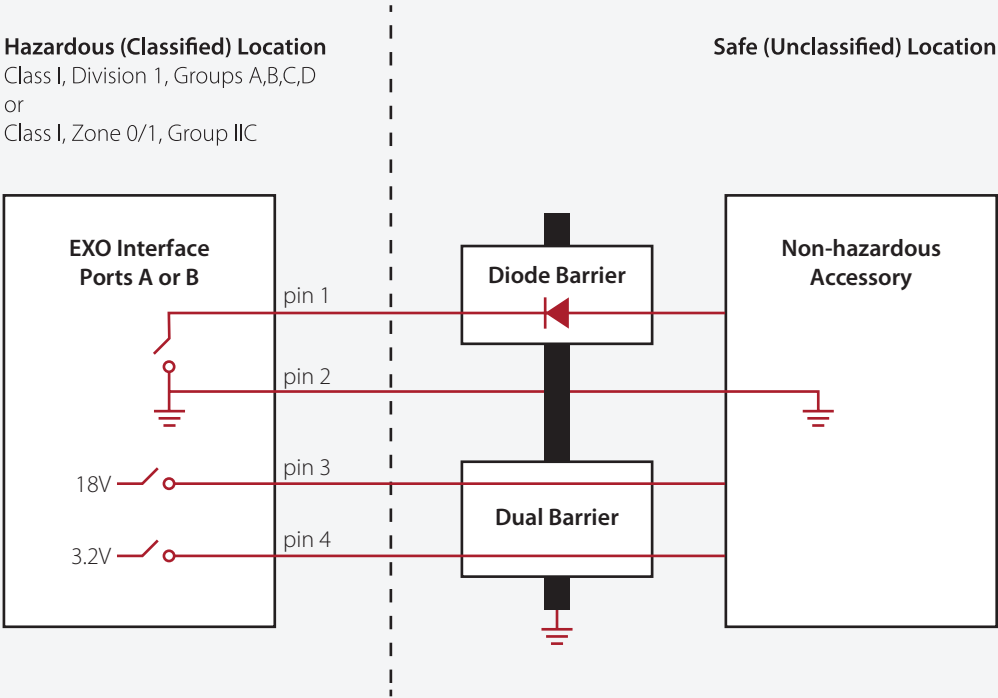
Terminal	Uo	Io [†]	Po [†]	Co	Lo
Pin 3 to pin 2 (GND)	18Vdc	268mA	850mW	0.194uF	495uH
Pin 4 to pin 2 (GND)	3.2Vdc	32mA	25mW	100uF	23.9uH

[†] Io and Po will be reduced if both pin 3 and pin 4 are utilized simultaneously.

Functional input parameters (low side switch)
for interface ports A and B

Terminal	Ui	Ii	Pi	Ci	Li
Pin 1 to pin 2 (GND)	24Vdc	3.33A	1.25W	0F	0H

Diagram 10.3.6
Interface port functional parameters with barriers



NOTE: A barrier is required for each interface port. The diode barrier and dual barrier can be individual units or a joint unit.

Functional output parameters for interface ports A and B

Terminal	Uo	Io [†]	Po [†]	Co	Lo
Pin 3 to pin 2 (GND)	18Vdc	268mA	850mW	0.194uF	495uH
Pin 4 to pin 2 (GND)	3.2Vdc	32mA	25mW	100uF	23.9uH

[†] Io and Po will be reduced if both pin 3 and pin 4 are utilized simultaneously.

Functional input parameters (low side switch)
for interface ports A and B

Terminal	Ui	Ii	Pi	Ci	Li
Pin 1 to pin 2 (GND)	24Vdc	3.33A	1.25W	0F	0H

11 FIRMWARE UPDATES

11.1 OVER-THE-AIR (OTA) UPDATES

To offer new features, Blackline Safety periodically releases over-the-air (OTA) firmware updates. OTA firmware updates are only available when EXO is on a cellular network. Firmware updates have two steps:

1. Automatic download
2. Automatic installation

Automatic download

When a firmware update is released, EXO will gradually download the update whenever it is on and connected to a cellular network. EXO will be ready to install the firmware update when the download is complete. This will not interfere with normal EXO use.

Automatic installation



The completely downloaded update will automatically be installed the next time EXO is powered on. This installation will add 30-60 seconds to the startup sequence.

When the green light is solid and EXO is connected, it will automatically power down. The top lights will then flash red and yellow and the device will be unresponsive. After 30-60 seconds, EXO will power back up and display the new firmware version it has downloaded.

Once completed, EXO will continue to monitor as usual.

▲ SAFETY WARNING: EXO will NOT monitor during the installation process.

Specific information about new updates can be found at [Support.BlacklineSafety.com](https://support.blacklinesafety.com). If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Care team.

11.2 FIRMWARE UPDATE KITS

If EXO cannot be brought into cellular coverage for an OTA firmware update, contact Customer Care to receive a firmware update kit.

12 SUPPORT

12.1 LEARN MORE

Visit [Support.BlacklineSafety.com](https://support.blacklinesafety.com) to find more support and training materials for EXO.

12.2 CUSTOMER CARE

For technical support, please contact our Customer Care team.

North America (24 hours)

Toll Free: 1-877-869-7212 | support@blacklinesafety.com

United Kingdom (8am-5pm GMT)

+44 1787 222684 | eusupport@blacklinesafety.com

International (24 hours)

+1-403-451-0327 | support@blacklinesafety.com

13 SPECIFICATIONS

13.1 DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Functional settings

SOS latch: Pull latch to trigger SOS alert

Low-battery: Configurable threshold

Connection lost: Configurable time period

Two-way voice calls: Receive voice calls from monitoring personnel

Two-way messages: Custom messages and 10 pre-configured sent to monitoring personnel.

Maintenance code: Configurable 4 digits

Push-to-talk: Send and receive voice messages to other G7 devices

Gas cartridge features

High gas alert

Low gas warning alarm

Under limit (UL)

Over limit alerts (OL)

Bump test and calibration notification

Bump test and calibration failure

Size & weight

Material: Rugged housing built from aluminum, plastic and rubberized bumpers

Size: 385 mm x 188 mm x 220 mm (15.1" x 7.4" x 8.7")

Weight: 12.2Kg 27 lbs

User interface

Display: 4.4" diagonal, 480 by 640 pixel, eight-colour active matrix liquid crystal display

Menu system: Driven by three-button keypad,

Power button: On/off

SOS latch: Send emergency alert

Multi-language support: Yes (EN, FR, ES, DE, IT, NL, PT)

User notification

Green connectivity light: Blinking (powered), continuous (connected)

360-degree visible yellow and red lights

Yellow light: Warning alarms

Red light: Alerts

Blue LiveResponse™ indicator light: Confirmation that a monitoring team has acknowledged an alert

Siren sound pressure: 92dB, 73dB, 68dB @ 30cm (11.5")

Speaker sound pressure: 73dB @ 30cm (11.5")

Cellular wireless radio

Wireless coverage: 100 countries, 200 wireless carriers

North America: 3G/4G radio; 3G UMTS bands 2 and 5; 4G bands 2, 4 and 5

International: 2G/4G radio; 2G GSM bands E-GSM and PCS; 4G bands 3, 7 and 20

Asia Pacific: 3G/4G radio; 3G UMTS band 1;

4G bands 3, 8 and 28

Antenna: Internal

Satellite module

User-upgradeable satellite module allows EXO to connect to the Iridium satellite network for remote areas outside of cellular connectivity.

Optional module: Yes

Network: Iridium, global coverage

Radio: 1621 MHz, 2 Watts

Antenna: Internal

Wireless updates

Device configuration changes: Yes

Device firmware upgrade (OTA): Yes

Location technology

Multi-constellation: GPS/QZSS, Galileo, Beidou

Receiver type: 72-channel

Assisted-GNSS: Yes

GNSS Accuracy: 5 m (16 feet), CEP 50%, 24 hours static

Four-channel pump module

Optional module: Yes

Number of pump channels: 4

Sampling period per channel: Adjustable

Tubing length per channel: Up to 30 m (100 ft)

Power & battery

Rechargeable battery capacity: 144 Ah (LiFePO₄)

Battery life in diffusion mode: 100 days at 20°C (68°F), LEL, H₂S, CO and O₂ config.

Battery life in pump mode: 30 days at 20°C (68°F), LEL, H₂S, CO and O₂ config.

Charge time: ~8 hr

Intrinsically safe power port: Yes, supports G7 EXO continuous operation

A/B interface ports

Intrinsically safe, highly configurable external signal ports designed to integrate with external alarms and electrical systems.

Four pins per interface port

Pin 1: Low side switch

Voc=24Vdc, Isc=3.33A, Co=0F, Lo=0H

Pin 2: Ground

Pin 3: High voltage out

Voc=18Vdc, Isc=268mA, Co=0.194uF, Lo=495uH

Pin 4: Low voltage out

Voc=3.2Vdc, Isc=32mA, Co=100uF, Lo=23.9uH

Environmental

Storage temperature: -40°C to 60°C (-40°F to 140°F)

Operating temperature: -20°C to 50°C (-4°F to 122°F)

Charging temperature: 0°C to 45°C (32°F to 113°F)

Ingress Protection: Designed to meet IP65

Approvals

RoHS, CE, RCM

Canada & USA: Class I Division 1 Group A,B,C,D T3;

Class I Zone 0 AEx ia IIC T3; Ex ia IIC T3 Ga

IECEx: Ex ia IIC T3 Ga

ATEX: Ex ia IIC T3 Ga

LEL: CSA C22.2 No.152; ISA 12.13.01

FCC ID: W77EXO **IC:** 8255A-EXO

Contains:

FCC ID: XPY1EIQ24NN, Q639603N

IC: 8585A-1EIQ24NN, 4629A-9603N

Warranty

G7 EXO area monitor: two-year hardware warranty

Blackline complete lease option: provides comprehensive warranty for full term

Extended warranty available

Blackline Live web application

Cloud-hosted safety monitoring web application is highly customizable for every customer requirement. Includes live map, employee address book, user roles, alert management, device configurations, alert setups and reporting.

Gas sensor specifications

Gas	Sensor type	Range	Resolution
Ammonia (NH ₃)	Electrochemical	0–100 ppm	0.1 ppm
High-range ammonia (NH ₃)	Electrochemical	0–500 ppm	1 ppm
Carbon monoxide (CO)	Electrochemical	0–500 ppm	1 ppm
High-range carbon monoxide (CO)	Electrochemical	0–2000 ppm	5 ppm
Hydrogen resistant carbon monoxide (CO-H)	Electrochemical	0–500 ppm	1 ppm
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	NDIR	0–50,000 ppm	50 ppm
Chlorine (Cl ₂)	Electrochemical	0–20 ppm	0.1 ppm
Chlorine dioxide (ClO ₂)	Electrochemical	0–2 ppm	0.01 ppm
COSH (CO & H ₂ S)	Electrochemical	0–500 ppm CO, 0–100 ppm H ₂ S	1 ppm CO, 0.1 ppm H ₂ S
Hydrogen (H ₂)	Electrochemical	0–40,000 ppm	1% LEL (400 ppm)
Hydrogen cyanide (HCN)	Electrochemical	0–30 ppm	0.1 ppm
Hydrogen sulphide (H ₂ S)	Electrochemical	0–100 ppm	0.1 ppm
High-range hydrogen sulphide (H ₂ S)	Electrochemical	0–500 ppm	0.5 ppm
LEL-infrared (LEL-IR)	NDIR	0–100% LEL	1% LEL
LEL-molecular property spectrometer (LEL-MPS)	MPS	0–100% LEL	1% LEL
Oxygen (O ₂)	Pumped electrochemical	0–25% vol	0.1% vol
Photoionisation (PID)	PID	0–4,000 ppm	Dynamic
Sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)	Electrochemical	0–100 ppm	0.1 ppm

NOTE: Check with Blackline for approval status. All specifications subject to change.

14 LEGAL NOTICES AND CERTIFICATIONS

14.1 LEGAL NOTICES

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Warranty

Your G7 EXO device is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for up to three years from date of purchase. For further details regarding your Blackline warranty, please refer to your terms and conditions of service.

FCC Compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: the grantee is not responsible for any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: this equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

This device is compliant with radio frequency radiation exposure regulations for mobile devices. As such, a separation of at least 20 cm must be normally maintained between the device and nearby persons.

Industry Canada Compliance

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Notification d'Industrie Canada

Ce dispositif est conforme au(x) format(s) RSS libre(s) d'Industrie Canada. Son fonctionnement est assujéti aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) Cet appareil ne peut causer d'interférences nuisibles, et (2) cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence reçue, y compris les interférences pouvant provoquer un mauvais fonctionnement du dispositif.

Warning

Do not operate Blackline Safety products where you are not able to safely operate your mobile/cellular phone.

Electrical equipment may be hazardous if misused. Operation of this product, or similar products, must always be supervised by an adult. Do not allow children access to the interior of any electrical product and do not permit them to handle any cables.

Do not operate or store Blackline products outside their specified operating or storage temperatures. Consult section 13.1 for more information.

Blackline products may contain an internal lithium-ion battery pack. Seek advice from your local electronics recycling authority regarding the disposal of your device. Do not dispose of Blackline products in your household trash.

14.2 INTRINSICALLY SAFE CERTIFICATION

Intrinsically Safe

This device is certified Intrinsically Safe for use in Class I Division 1 Groups A,B,C,D T3; Ex ia IIC T3 Ga; Class I Zone 0 AEx ia IIC T3 Ga hazardous (classified) locations.

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UL 60079

Class I Division 1 Groups A,B,C,D; T3

Class I Zone 0 AEx ia IIC T3 Ga

CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 60079

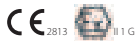
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IECEx/ATEX: IECEx SIR 20.0022X; Sira 20ATEX2004X

IEC 60079; EN 60079

Ex ia IIC T3 Ga



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Base unit P/N "G7EXO-#" (# = NA2, EU2, AZ2, or VZ2)

Sécurité intrinsèque

Cet appareil est certifié à sécurité intrinsèque pour l'usage en classe I division 1 groupe A,B,C,D T3; Ex ia IIC T3 Ga; classe I zone 0 AEx ia groupe IIC T3 Ga dans les lieux classés comme dangereux.

Standards:

CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 60079-0: 2019

CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11: 2014

C22.2 No. 152 - M1984 (R2011)

UL 913, Eighth Edition

UL 60079-0: Sixth Edition

UL 60079-11: Sixth Edition

ANSI/ISA 12.13.01: 2000

EN 60079-0: 2012/A11:2013

EN 60079-11: 2012

IEC 60079-0: 2011 6th Edition

IEC 60079-11: 2011 6th Edition

Caution

For safety reasons this equipment must be operated and serviced by qualified personnel only. High off-scale readings may indicate explosive concentration.

The equipment shall only be charged when in the non-hazardous area using a charger specifically supplied for use with the unit (for example part number JAC2504L-XX, manufactured by Schauer Battery Chargers), approved as SELV or Class 2 equipment against IEC 60950, IEC 61010-1 or an equivalent IEC standard. The maximum voltage and current from the charger shall not exceed 5Vdc and 25A respectively.

Consult with your organization's safety professional for further information regarding the topic of intrinsic safety and any policies, procedures, facilities, or locations within facilities that may be related to intrinsic safety.

Attention

Pour des raisons de sécurité, cet équipement doit être utilisé, entretenu et réparé uniquement par un personnel qualifié. Des lectures supérieures à l'échelle peuvent indiquer des concentration explosives.

L'équipement ne doit être chargé que dans la zone non dangereuse à l'aide d'un chargeur spécifiquement fourni pour l'utilisation avec l'appareil (par exemple, la référence JAC2504L-NA, fabriquée par Schauer Battery Chargers) SELV ou Classe 2 selon IEC 60950, IEC 61010-1 ou une norme IEC équivalente. La tension et le courant maximum du chargeur ne doivent pas dépasser respectivement 5Vdc et 25A.

S'il vous plaît consulter professionnel de la sécurité de votre organisation pour de plus amples informations concernant le sujet de la sécurité intrinsèque et les politiques, les procédures, les installations, ou emplacements au sein des établissements qui peuvent être liés à la sécurité intrinsèque.



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