



## **USER GUIDE**

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## Congratulations on purchasing the firebeam **BLUE** reflective optical beam smoke detector

In this manual we will lead you through the simple steps of positioning the beam and setting it up using our unique App



Further information can be found on wwwfirebeamsupport.com

## DISTANCE AND POSITION GUIDELINES

# These guidelines are recommendations only and it is important that you refer to your appropriate governing standards at all times

When positioning your firebeam there are important factors that you should consider, mainly what distance you are covering and the optimal position in the building

## WHAT DISTANCE?

The standard firebeam is suitable for distances of **7m to 70m** using the single reflector supplied

**NOTE.** For distances **under 20m** use the short range mask supplied on the single reflector

If you require **70m to 140m** you will need the standard firebeam and add to it the **mid range extension kit** 

(The mid range kit comes with a backing plate and 3 extra reflectors, you will need to add the reflector from the standard kit to the mid range kit with the screws provided)

If you require **140m to 160m** you will need the standard firebeam and add to it the **long range extension kit** 

(The long range kit comes with a backing plate and 8 extra reflectors, you will need to add the reflector from the standard kit to the long range kit with the screws provided)







## WHAT POSITION?

A roof is considered flat unless the height of the apex is greater then 0.6m. If the roof is flat thefirebeam system can be placed anywhere under the roof between 0.3m and 0.6m below the roof, up to a maximum height of 40m from the floor

thefirebeam has a detection area of 7.5m either side of the beam



#### Apex roof

If the roof is considered to have an apex, place the fire beam system 0.3m to 0.6m down from the top of the apex, up to a maximum height of 40m from the floor



#### Extra coverage due the apex angle

The maximum protected area either side of the beam can be extended by 1% for every degree of roof pitch, see the example below: (please check with your local regulations)



You should always position the beam at least 0.5m away from any protrusion

**Note:** Careful design consideration should be made when positioning beams and reflectors in environments that can be susceptible to condensation i.e. warehouses near to water that have areas open to the outside environment or that are exposed to quick extreme changes in temperature

To assist with this problem that can affect all beam detectors we produce an **anti-fog kit** comprising of a specially coated reflector and lens cover. Individual reflectors are also available. The standard firebeam and range kits can be supplied as anti-fog sets as a special order



## **INSTALLING THE HEAD**

#### Screw the head backing plate to the wall

Always try to use as sturdy a location as possible, such as brick or major structural steels (avoid mounting to outer metal cladding etc). Avoid mounting the head where direct sunlight can shine directly into the 'eyes' of the beam (care should be taken when mounting in glass atriums). Ambient sunlight will not affect the beam

#### 2 knock-outs are provided on both sides.

Take care when using drills not to damage the circuit board. Only punch out with head open and disconnected from power



provided outside of the rubber seal

#### Wire into system as required (see generic wiring diagram on the following page)

Ensure that all wiring is below the level of the front edge of the box

#### Also available - unistrut adapter plate

Use this accessory for easy mounting to unistrut fabrication. Holes are pre-drilled to the correct pitch of the head and conveniently positioned for use with unistrut



## **GENERIC WIRING CONFIGURATIONS**

#### thefirebeam is a conventional device

#### Here are suggested wiring configurations for single and multi heads on a zone

Most wiring diagrams can be found on our website in more detail and in PDF format, go to www. thefirebeam.com



Supply voltage 12Vdc to 30Vdc Supply Current 5.5mA in Normal Speed Supply Current 13.5mA in Fast Speed Fault/Alarm relay contact rating 2A @ 30 Vdc



#### Single head on zone

#### Multiple beams on a zone



## **OTHER WIRING DIAGRAMS**

See our support website for further diagrams. www.firebeamsupport.com



Connect the head to the base plate by first plugging in the connector. Push connector all the way so that the thumb latch is effective

#### If detaching detector head, squeeze the thumb latch and pull off the connector. To avoid straining the PCB, support the PCB whilst doing this

If you forget to connect the head to the circuit board, the App will show **Connecting** continuously whilst trying to connect to a powered detector head. To avoid damaging the detector head, never

dangle the front cover assembly form the ribbon cable

## Screw the head screws down with the 3mm allen key provided

Your wiring should be flush and not flattened by tightening down screws



## COMMISSIONING YOUR BEAM

the fire beam BLUE is controlled by an App using your smart phone or tablet

# You must first download and purchase the firebeam BLUE for your ANDROID or IOS device

When installing the firebeamBLUE App from the App store, you must allow Location Permission when prompted, otherwise the App cannot function

For **Android** and **iOS** devices **scan the QR code** below



*Notes:* To be able to **register**, **login** or **reset password**, your mobile device must have WiFi turned on

For the App to be able to communicate with the beam, your mobile device must have **Bluetooth turned on** 

On smaller handsets (e.g. iPhone SE) if menus overflow the display, **reduce text size in Settings** 

## **REGISTERING YOUR APP**

Once you have downloaded the App you will need to register it

To **REGISTER** to use the App enter

COMPANY NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS (this is not case sensitive)

**PASSWORD** (this is case sensitive)

**REVIEW** firebeam's Terms and Conditions by clicking the link

**RETURN TO THE APP** and move slider to the right to confirm agreement

Press **REGISTER** (selecting Already registered? will return you to the Login menu)

You will receive a firebeamBLUE Email Verification email from The Fire Beam Company

In the email, click **VERIFY EMAIL ADDRESS** and wait for the Email Verification confirmation screen to pop up

You will receive a your **firebeamBLUE** Password email from The Fire Beam Company

In the email, click **RESET YOUR PASSWORD** and in the Password Reset screen and type your new password then **SUBMIT** 

**Once registered,** Login by entering your **Email address** and **Password** at Login menu and press **LOGIN** 

If you have forgotten your Password select **Reset Password** and enter **Email address** and press **Reset Password** 

You will receive a Your firebeamBLUE Password email from thefirebeamcompany. In the email, click **Reset Your Password** and in the Password Reset screen type your new password and SUBMIT

**Note:** check your spam/junk folder if you do not immediately receive an expected firebeamBLUE Email Verification or Your firebeamBLUE Password email

Commissioning thefirebeam is a simple procedure outlined in the following step by step explanation. To avoid interrupting Commissioning, do not close the App whilst Commissioning is in progress

## Ensure the installation guidelines have been followed correctly and that the firebeam has a clear line of sight through to the reflector and there are no obstacles in its path

**IMPORTANT DO NOT** put the reflector up. However, if you are recommissioning thefirebeam **COVER** it with a non-reflective black cloth or similar. **You cannot commission the beam if the reflector can been seen** 

## LOG IN

Open up the App on your device the first screen prompts you to login **Enter your email and password you set up when registering the App** You can also **change to your chosen language** on this screen

## **STEP ONE**

#### Connecting to a beam

Once logged in the screen you will prompt you to connect to a beam. The App will scan for devices and you will see all available **powered** beams seen by your device





#### The beam you have connected to will display a BLUE FLASHING LED

This is especially useful if you have many beams in one location



## **STEP TWO**

### **Commissioning screen**

From the side screen or burger stack select commissioning

### **Commissioning speed**

It is recommended to use **FAST** speed in commissioning (in normal speed the system uses 5.5mA, in fast speed it uses 13.5mA). Fast speed allows x4 times faster motor response and it will be guicker to commission your beam. Once commissioning is complete the firebeam will automatically revert to normal speed mode - (5.5mA)

## **STEP THREE**

### **Commissioning - PRE ALIGNMENT**

This is the most important part of setting up your beam. Remember no reflector.

Pre-alignment sets up the amount of power you need for the distance you are covering and can indicate if you are receiving unwanted reflections from anything else in the beam path

Press **PRE-ALIGNMENT** and the receiver sensitivity will start by raising to 100% and



then the output power will then rise to 100%. More power will be output than is necessary to cover the distance and these levels will then be reduced once the auto align process takes place. The air quality figure at this point should normally stay at 0%. At shorter distances, output power and sensitivity will rise by lesser amounts and the air quality may fluctuate or if there are unwanted reflections in the beam path



Press ACCEPT PRE-ALIGNMENT when you happy with your pre-alignment readings

For tips on Pre-Alignment look at our FAQ's which can be found on wwwfirebeamsupport.com



#### **PRE ALIGNMENT - continued**

**CAUTION:** If you have not allowed the 50cm radius and thefirebeam encounters an obstruction this will also stop raising the IR Power and halt the Pre Alignment as the beam will assume it has found the far wall. You will need to identify and move the obstruction or reconsider the positioning of thefirebeam. You can identify that the beam is obstructed if the Air Quality rises and may fluctuate between 5%-15%

Obstructions near the head will disturb the pre-alignment process and care should be taken to ensure no solid objects are close to the beam path





# Ensure 1m of clear space along the path of the beam and 500mm from the edges of the reflector

if the wall you are placing the reflector/s on is shiny or glass then the reflectors should be placed on a 1meter piece of non-reflective material like MDF to ensure correct operation

## **STEP FOUR**

### **Commissioning - MANUAL ALIGNMENT**

Having accepted Pre-Alignment you will return to the main commissioning screen. The next stage is manual alignment. You will notice the a tick has appeared on the Pre-Alignment bar. This is to let you know you have completed this step

#### **Start Manual Alignment**

#### NOW place or uncover the reflector

When you install or uncover the reflector the Air Quality will jump up as high as 135%, this clearly shows that the firebeam can see the reflector. As long as there is a received signal of at least 80 to 100% ideally over 100% you can accept Manual Alignment and move onto the next stage: **Auto Alignment** 

If the fire beam AQ does not rise significantly you will need to use the Left-Right-Up-Down keys to move the Eyes of thefirebeam onto the reflector and once you have targeted thefirebeam onto the reflector the AQ will rise significantly

In the example below we can see that the reflector is below the eye line of thefirebeam head, so in this case you would need to lower the angle of the beam (-Y) until you receive an AQ of over 100%.

Beam head Reflector is lower than the beam head use 🕕 to bring the beam onto the reflector







#### **MANUAL ALIGNMENT - continued**

thefirebeam can be moved on both axis to a maximum 5 degrees. Looking at the reflector this will move the beam across the reflector

To confirm the beam is seeing the reflector **covering** the reflector at any time should drop the AQ and prove the beam is on the reflector

Try and achieve as high an AQ as possible, it must be at least 80 to 100% ideally above 100%. Once you have achieved this you can Accept Manual Alignment move onto Auto Alignment

For tips on Manual Alignment look at our FAQ's which can be found on wwwfirebeamsupport.com



## **STEP FIVE**

### **Commissioning - AUTO ALIGNMENT**

Having accepted Manual Alignment you will return to the main commissioning screen. The next stage is Auto Alignment. You will notice the a tick has appeared on the Manual Alignment bar to let you know you have completed this step

**Start Auto Alignment** this is an automatic process that will firstly reduce the Receiver Sensitivity and then Output Power to accommodate the best settings for the**fire**beams environment

thefirebeam will automatically align to the centre of the Reflector, you will notice the X and Y axis moving as thefirebeam moves up, down, left and right to find the centre point

**CAUTION:** This process should take up to 10 Minutes, if the fire beam does not complete after this time then look at the X and Y axis to check it has not deviated off the reflector onto an obstruction. The X and Y figures should be below 1.50 on each axis and would normally be below 0.90

#### If this is not the case you may need to start the Manual Alignment process again to return both thefirebeam axis to 0.00 then identify and remove any obstruction and return to Auto Alignment

When finished the fire beam will state Auto Alignment Complete 🗸 and pressing **Done** to confirm completes Auto Alianment

Returning to the Home screen will show

For tips on Auto Alignment look at our FAQ's which can be found on wwwfirebeamsupport.com

## **STEP SIX**

#### **Commissioning - TESTING**

#### thefirebeam should now be tested for Fire and Fault

thefirebeam must be tested at the reflector end and not at the Fire Beam head. This is to confirm it is looking at the reflector and completes the commissioning process.

100%

**FAULT** - Cover the reflector within 1 second with a non reflective card to simulate a fault such as a fork truck breaking the path of thefirebeam. After 10 Seconds the fire beam should register **FAULT** and the Amber light will flash.

**FIRE** - Cover the reflector slowly up to 70% with a non reflective card to simulate a fire such as smoke entering the path of thefirebeam. After 10 Seconds the fire beam should register **FIRE** and the Red light will flash.

#### Once you have successfully completed both tests your firebeam is commissioned.

For tips on Testing look at our FAQ's which can be found on wwwfirebeamsupport.com







## USING THE MENU

Now your beam is commissioned you will be able to use the rest of the firebeam features

The menu system can be accessed by **SWIPING TO THE RIGHT** or by pressing the **BURGER STACK** in the top left hand corner



The Side Draw menu contains the following items:

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## EXPLAINING EACH MENU ITEM

### HOME

Shows Beam Name, Air Quality and Status NORMAL, FIRE, FAULT, COMP, DIRT COMP LIMIT, ALIGN



### COMMISSIONING

For a full explanation of the commissioning procedure see page 12

The commissioning menu shows

#### **Beam Name**

Of the beam you are looking at

### **Commissioning Speed**

Use slider select Normal or Fast speed. Speed will revert to Normal when leaving Commissioning menu

#### **Start Pre-Alignment**

Starts Pre alignment. Warning - re-setting this will reset the beam to factory settings. A tick appears when this has been performed in your commissioning procedure. The tick will disappear when you log out

#### Start Manual-Alignment

Allows manual alignment. This lets you to manually move the beam path up - down - right - left. **Use this to move the beam path onto the reflector.** A tick appears when this has been performed. The tick will disappear when you log out

#### Start Auto -Alignment

This performs an Auto-Alignment. This lets you to automatically move the beam path up - down - right - left to align the beam. A tick appears when this has been performed. The tick will disappear when you log out



### **MODE CHANGE**

### Here we can make changes to how the beam behaves

The App text explains the function of each setting, here are additional notes

### Threshold



Use the slider to increase or decrease the beams sensitivity. It is factory set at 35% (meaning the received signal has to drop

by 35% to trigger the fire relay. This sensitivity can be adjusted between 25% (sensitive) and 50% (less sensitive)

### Time to Fire



Adjust how long the beam has to be in fire before the fire relay is triggered. This is factory set at 10s, you may want to increase

this if there is something that may momentarily obscure the beam path (birds / forklift truck). Using the slider this can be

adjusted between 2 and 30 seconds

### Time to Fault



Adjust the time to fault between 2 and 30 seconds (factory set at 10 seconds). For a beam to go into fault the beam path must be

totally blocked within ONE second



### **MODE CHANGE continued**

### Auto Alarm Reset



#### The beam is factory set to auto reset when the received signal raises above the fire threshold hysteresis. This can be set to latching if your system requires this

### **Auto Align**



You may want to turn the auto alignment function off, for example, in an environment that often gets filled with welding smoke or has unwanted reflections the auto align function kicks in when the received signal drops below 90%, the point that the beam

automatically checks for building movement. The beam will try to align through the smoke which could be a problem if it is unable to see the edges of the reflector. Use the slider to turn off and on. When turning this function off extra care should be taken to ensure that the beam head is on a sturdy fixing i.e. a brick wall or major structural steel. Auto alignment will still function in commissioning

### **Auto Align Time**



This is factory set to 4hrs, you can adjust this, by using the right and left keys, between 0 to 12 hours depending on your environment

### **Green Flash**



### Phase



When using multiple beams that face each other the beam output signals could phase together and can cause unreliable cross talk readings, by setting each facing beam to a different Phase number alleviates this problem. You

You can turn the green flashing LED located on the head

can choose between 0 (default setting) and 6

on or off

### Hysteresis



Changing the hysteresis will change the delay in returning from a fire state back to a normal state, for example, the beam is factory set at 15% so if the beam falls into fire at 65% (35% threshold) it has to recover 15% to 80% before

it returns to normal. This action prevents small fluctuations in returned signal causing the beam to fall in and out of a fire state. This can be adjusted between 1% and 40%

### MAINTENANCE

Here we can see if any compensation has been made for dust build up and whether any alarm of faults have occurred. You can also turn the beam off here

#### **Dirt Compensation**

**Dirt Compensation** 

This screen shows how much the beam has compensated for dust build-up on the beam head and reflectors, ALWAYS take a note of

this value as part of your routine maintenance to see any build-up pattern. A green, amber, red 'traffic light' indicator will inform you when the lens and reflector need cleaning



(once cleaned you should instigate an auto alignment to re-calibrate the beam settings).

It is possible that you may see a negative number here, this can happen when the beam has been commissioned in a 'dirty' atmosphere such as builders dust which, once cleared, the beam then compensates for this

### **Alarm and Fault Count**



Here we can see how many times the beam has gone into fire or fault since the beam was commissioned or since the event log was last cleared including testing. You can also reset the counts here

### Beam On - Off



If you may need to turn the beam off, it can be turned off and on here. Turning off will show as a fault on the panel

#### DIAGNOSTICS

Here we can see monitor and adjust the output power and the receiver sensitivity. We can also see the temperature at the beam head

#### **Output Power**

Output Power 7% Output Power shows the transmitter power

This shows the amount of Output Power that is being transmitted. It can be increased or decreased by using the slider

			14%
=	thefirebeam	BLUE	6
	Beam 1		
	Diagnost	ics	
	Air Quali	ty	
	100	%	
Output	t Power		
	7%		
	ower chows the tran	mitter power	
Receive	er Sensitivity	sininter power	
	2%		
Range 0-	128%		
Temper	rature		25°C
Tempera between	ture at beam head; a -10°C and +55°C	pproved for us	se

#### **Receiver Sensitivity**



Here shows the Receiver Sensitivity and can be changed by using the slider. The range is between  $0 \; \& \; 128\%$ 

**Notes:** by **changing** the **Output Power or Receiver Sensitivity** you are changing a commissioned beams settings. It is advisable to **re-test your beam** to check suitability of any changes made

### Temperature



The Temperature shown is at the beam head. The beam is approved between -10°C and +55°C

FAQ's. When using the menu system a comprehensive list of FAQ's can be found on wwwfirebeamsupport.com

### **FIRE TEST**

# A Fire Test can be performed here to test correct signalling at the beam and Panel

You must also confirm the beam is aligned on the Reflector as per the Testing guide on page 17



### **Fire Test**



Press Start Test to perform a fire test, this works by running a test algorithm to lower the output power, the receiver sees this as obscuration. When the received signal drops below the

threshold point the beam will trip the fire relay – this relay will not trip until the time to fire has passed which could be anything between 2 and 30 seconds

### **CONNECT TO FIREBEAM**

# You use this screen to scan and connect to your beam of choice



Pressing Scan will reveal all the Firebeams within range.

Press Connect to communicate with your chosen beam. This will take you back to the Home Screen for that beam



#### Disconnect



When you have finished working on your beam simply return to the connect menu and press Disconnect this will return you to the connect to beam screen. From here you can select another beam to work with

**Notes:** to allow another mobile device to find the powered beam, the App should be **disconnected once the beam has been commissioned**. The App is not used during operation of the beam, only commissioning.

#### **SETTINGS**

You use this screen to change your language choice, change a beams name and Log out

English	-

#### Languages

The default language is English. You can change the language to your own choice here



#### **Change Friendly Name**

Change the beam name here by keying in a new name here. Press Set to confirm your choice



### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

#### **Electrical Specifications**

Supply Voltage 12 to 30 Vdc normal Supply Current 5.5mA in all operational states Supply Current 13.5mA in fast commissioning

#### **Environmental Specifications**

Temperature -10°C to +55°C

Humidity 10 to 95% RH Non-condensing

Protection Index IP65 when suitably mounted and terminated

#### **Mechanical Specifications**

Beam Head 180mmH x 155mmW x137mmD Weight 1.1Kg

**70KIT140 Mid-Range Reflector** 293mmH x293mmW x 5mmD Weight 0.8Kg

#### 140KIT160 Long Range Reflector

394mmH x 394mmW x 5mmD Weight 1.8Kg

Adapter 270mmH x 250mmW x 5mmD Weight 0.6g (mounts the Beam Head onto unistrut)

#### **Optical Specifications**

Optical Wavelength 870nm

Maximum Angular Alignment ±5°

Maximum Angular Misalignment (static not auto-aligning) Beam Head ±0.4° Reflector ±2°

#### **Operational Specifications**

#### **Protection Range**

FIREBEAM

Standard Product 7 to 70 metres. Use short range mask for distances between 7 & 20 metres

**70KIT140** Mid-Range Reflector Kit 70 to 140 metres

**140KIT160** Long Range Reflector Kit 140 to 160 metres

#### **Alarm Sensitivity Levels**

25%(1.25dB) to 50%(3dB) in 1%(0.05dB) increments (default 35% (1.87dB))

#### **Alarm Condition**

Obscuration drops to below pre-defined sensitivity level. Time to Alarm Condition adjustable 2 to 30 seconds in 1 second increments (default 10 seconds)

#### **Alarm Indication**

App Status - FIRE Head Red Flashing LED Alarm Relay Change Over (CO) Contact Rating 2A @ 30 Vdc

#### **Test/Reset Features**

Beam test function with App

Alarm latching/auto-reset selectable (default auto-reset)

Alarm reset in latching mode with App reset function, removing power for >5 seconds or momentarily apply >5 VDC to reset connections in Beam Head

#### Fault Sensitivity Level <4%

#### Fault Condition

Obscuration drops to below the fault sensitivity level within 1 second Power Down or Supply Voltage < 9 VDC

Commissioning modes, Pre-Alignment and Auto Alignment

Beam turned off during Beam Maintenance Time to Fault Condition adjustable, 2 to 60 seconds in 1 second increments (default 10 seconds)

#### **Fault Indication**

App Status – FAULT

Head Yellow Flashing LED 1 Second

Fault Relay Change Over (CO) Contact Rating 2A @ 30 VDC

#### **Normal Condition**

Obscuration level is above the Alarm sensitivity level

App Status - NORMAL

Programmable on/off

Head Green Flashing LED Programmable on/off

#### Auto-align/Beam Contamination Compensation

Auto-align during normal operation if obscuration drops below 90% for the duration of the align time set (doesn't effect normal operating mode)

Beam Contamination Compensation 4 hour monitoring. Compensation data available in the App

#### **Regulatory Information**



The Firebeam Company Ltd. Unit 8, Thames Industrial Estate, LU6 3HL, UK

> **20** 0786-CPR-21735

EN 54-12 Line-type smoke detector: Firebeam Blue Intended for use in fire detection and fire alarm systems in buildings

#### Operational reliability:

Individual alarm indication: Red LED Connection of ancillary devices: Correct operation Manufacturer's adjustments: Special means required On-site adjustment of response value: Special means required

Protection against ingress of foreign bodies: Protected (> 1.3mm)

Monitoring of detachable detectors and connections: Fault signal released

Requirements for software-controlled detectors: Documentation, design and storage correct

#### Nominal activation conditions / sensitivity:

Reproducibility: Cmin>=0.4dB, Cmax/Crep<=1.33; Crep/ Cmin<=1.5

Repeatability: Correct operation, Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/ Cmin<=1.6

Tolerance to beam misalignment: Maximum angle >0.4° Rapid changes in attenuation: Correct operation Response to slowly developing fires: Correct operation Optical path length dependence: Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/ Cmin<=1.6

Stray light: Correct operation: Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/ Cmin<=1.6

#### Tolerance to supply voltage:

Variation in supply parameters: Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/ Cmin<=1.6 Performance under fire conditions: Fire sensitivity: ma<0.7 dB m-1

#### Durability of nominal activation conditions / sensitivity:

#### Temperature resistance

Dry heat (operational): Correct operation, Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6 Cold (operational): Correct operation, Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6

#### Humidity resistance

Damp heat, steady state (operational): Correct operation, Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6 Damp heat, steady state (endurance): Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6

#### Vibration resistance

Vibration, (endurance): Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6 Impact (operational): Correct operation, Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6

#### Electrical stability

EMC Immunity tests (operational): Correct operation, Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6

#### Corrosion resistance

Sulphur dioxide (SO2) corrosion (endurance): Cmin>=0.4dB; Cmax/Cmin<=1.6