

SOLAR LED RRFB USER MANUAL COVERS MODELS SC315 AND SB435HP





Warnings and Precautions

The following symbols indicate important safety warnings and precautions throughout this manual. They are defined as follows:



WARNING indicates that serious bodily harm or death may result from failure to adhere to the precautions.



CAUTION indicates that damage to equipment may result if the instructions are not followed.



NOTE suggests optimal conditions under which the equipment will operate effectively and safely, or provides additional information to the reader.

Warranty Disclaimer

This manual will familiarize you with the features, operation standards, and installation of Carmanah's SC315 Rectangular Rapid Flasher Beacon series. Failure to comply with the use, storage, maintenance, installation or placement instructions detailed in this manual could void the warranty.

Standards

Perform all installation, wiring and maintenance in conformance with local building and electrical codes. Adherence to the National Electrical Code (NEC) is mandatory to comply with any certification markings. Non-adherence to code may void the warranty.

Safety and Usage Precautions



Batteries are shipped fully-charged. Use extreme caution when handling the batteries as they are capable of generating hazardous short-circuit currents. Remove all jewelry (bracelets, metal-strap watches, etc.) before attempting to handle the batteries.

Solar panels produce DC electricity when exposed to light and can, therefore, produce an electrical shock or burn. To render solar panels inoperative, remove them from sunlight, or fully cover their front surface with an opaque material.

Before lifting any heavy or bulky equipment, ensure that the load is secured so that moving parts do not shift and it can be lifted as far as needed without back strain or loss of grip. Installation may require more than one person.

Ensure the equipment is not powered during installation and wiring of the system.

Re-check all completed wiring for proper polarity prior to energizing the system.

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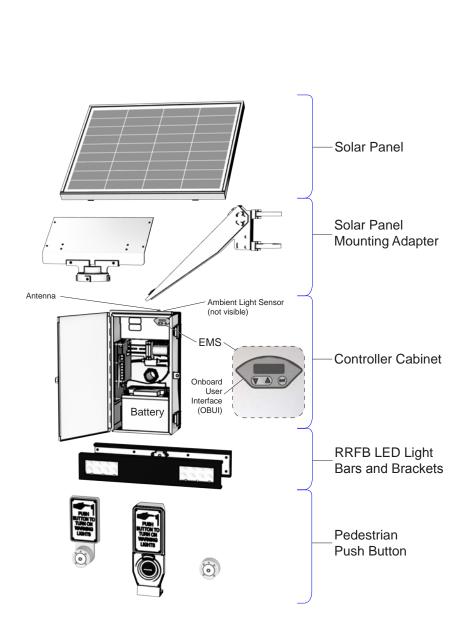
Changes or modifications to Carmanah equipment not expressly approved by Carmanah could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



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SC315 with SC315 with dua single Light Bar and Push Button (Uni-directional)

SC315 with dua Light Bars and Push Button (Bi-directional)



SC315 with single Light Bar and no Push Button (Uni-directional)



Introduction

SC315 series solar LED Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon products are ideal for pedestrian activated crosswalk applications.

System Components

The SC315 series can be configured to meet a variety of crosswalk requirements. The following components make up each of these configurations:

- · Control Cabinet, consisting of:
 - Energy Management System (EMS)
 - · Connection Bar
 - Battery
- Solar Panel
- Mounting Adapter for Solar Panel
- Flashing LED Light Bar(s)
- Universal Light Bar Bracket(s)
- Pedestrian Push Button(s)

The solar panel and EMS work together to charge the battery during the day. The EMS controls the flow of power from the battery to the Flashing LED Light Bar(s).

System Configurations

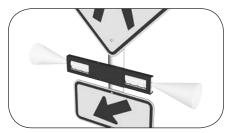
The SC315 series configurations are combined to create a complete crosswalk set. Each SC315 in the set is radio controlled, and synchronizes with the other units in the set.

Pedestrian Confirmation LED Options

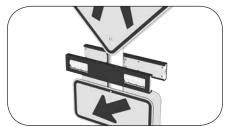
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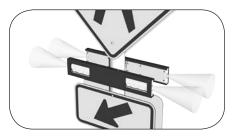
Single Light Bar, Dual Confirmation Light



Dual Light Bar, No Confirmation Light



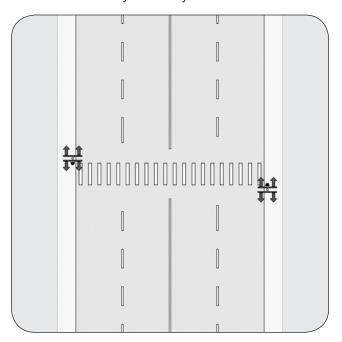
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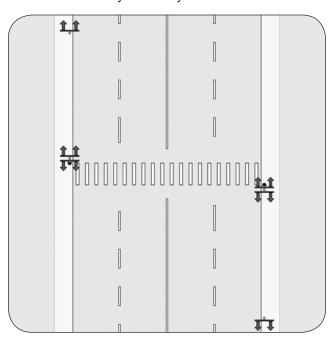


Typical Installations

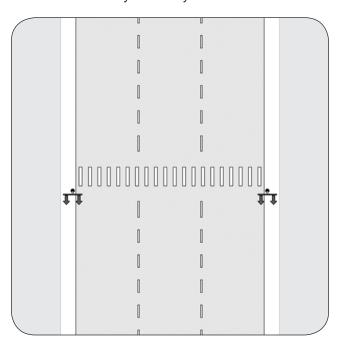
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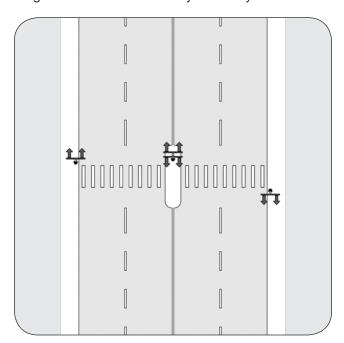
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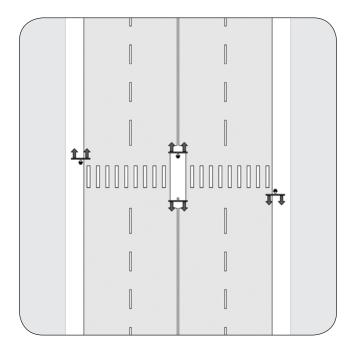


Single Pole Median - Two-way Roadway

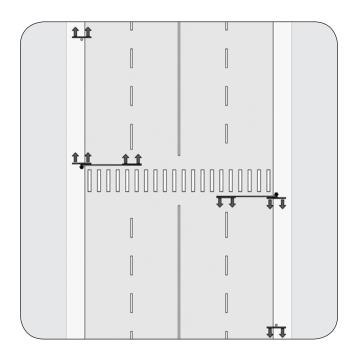




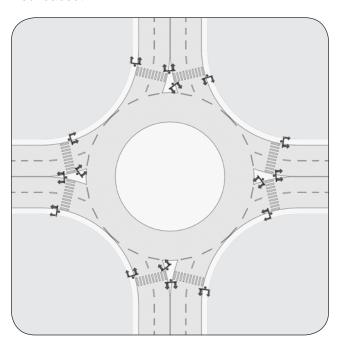
Two Pole Median - Two-way Roadway



Overhead - Two-way Roadway

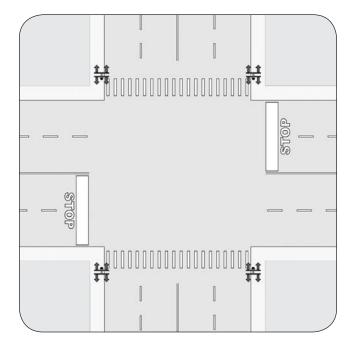


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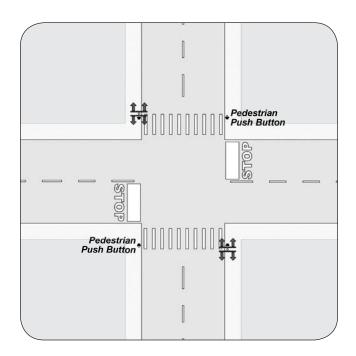




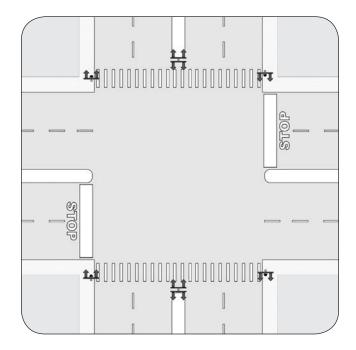
Four Pole - Parallel Crosswalks



Two Pole, Staggered - Parallel Crosswalks

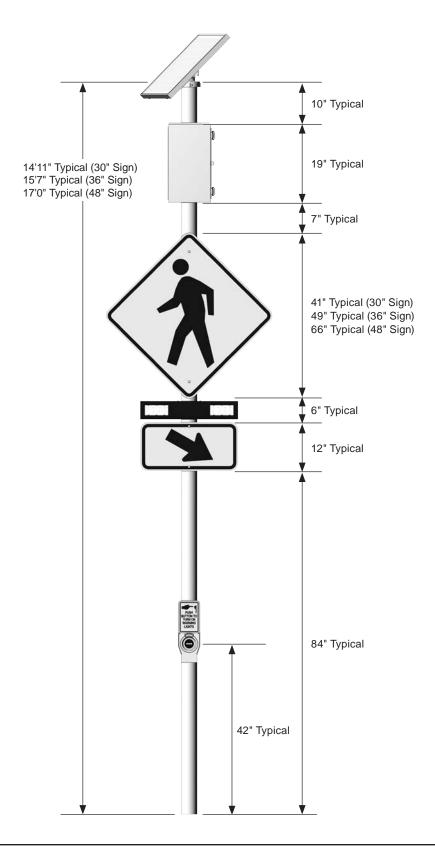


Four Pole with Median - Parallel Crosswalks





Typical Pole and Sign Configuration





Installation

Summary

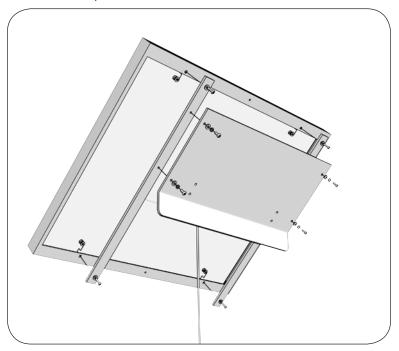
Basic steps to install a SC315 Solar LED RRFB:

- 1. Mount the solar panel to pole, feeding the panel cable down the pole.
- Mount the controller cabinet with the EMS to the pole, feeding the light bar and push button cables down the pole.
- 3. Mount the LED light bar universal bracket(s) to the pole.
- Mount the LED light bar(s) to the universal bracket(s), pulling the cables through the light bar and connect the wires to the LED's.
- 5. Aim the LED light bars to the traffic.
- 6. Mount the pedestrian push button to the pole, pulling the cable through the push button mount and connect the wires to the push button.
- 7. Place the battery into the cabinet, connecting the battery harness.
- 8. Configure the EMS as required using the onboard user interface.
- Close the cabinet and ensure the solar panel is facing the equator (pointing south if you are in the northern hemisphere).

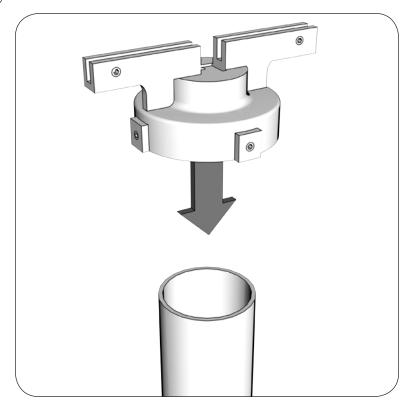


Step by Step Instructions

For top pole mount, attach the solar panel rails and mounting adapter plate. For side pole solar panel mount, see step 7 in this manual.

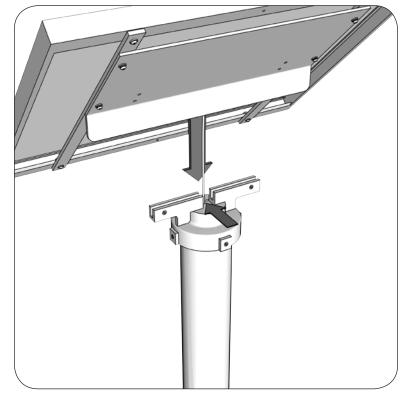


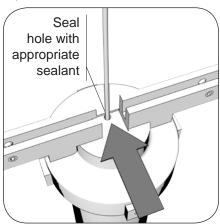
2 Attach the solar panel pole adapter to the pole.



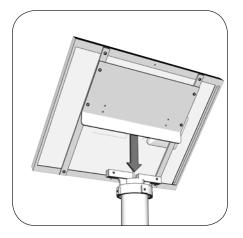


Feed the solar panel cable through the post adapter and down the post. Note the orientation of the hole for the cable in the pole adapter. Seal the hole in the pole adapter with appropriate sealant.





4 Lower the solar panel onto the pole adapter, and secure the pole mount set screws.

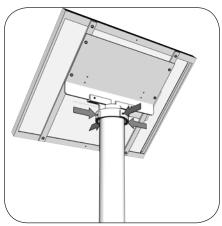




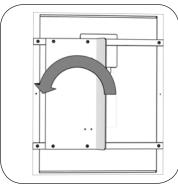


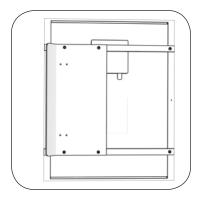
Orient the solar panel so it is facing the equator (pointing south if you are in the northern hemisphere). Secure the pole adapter setscrews.

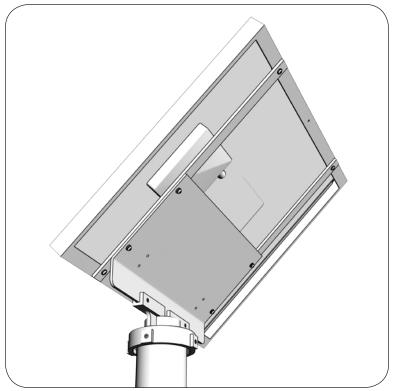




If required, the panel may be mounted higher on the pole by rotating the adapter plate. Note this orientation is not recommended in high wind zone areas.







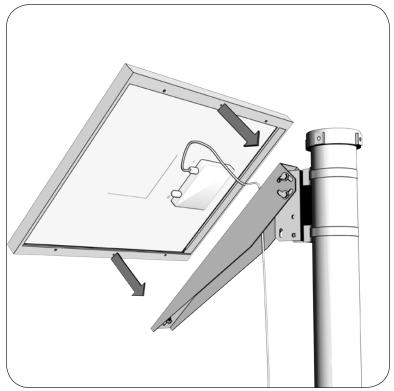


For the optional side pole solar mount, orientate the mount so it is facing the equator (pointing south if you are in the northern hemisphere). Secure the mount to the pole using stainless steel banding.





Attach the solar panel to the mount and feed the cable down the pole. Seal the hole in the pole with appropriate sealant.



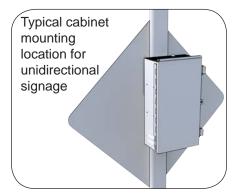




Feed the solar panel cable into the cabinet and feed the light bar cable(s) and push button cable(s) from the cabinet down the pole.





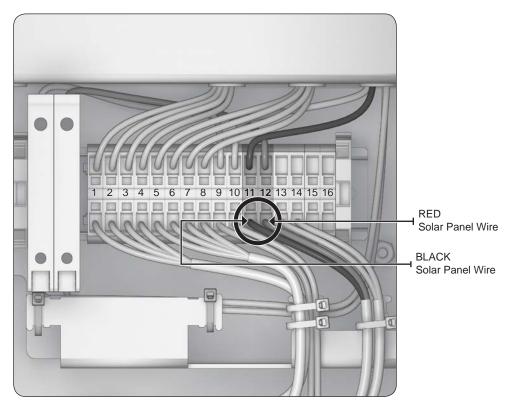


9 Secure the controller cabinet to the pole using appropriate stainless steel banding. Banding not supplied.

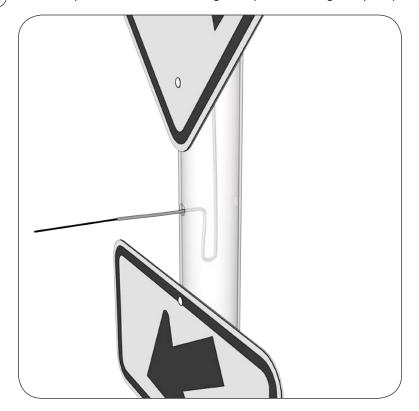




10 Connect the solar panel wires to the terminal block, ensuring the correct polarity.

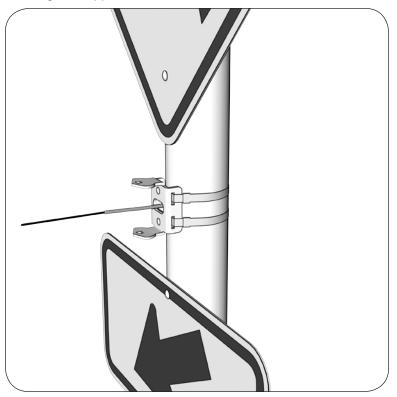


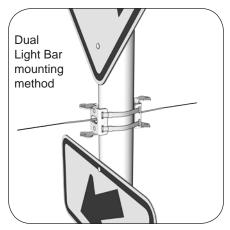
11 Feed the push button wires through the pole, creating a drip loop to prevent water ingress into the button.



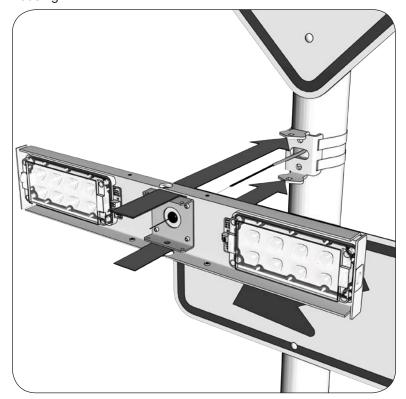


Mount the light bar universal bracket(s), feeding the light bar cable through the center of the bracket. Banding not supplied.



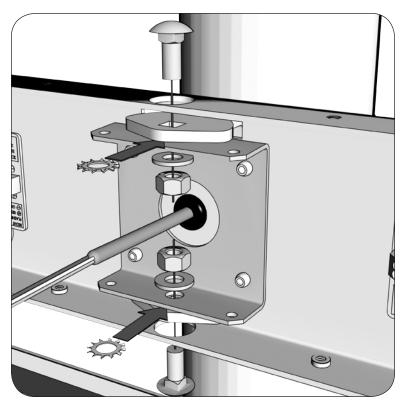


Mount the light bar(s) onto the universal bracket(s), feeding the light bar cable through the grommet in the housing.

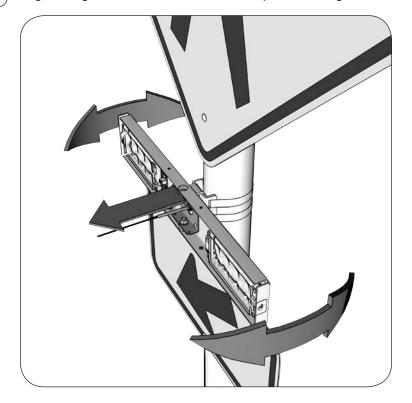




Bolt the light bar to the universal bracket, ensuring the star washers are inserted between the brackets.

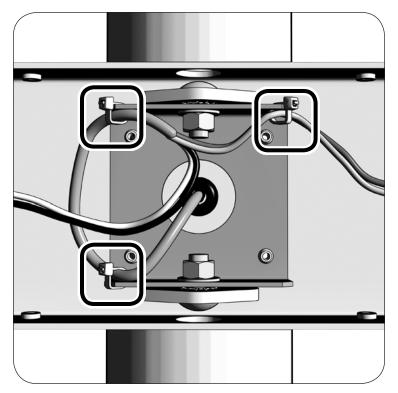


Align the light bar toward the traffic as required, and tighten mounting nuts to lock in place.

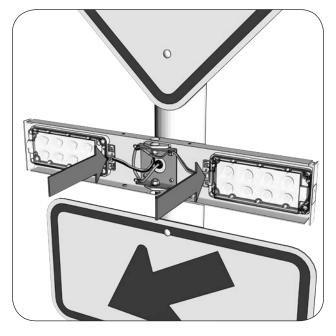


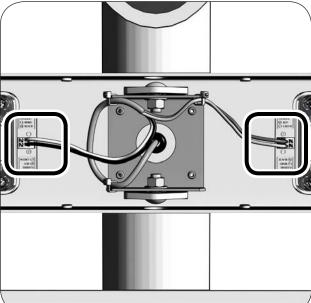


Secure the light bar cable using supplied cable ties as shown.



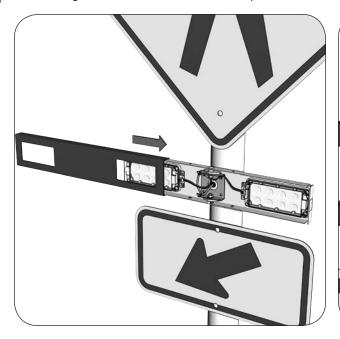
Push the light bar wires into the light bar connectors, following the color scheme as noted on LED.

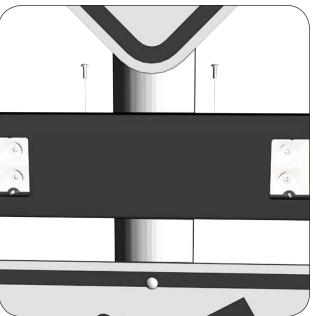






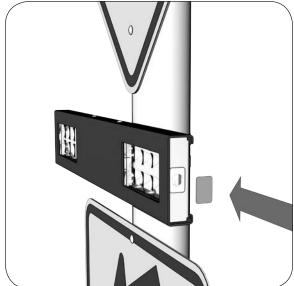
Slide on light bar cover and secure with provided screws.

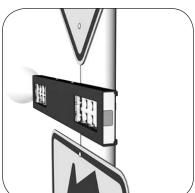




If the pedestrian confirmation light is not required in one direction, use the supplied opaque label to cover the indicator light.

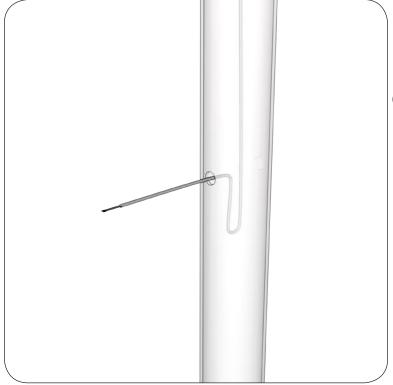








Feed the push button cable through the post, creating a drip loop.

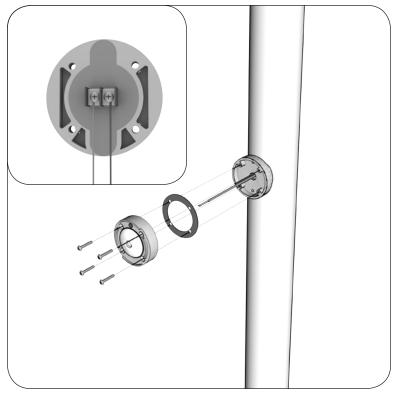


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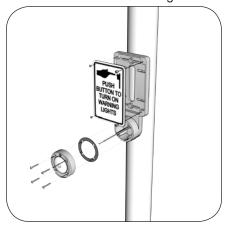
If there is no push button on the pole (such as an advance RRFB) then insulate the ends and secure the wires.



Attach the button mounting adapter to the pole, connect the button cable to the button and attach the button to the mounting adapter.



Optional push button with sign and sign mount





If the optional audible push button was ordered, there will be an additional controller card in the cabinet and the audible push button(s) will be included in the shipping box.



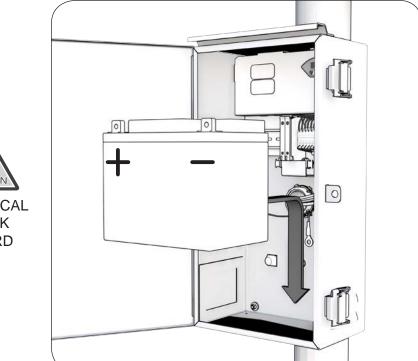
Install audible push button, running the cable from the pole, down the back of the button and into the compartment at the bottom of the button. Replace the button connection compartment cover.







Install the Battery, connecting each battery terminal to the correct polarity.



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NOTE

Battery should be installed with the terminals facing outward.



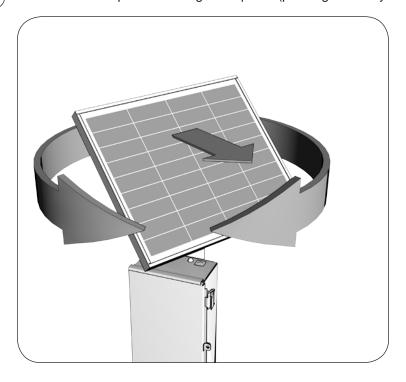


The system is factory programmed to operate and communicate to other units without configuration once the battery is connected. See 'EMS Programming and Testing' section to adjust default settings and to perform system testing. Close and secure cabinet door.





25 Ensure the solar panel is facing the equator (pointing south if you are in the northern hemisphere).





EMS Programming and Testing

The Energy Management System (EMS) has several programming functions and settings. These are accessed through the Onboard User Interface (OBUI). This section discusses the various functions, settings and operation.

EMS Onboard User Interface Operation

The EMS OBUI has three buttons to navigate and change settings and activate functions as required. The up button, down button and set button are used to scroll through menus, access and change settings, and accept new settings.

Use the up and down buttons to scroll through the menu.





Press and hold the set button to edit a setting. The display will blink when the setting is ready to edit.





Use the up and down buttons to adjust the setting when in edit mode.





Press and hold the set button to accept the new setting. The display will flash 3 times to indicate the setting has been accepted.





Functions and Settings

The functions and settings are accessed through the OBUI via a menu system. On the next page is the menu hierarchy and a description of the function or setting.

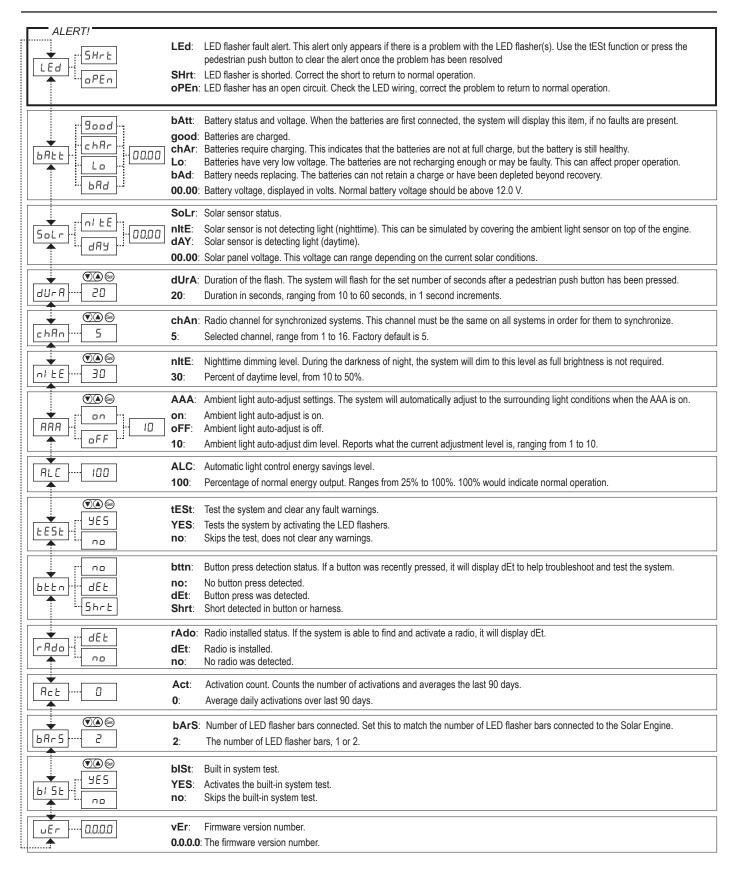


Only these items in the menu system are adjustable settings: dUrA*, chAn, nItE*, AAA*, tESt, bArS, bISt

*Networked settings. Changes to these settings will affect all systems on the same radio channel.



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System Testing

Testing the LED Flashers

The OBUI has a test function (tESt, see previous section) that activates the flashers independently of a physical push button test. Activating this function through the OBUI, as described in the previous section, will operate the flashers for the set period of time. If this activates the flashers properly, and the flashers will not operate with the pedestrian push button, then there may be a fault with the push button or the wiring to the button.

Built-in System Test

The OBUI has a built-in system test function (bISt, see previous section). Activating this function through the OBUI, as described in the previous section, performs the system test. After the test completes, it will display any errors or 'PASS' if no error is detected.

Possible errors include:

Code	Error
0002	Severe temperature detected
0004	Onboard processor has failed
8000	Battery issue detected
0010	There is a problem with the supply voltage
0020	Keypad failure detected
0040	Internal communication failure
0080	There is a problem with the ambient brightness sensor
0100	There is a problem with the charging circuit
0200	There is a problem with the flashing light bars

LED Fault Message

The EMS performs an internal test during start up to check for any shorts or open circuits in the LED flashers and the associated wiring. This message is displayed on the OBUI before any other menu item. Use the tESt function or press the pedestrian push button to clear the alert once the problem has been resolved.

Setting the Radio Channel

In order for the entire crosswalk set to operate when a pedestrian push button is activated, the SC315 utilizes an on board radio to communicate to the other units that make up the crosswalk set. The radio channel for all of the units must be set to the same radio channel. Adverse behavior will result if the same radio channel is not set on all of the units in a crosswalk set.



If there are two crosswalks set in close proximity to each other, but are intended to operate independently, then a different radio channel for each set will be required. The factory default for the radio channel is 5.

Radio Network Settings

Some of the EMS settings are synchronized across the units in a crosswalk set on the same channel.

Once the networked setting is changed on one system, the networked settings will be transmitted and synchronized with the system that was just updated.



If there are two crosswalks sets in close proximity to each other and on the same radio channel, the networked settings may be transmitted and synchronized with the system that was just updated.

These settings are synchronized across the crosswalk set: dUrA, nItE, AAA. See the Functions and Settings section for an explanation on these settings.



Changes to the networked settings can be made from any one of the units in a crosswalk set.



Maintenance & Product Care

The SC315 solar engine is designed to operate reliably for years with virtually no need for maintenance. Carmanah recommends routine inspections of the solar panel to ensure that they are unobstructed by anything that may prevent effective solar charging, including:

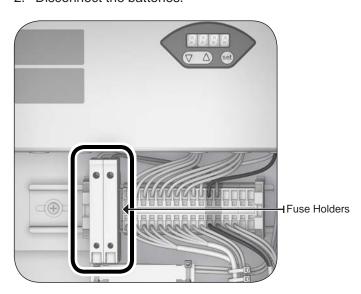
- · dirt and dust
- snow
- leaves
- debris
- shade that may have developed after installation due to adjacent plant growth.

The frequency of the inspections depends on location and local weather patterns. A yearly visual inspection of the SC315 is typically sufficient. The SC315 is designed to be maintenance free, however maximum system performance will be achieved when the LED lenses and solar panels are clean.

Fuse Replacement

A wiring fault during installation or maintenance can sometimes cause the battery fuses to blow. To replace the fuse:

- 1. Make sure you're not wearing any metal jewelry, or holding any tools or other conductive objects.
- 2. Disconnect the batteries.



- 3. Check all wiring for any faults that may have caused the fuse to blow.
- 4. Open the fuse holder apart and check the fuse.
- 5. Replace a blown fuse with an identical fuse 7A, Littlefuse 031201.5.HXP, Carmanah part # 71800.

Battery Replacement

When the SC315 system's battery requires replacement, it is recommended that the original SC315 Battery be used (Carmanah part # 70774). If there is more than one controller at the installation site, it is recommended to replace all the batteries at the same time.



Battery replacement procedure should not be carried out in windy conditions. In all cases, the area at the base of the pole must be roped off to prevent people from being injured or killed by falling pieces.

EMS Recycling

Production of the EMS required the extraction and use of natural resources. The EMS may contain substances that could be harmful to the environment or human health if improperly handled at the product's end of life. In order to avoid release of such substances into the environment and to reduce the use of natural resources, we encourage you to recycle the EMS in an appropriate way that will ensure most of the materials are reused or recycled appropriately. Check your local municipality for electronics recyclers.



Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause - What to Check
The EMS does not activate, does not display	This is typically caused by low or no voltage from the batteries.
any information, or the system does not activate.	Check both of the fuses. See the maintenance section of this manual for fuse information.
	Using a volt meter, measure the battery voltage. It should have a reading of 12.0 V or greater. If the voltage is very low, charge or replace the batteries and monitor the system for proper operation. Ensure that the solar panel is clean, clear of debris, and is not shaded by buildings or vegetation. If the solar panel is covered or shaded, this will prevent proper battery charging. Once the batteries have proper voltage, check the EMS for error codes and run the 'bISt' function. See the EMS Programming and Testing section of this manual.
LEDs won't flash when button on same post is pressed	This can be caused by either button failure, a wiring issue, low battery voltage, or the unlikely event of an EMS failure.
	Check to insure that the button is functioning and it is providing the typical feedback. If the button has an LED or audio feedback, ensure that these are working.
	Check the wiring to the button for continuity and make sure the wires are not pinched anywhere along their length.
	Check the wiring to the LED Light Bars for continuity and make sure the wires are not pinched anywhere along their length.
	Check that the wiring pattern (polarity) is correct on the LED Light Bars.
	Check the battery voltage, either through the OBUI or with a voltmeter (see item above)
	Check the OBUI for errors. See the EMS Programming and Testing section of this manual.
	Test the system using the OBUI 'tESt' function. See the EMS programming and testing section of this manual. If the LEDs flash using the OBUI functions, then the problem is in the button or wiring to the button.
LEDs on same post flash, but other systems in the crosswalk set won't flash	The SC315 communicate via a radio. If one system is activated, but the other systems in the crosswalk set are not coming on, this points to a radio issue.
	Ensure that all of the units in a crosswalk set are set to the same radio channel using the OBUI. See the EMS Programming and Testing section of this manual.
	Ensure that the units in a crosswalk set are not too far apart. The maximum distance for proper radio communication is 500 unobstructed feet. There can be no barriers or obstructions between systems, such as buildings or billboards.
One Light Bar flashes, but the other Light	This is likely caused by improper wiring of the light bars.
Bar on the same post does not flash	Ensure that the wire colors match the instructions on the Rectangular Flashers and in this manual. If they do not match then one light bar may not activate.
One Rectangular Flasher flashes, but the	This is likely caused by incorrect wiring on the LED Light Bars.
other Rectangular Flasher on the same light bar does not flash	Check each of the connections at the Rectangular Flashers to ensure correct wiring pattern (polarity).
	For a Dual Light Bar system with Single Pedestrian Confirmation Lights, ensure that both confirmation lights are pointing in opposite directions and that the wiring pattern is followed.



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Symptom	Possible Cause - What to Check
The LEDs are dim when flashing	The battery voltage may be too low for proper operation and the system has activated the Automatic Light Control (ALC). Check the OBUI for ALC status and battery voltage. See the EMS programming and testing section of this manual. Ensure that the solar panel is clean, clear of debris, and is not shaded by buildings or vegetation. If the solar panel is covered or shaded, this will prevent proper battery charging and drive the system into ALC.
	Check for debris covering the Ambient Light Sensor on top of the Solar Engine.
	Set the number of light bars to the correct value on the OBUI. See the EMS Programming and Testing section of this manual.
	Check the Ambient light Auto-Adjust (AAA) setting on the OBUI. Turn off the AAA to see if this corrects the dim LEDs. See the EMS programming and testing section of this manual.
The LEDs appear too bright when flashing	Settings on the EMS can affect the apparent brightness of the LEDs.
	Set the number of light bars to the correct value on the OBUI. See the EMS Programming and Testing section of this manual.
Lights flash when no button is pressed	This is likely caused by another nearby system on the same radio channel activating this system.
	Ensure that all of the units in a crosswalk set are set to the correct radio channel using the OBUI, ensuring that nearby systems at a different location are using a different channel. See the EMS Programming and Testing section of this manual.

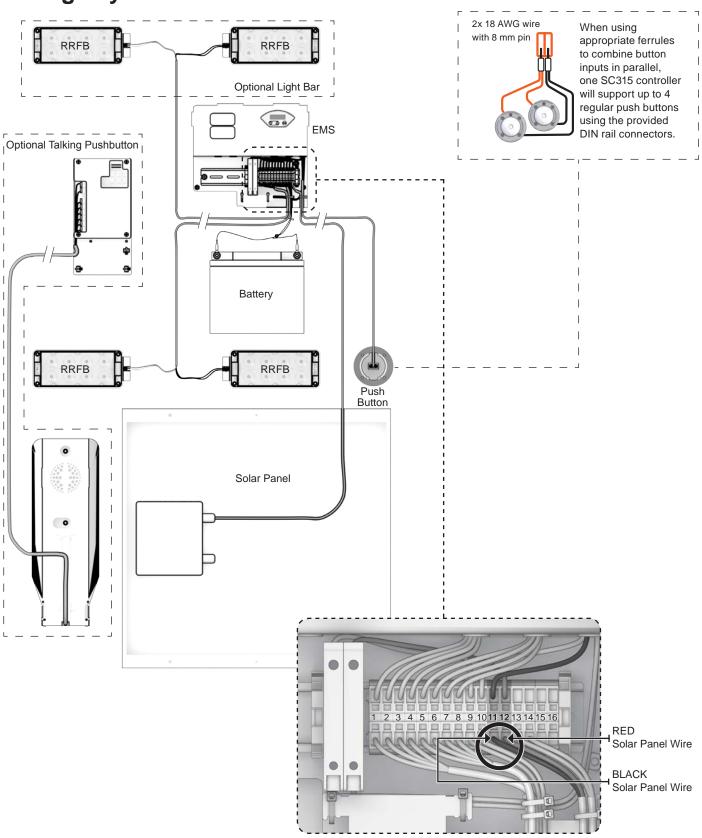


Specifications

Mechanical Specifications				
Cabinet Dimensions				
Width	10.5" (267 mm)			
Depth (not including mount)	6.5" (165 mm)			
Height	19.5" (495 mm)			
Weight	39.6 lbs (18 kg)			
Solar Panel Dimensions				
Height, Width, Depth	26.2" x 21.1" x 1.38" (665 mm x 536 mm x 35 mm)			
Tilt Angle	45 degrees (Top of pole mount)			
Electrical Specifications				
System				
System voltage	12V (nominal)			
System capacity	13 Ah			
Overcurrent Protection				
Fuse	2 x 7 A			
Туре	Littlefuse 031201.5.HXP, Carmanah part # 71800			
Solar Charge Controller				
Туре	Maximum power point tracking 3 stage temperature compensated			
Battery				
Quantity	1			
Voltage	12 V (nominal)			
Capacity	35 Ah			
Solar Panel				
Power	45 W			
Voc	22.2 V			
Vmp	18.3 V			
Imp	2.52 A			
Isc	2.69 A			
LED Driver				
Туре	Constant current, buck - boost			
Max output voltage	33 Vdc			
Max output current	200 mA			
Environmental				
Maximum wind zone deployment	110 mph			
Operating temperature range	5 to 122° F (-15 to 50° C)			



Wiring Layout





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Warranty

This product is covered by the Carmanah warranty. Visit www.carmanah.com for additional information or contact the customer service department.

Before contacting Carmanah's customer service department, please have the serial number of your system available, a brief description of the problem, as well as all details of the installation.

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