



# NC369 Paging Transmitter Installation Instructions

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## Warning

Alteration or modification of any part of this equipment, without the prior written consent of the manufacturer, will invalidate all manufacturer Approvals and Warranties. No adjustments can be undertaken except by a qualified and licensed person as defined by the FCC Rules and Regulations. Operation of altered equipment can result in fines, imprisonment, and/or confiscation of such equipment.

## Overview

TekTone®'s digital paging system can be used to transmit text and numeric messages directly to individual pocket pagers, or to entire groups of pagers. The NC369 Paging Transmitter includes both an 8P8C Ethernet port and an 8P8C RS232 serial port to accommodate system programming and Ethernet or serial input from TekTone® nurse call systems. Both ports can be used simultaneously and may be set to different protocols, allowing greater flexibility.

## Important Safety Information

TekTone® products are designed to operate safely when installed and used according to general safety practices. The following requirements should be observed at all times.

- Do not subject this equipment to mechanical shock, excessive humidity or moisture, extremes of temperature, or corrosive liquids.
- Do not operate this equipment with the antenna disconnected. Doing so may severely damage the transmitter.
- This equipment is designed for indoor use only, unless expressly stated otherwise, and must not be used in classified Hazardous Areas, including areas containing explosive or flammable vapors, unless express authorization has been given in writing by the manufacturer.
- Do not obstruct any slots or openings in the product. These are provided for ventilation to ensure reliable operation of the product and protect it from overheating.
- Only use a damp cloth for cleaning (not liquid or aerosol based cleaners), and ensure that any power is removed from the unit prior to beginning the cleaning operation.
- Removal of covers from the equipment must only be undertaken by authorized service personnel.

## Liability

TekTone® does not accept any liability for any damage or injury howsoever resulting from misuse of this equipment. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the equipment is operated in the manner for which it was intended and that it is the correct item of equipment for the required task.

## Equipment Applications

It is the user's responsibility to determine the suitability of this system for any given application. TekTone® cannot provide specific advice, since each application requires independent evaluation. TekTone® has no control of the use and application of the frequencies issued by the FCC. Some licensed equipment may have greater protection than other equipment operated on a FCC License Exempt basis.

## Equipment Testing

Conduct range tests at least once a week; more often when critical criteria apply. This involves testing the unit past the limit of its required working range, so as to ensure a measure of safety. TekTone® suggests keeping a log of test dates and the information gathered, along with battery change data and service records. Required test frequency varies between applications. If a pager has been dropped or is worn by someone involved in an accident, test the unit again before reuse. The physical range tests are essential, and any construction work or movement of plant or equipment could alter the signaling capability of the unit.

## Service

If your NC369 paging transmitter requires service, return it to TekTone® at the address listed below. Prior to returning the equipment, you must call TekTone®'s Sales Department at (800) 327-8466 and obtain a return authorization number (RMA number). No returns will be accepted without an RMA number.

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Phone: (828) 524-9967 • Fax: (828) 524-9968 • Sales: Choose option 2 • Tech Support: Choose option 3

TekTone®'s quality system is registered by UL® to the ISO 9001 standard. (Reference #10001510.)

## Unpack the Equipment

Carefully unwrap and inventory the pager transmitter and all components as shown below. If anything is missing, notify TekTone® immediately.

- IntelPage IP 5 Paging Transmitter.
- 12 VDC power supply with mains cable.
- Plastic wall mount bracket.
- Whip antenna with 90-degree adapter.
- Communications cables:
  1. Green—Crossover serial cable (8P8C to 8P8C).
  2. Black—Serial cable (DB9 female to 8P8C, TekTone® part number CA134).
  3. Blue—Straight through Ethernet cable (8P8C to 8P8C).
  4. Red—Crossover Ethernet cable (8P8C to 8P8C).
- This NC369 Installation Manual.
- CD containing CommtechWireless IntelpageIP5 manuals and configuration programs.

As part of the installation of your NC369 Paging Transmitter, you will also require:

- A PC with terminal software installed (such as HyperTerminal), and/or
- A PC with an Ethernet port and browser software installed (such as Internet Explorer).
- A POCSAG receiver (pager) on the same frequency as the transmitter.

The supplied **CA134 black cable** (serial DB9 to 8P8C) is used to connect any TekTone® system that supports radio pocket paging. See [Figure 1](#) for cable pinouts.

## Install the Antenna

An antenna capable of handling 5 watts must be connected to the BNC connector on the rear panel. The unit comes with a right angle adapter and whip antenna. However, a TekTone® CA133 mopole antenna may be installed for better coverage if required. The general coverage pattern for the CA133 antenna is shown in [Figure 2](#).

The antenna for the unit must not be mounted within 16 feet (5 m) of any other sensitive electronic equipment including other paging system products, routers, computers or phone systems. **Warning! Never transmit without an antenna attached to the transmitter.**

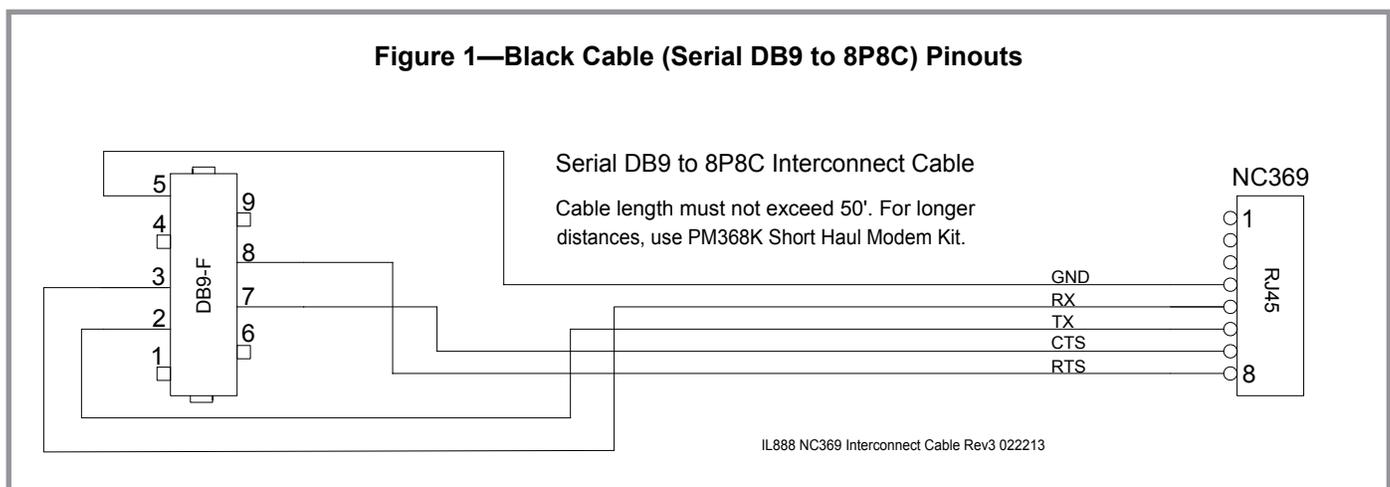
## Determine Hardware Location

Before mounting the NC369 Paging Transmitter, decide where to place the unit, considering the range of operation that the installation will require. The standard transmitter can quite easily provide ranges of up to one mile or more, and will provide excellent propagation on most industrial sites—covering a considerable area with just the supplied antenna connected directly to the unit.

Thick steel and concrete, large magnetic and electric fields, terrain and weather conditions will affect transmitter efficiency, so test the coverage of your local area transmitter at some stage of installation. When performing the test, pay close attention to the quality of the messages received by the test pager. If the test pager receives corrupted messages, there may be problems sending messages to that region.

For coverage of very large sites, or where exceptionally difficult operating conditions exist, it may be advantageous to install an external antenna (subject to license conditions). Contact TekTone® prior to any antenna change. Installing the transmitter on the second or third floor of a building

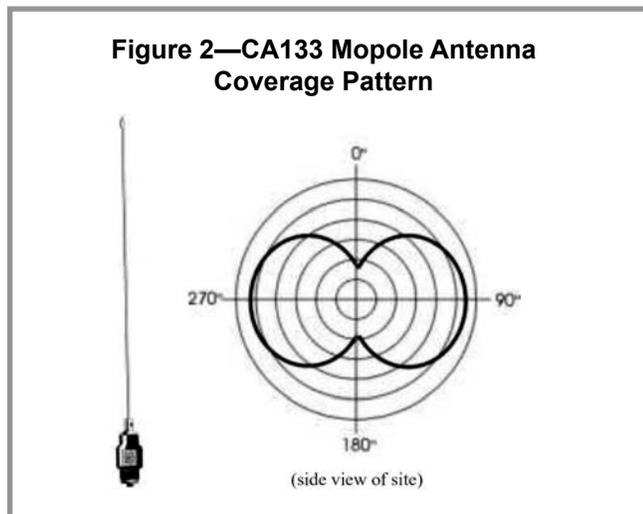
Figure 1—Black Cable (Serial DB9 to 8P8C) Pinouts



will usually boost overall range. However, horizontal range is not always required so much as propagation through a multi-story building. Here it may be more useful to use a small external antenna mounted outside the building at half the building height. Sometimes range is required more in one direction than in another; moving the antenna to one side of the building can provide a bias in the required direction, which may overcome the range difficulties. When using a remote antenna, use a low-loss 50-ohm coax cable from the transmitter to the antenna. Do not use cabling for CCTV or TV satellite; this type of cable is normally 75 ohms. Important: Coaxial feeds over 16 feet (5 m) must employ low-loss 50-ohm coax. We normally recommend feeds be no more than 50 feet (15 m) for standard applications. However, we suggest you contact our technical support department if other considerations prove this to be impractical.

A further consideration is the distance between the transmitter and the source of the data feeding the transmitter. With a standard RS232 serial interface, data cables should not exceed 50 feet (15 m). The cables must be screened/shielded and must be kept clear of sources of induced magnetic or electrical noise. If distances of over 50 feet (15 m) are required, additional drivers or amplifiers must be installed at both ends of the data link. Remember these important points when installing equipment:

1. Never install antennas near or adjacent to telephone, public address or data communication lines, or overhead power cables.
2. Avoid, wherever possible, running antenna coax alongside other cables.
3. Avoid mounting the transmitter in the immediate vicinity of telephone exchanges or computer equipment.
4. Remember that the performance of the system will be affected by the type of material the unit is mounted on and by its surroundings.



5. The circuit boards within this equipment may be harmed by Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). Installers must avoid touching the circuitry wherever possible, and must ensure that adequate antistatic procedures are adhered to at all times (earth grounding with wrist straps, etc.).

This transmitter will be adversely affected by the following materials, if it is mounted on or near them:

- Foil-backed wall board
- Metal mesh, or wire-reinforced glass
- Metal sheeting, large mirrors or suspended ceilings
- Elevator shafts

All of the above can reflect radio waves and thereby reduce the capability of the transmitter to perform its desired functions.

6. **Warning! Never transmit without an antenna attached to the transmitter.**

### Mount the Hardware

The NC369 Paging Transmitter comes default with rubber feet installed, allowing it to sit on a desk or table. The kit also includes a wall mounting bracket. To install this bracket:

1. Use a Philips screwdriver to remove the four screws holding the rubber feet.
2. Seat the bracket on the base of the unit. It will fit just one way.
3. Use the screws removed from the rubber feet to hold the wall mounting bracket in position.

### Software Configuration

**The NC369 Pager Transmitter must be configured to work with your TekTone® nurse call or wireless emergency system.** Two methods are available:

1. The preferred method, described in the following pages, requires a PC with a TCP/IP network connection, an internet browser (such as Internet Explorer), and an Ethernet connection to the NC369 Paging Transmitter. This method uses the enclosed red crossover 8P8C to 8P8C Ethernet cable to connect the PC to the NC369.
2. The alternate method requires a PC with a terminal program (such as HyperTerminal, included with Microsoft Windows®) and a serial connection to the unit using the enclosed CA134 black straight-through DB9 to 8P8C serial cable. To use this method, refer to Section 3.1 (pages 12–24) of the Intelpage IP 5 installation manual on the included CD.



→ Choose *Alpha* in the *Type* field, and then click on the **SAVE** button.

Repeat to enable additional pagers. TekTone® recommends enabling extra pager numbers for future use to avoid reprogramming the NC369.

### Network Settings

Normally these settings will not need to be changed; use the default settings. If changes are made to this menu page, check the **REBOOT?** box and then click on the **SAVE** button.

### Serial Port Settings

After all changes have been made to this menu page, check the **REBOOT?** box and then click on the **SAVE** button.

Baud	9600
Data bits	8
Parity	NONE
Stop bits	1
Flow control	NONE
Reboot?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Save Undo

**Baud**—The transmission speed of the RS232 port (default 9600).

**Data bits**—The number of bits that actually contain information pertaining to the message rather than to the transmission (default 8).

**Parity**—A method of verifying the accuracy of the data sent (default NONE).

**Stop bits**—The number of bits sent at the end of each byte; used for synchronization purposes (default 1).

**Flow Control**—This refers to the “flow control” property of the connection (default NONE).

### Transmitter Settings

After all changes have been made to this menu page, click on the **SAVE** button.

Frequency Band	440-470 MHz
Frequency	457550000 Hz
Power Level	Medium
Channel Spacing	Narrow Band

Save Undo

**Frequency Band**—After the NC369 Paging Transmitter has read the data from its internal transmitter, it will display the band of the radio inside. This is 440-470MHz, and cannot be changed.

→ **Frequency**—Type in the frequency required for the site. TekTone® pagers operate on 457.55 MHz, therefore, *type in 457550000 Hz*.

→ **Power Level**—Use the drop down menu to toggle between Low (500mW), Medium (2W) or High (5W) power levels (default High). *Select Medium (2W), the maximum allowed without a special FCC license.*

**Channel Spacing**—This field refers to the space between adjacent channels. This is set at Narrow Band and cannot be changed.

**Figure 3—CAP Code to Pager ID Conversion Table**  
for the CAP codes most commonly used with TekTone® pagers

CAP Code	Pager ID												
400	13200	415	13320	430	13440	445	13560	460	13680	475	13800	490	13920
401	13208	416	13328	431	13448	446	13568	461	13688	476	13808	491	13928
402	13216	417	13336	432	13456	447	13576	462	13696	477	13816	492	13936
403	13224	418	13344	433	13464	448	13584	463	13704	478	13824	493	13944
404	13232	419	13352	434	13472	449	13592	464	13712	479	13832	494	13952
405	13240	420	13360	435	13480	450	13600	465	13720	480	13840	495	13960
406	13248	421	13368	436	13488	451	13608	466	13728	481	13848	496	13968
407	13256	422	13376	437	13496	452	13616	467	13736	482	13856	497	13976
408	13264	423	13384	438	13504	453	13624	468	13744	483	13864	498	13984
409	13272	424	13392	439	13512	454	13632	469	13752	484	13872	499	13992
410	13280	425	13400	440	13520	455	13640	470	13760	485	13880		
411	13288	426	13408	441	13528	456	13648	471	13768	486	13888		
412	13296	427	13416	442	13536	457	13656	472	13776	487	13896		
413	13304	428	13424	443	13544	458	13664	473	13784	488	13904		
414	13312	429	13432	444	13552	459	13672	474	13792	489	13912		

## Protocol

After all changes have been made to this menu page, check the **REBOOT?** box and then click on the **SAVE** button.

**Protocol Selection**

Ethernet Protocol Use	NONE
Serial Port Protocol Use	SCOPE
Reboot?	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Protocol Settings**

Max Message Count	0
Lookup PagerID	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never Disconnect	<input type="checkbox"/>
TAP Disable ID= Every 2 Seconds	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Email Settings**

Email Domain	intelpageip.mycompany.com
Forward Email From	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Forward Email Subject	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Forward Email Body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Priority Keywords**

	Priority Keyword	Tone Replacement
1		A
2		A

**Ethernet Protocol Use**—(Not used with TekTone® systems.) The protocol used by the Ethernet port (8P8C). All protocols use TCP port 6000 (this port is adjustable within the HTML interface) (default TAP).

➔ **Serial Port Protocol Use**—The protocol used by the RS232 port. Options available are: COMP1, COMP2, SCOPE, TAP, TNPP Duplex, TNPP Simplex, Terminal and Tekk.

**Notes:** The password in the TAP protocol is ignored. Pager 0 must be configured for COMP1. If you are sending to a combination of numeric, alpha and tone pagers, you will need to use TNPP or SCOPE. The TNPP device address is 1234; TNPP received address is ignored—all messages are accepted.

Set the Serial Port Protocol Use according to which TekTone® product it is used with:

- *NC375 Voltage Interface, NC377 Paging Interface Adapter (Voltage Interface), Tek-MMARS®300, Tek-ALERT™, Tek-CARE®400 and Tek-CARE®500—SCOPE.*
- *Tek-CARE®NC300II—COMP2. (No escalation—pager tones and vibrate modes will not differentiate between call types.)*

**Max Msg Count**—The maximum number of messages that can be sent by a protocol in a single session/connection. A value of “0” means no maximum limit (default 0).

➔ **Lookup PagerID**—If checked, the system will look up Pager IDs in the pager database. Otherwise the system will use the cap code supplied in the message (default OFF).

Set the Lookup PagerID according to which TekTone® product it is connected to:

- *Tek-CARE®NC300II—Check this option, enabling it.*
- *All other TekTone® systems—Leave unchecked, disabling it.*

**Never Disconnect**—If checked, the NC369 will never disconnect itself. It will only disconnect when the system it is connected to does (default OFF).

**TAP Disable ID= every 2 seconds**—If left unchecked and the TAP protocol is being used, a carriage return resulting in an “ID=” will be issued every 2 seconds (default OFF).

**Email Domain**—If SMTP is selected and an email is sent to <cap code>@<email domain>, the message will be encoded into POCSAG and transmitted to the pager with the corresponding cap code (default intelpage.mycompany.com). See **4.5 Setting up Email Paging** on page 48 of the manual on CD for more information.

**Priority Keywords**—Priority keywords allow a different beep code to be sent if a certain word is received in a message. For example, most messages may be sent through to users with the default beep code (tone) A. But for important messages containing, say the word “fire,” could be sent with beep code D. In this case, type “fire” in the **Priority Keyword** field, and select “D” in the **Tone Replacement** field.

## Pocsag

After all changes have been made to this menu page, click on the **SAVE** button.

POCSAG Settings	
Speed	512 ▾
Default Tone	A ▾
Type	Alpha ▾
PTT Invert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data Invert	<input type="checkbox"/>
Busy Invert	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ignore Busy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

→ **Speed**—The speed of transmission. This value must match that of the pagers receiving the messages (default 512). Tek-MMARS®300, Tek-ALERT™, Tek-CARE®400 and Tek-CARE®500 system settings must also match this value.

- *Select 512 baud for all TekTone® systems.*
- *Program all pagers to 512 baud.*
- *Tek-MMARS®300, Tek-ALERT™, Tek-CARE®400 and Tek-CARE®500—Use the LS450 Config Tool to set speed to NORMAL, and then commit changes.*

**Default Tone**—The type of tone that the pager will emit when the message is received (default A).

→ **Type**—The type of message to send: Tone only, Numeric or Alpha. This should match the type of the pager (default Numeric). Note: If the SCOPE protocol was chosen, then speed, tone and type are specified with the message and will override the POCSAG settings. *Select Alpha.*

→ **PTT / Data / Busy Invert**—If checked, these invert the respective signal. *Check PTT Invert, enabling it. Leave Data Invert and Busy Invert unchecked.*

→ **Ignore Busy**—If checked, send the message regardless of whether or not the channel is busy. **WARNING:** This must be checked in order for the transmitter to operate by default. *Check this option, enabling it.*

## Password

This is the password that must be entered in order to edit the Intelpage IP 5 settings. It has a maximum length of 8 characters (default: no password). If changes are made to the password, check the **REBOOT?** box and then click on the **SAVE** button.

## IP Access List

This is the list of IP addresses that are allowed to access the NC369 Paging Transmitter. **Do not make changes to this list.**

## Survey

This button is used to test a site by sending messages periodically. See the [Site Survey](#) section below for usage instructions.

## Status

The status screen shows some useful statistics about the NC369 Paging Transmitter.

**Version**—Version of the firmware.

**System Up Time**—Duration device has been on.

**Memory Available**—RAM that is available to store and send messages, and server web pages.

**POCSAG Queued**—The number of messages that are queued, waiting to be sent.

**POCSAG Sent**—The total number of messages sent since power on.

**POCSAG Busy**—The total number of messages that have failed to send due to the channel being busy.

**UART Status**—Indicates whether flow control is inhibiting transmit or receive of data.

**PT5 Temperature**—Displays the current temperature of the internal transmitter.

**PT5 Voltage**—Displays the voltage that is driving the internal transmitter.

## Licensing

Not used with TekTone® systems.

## User Manual PDF

Requires an internet connection; refer instead to this manual and the Intelpage IP5 Installation Manual on CD.

## Site Survey

Click on the **SURVEY** button in the NC369 Config Tool to access the **Site Survey** screen.

Site Survey	
Capcode	13200
Interval	30
Type	Alpha
Survey Enable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transmitter Test Enable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Save Undo

This section is used to test a site by sending messages periodically. One person is required for a site survey. Once you have triggered the site survey, walk around the area intended to be covered by the transmitter, making particular note of the quality of messages received by the test pager. The earlier sections, *Install the Antenna* and *Determine Hardware Location*, contain some useful tips on improving coverage and performance.

**Capcode**—Type the *TekTone*® 5-digit Pager ID of the test pager that you wish to use in the site survey. (See *Figure 3* to convert a CAP code into a Pager ID.)

**Interval**—Enter the time between test messages sent out in seconds.

**Type**—Enter the encoding type used on the pager. Select between Alpha, Numeric, Tone Only or Disabled. (*Select Alpha.*)

**Survey Enable**—Check this option and click on the save button to start the site survey using the above settings. When the survey is complete, uncheck this option and click on the save button to stop the site survey.

**Transmitter Test Enable**—Check this option to force the transmitter to send out a constant preamble signal. This is useful when testing the transmitter on a test set. **WARNING: This test mode causes the transmitter to heat up rapidly. Do not use this test for extended periods of time as it may damage the transmitter.**

## Connect the System

Use the supplied black cable (serial DB9 to 8P8C) to connect the NC369 Pager Transmitter to your TekTone® nurse call system, wireless nurse call system, or voltage interface. Configure the connected TekTone® product according to instructions in its installation manual, and test to verify that both automatic and manual (if available) pages are received by pagers as expected.

## Technical Specifications

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Manufacturer: CommTechWireless  
Equipment type: IP and serial based POCSAG encoder  
Ethernet Port: IEEE 802.3, 10 Base-T, 8P8C  
Serial Port: RS232C, 300–57600 Baud (default 9600bps), 8P8C

Signaling Level: 0–5V CMOS  
Status LEDs: Power, Busy, PTT, Data, RS232 Tx, RS232 Rx, IP Activity, IP Link

Programming: Via Terminal or Internet Browser  
Internal Transmitter: Selectable for 500mW, 2W or 5W. (Facility must have an FCC license to use a power level greater than 2W.)

External antenna connector: BNC Female 50ohm

Frequency range: VHF: 148–174 MHz.  
UHF: 440–470MHz Synthesized

Supported Protocols: POCSAG 512, 1200 or 2400bps, TAP (PET, IXO) / COMP1, 2 / SCOPE / Terminal / Tekk (Waveware)

Message capacity: No capacity  
Pager Database: 1000 pager IDs  
Power supply: 12VDC @ 2Amps regulated  
Dimensions: 10"×8"×2.7"(255mm×230mm×70mm)  
Weight: 700g / 1.5lb net

Ambient temperature operating range: 0–50°C  
(20–90% RH non-condensing)

Storage temperature range: –10–60°C  
(10–95% RH non-condensing)