

# Sentinel SM1

## System monitor



# TANNOY

Operation Manual

# Important Safety Instructions



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with a dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers that produce heat).
9. Protect the power cord from being walked or pinched, particularly at plugs convenience receptacles and at point where they exit the apparatus.
10. Only use attachments / accessories specified by the manufacturer.
11. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long period of time
12. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Service is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as, power supply cord is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, this apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the product.

### **SAFETY WARNING**

The apparatus must be connected to a MAINS socket-outlet with protective earth. The plug or the appliance coupler shall be shall remain readily operable.

### **SAFETY WARNING**

Do not remove any covers, loosen any fixings or allow items to enter any aperture.

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As depicted above, this product must only be operated in-stalled in an equipment rack. Allow at least 20mm on all sides for ventilation.

### **SAFETY WARNING**

The Apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing. Objects filled with liquids should not be placed on this apparatus.

### **AVERTISSEMENT DE SECURITE**

L'appareil doit être raccordé à une embase secteur munie d'une terre de protection. La prise raccordant l'appareil doit rester accessible en permanence.

### **AVERTISSEMENT DE SECURITE**

Ne retirez pas les couvercles, ne desserrez pas les fixations et ne laissez aucune pièce s'introduire dans les ouvertures.

### **AVERTISSEMENT CONCERNANT LA SECURITE**

L'appareil ne doit pas être exposé à des gouttes ou des éclaboussures. Aucun objet rempli de liquide ne doit être posé sur cet appareil.

### **AVERTISSEMENT DE SECURITE**

Comme il est représenté ci-dessous, ce produit doit uniquement fonctionner une fois installé en rack. Prévoir au moins 20 mm de tous côtés à fin de ventilation.



## Installation instructions

1. THIS PRODUCT MUST BE EARTHED.
2. This equipment is designed to be installed in a 19" equipment rack, secured by the front panel with four bolts.
3. Do not limit free ventilation and movement of air around the side and back panels.

## Important instructions concernant la securite

1. Lisez ces instructions.
2. Conservez ces instructions.
3. Tenez compte de toutes les mises en garde.
4. Suivez ces instructions.
5. Ne pas utiliser cet appareil à proximité d'eau.
6. Nettoyer uniquement avec un chiffon sec.
7. Ne bloquer aucune des ouvertures de ventilation. Installer conformément aux instructions du fabricant.
8. Ne pas installer près de sources de chaleur telles que radiateurs, bouches d'air chaud, poêles, ou autres appareils (y compris amplificateurs) produisant de la chaleur.
9. S'assurer que le cordon secteur ne risque pas d'être pincé ou piétiné, en particulier à proximité des prises et connecteur.
10. Utiliser exclusivement les fixations et accessoires spécifiés pas le constructeur.
11. Débrancher cet appareil lors d'orages à éclairs ou quand il reste inutilisé pour une longue période.
12. Toute intervention doit être confiée à un professionnel qualifié. Une intervention est nécessaire quand l'appareil a été endommagé d'une façon quelconque, telle que, cordon secteur endommagé, du liquide ou des objets ont été introduits dans l'appareil, que celui-ci a été exposé à la pluie ou l'humidité, qu'il ne fonctionne pas normalement, ou qu'on l'a

## Instructions d'installation

1. CET APPAREIL DOIT ETRE RELIE A LA TERRE
2. Cet appareil est conçu pour être monté en rack 19 « , le panneau avant fixé par 4 vis.
3. Ne pas restreindre la libre ventilation et mouvement de l'air autour des côtés et du panneau arrière.

# For customers in Europe

This product complies with both the LVD (electrical safety) 73/23/EEC and EMC (electromagnetic compatibility) 89/336/EEC directives issued by the commission of the European community.

Compliance with these directives implies conformity with the following European standards:

EN60065	Product safety
EN55103-1	EMC emissions
EN55103-2	EMC immunity

This product is intended for the following electromagnetic environments: E2; E3 & E4. Environment E1 (domestic) is specifically excluded.

# For customers in the USA & Canada

This product has been tested for electrical safety and complies with:

UL60065 7th edition 2003  
CA /CSA C22.2 No.60065-03

This equipment has been designed 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 when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment.

Industry Canada Class A emission compliance statement: This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003. Avis de conformité a' la réglementation d'Industrie Canada. Cet appareil numérique de classe A est conforme a' la norme ICES-003.

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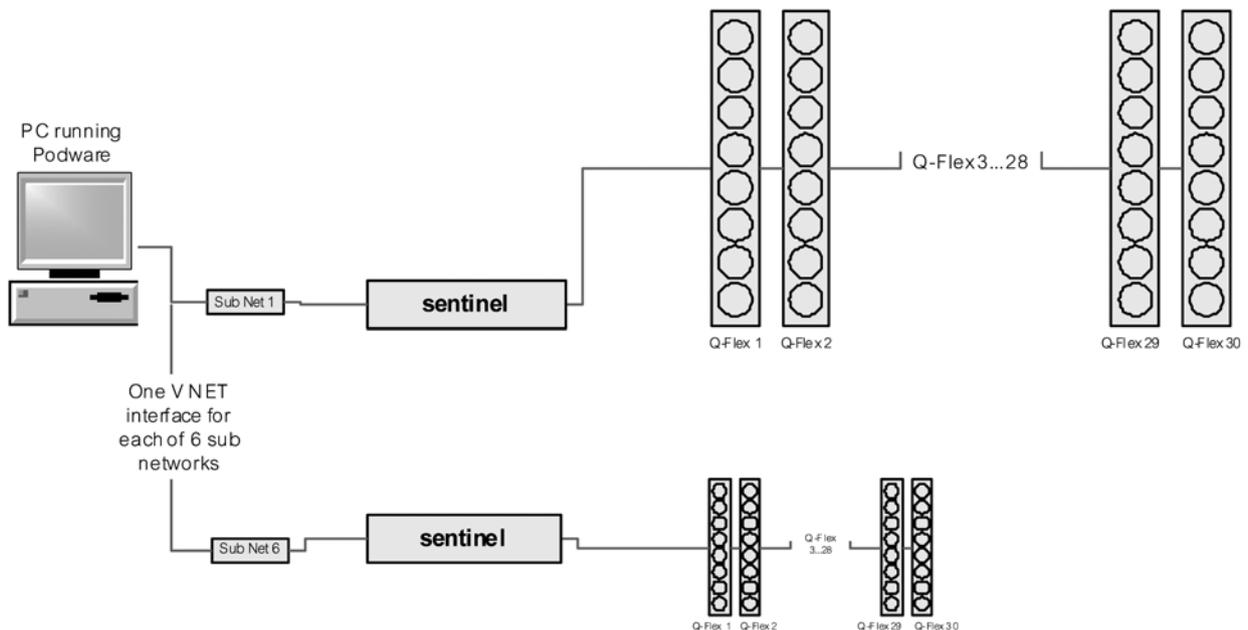
## 2. Introduction

Sentinel SM1 System Monitor provides a complete system wide fault monitoring and reporting solution for mission-critical applications. Built on a tried and trusted processing 'Engine', Sentinel keeps a watchful eye on the audio system, and if required, any controlling PCs. Problems are reported both via relay contacts to the main monitoring panel in your system as well as being shown on Sentinel's front panel display, and buzzers. Multiple Sentinels can even monitor each other and the same network simultaneously for systems that require dual redundant monitoring.

The Sentinel SM1 System Monitor is a pivotal VNet network accessory, assuring system integrity in sensitive applications demanding dependability and requiring demonstrable functionality. The SM1 checks the status of all devices on the same VNet network, looking for any defects, or lack of performance which may require attention. The SM1 may be used stand-alone, or with the PodWare software application. Any defects found in the system give rise to clear indication on the indicators on the front panel, supplementary information being given on the backlit LCD so that the problem can be quickly located and diagnosed. A Comprehensive set of relay contacts allow defects to be reported to another monitoring system such as a fire panel.

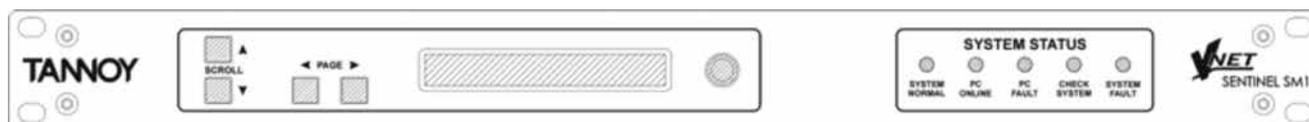
The companion PodWare PC Windows application uses a small panel called a MonIcon to display all the important status information about the SM1 at a glance. From this small panel it is possible to see the overall system status. The full control panel is only one click away from the MonIcon. From the full control panel, it is very simple to adjust the finer details of Sentinel's operation. In most cases however, there will be no setting up to do.

Sentinel SM1(s) inserted in a VNet network, as illustrated by the diagram below, will monitor each network device for problems, the whole network, and report 'missing' devices including the PC. SM1's also monitor themselves and problems trigger a network 'alarm', which can be: Normal, Check or Fault.



## 3. Product description

### 3.1. Front Panel



The **Scroll** buttons allow to scroll through a number of items on a given page.

The **Page** buttons allow the view of the display to change; pointing the display (and the encoder where appropriate) at a particular feature or parameter. Further information can be found in the section Navigating on the Sentinel.

The **Encoder** (the rotary control knob) allows parameters to be adjusted. Generally, clockwise to increase the value, and counter-clockwise to decrease.

The System Status area on the System Monitor panel indicates the state of the system:

**System Normal** – Illuminates when no problems are found. This indicator will become dark if any of the following are illuminated: PC Fault, Check System, System Fault.

**PC Online** – Illuminates when a controlling computer running the PodWare application is actively connected to this System Monitor

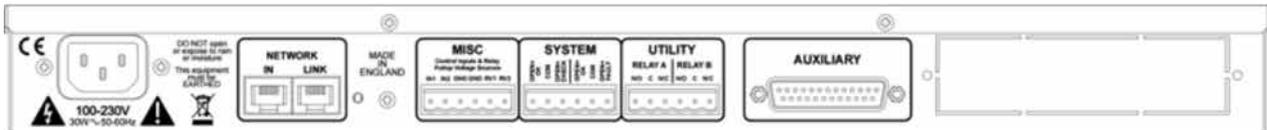
**PC Fault** – Illuminates when PodWare is not online to the System Monitor; and the unit was set up to expect such a connection.

**Check System** – Illuminates when one of the monitored devices has detected some anomaly which might require attention, but is not causing any serious loss of performance.

**System Fault** – Illuminates when one of the monitored devices has detected a fault which requires the attention of an engineer.

When the unit is starting up, it performs a 'Lamp Test' – lighting all the front panel indicators so you can check that they are working. It also performs a Lamp Test when the unit is discovering devices – warning you that it is not detecting incidents on the network during this process.

### 3.2. Rear panel



#### BvNet Network

In: For the 'Inbound' connection derived from the PC

Link: For connection to other devices

Note that the devices maybe connected in any order. Device will be monitored whether 'upstream' or 'downstream' from this device.

#### Misc

In1, In2: Used to feed logic inputs into the device (not currently implemented)

Gnd: Ground, 0v, Earth reference used in conjunction with Logic inputs or Voltage outputs.

RV1, RV2: Voltage outputs for energising external apparatus. +15v is available, and is protected by internal 1000 Ohms of resistance.

#### System

Check: Three terminals representing a 'Check' Incident state. When there is no Check incident, the COM terminal is disconnected from the 'Open = ok' terminal, and connected to the 'open=check' terminal. When a Check Incident is present, the COM terminal becomes disconnected from the 'open=check' terminal, and connected to the 'Open = ok' terminal. When the device is not powered, the COM terminal is disconnected from the 'open=check' terminal, and connected to the 'Open = ok' terminal.

Fault: Three terminals representing a 'Fault' Incident state. When there is no Fault incident, the COM terminal is disconnected from the 'Open = ok' terminal, and connected to the 'open=fault' terminal. When a Fault Incident is present, the COM terminal becomes disconnected from the 'open=fault' terminal, and connected to the 'Open = ok' terminal. When the device is not powered, the COM terminal is disconnected from the 'open=fault' terminal, and connected to the 'Open = ok' terminal.

#### Utility

Relay A: Three terminals whose default action is to indicate when there is a PC disconnection fault. When there is no PC Fault the COM terminal is disconnected from the 'N/O' terminal, and connected to the 'N/C' terminal. When a PC Fault is present, the COM terminal becomes disconnected from the 'N/C' terminal, and connected to the 'N/O' terminal. When the device is not powered, the COM terminal is disconnected from the 'N/C' terminal, and connected to the 'N/O' terminal.

Relay B: Not currently implemented.

#### Auxiliary

For custom applications

### 3.3. Installation and setting up

Devices are identified on the network by means of a Handle which is unique, and a Link Address which is randomly allocated, but checked for uniqueness and corrected by PodWare when going online to the system. When a network of devices is newly installed, first go online to the network with PodWare to make sure this checking process is done. Wait for PodWare to discover all of your devices this first time. Do not connect Sentinel to the network until this is done.

So that devices reporting Incidents to Sentinel can be identified, each device on the network should be given a Device Name. Please see the main PodWare Help file for details on how to do this.

When you power-up Sentinel while connected to a network of devices, or if a network of devices is plugged into Sentinel while it is operating, Sentinel will discover all the devices on the network and begin to monitor them. While it is discovering new device, it illuminates all the front panel indicators to warn you that incidents are not being monitored during this process. For a large number of devices, this process can take several minutes.

Better network performance will be had if either Sentinel or PodWare are online to the system. Operations will be slower if both are online to a large network of devices.

If it is a requirement to have both Sentinel and PodWare online to a large network (larger than say 24 devices), then Sentinel should be put online first and allowed to acquire all the devices, then once settled, put PodWare online.

### 3.4 Navigating on the Sentinel

There are a number of 'pages' that you can view.

Use the '<' Page button to view the previous page, or '>' Page button to view the next page.

Use the Encoder to adjust the value of the item (Parameter) if it is adjustable. If the item is not adjustable, then the Encoder will have no action.

The pages are as follows:

- Display Contrast
- Default information (The default page)
- Incident (History, Scroll for others)

Some pages (such as Incident History) allow scrolling among the items. Use the 'v' Scroll button to view the previous scrolled item, or '^' Scroll button to view the next scrolled item.

By default, the display will usually show the name of this device, the number of other devices that it has found on the network, and the Alarm status:

#### ***MyDeviceName***

*27 of 28 Devices Normal*

The word "Normal" indicates that no incidents are active among the monitored devices. The display is also indicating that 27 devices have been found on the network, of the 28 expected.

If there is an Alarm Incident active, the default page will look like this:

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### **MyDeviceName**

*28 of 28 Devices Fault>*

For a Fault Incident. Or (for a Check incident):

### **MyDeviceName**

*28 of 28 Devices Check>*

Details of the Alarm Incidents may be viewed by clicking the '>' Page button to go to the Alarm Incident History page. For a Check incident, an incident looks like this:

### **8.3 Dys ago DeviceName03**

*CHK AmplifierTemperature*

This shows the elapsed time (how many days since the incident ended - in this case 8.3 days ago), the name of the device which raised the incident ("DeviceName03"), the incident type (Check) and the Alarm Name ("AmplifierTemperature"). If the incident is more than 160 days old, the elapsed time is shown as ">5 mths". If the Sentinel unit has its power removed then re-applied, the elapsed time indications may be inaccurate since the timers do not run when the power is switched off.

A Fault incident looks like this:

### **27 Dys ago DeviceName04**

***FLT Pilot Tone Lost***

If the incident still exists, the elapsed time is shown as **\*\*NOW\*\***:

### **\*\*NOW\*\* DeviceName02**

***CHK DriverImpedanceChanB***

Local Alarms (Alarms which are not reported from monitored devices, but from the Sentinel unit itself), are shown on the display in exactly the same way except that the DeviceName of the offending device, is the name of the Sentinel product:

### **\*\*NOW\*\* MyDeviceName**

***FLT WrongNumberOfDevices***

Clicking the 'v', '^' Scroll buttons will allow other items in the Incident History to be viewed. The latest incident will normally be shown. Click the "v" Scroll button repeatedly to show older incidents.

Clicking the '<' Page button from the default page will show the Utility Page - Display Contrast:

### **Util Screen**

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## 4. Using and controlling sentinel with podware

For further help on the PodWare application, please refer to the general software documentation, or click the help button on the main application.

### 4.1. Device alarm incidents

Alarm Incidents are a unified way of informing the System Monitor or the PodWare application of the status of a device in terms of its ability to perform its required function.

Using Alarm Incidents, a device may report the current State of a number of critical parameters. The State of each may be one of: Normal, Check or Fault. The occurrence of one of the latter two is considered to be an Incident. A Check Incident is one where the performance of the product may be impacted, but the device is attempting to restore full performance without any human intervention.

A Fault Incident is one where the performance of the product is impacted, and the device requires human intervention.

Compatible devices connected on the same network as the System Monitor will have their operational state monitored by the System Monitor. The most serious Alarm among all the monitored devices determines the overall state of the system as indicated by the System Monitor.

So that an Incident from a device may be temporarily ignored (for example while waiting for the attendance of an engineer), each device has the ability for the current alarm level to be disabled, whereupon the device no longer reports the alarm, so the incident will not be detected by System Monitor. More serious incidents occurring subsequently will still be honoured.

The System Monitor itself may generate 'local' Alarm Incidents which the PodWare application (or indeed another System Monitor) may detect and indicate.

The network Tree in the PodWare application will also indicate the Alarm states of compatible devices using the convention Green = Normal, Yellow = Check System, Red = System Fault.

Note that some devices may require a firmware update in order to be compatible with the Alarm system used by System Monitor.

### 4.2. User controls

The control panel in the PodWare application for the System Monitor allows the parameters to be viewed and adjusted. The panel may have one of two different formats: A monitoring panel (the 'MonIcon') where the status of the device and the system may be viewed, or a full control panel where all the controls to adjust parameters in the System Monitor are located. The full panel has other controls used mainly for setting up.

### 4.3. Monitoring section (MonIcon)

This allows you to view what is going on inside the device and in the system at a glance.

It shows the overall state of the monitored system, effectively duplicating some of the indicators on the device itself:

- The System State (Normal, Check or Fault).
- The number of Devices found on the network
- What 'local' alarms you will allow to be reported

You can change the view to the main panel by clicking the ">>" button.

### 4.4. Main control panel

This allows you to view what is going on inside the device and in the system at a glance.

It shows the overall state of the monitored system, effectively duplicating some of the indicators on the device itself:

- The System State (Normal, Check or Fault).
- The number of Devices found on the network
- What 'local' alarms you will allow to be reported

You can change the view to the main panel by clicking the ">>" button.

### 4.5. Hidden controls

Your vendor may have hidden some of the controls on the panel in order to maintain proper protection of the system. Such hidden controls will appear grey and cannot be adjusted.

### 4.6. Saving & recalling data

Device Data may be saved to disk or opened from disk. PodWare Device Settings files (with file extension .dse) contain all the data necessary to restore a device to exactly the same state as when the file was saved.

If the current settings have been changed since the last file save or file open, the Save Icon on the panel toolbar will be shown in solid colour. If the settings are already safe, the Save icon appears grey.

If a file is opened when on-line to devices, the new data will be sent to the device, overwriting whatever was in the device. A warning will be given before this is done. Data saved from one device can be reopened in another to save time inputting data. (Assuming settings are to be duplicated)

PodWare will always try to protect your data, warning you if you are attempting an action that could cause loss of data.

## 4.7. Tool bar

The toolbar provides the following one-click functions:

- Open - opens a file which contains parameters for the device. A dialogue will appear, inviting you to choose a file to open.
- Save - saves the current settings. A dialogue will appear inviting you to enter a file name. If the settings have not changed since you last saved or opened a file, the Icon will appear greyed out, indicating that a save is not necessary.
- Locate - flashes a message on the display to assist device identification, and as a quick check that communications are working. This only works when on-line.
- Help - launches (this) Panel Help

## 4.8. Keyboard shortcuts

PodWare supports the following 'shortcuts':

Tab	Move to next control
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In value boxes:

CTL+C	Copy
CTL+V	Paste
CTL+X	Cut
CTL+Z	Undo

On Drop-down, Spin, Push, Fader and radio controls:

PgUp	Increase value (coarsely)
PgDown	Reduce value (coarsely)
Up/Right arrow	Increase value (finely)
Down/Left arrow	Reduce value (finely)

On push-button controls:

Space	Activate
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### 4.9. Incident History

Each time there is a new Alarm Incident, details of the incident may be entered into a finite-length list known as the Incident History.

The incident is entered into the list only if there is space in the list (where an expired incident can be removed), or where the new incident is more serious than the least serious active alarm in the list (where that incident will be removed from the list).

The most recent incident is shown at the end of the list, older incidents being further back in the list. Incidents remain in the list even when the Alarm incident no longer exists, and will remain there until the incident falls off the end of the list.

Incidents which no longer exist have their entries marked with the time which has elapsed since the incident was current (the elapsed time since the Alarm incident ceased). Incidents which still exist (The Alarm Incident is still active) are shown as "\*\*\*NOW\*\*" instead of an elapsed time.

When the Incident history page is in view on the display, the Scroll buttons may be used to scroll among the history entries.

The list of incidents are stored so that they survive a power cycle.

## 5. Technical Specifications

### Sentinel SM1

Performance	
Power consumption	25 W max.

Connectors	
Mics	6 pin Phoenix
System	6 pin Phoenix
Utility	6 pin Phoenix
Network	2 x RJ45
Auxiliary	25 Pin D female
Mains	3 pin IEC

Environmental	
Temperature	0 to +55 degrees celsius
Humidity	0 to 80 % RH (non-condensing)

Construction	
Dimensions	W: 482 mm (19")
	H: 44 mm (1.7")
	D: 254 mm (102.7")
Weight	2.7 kg ( 6 lbs)

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