



## Connexions CX6

# Radio Paging Transcoder Mains, Multi Port Version USA



## Installation & User Manual

## **PREFACE**

### ***Important Installation Information***

It is the purchasers' responsibility to determine the suitability of this equipment and its derivatives for any given application, Scope cannot give specific advice in this manual, as each use will require independent evaluation.

Scope has, wherever possible, employed extra safeguards or designed optional equipment to further monitor the system's performance. Certain system installations, operational requirements or budgets may, however, limit the effectiveness of these safeguards. Again, the suitability of the system for any given application must therefore be decided by the installer and their customer, relative to the application and risk.

### ***Licence***

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### ***Important Safety Information***

Scope 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
- Corrosive liquids

This equipment is designed for indoor use, unless expressly stated otherwise, and must not be used in classified Hazardous Areas, including areas containing explosive or flammable vapours, unless express authorization has been given in writing by the manufacturer. If in doubt, consult your local product dealer for further information.

Do not obstruct any slots or openings in the product. These are provided for ventilation to ensure reliable operation of the product and to 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, who must ensure that power is isolated prior to removal.

This equipment must be earthed and must only be connected to a grounded outlet.

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### ***Equipment Applications***

It is the user's responsibility to determine the suitability of the Scope products for any given application. Scope, including its subsidiaries and Distributors, cannot provide specific advice within this manual, as each application will require independent evaluation. Common sense dictates that certain applications may require back up systems to cover in the event of mains or equipment failure. All applications should be thoroughly assessed by the installer in conjunction with the customer so as to minimize risk. Scope has no control of the use and application of the frequencies issued by the FCC. Some equipment that is individually licensed may have a greater degree of protection than other equipment that is operated on a FCC License Assignment basis. The following information, however, may be of benefit.

### ***Equipment Testing.***

Range tests should be carried out at least once a week on portable radio equipment, more often when critical criteria apply. This should involve testing the unit past the limit of its required working range. Good working practice dictates that a suitable system installation log, covering both portable and fixed equipment must be generated, together with a record of the dates when the system has been manually checked and/or serviced, (with the aid of suitable test equipment etc.) enabling the system performance to be compared with the original installation data.

The frequency of the tests required will vary between applications. If portable equipment has been dropped or is worn by a person involved in an accident, the unit should be tested again before re-use. It must be stressed that the physical range tests are essential and that any construction work or movement of plant or equipment could alter the signalling capability of the unit. Radio equipment, like any other requires servicing from time to time to ensure that it is operating to its optimum performance. It is therefore essential that equipment is inspected and tested by authorized service centres at least once a year.

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### ***Installation***

Installation must only be undertaken by an Approved contractor, who shall ensure that all work is carried out in compliance with the appropriate State and Federal Regulations. This equipment must be earthed. For mains powered equipment, a readily accessible isolating fuse or socket must be located within 1 meter of the equipment.

### ***Liability***

Scope does not accept liability for any damage or injury, howsoever caused as the result of 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.

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**Warranty**

This product is warranted as free from defects of workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the original purchase date. During this time, if there is a defect or malfunction of this product, Scope will, with proof of purchase, repair or replace at its discretion any defective parts, free of charge. This does not include where the adjustments, parts and repair are necessary due to circumstances beyond the control of Scope, including but not limited to fire or other casualty, accident, neglect, abuse, abnormal use or battery leakage damage.

There are no other expressed or implied warranties except as stated herein, and those excluded include those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. In no event will Scope or any of its agents be liable for direct, indirect, special incidental or consequential damages resulting from any defect in the product, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

The warranties and remedies set forth above are exclusive and in lieu of all others, oral or written, expressed or implied. No Scope distributor, dealer, agent or employee is authorized to make any modification, extension or addition to this warranty.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty may last and some states do not allow exclusions or limitation of incidental or consequential damages.

**WARNING ! No User Serviceable Parts**  
**Celui-ci ne contient aucune piece pouvant etre reparee par l'utilisateur**

**Caution ! Risk of electric shock, do not open.**  
**Attention ! Risque de choc electrique, ne pas ouvrir.**

Alteration or modification to 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 qualified and licensed persons as defined by the FCC Rules and Regulations. Operation of altered equipment can result in fines, imprisonment, and/or confiscation of such equipment.

**WARNING! SAFETY**

**This equipment must only be used with a UL Recognized mains cord set rated at 5A minimum which is fitted with a moulded three prong, grounded mains plug and a moulded IEC320 style socket. The cord set must only be plugged into a grounded, fused outlet rated 5A minimum.**

**Caution! RF exposure requirements:** this product should be installed so as to ensure a separation distance of greater than 20 cm between the antenna and all persons during normal use.

**Sealed Lead Acid 12V Battery Option, where fitted:**

**CAUTION!**  
**RISK OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS REPLACED BY AN INCORRECT TYPE.**  
**DISPOSE OF USED BATTERIES ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.**

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## **System Overview**

The Scope Connexions 6 is a POCSAG data display radio paging system which can be used to transmit both text and numeric messages direct to pocket pagers carried by individuals or entire groups. Information is input using either or both of the two RS232 serial ports. There are also models available which provide an additional RS232 port, a USB port, an RS485 port and an ethernet port. Contact your Scope dealer for further details. Up to 9,999 pagers can be supported on any one system.

## **Section 1: Installation**

**The information contained in this Section is intended for use by authorised system installation engineers only. Unqualified personnel should not undertake installation of this equipment under any circumstances whatsoever.**

### **Siting of the hardware**

Before locating the hardware in any given location, it is important to take into account the range of operation that you require to obtain from your system. The standard transmitter can quite easily provide ranges of up to a mile or more and will provide excellent propagation on most sites, covering a considerable area with just a 1/4 wave antenna (BNC terminated) connected directly to the unit.

For coverage where exceptionally difficult operating conditions exist, it may be advantageous to install an external antenna. Installing the transmitter on the second or third floor of a building will more often than not boost overall range. However, horizontal range is not always required as much as propagation through a multi storey 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 the other: moving the aerial to one side of the building can provide a bias in the required direction, which may overcome the range difficulties. (See section: **Other Antennas**).

**Important:** coaxial feeds greater than 5 metres must employ low loss 50 ohm coax. We normally do not recommend feeds of more than 15 metres for standard applications. However, we suggest you contact our technical dept where other considerations may prove this to be impractical.

A further consideration is the distance between the transmitter and the source of the data. If the unit is to deploy a standard RS232 serial interface, reliable reception of the data should not be attempted in excess of **15 metres** of cable. These cables should be screened/shielded and must be kept clear of sources of induced magnetic or electrical noise. In the event that distances of over 15 metres are required, additional drivers or amplifiers must be installed at both ends of the data link.

**Note !** the Connexions transmitter is only permitted for use with the Scope antennas listed below, all of which are zero Db gain. Use of other antennas may invalidate any or all approvals pertaining to this equipment.

Model No.	Description	Gain
UHF14BNC	1/4 wave BNC mount Antenna	0 dB
LUHFDP	Lightweight 1/2 wave Dipole Antenna	0 dB
FDANT	Heavy Duty 1/2 Wave Dipole Antenna	0 dB

**Caution!** RF exposure requirements: this product should be installed so as to ensure a separation distance of greater than 20 cm between the antenna and all persons during normal use.

**Some major points to consider when installing equipment:**

- 1 Never install antennas near or adjacent to telephone, public address or data communication lines or overhead power cables.
- 2 Avoid, where ever possible, running antenna coax alongside other cables.
- 3 Avoid mounting the transmitter in the immediate vicinity of telephone exchanges or computer equipment.
- 4 Always use proprietary 50 ohm coaxial cable between the antenna and the transmitter. If cable runs exceed 5 metres, always use low loss 50 ohm cable such as RG213, UR67 or equivalent.

**Coaxial cable intended for TV, Satellite or CCTV installations is normally 75 OHM and therefore totally unsuitable for any transmitter installation manufactured by Scope.**

- 5 Also remember that the performance of the system will be effected by the type of material the unit is mounted on and its surroundings.

The following is a list of materials that this transmitter will be adversely affected by if mounted on or if mounted in close proximity to:

- a) Foil back plasterboard
- b) Metal mesh or wire reinforced glass
- c) Metal sheeting, large mirrors or suspended ceilings
- d) Lift shafts

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

- 6 The circuit boards within this equipment may be harmed by Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). Installers should ensure that both themselves and the system's chassis are grounded before beginning any installation, and should ensure that adequate anti-static procedures are adhered to at all times.
- 7 **Warning!** Never transmit without an aerial attached to the transmitter
- 8 **Warning!** Carefully check the **Installation** section in this manual covering data pin connections prior to installation. Damage caused by incorrect connection is the responsibility of the installer!

## **Installation**

The following procedure must be adhered to when installing the ConneXions paging system. Ensure you have taken into consideration all of the above information before selecting the location for your transmitter.

- 1 Remove the cover from the ConneXions transmitter unit by slackening the four Pozi head screws located at the top and bottom of the unit (see Diagram 1).

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- 2 Carefully lift off the cover and set aside.
- 3 The transmitter should be fixed to an even wall surface using suitable screws fitted through the holes provided in the chassis plate. Hold the chassis up to the chosen location and with the aid of a pencil mark the position of the mounting holes.

**Warning:** Do not use the chassis plate as a template for drilling the holes into the wall. Hammer drills vibrating through the chassis may irreparably damage the quartz crystals on the printed circuit boards.

- 4 Place the ConneXions transmitter over the mounting holes and secure the unit with suitable screws. Check that the chassis plate does not bend and that the screws do not snag or pinch any of the internal cables.
- 5 Connect the antenna to the unit via the BNC connector located at the top of the housing. If the antenna is an external antenna, or an antenna which is separate from the transmitter unit itself, ensure that the previous criteria covered under the section headed **Siting of the Hardware**, have been strictly adhered to (also see section headed **Other Antennas**).
- 6 It is important to note that due to the number of interfaces brought out to the 9-way 'D' connectors, great care should be taken to use only the lines which are applicable to your installation. Failure to comply with this instruction will almost certainly DESTROY the unit. In your application the transcoder has been configured as RS232 inputs on COM1, 2 and 3.

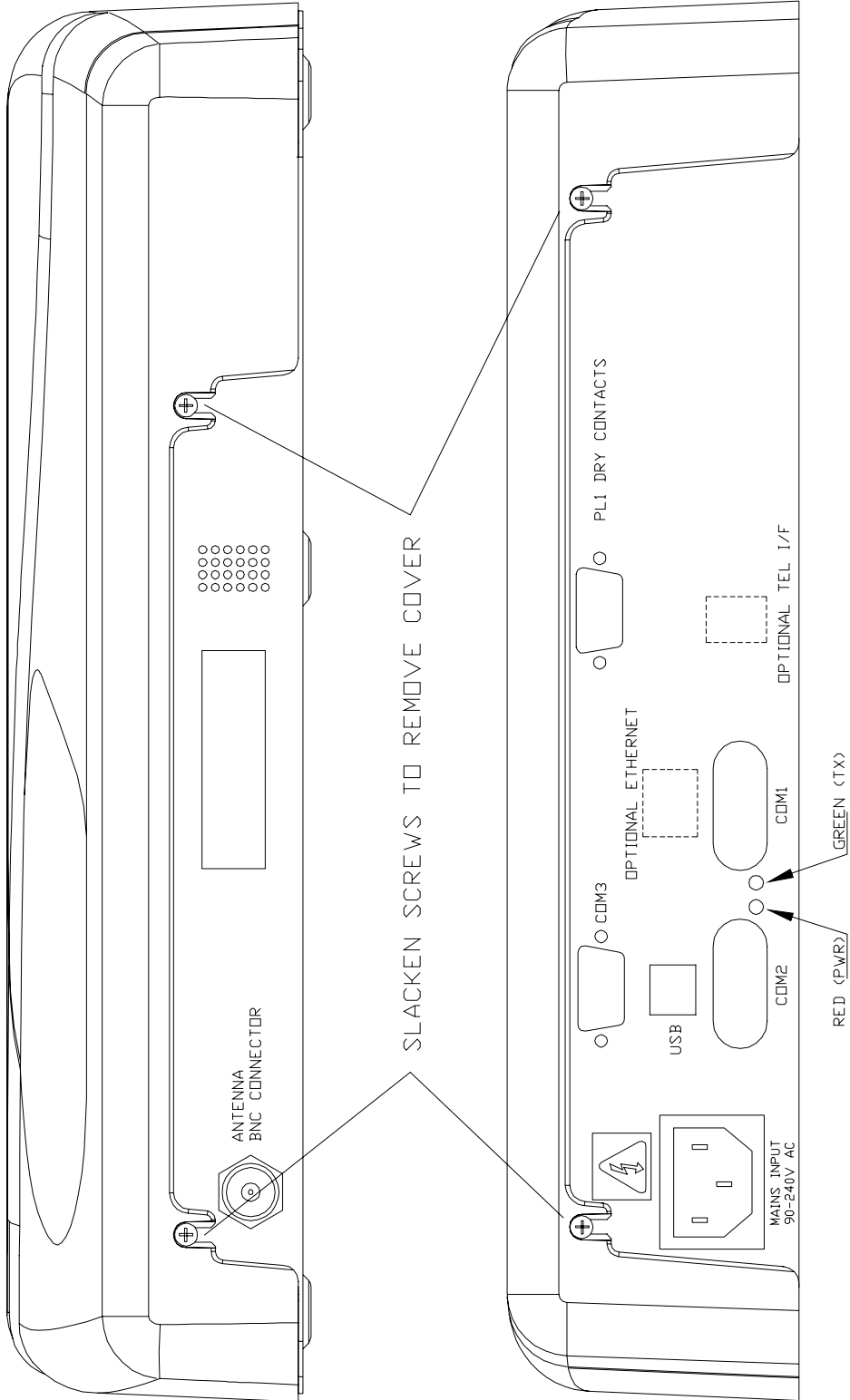
### COM1, COM2 & COM3 RS232 SERIAL PORTS (9 way D Type Plug)

PIN	SIGNAL	DIRECTION
1	N/C	
2	RECEIVE DATA	(RX) IN
3	TRANSMIT DATA	(TX) OUT
4	DATA TERMINAL READY	(DTR) OUT
5	GROUND	(GND)
6	N/C	
7	REQUEST TO SEND	(RTS) OUT
8	CLEAR TO SEND	(CTS) IN
9	+5V 100mA max	(for Scope peripherals)

As information passes only from the host equipment to the ConneXions transcoder, you will only need to read the DTR line which if high shows that power is applied to the ConneXions unit. The RTS line will be high when the transcoder is ready to receive data. The ConneXions RTS line should be connected to the host CTS line to facilitate correct handshaking. Prior to connecting the data cable, thoroughly check the system pin connections as shown above. Then connect the data cable from the host to COM1, COM2 or COM3 on the ConneXions unit. Data from a PC can be sent using the USB port if required.

- 7 If the unit is supplied with a sealed lead acid battery, the flying lead connector should be plugged into the header marked "Battery" (CN2) on the CXIF power distribution board. The battery will now be in circuit and the unit will power up (red power LED will light on lower chassis plate). Note: if battery fuse (F1) requires replacement at any time, use only type 2A Anti-Surge (AS), 1.25".
- 8 Replace the cover and re-tighten the four retaining screws.
- 9 Finally, after checking all connections, insert the mains cable into the **IEC** type connector located at the base of the unit and plug in to a suitable switched wall outlet. With mains power applied, the red LED on the base of the unit should be lit.
- 10 The system is now ready to accept calls from the host terminal. When a call is transmitted, the green LED on the base of the unit will light momentarily.

DIAGRAM 1





## **Section 2: System Operation**

Confirmation of power connection is by way of the red LED on the base of the transcoder console.

Confirmation of transmit is provided by way of the momentary green LED on the base of the transcoder console.

Sending data in the correct format (see Technical Section, **Calling Pagers**) will invoke transmitted messages to the relevant pagers.

### ***Problems and Fault Finding.***

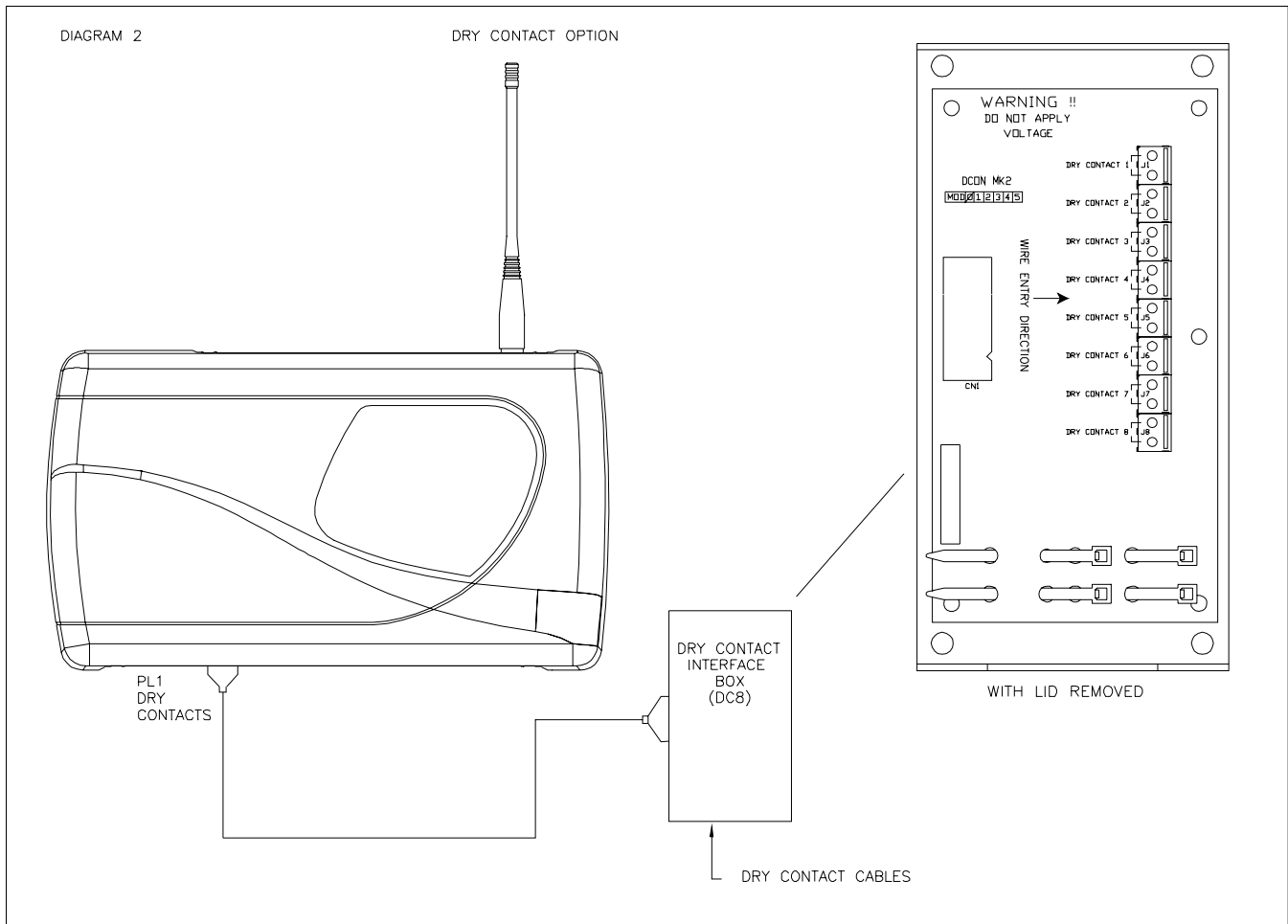
- 1 Check and re-check the data cable connections. This, together with an incorrect signalling format, result in more faults than any other problem.
- 2 Check that the communications baud rate of the host equipment matches that of the Connexions COM ports. The default baud rate settings on the Connexions are: COM1 = 1200 baud, COM2 = 9600 baud (check configuration data supplied with your order, see label on inside of chassis).
- 3 Check that the pagers are at least 3 metres from the transmitter and aerial. Under certain conditions it is possible to flood the pager receivers and corrupt the data received.
- 4 Check that the pagers have the battery installed with the correct polarity and are correctly powered up. Check the pager baud rate and frequency matches the Connexions transmitter (see label on inside of chassis plate).
- 5 Check that the red power LED on the base of the transcoder is lit. If not, remove the mains cord set and check that mains is available at the supply outlet.
- 6 Check that the green LED lights for the duration of the transmission. If not, go back to the data cabling and re-check the signal format.
- 7 Check that the aerial is correctly installed.

<b>IMPORTANT: Isolate mains before removing cover. Internal access and adjustments strictly limited to authorised service personnel only.</b>
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### **Radio Transmission Baud Rate**

This is set at the factory to suit the pagers supplied and will normally be set at either 512 or 1200 baud. Please refer to the separate configuration sheet and/or delivery note supplied with your unit.

**Optional Dry Contacts**



This option must be specified at time of ordering, along with the pre-programmed messages required. The purchaser should also order the dry contact interface box (Part Code: DC8) for ease of connection to the contact terminals (see Diagram 2).

**Warning! Voltages applied to any of these contacts will cause irreparable damage!**

This unit can support up to 8 dry (volt-free) contacts on PL1, which, when shorted to ground, will send a pre-programmed message to a particular pager address (which could be to an individual, a group or all pager operatives at the same time). These messages are pre-programmed and can only be changed by qualified service personnel.

The trigger time required to send a message must be greater than **1 second**.

Individual messages can be sent upon both changes of state with a maximum alphanumeric length of 69 characters.

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As a default, contacts are programmed as Normally Open (N/O), with a repeat transmission every two minutes if still active.

For customers who wish to connect directly to PL1, the pinout arrangement on the 9 way D plug is shown below:

PL1, 9 way D Plug	Dry Contact No.
1	1
2	3
3	5
4	7
6	2
7	4
8	6
9	8
5	<b>GROUND</b>

Test Calls: a test call message can be sent every 10 seconds. This feature is very useful for site surveys and range testing. The default is dry contact no. 1.

## Other Antennas

In addition to the standard BNC mount 1/4 wave antenna (UHF14BNC), which attaches directly to the Connexions transmitter, the range and performance of this equipment can be improved by the addition of more efficient antennas\*. These can be installed either inside or outside the building and are connected to the transmitter with 50 OHM coaxial cable.

The centre fed half wave di-pole, measuring approximately 12 inches from tip to tip, will provide excellent all round local signalling. This can be mounted either inside or outside a building. Two versions are available:

- 1) a light duty antenna suitable for sheltered environments/internal installation (LUHFDP).
- 2) a heavy duty stainless unit with optional mounting hardware for more arduous applications (FDANT).

Pre-terminated coaxial feeder cables are available for 5, 10 or 15 metre requirements. Consult your dealer for further details.

**Note !** Only permitted for use with the above Scope approved antennas, all of which are zero Db gain. High frequencies can equate to high power losses. Always use quality cable. RG58 is only acceptable on cable runs of up to 5 metres. We recommend RG213, or equivalent, on greater lengths. If in doubt consult your dealer's Technical Department.

*\*subject to license conditions. Specifically, mounting height and Effective Radiated Power (ERP).*

## Service Information

If you experience a problem with your equipment you must first telephone your dealer, who may request that you undertake a few simple checks. If a problem still remains, your dealer will arrange collection of your system and will endeavour to service or replace the system within 24 working hours and return the same by overnight carrier.

We suggest that you retain the packaging for your control equipment. Incorrectly packed goods returned for service are the responsibility of the customer. If we deem that new packaging is required before we can return the unit, a charge will be made.

In the event that a pager requires service, return it directly to your dealer. Ensure that you carefully fill out the service form provided. Failure to complete this form in full will result in inevitable delays!

Pagers returned with flat, incorrectly installed or leaking batteries will be billed!

Record your system details here for quick reference:-

Date supplied \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Serial Number of the Connexions \_\_\_\_\_

Transmitter frequency \_\_\_\_\_MHz Transmitter Type: TX1W. Model: CX6

Number of pagers supplied with the system \_\_\_\_\_

System base ID number \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitter baud rate \_\_\_\_\_

Serial input baud rate \_\_\_\_\_

**For information on individual pager types, refer to the appropriate pager manual  
For information on use with the telephone I/F, refer to the separate Telephone Interface manual.**

**System Specification**

Mains Input: 100-240V ac 0.8A 50/60 Hz

System Operating Voltage: 13.8V dc

System Power Consumption: less than 50mA standby, up to 1.4A (transmit)

Transmitter:

Power output: 0.1W to 1W max

Frequency Range: 446-469.700 MHz

Channel Spacing: 12.5 KHz

TX Baud Rate: 512 or 1200

RF Standards applied: CFR 47, Part 90 & RSS119

EMC Standards applied: FCC Part 15

FCC ID: JRNUSA1WTX

**General:**

Ports: RS232 serial on COM1, COM2 and COM3  
USB. 8 way dry contact I/F

Comms Baud Rate: 600 to 9600 software adjustable\*

Footprint (mm): 330 (L) x 190 (W) x 70 (D) max

\*dependent on system configuration  
•excluding aerial

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### Section 3: Technical Information

This section provides a more in depth understanding of how messages are formatted for serial communication from a host. It need only be studied by those intending to write their own serial comm.'s software.

#### Calling Pagers

Pagers all use 7 digit numeric addresses which enables the system to support thousands of pagers without identity clashes. Most pagers will support multiple addresses (sometimes referred to as CAP codes, RIC's or identities). This enables the pager not only to respond to its own unique address but also to respond to group or global addresses.

These **real** 7 digit numeric codes are often substituted for shorter **logical** numbers which are easier to remember. Under these conditions the host or speciality program within the transcoder will perform an algorithm on the data string received to convert the simpler **logical** number back into a **real** 7 digit number for transmission.

For improved data recovery without error the **real** 7 digit pager numbers are always spaced 8 digits apart.

To avoid system identity clashes, transcoders are provided with a base number within the range of 1000 to 1,999,000. If for example a base address of 0100,000 is applied to a transcoder, the first **real** pager number will 0100,008 followed by 0100,016 and so on.

Logical pager numbers are normally used on systems fitted with the telephone interface and those which are interfaced to personal computers. The algorithm would perform the following function:-

For example take the **logical** pager number of 123

The **logical** pager number 123 will be multiplied by 8 and then added to the base number to provide the 7 digit **real** number

Logical No					Base No			Real No
123	x	8	=	984	+	0100,000	=	0100984

Pager address 1 is normally reserved as the personal identity for that specific pager. Other addresses, of which there can be 6 or more, can be tagged to specific pagers to form selected groups. Address 2 could, for example, be used for all pagers to formulate a global call.

Address codes can be divided between full addresses and sub addresses. Full addresses can allow four different bleep types, A, B, C or D, whereas sub-addresses will only accommodate a fixed bleep type. A status line of information will normally be provided on the pager screen which will highlight the type of bleep sent together with other status information.

#### Numeric Pagers

Example serial message string:-

N0012300A1234567890<CR>

The 'N' informs the transcoder that this message is destined for a Numeric pager. Any data not preceded by this will be ignored.

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Next follows the 7 digit pager identity number. All seven digits must be used.

The letter following the identity is the beep type of which there are four valid characters, A, B, C or D.

Next follows the message to be transmitted, which can include:

0-9, space, -(hyphen), 'U' (letter U for 'U'rgent), [,] open/close square brackets, (open square brackets can also be used to identify the letter 'C' for 'C'ancel). The final character sent is 'carriage return' which is not transmitted but represents the end of message marker.

On sending a message to the unit in the correct format the transcoder will immediately recompose the string into the POCSAG format and transmit the same at the pre-programmed baud rate. This will be accompanied by the green LED lighting for the same period to show that data is being transmitted. The time taken to transmit the message is dependent upon the pager baud rate. For 512 baud this is approximately 4 seconds, whilst at 1200 baud the time is approximately 2 seconds. The unit can accept sequential data at 9600 baud which will be buffered and dealt with as soon as the preceding transmission has ended. The RTS line from the transcoder will only go high in the unlikely event that the message buffer is full.

**Alphanumeric Pagers**

Example serial message string:-           A0012300A This is a message <CR>

The data format is exactly as for numeric pagers, except that the recognition character at the front of the message is changed from an 'N' to an 'A'.

Transmission baud rate: in the above example, the default baud rate is sent. To change the transmission baud rate in a message string, placing a letter "N" after the "A" will alter it to 512 baud. Placing a letter "F" after the "A" will alter it to 1200 baud.

The default setting for the Connexions CX6 is 512 baud.

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