



# Kidde Battery Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Model 5CO



Model 5DCO

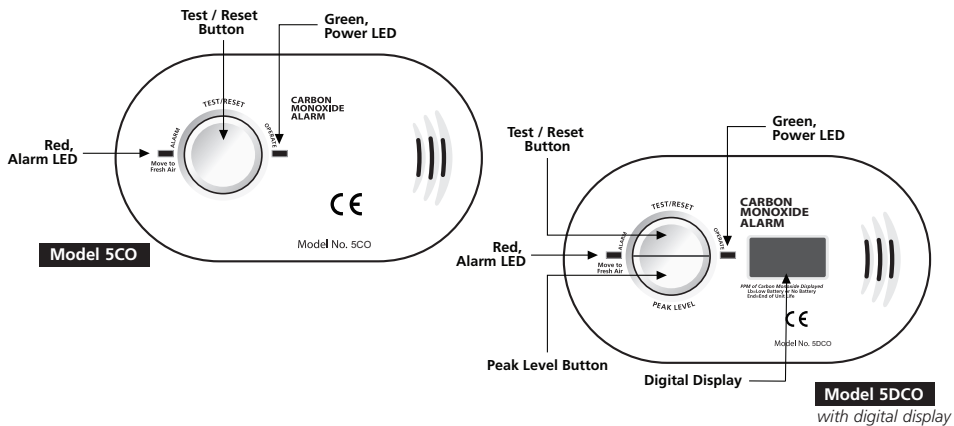


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# Product Features and Specifications



# 1. What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas that has no taste, colour or smell.

## Potential Sources of CO

- Wood-burning stoves
- Gas boilers and fires
- Gas Hobs
- Oil and coal burning appliances
- Portable gas heaters
- Blocked flues and chimneys
- Fumes from integral garages
- Barbecues
- High concentrations of tobacco smoke

This CO alarm is no substitute for proper maintenance of your appliances.

Carbon monoxide can be produced from poorly burning appliances or from blocked flues and chimneys.

If your alarm has sounded and you have ventilated the room the CO may have dispersed before help arrives. It is crucial that the source of CO is determined and appropriate maintenance carried out.

Carbon monoxide is a cumulative poison meaning long-term exposure to low levels may cause symptoms. This alarm is time-weighted – the higher the level of CO, the sooner it will alarm.

**NOTE: The apparatus may respond to brief exhaust gas emissions, for example during the initial start-up of an appliance. Also, hydrogen acts as an interferent and can arise from some battery charging activities and the curing of concrete or cement under certain circumstances. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), e.g. alcohols, which may eventually activate the alarm, can be generated from use of damp-proofing materials or other coatings containing alkylalkoxysilanes.**

## 2. Further information for Caravan and Boat Owners

The following can lead to carbon monoxide being produced;

- Using LPG cooking appliances for space heating
- Leaving LPG appliances on overnight
- Barbecue's within the boat cabin or near a caravan door (e.g. under an awning)

To be safe, know the possible sources of CO in your home. Keep fuel burning appliances and their chimneys and vents in good working condition. Learn the early symptoms of exposure, and if you suspect CO poisoning, move outside to fresh air and get emergency help. Your first line of defence is an annual inspection and regular maintenance of your appliances. Contact a licensed contractor or call your local utility company for assistance.

**This alarm has not been tested specifically for use in caravans or boats. Only CO alarms certified to EN50291-2 are fully approved for this purpose.**

## 2. Alarm levels as defined by EN50291-1:2010

The table below shows the response times at which your CO alarm will sound;

Parts per Million (PPM) of CO	Time until Alarm
50	60 – 90 minutes
100	10 – 40 minutes
300	Must alarm in less than 3 minutes

## CO Advice and Information

The table below shows the effects of different levels of CO poisoning on the body;

Parts per Million (PPM)	Affects on Adults
100	Slight headache, nausea, fatigue (flu-like symptoms)
200	Dizziness and headache within 2 – 3 hours
400	Nausea, frontal headache, drowsiness, confusion and rapid heart rate. Risk to life after over 3 hours of exposure
800	Severe headaches, convulsions, vital organ failures. Death possible within 2 – 3 hours

## 2.Important Safety Information

**NOTE:** If you recognise any of the above symptoms consult your Doctor immediately.

**NOTE:** Young children, elderly and pets are more susceptible to the dangers of CO.

**NOTE:** Your Kidde alarm is designed to detect CO gas. It is not designed to detect smoke, fire or other gas such as natural gas.

**NOTE:** This product is intended for use in ordinary family homes. It is not designed to measure compliance with occupational safety and the HSE.

**NOTE:** Individuals with certain specific medical conditions may need an alarm that operates below 30ppm. If this applies consult your Doctor.

**IMPORTANT:** Ensure that all family members are familiar with the symptoms of CO poisoning and how your alarm works.

**⚠ CAUTION:** This alarm will only indicate the presence of carbon monoxide at the sensor. Carbon monoxide may be present in other areas.

### 3. Switching on Your CO Alarm

NOTE: Your CO alarm must be installed by a competent person using the guidance that follows;

1. Remove the batteries from the pack and insert them into the battery compartment. Make sure that you fit the batteries in accordance with the polarity markings (+ or -) within the battery compartment. If correctly installed, the alarm will give a short beep.
2. Push the test button. The alarm will beep once followed by 4 loud pulses, then a brief pause and then 4 more pulses, ending with a single beep.
3. If you have a digital read-out alarm (model 5DCO) the LCD screen will show “---” and then “888” before settling at “0”
4. Check that the green LED flashes at 30 second intervals to show that the alarm has power. This is easiest to see in a dark area, or with lights switched off.



## 4. Installation Instructions – Recommended Locations

- When wall-mounting place the alarm a horizontal distance of between 1 metre and 3 metres from a fuel burning appliance.
- Wall-mounted alarms should be close to the ceiling, but at least 150mm away to avoid being in 'dead-air' space.
- Locate within hearing distance of bedrooms\* and place at sleeping height if a heating appliance is in the bedroom.
- CO alarms in rooms with sloped ceilings should be located on the high side of the room.
- Ceiling mounted alarms should be at least 300 mm from any wall.
- If there is a partition in the room, locate the alarm on the same side of the partition as the potential source.

\* A CO alarm should be installed in all rooms containing a fuel burning appliance. Additional CO alarms should be installed in rooms where most awake time is spent, in every sleeping area, and on every level of the home.

### Locations to Avoid

- Avoid locating next to draughts, such as doors, windows, extractor fans, air vents or other similar ventilation openings.
- Avoid locating close to obstructions (e.g. behind curtains, shelves or furniture).
- Avoid dusty, dirty or greasy areas, such as garages or workshops
- Avoid humid (bathrooms), cold (< -10 °C) or hot (> 40 °C) or damp areas and keep away from sinks.

## 5. Installation Instructions – Mounting

**THIS ALARM MUST BE INSTALLED BY A COMPETENT PERSON AND IS TO BE INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Wall-mounting (recommended by the manufacturer, if possible)**

1. Drill two holes in a wall 7.8 cm apart (you may wish to use the back-plate for guidance)
2. Insert the two rawl-plugs, that are supplied, into the holes
3. Insert the two screws as supplied into the holes ensuring enough of the screw sticks out of the wall (approx. 3mm)
4. Hook the alarm over the screws

### **Free-standing**

**ALWAYS BE CAREFUL TO LOCATE A FREE-STANDING ALARM WHERE IT IS UNLIKELY TO BE KNOCKED TO THE FLOOR, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS SECTION.**

Ensure free-standing alarms are placed in the upright position, and not lying flat on a surface.

## 6. Using Your Alarm (non-digital version, 5CO)

### Recognising Alarm Signals and Warnings

Feature	What this means	Required Action
Green LED flashes every 30 seconds	Normal operation	None
The alarm chirps every 60 seconds and the red LED flashes	Low batteries	Replace batteries as soon as possible
Alarm chirps twice every 30 seconds and the red LED flashes twice	End of life of the alarm	Replace the alarm
Alarm chirps every 30 seconds and red LED flashes every 30 seconds	Fault	Replace the alarm
Red LED on and constant tone	Malfunction	Replace the alarm
Loud, continual alarm (4 beeps – 5 second pause – 4 beeps...) and the red LED flashes	Dangerous levels of CO have been detected	Follow emergency procedures (see Page15)

## 6. Using Your Alarm (non-digital version, 5CO)

### Testing

Each week your alarm should be tested by pressing the test button. The alarm will beep once followed by 4 loud pulses, then a brief pause and then 4 more pulses, ending with a single beep.

During this test sequence, the red LED will flash for 10 seconds.








This confirms that the alarm is powered up and working.

### Re-setting the Alarm

If the alarm sounds, the test / reset button will silence the alarm unless it is still detecting dangerous levels of CO. The green light will then flash every 30 seconds to indicate that the alarm has power.

## 6.Using Your Alarm (for Digital unit only, 5DCO)

Additional features for the CO alarm with the digital display screen, model 5DCO;

Digital Screen	LED	Sound emitted	What this means	Required action
	Green flash every 30 seconds	None	Normal operation. (LCD will not show levels < 30ppm)	None
	Red LED flashes	Full alarm 4 beeps - pause - 4 beeps (repeating)	Dangerous levels of CO has been detected	Follow emergency procedures (see Page 15)
	Red LED flashes	1 beep, then 2 sets of 4 beeps, followed by 1 beep	Successful test or reset sequence in operation	None - this is part of the standard test or reset procedure
	Red LED flashes every 60 seconds	Chirp every 60 seconds	Low batteries (Lb)	Change batteries
	Red LED flashes	Chirp every 30 seconds	Fault	Replace the alarm
	Red LED on	Constant tone	Malfunction	Replace the alarm
	Red LED flashes twice	Chirps twice every 30 seconds	End of Life	Replace the alarm

## 6. Using Your Alarm (for Digital unit only) – Cont'd

### Peak Level Display

Press peak level button to display the most recent CO reading between 11 – 999ppm.

This feature is useful to help you to know what levels of CO may have been detected in your absence so corrective action can be taken (such as servicing your boiler).

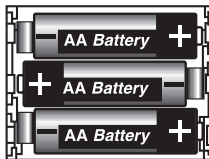
**NOTE:** The peak level memory is cleared to zero if whilst holding the peak level button the test reset button is pressed and released before releasing the peak level button.

CO levels up to 30ppm can occur under normal non-dangerous conditions. Such conditions could include nearby heavy traffic, starting a vehicle in an attached garage, starting a fire or a nearby charcoal barbecue.

## 7. Replacement of Batteries / End-of-life

### Low Batteries

Type of Alarm	LCD	LED	Sound Emitted
Non-Digital	N/A	Red flash every 60 seconds	Chirp every 60 seconds
Digital LCD Screen	Lb	Red flash every 60 seconds	Chirp every 60 seconds



Slide alarm from back-plate.

Insert 3 x replacement 'AA' batteries

(noting polarity – see sketch)

Replace back-plate and test the alarm

Recommended Batteries.  
 Duracell MN1500, MX1500  
 Gold Peak 15A  
 Golden Power GLR6A  
 Energizer E91

Under normal operating conditions, the batteries will last a minimum of one year.

**NOTE: Constant exposures to extreme temperatures and humidities may affect battery life.**

These batteries can be purchased from your local retailer.

**⚠ WARNING:** Alarm will not attach to mounting bracket unless batteries are installed. Removal of batteries will render the unit inoperative.

**Note: do not use lithium batteries in this unit.**

End-of-life - This alarm will chirp twice every 30 seconds, with two red LED flashes after at least 10 years operation to let you know it has reached its end of life. A replacement needs to be purchased.

## 8. What to do if Your Alarm Sounds!

### Carbon Monoxide Alarm Procedure

**⚠ WARNING! Activation of the alarm indicates the presence of Carbon Monoxide (CO) which can kill you.**

Based on recommendations from EN 50292, follow these steps if alarm sounds (4 loud audible pulses followed by a pause for 5 seconds):

1. Keep calm and open all doors and windows. Turn off all fuel-burning appliances if possible.  
Note: it is possible that outdoor conditions could influence domestic CO alarms (bad traffic pollution in cold weather, for example). In these circumstances, the level of indoor CO might actually increase when doors and windows are opened.
2. If the alarm continues to sound, even after being reset (where appropriate), then evacuate the premises, alerting other occupants to the risk. Leave doors and windows open. Do not re-enter the premises.
3. Get medical help for anyone suffering the effects of CO poisoning, and advise that CO inhalation is suspected.
4. Call Gas Emergency Services: 0800 111 999, or your local Gas Safe Registered Engineer:

**PHONE NUMBER:**

Never restart the source of a CO problem until it has been corrected. Never ignore the sound of the alarm! Pressing the test/reset button will silence the alarm. If the CO condition that caused the alert continues, the alarm will reactivate. If the unit alarms again within six minutes, it is sensing high levels of CO which can quickly become a dangerous situation.



## 9. Maintenance of Your Alarm

To keep your alarm in good working order:





- **Test every week**
- **Vacuum regularly to remove dust**
- **Keep away from solvents or detergents**
- **Avoid spraying air-freshener, hair-spray near the alarm**
- **Do not paint the alarm. If decorating or using adhesives close to the alarm, remove it temporarily**
- **Keep away nappy buckets**

The following substances can affect the sensor and cause false alarms:

Methane, Propane, Iso-butane, Iso-propanol, Ethylene, Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl acetate, Hydrogen Sulphide, Hydrogen, Sulphur Dioxide, alcohol based products, paints, thinners, solvents, adhesives, hair-sprays, aftershaves or perfumes and some cleaning agents.

**NOTE:** there could be other compounds occurring within a particular household which could cause similar effects.

## 10. Troubleshooting

Symptom	LCD Screen Display (model 5DCO-UK only)	Problem	Action Required
Single chirp every 60 seconds plus flashing red LED.		Low batteries	Change the batteries
Single chirp every 30 seconds plus flashing red LED		Alarm fault	Replace alarm (contact Kidde if still in warranty)
Red LED on and constant tone		Alarm malfunction	Replace alarm (contact Kidde if still in warranty)
Two chirps plus red LED flashes twice		End of Life of the alarm	Replace the alarm

**NOTE:** If at any time your alarm fails to operate correctly (erratic or low sound, for example), contact customer support at 0800 917 0722.

## 11. Product Specifications

Power	3 x AA batteries (as supplied)
Sensor	Electrochemical CO Sensor
Accuracy	Depending on the ambient condition (temperature, humidity) and the condition of the sensor, the alarm readings may vary. The digital readings tolerances are:  Ambient: 27°C +/- 12°C (80°F +/- 10°F), atmospheric pressure +/- 10%, 40% +/- 3% relative humidity
Temperature Range	Operating range: 0°C to 40°C
Humidity	up to 90%RH (non-condensing)
Alarm Sound	At Least 85dB (A) at 1 metre@ 3.4 +/- 0.5 KHz pulsing alarm
Size and weight	Weight: 160g Dimensions: 118mm x 70mm x 40mm

## 12. Warnings and Important Notices

- ⚠ WARNING: THIS CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SMOKE ALARMS IN YOUR HOME. THIS ALARM WILL NOT SENSE SMOKE, FIRE, OR ANY POISONOUS GAS OTHER THAN CARBON MONOXIDE. FOR THIS REASON YOU MUST INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF FIRE AND TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM FIRE AND ITS RELATED HAZARDS.**
- ⚠ WARNING: THIS PRODUCT IS INTENDED FOR USE IN ORDINARY INDOOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IT IS NOT DESIGNED TO MEASURE COMPLIANCE WITH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS. THIS ALARM IS NOT SUITABLE FOR INSTALLATION IN HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS. INDIVIDUALS WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS MAY CONSIDER USING WARNING DEVICES WHICH PROVIDE AUDIBLE AND VISUAL SIGNALS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE CONCENTRATIONS UNDER 30 PPM.**
- IMPORTANT: THIS CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM IS DESIGNED TO DETECT CARBON MONOXIDE FROM ANY SOURCE OF COMBUSTION INCLUDING IMPROPER OR MALFUNCTIONING APPLIANCES. THE INSTALLATION OF THIS DEVICE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PROPER INSTALLATION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES INCLUDING APPROPRIATE VENTILATION AND EXHAUST SYSTEMS**
- ⚠ WARNING: THIS ALARM WILL NOT WORK WITHOUT POWER. THIS ALARM REQUIRES A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF POWER.**
- ⚠ WARNING: THIS UNIT IS NOT A SMOKE ALARM. IT WILL NOT SENSE SMOKE. FOR EARLY WARNING OF FIRE YOU MUST INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS.**
- IMPORTANT: IF ANY FAULT SIGNALS OCCUR, CONTACT THE MANUFACTURER OR SUPPLIER AND DO NOT CONTINUE USING THE ALARM.**
- ⚠ WARNING: THE DEVICE CANNOT WARN AGAINST THE CHRONIC EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO CARBON MONOXIDE OR PROTECT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT SPECIFIC RISK.**
- ⚠ WARNING: ALTERING THE ALARM IN ANY WAY MAY LEAD TO A RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK OR PREVENT IT FROM FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY.**

## 13. Warranty

### SEVEN YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

**WARRANTY COVERAGE: THE MANUFACTURER WARRANTS TO THE ORIGINAL CONSUMER PURCHASER, THAT THIS PRODUCT (BUT NOT THE BATTERIES) WILL BE FREE OF DEFECTS IN MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) YEARS FROM DATE OF PURCHASE. THE MANUFACTURER'S LIABILITY HEREUNDER IS LIMITED TO REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT. REPAIR OF THE PRODUCT OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT WITH REPAIRED PRODUCT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MANUFACTURER. THIS WARRANTY IS VOID IF THE PRODUCT HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY ACCIDENT, UNREASONABLE USE, NEGLIGENCE, TAMPERING OR OTHER CAUSES NOT ARISING FROM DEFECTS IN MATERIAL OR WORKMANSHIP. THIS WARRANTY EXTENDS TO THE ORIGINAL CONSUMER PURCHASER OF THE PRODUCT ONLY.**

**Warranty Disclaimers: Any implied warranties arising out of this sale, including but not limited to the implied warranties of description, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited in duration to the above warranty period. In no event shall the Manufacturer be liable for loss of use of this product or for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, or costs, or expenses incurred by the consumer or any other user of this product, whether due to a breach of contract, negligence, strict liability in tort or otherwise. The Manufacturer shall have no liability for any personal injury, property damage or any special, incidental, contingent or consequential damage of any kind resulting from gas leakage, fire or explosion. This warranty does not affect your statutory rights.**

**Warranty Performance: During the above warranty period, your product will be replaced with a comparable product if the defective product is returned, postage prepaid, to Kidde Safety Europe Ltd Ash House, Littleton Road, Ashford, TW15 1TZ, UK together with proof of purchase date. Please include a note describing the problem when you return the unit. The replacement product will be in warranty for the remainder of the original warranty period or for six months, whichever is longer. Other than the cost of postage, no charge will be made for replacement of the defective product. Important: Do not open unit. Opening unit will void warranty.**

**Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm is not a substitute for property, disability, life or other insurance of any kind. Appropriate insurance coverage is your responsibility. Consult your insurance agent. Kidde makes no warranty, express or implied, written or oral, including that of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, with respect of the batteries.**

**For Warranty Service: In many cases the quickest way to exchange your CO alarm is to return it to the original place of purchase. If you have questions, call the KIDDE customer service department on 0800 917 0722**

## 14. Environmental Protection

Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice



## Useful Contact Information

Kidde Helpline	(UK) 0800 917 0722 / (Ireland) 1 800 818 601
Emergency No.s	Gas Emergency Services 0800 111 999
	HETAS (Solid Fuel Emergency) 0845 634 5626
	Oftec (oil) 0845 658 5080

Kidde Website	<a href="http://www.kiddesafetyeurope.co.uk">www.kiddesafetyeurope.co.uk</a>
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