



Morse Model MPC-32D Personal Control Disassembly

This guide explains how to disconnect a control panel for the Morse home security system.

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INTRODUCTION

My elderly blind neighbor's home has an unused Morse security system installed. Whenever power is restored following a power outage, the alarm system sounds a continuous alert tone from each of the two control panels until someone enters a security code on the numeric keypad. This is difficult for my neighbor, so he asked me to deactivate the system.

Step 1 — Check for Smoke Detectors



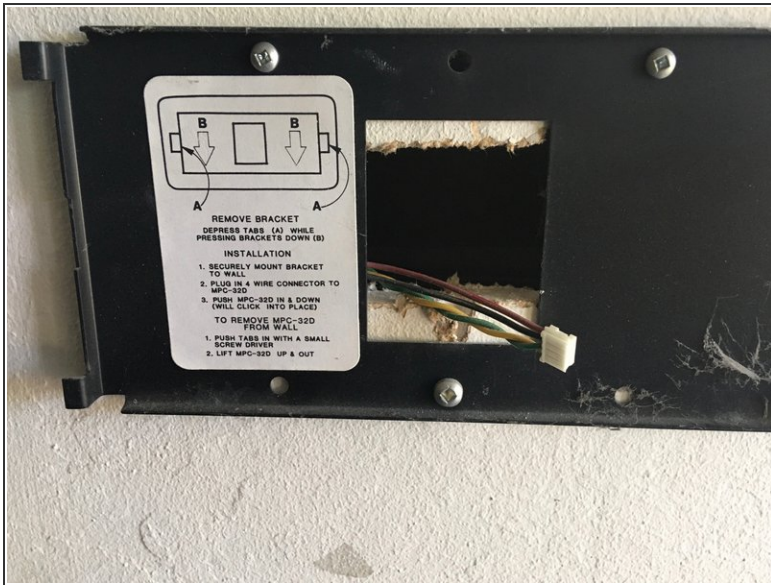
- One of the functions of the Morse alarm system is a fire alarm. Do not disable the Morse alarm system unless there is a second, functioning fire alarm in the house.
- Different cities have their own fire alarm requirements. Check with your local municipality to find out what is required. Where I live, each bedroom is required to have its own smoke detector. In addition, the house is required to have a carbon monoxide detector.

Step 2 — Locate the Alarm Panels



- Locate the alarm panels. There may be more than one panel, typically located near the front and rear doors.
- One way to make sure you have located all alarm panels is to temporarily cut power to the house. When power is restored, each alarm panel should emit an annoying continuous tone. Silence the tone by entering a number on any of the panels.

Step 3 — Remove the Panel from the Wall Bracket



- The alarm panel is secured to the wall with a mounting plate that has 4 fingers. Press from the bottom to slide the panel upwards about a half inch. If the panel won't slide up, try pressing lightly on the face of the panel while sliding upward.
- After sliding the panel upward, you can easily pull it away from the wall. Take care, because the panel is connected to a 4-wire cable at the center rear.

Step 4 — Disconnect the Cable



- The 4-wire cable carries power and data. Disconnect the cable from the rear of the unit by pulling it straight out.
- If you think that someone may wish to reattach the alarm system at a future date, you should take care not to allow the cable to fall back down into the wall where it will be difficult to reach. Use a thumb tack or a piece of tape to secure the cable to the sheet rock.

Step 5 — Replace the Panel on the Bracket



- Removing the panel reveals a 1.5 inch square hole in the sheet rock. It would be unsightly to leave this exposed. The easiest thing to do is to replace the deactivated alarm panel back onto the bracket.
- Repeat these steps for each of the Morse alarm panels in the house.

The alarm system is now disabled.