

# VIKING PRODUCT MANUAL

SECURITY & COMMUNICATION

**BLK-4/EWP**  
Line Status LED  
Strobe/Beacon Light Kit  
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## Provide LED Strobe / Beacon Visual Indication of Line Status

The **BLK-4** provides high visibility indication of analog line status through a high powered 360° LED strobe and/or beacon visual indicator. The **BLK-4** is the ideal solution for the hearing impaired and can be used equally well in loud warehouses or factories, where ringing phones can not be heard. Alternatively, the **BLK-4** can be used to add emergency notification to pre-existing emergency phones by turning on the strobe light when the emergency phone is in use.

The included control module has a disable input which is ideal for two-button emergency phones, such as Viking's **E-1600-20A**, allowing "Info" button calls to be placed without activating the relay (turning on the emergency strobe light, camera, etc.) Four DIP switches are provided for turning ring detection on or off, off-hook/loop detection on or off, 12VDC or dry relay contact output and for selecting a ring cadence mode which allows the relay to follow ringing or to remain activated during the off time of standard ring cadence. The control module can be installed on any standard telephone line or analog PABX/KSU station. The strobe can be interfaced to flash on ringing, off-hook or a combination of ringing and off-hook (line in-use).

The **BLK-4** is designed for indoor applications. The **BLK-4-EWP** is equipped with Enhanced Weather Protection (**EWP**). **EWP** products are designed to meet IP66 standards and may feature foam rubber



gaskets, sealed connections, gel-filled butt connectors, as well as potted circuit boards with internally sealed, field-adjustable trim pots and DIP switches for easy onsite programming. For more information go to [www.vikingelectronics.com/ewp](http://www.vikingelectronics.com/ewp).

The kit includes: (1) control module, (1) **SL-2/SL-2-EWP** blue LED strobe light, (1) 12V DC power adapter, (16) gel-filled butt connectors and (1) single gang weatherproof mounting box with gaskets and hardware.

### Features

- The control module and strobe light of the **BLK-4-EWP** come with Enhanced Weather Protection (**EWP**). **EWP** products are designed to meet IP66 Ingress Protection Rating, for more information go to: [www.vikingelectronics.com/ewp](http://www.vikingelectronics.com/ewp)
- Durable polycarbonate lens
- High output long life LED technology
- Four programmable flash patterns:
  - Single Flash
  - Double Flash
  - Quad Flash
  - Flicker Flash
- 6 programmable beacon and strobe brightness settings
- Immune to shock and vibration
- Flush mount or surface mount with weatherproof single gang box (included)
- 3/4" knockouts for connecting conduit, etc.
- Strobe and control module may be installed separately
- Can be configured to signal: ringing, off-hook, a combination of both ringing and off-hook (line in-use), or triggered from a contact closure
- One set of (NO) normally open and (NC) normally closed relay contacts provided
- Selectable ring cadence mode (strobe light will remain flashing between rings)
- Switched 12V DC output (follows relay activation for powering strobe lights, cameras, etc.)
- On/off switches for ring detection and off-hook/loop detection
- Disable input, ideal for use with two-button emergency phones like Viking's **E-1600-20A** will not activate strobe light on "Info" calls

### Applications

- Ringing phone or TTY indication for the hearing impaired
- Ringing phone indication in loud warehouses and factories
- Emergency illumination for emergency phones in elevators, campuses, hallways, parking ramps, etc.
- Alarm indication for security systems or alarm panels with phone dialers

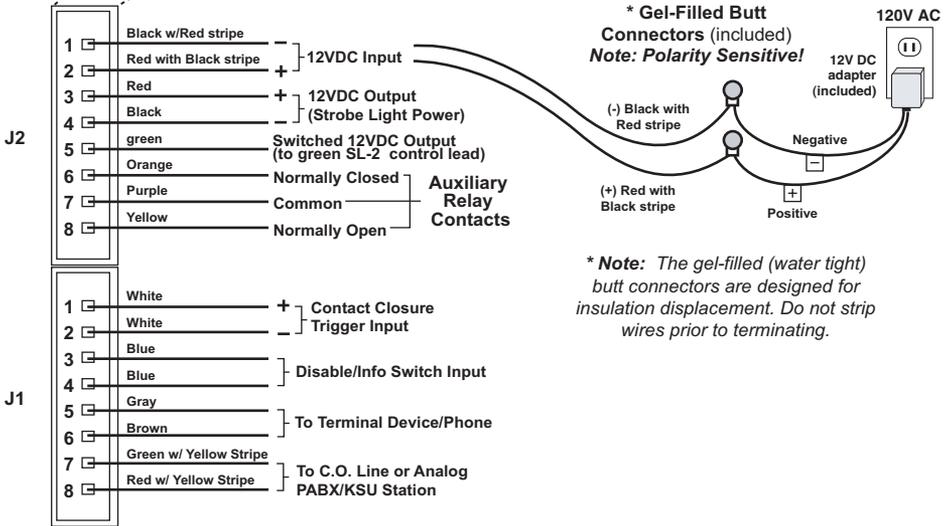
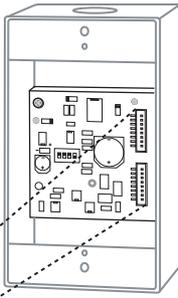
### Specifications

**Power:** 120V AC to 12V DC adapter provided  
**Maximum Power Supply Run Length on CAT-5:** 1 pair = 125 ft, 2 pair = 225 ft, 3 pair = 325 ft, 4 pair = 475 ft  
**Maximum SL-2 Wire Run Length on CAT-5:** 3 wires = 100 ft, 6 wires = 300 ft  
**Strobe Dimensions:** 4.38" x 2.75" (111mm diameter x 69mm)  
**Control Module Dimensions:** 2.9" x 2.1" x 1.0" (74mm x 53mm x 25mm)  
**Shipping Weight:** 3.3 lbs (1.5 kg)  
**Operating Temperature:** -15° to 130° F (-26° to 54° C)  
**Relay Contact Rating:** .5A @ 125V AC/1A @ 30V DC  
**Minimum Loop Current:** 15 mA  
**Minimum Ring Voltage:** 25V RMS  
**Ring Equivalence:** 0.5 A REN  
**Disable/Info Switch Input:** 50mA/80mW maximum  
**Strobe Flash Rate:** 60 flashes per minute (default) see Strobe Flash Patterns page 6  
**Maximum Strobe Light Output @ 15VDC:** Clear lens: 323 lumens, Amber lens: 242 lumens, Blue lens: 116 lumens, Red lens: 66 lumens  
**Humidity - BLK-4:** 5% to 95% non-condensing  
**Humidity - BLK-4-EWP:** up to 100% condensing  
**Mounting:** Fasten to wall, post, etc. with included surface mounting hardware  
**Connections:** Color coded wires with gel-filled butt connectors

# Wiring

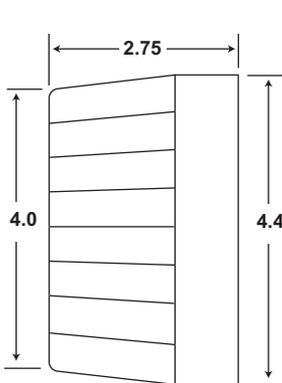
**IMPORTANT:** Electronic devices are susceptible to lightning and power station electrical surges from both the AC outlet and the telephone line. It is recommended that a surge protector be installed to protect against such surges.

**Internal View of the Weatherproof Single Gang Box (included)**

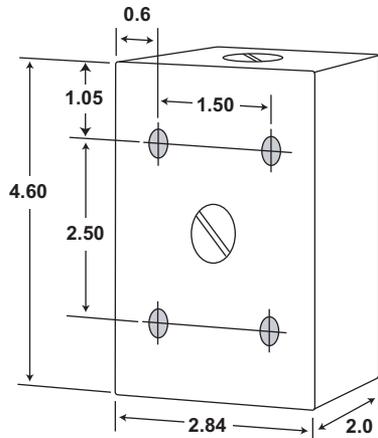


**\* Note:** The gel-filled (water tight) butt connectors are designed for insulation displacement. Do not strip wires prior to terminating.

**Control Module**

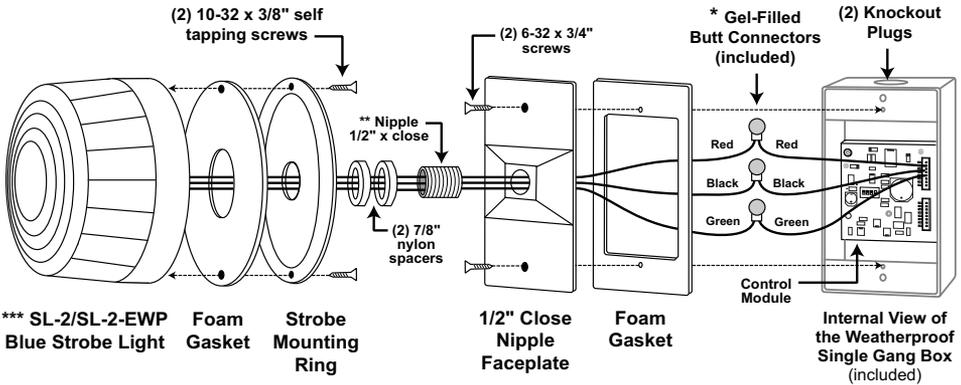


**Side View of the Strobe Light (included)**



**Back View of the Weatherproof Single Gang Box (included)**

## A. Installing the Strobe Light Using the Included Weatherproof Box



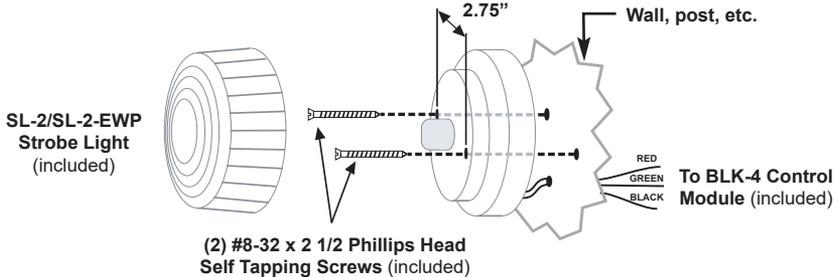
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**\*\* Important:** First fully tighten the nipple into the faceplate. Next add the (2) nylon spacers, then fasten the strobe mounting ring.

**\*\*\* Note:** For outdoor applications, orient the blue strobe light with the screws at the top and bottom. Use a bead of silicone to fill any gaps or spaces to prevent water from entering the strobe light. If mounting with the lens facing downward, be sure to seal all openings in the single gang box.

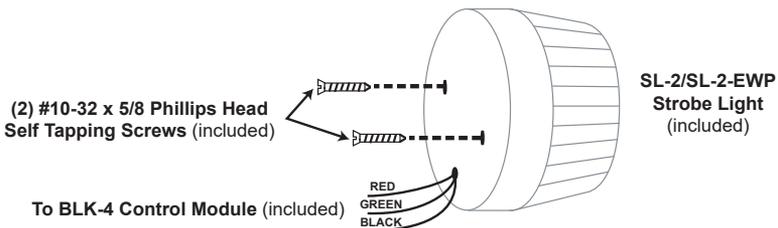
## B. Front Mounting Without Weatherproof Box

The **BLK-4** Strobe Light Kit may be mounted without using the included weatherproof box. To mount the strobe light from the front, use the diagram shown below.



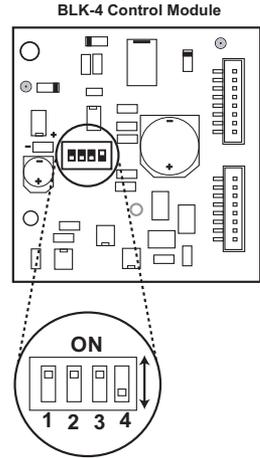
## C. Rear Mounting Without Weatherproof Box

To mount the strobe light from the rear, use the diagram below.

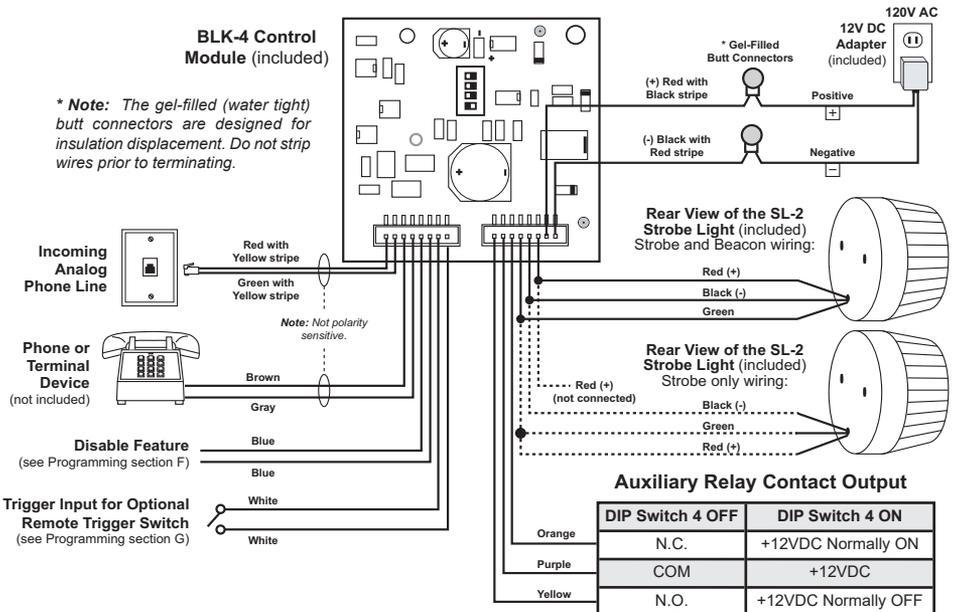


## A. DIP Switches

Switch 1	Switch 3	Description
ON	OFF	Ring Detection Only (see section B).
OFF	ON	Off-Hook/Loop Current Detection Only (see section B).
ON	ON	Ring and Off-Hook/Loop Current Detection (see section B).
Switch 2	Ring Cadence Mode (see section C)	
ON	Ring Cadence Mode ON - relay remains activated in between rings.	
OFF	Ring Cadence Mode OFF - relay is activated only during ringing.	
Switch 4	Auxiliary Relay Contacts	
ON	Wet (12VDC, 100mA maximum)	
OFF	Dry (1 Amp maximum @ 30VDC)	



## B. Configuring for Ring and/or Loop/Off-Hook Indication



### 1. Ring Indication Only

Connect the incoming line to the red and green wires with the yellow stripe as shown in the diagram. No phone/terminal device is required. The control module can monitor for ringing any place along the ringing line.

### 2. Loop/Off-hook Indication Only

The control module must be placed between the phone line and the phone/terminal device to be monitored. Connect the incoming line to the red and green wires with the yellow stripe and connect the phone/terminal device to the brown and gray wires as shown.

### 3. Both Ring and Loop/Off-hook Indication

If the application requires ring and loop/off-hook indication, the control module must be placed between the phone line and the phone/terminal device to be monitored. Connect the incoming line to the red and green wires with the yellow stripe, connect the phone/terminal device to the brown and gray wires.

## C. Ring Cadence Mode

DIP switch **2** is used for switching between different ring detection modes. In the **OFF** position, the relay and switched 12VDC output will activate only while ring voltage is present and will turn off between rings. In the **ON** position, the relay and switched 12VDC output will remain on for up to 5.75 seconds after the ringing has stopped. This allows the relay and 12VDC (flashing strobe light) to remain on between rings of a standard ring cadence. **Note:** To use the Ring Cadence Mode, ring detection **MUST** be enabled (DIP switch **1 - ON**).

## D. Auxiliary Relay Contacts

With DIP switch 4 **OFF**, normally open and normally closed dry relay contacts are available on the orange, purple and yellow wires. The contacts are rated at .5A @ 125VAC/1A @ 30VDC. If contacts are driving an inductive load, place a suppression device at the load to snub high voltage spikes.

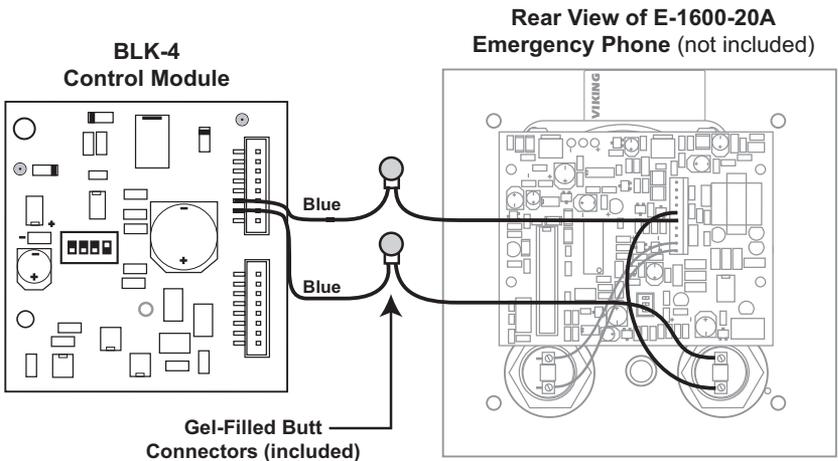
With DIP switch 4 **ON**, wet/switched +12VDC (100mA maximum) will be output on the yellow wire and “-” (GND) on the black wire.

## E. Switched 12V DC Output

The switched 12V DC output is a low current, 12-15VDC output that is turned on only while the trigger input is closed or ring/loop detect relay is activated. This switched power output is ideal for triggering the included strobe light or providing 12-15V DC power to any device that draws less than 400mAmps. The positive side is available on the green wire, and the negative side is on the black wire. Once all the line and load connections have been made, plug in the 115 V AC wall adapter, and replace the cover.

## F. Disable Feature

By connecting the Disable/Info Switch input of the **BLK-4** control module to the “Info” switch of Viking’s **E-1600-20A**, **E-1600-20A-EWP**, **E-1600-52A** or **E-1600-52A-EWP** Emergency Phone, any outbound call initiated from the “Info” button will not activate the strobe light. This way, only the “**Help/Emergency**” outbound calls will activate the relay. Cut one of the “Info” switch wires in half and connect each end to the blue wires on the **BLK-4** control module as shown in the diagram. **Note:** This Disable input is **NOT** polarity sensitive. The “Disable” input can be connected to a switch for remotely disabling/turning off the device (strobe light, camera, etc.) controlled by the **BLK-4** control module. For more information, see **DOD 866**.



## G. Trigger Input

The trigger input is available on the two white wires. The Strobe Light, Auxiliary relay contact and the switched 12 VDC output will be activated for the duration of the contact closure across the two white wires.

The **SL-2** can be user programmed as a Beacon only, Strobe only or Beacon/Strobe. The brightness setting can be programmed separately for the Strobe or Beacon and one of 4 different Flash Patterns can be programmed for the Strobe (see Strobe Flash Patterns, section D).

**IMPORTANT: The SL-2 is factory default programmed as a steady on beacon with a single flash strobe when activated. The beacon and strobe are set to their brightest settings. All programming should be done prior to connecting to the BLK-4 control module.**

## A. Accessing the Programming Mode

(Optional, the **SL-2** is factory programmed to the Beacon/Strobe Mode and brightest Beacon/Strobe settings).

<b>Step 1.</b>	Apply 10-15 VDC power to the Red (+) and Black (-) wires.
<b>Step 2.</b>	Touch and hold the Green (Control) wire to the Black (-) wire for 3 seconds. The strobe should flash twice. You are now in Programming mode. <b>Note:</b> <i>Once in the programming mode, if a programming command has not been entered for 20 seconds the strobe will flash 3 times indicating the unit has exited programming and returned to the Run Mode.</i>

## B. Programming Desired Features (after accessing Programming Mode above)

**Select the Feature:** Momentarily touch the Green (Control) wire to the Black (-) wire 1 to 10 times to select which feature to program (see Programming Features List, section C). The strobe should momentarily flash each time the Green (Control) wire has touched the Black (-) wire.

**Features 1-3 & 6-10:** After selecting Programming Features 1-3 or 6-10, wait 3 seconds and the strobe should flash 2 times indicating that feature has been programmed. You can now exit programming or move on to programming the Beacon or Strobe brightness settings.

**Setting Strobe Brightness** (factory set to 6/Brightest): After selecting Programming Feature 4 (Strobe Brightness), wait 3 seconds and the strobe should begin flashing in the preprogrammed flash pattern. Touch and hold the Green (Control) wire to the Black (-) wire. The **SL-2** will begin flashing the strobe cycling through 6 different brightness settings from lowest to highest. When the **SL-2** flashes at the desired brightness level immediately remove the Green wire from the Black. The **SL-2** should flash twice indicating the selected brightness level has been set.

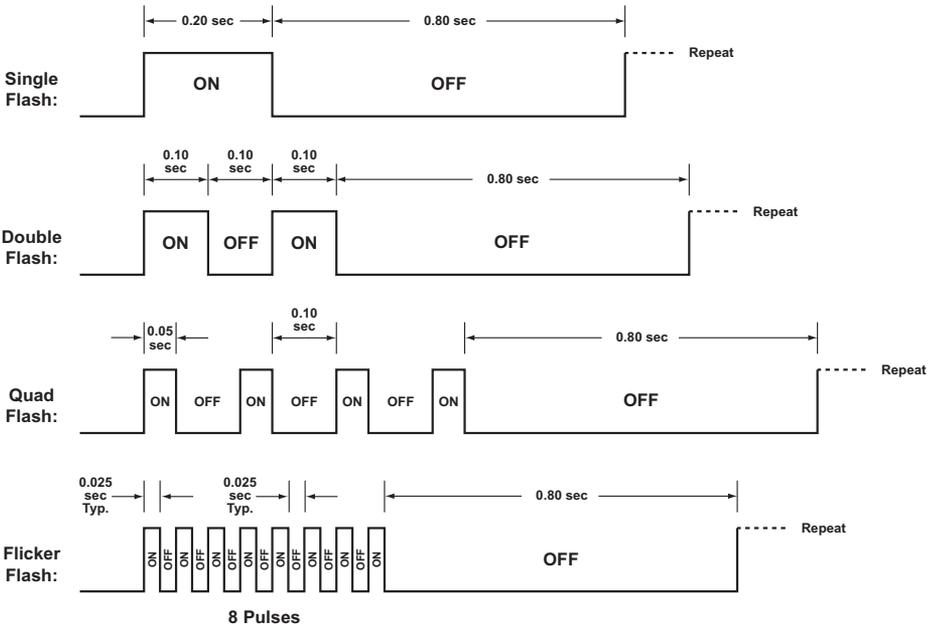
**Setting Beacon Brightness** (Factory set to 6/Brightest): After selecting Programming Feature 5 (Beacon Brightness), wait 3 seconds and the beacon will light at its preprogrammed beacon brightness setting. Touch and hold the Green (Control) wire to the Black (-) wire. The **SL-2** will begin stepping through 6 different beacon brightness settings from lowest to highest. When the **SL-2** lights at the desired beacon brightness level immediately remove the Green wire from the Black. The **SL-2** should flash twice indicating the selected brightness level has been set.

**Exiting Programming:** To exit programming simply wait 20 seconds from the last programming command and the unit will flash 3 times. This indicates the **SL-2** has exited the programming mode and is now in the Run mode. **Note:** *To eliminate waiting 20 seconds, you can also exit programming after the last programming command by touching and holding the Green (Control) wire to the Black (-) for 3 seconds. The strobe will flash 3 times indicating the unit has exited the programming mode and is now in the Run mode.*

## C. Programming Features List

Feature # :	Description:
1	Beacon/Strobe (factory default)
2	Strobe Only
3	Beacon Only
4	Strobe Brightness 1-6 (factory default = 6/Brightest setting)
5	Beacon Brightness 1-6 (factory default = 6/Brightest setting)
6	Single Flash Strobe (factory default)
7	Double Flash Strobe
8	Quad Flash Strobe
9	Flicker Flash Strobe
10	Reset to Factory Default Settings

## D. Strobe Flash Patterns



## Operation

### A. Ring Indication (DIP Switch 1 ON)

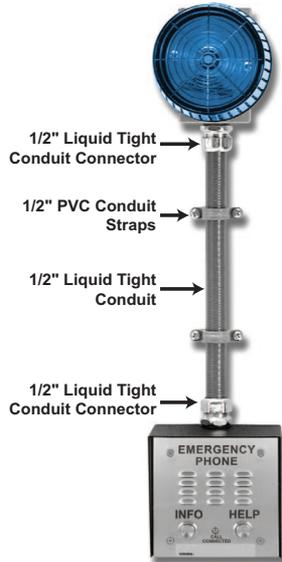
When the control module detects an incoming ring signal, it activates a set of normally open or normally closed contacts and turns on the 12VDC output for activating the provided strobe light. With the Ring Cadence mode off (DIP switch 2 OFF), the relay will activate and the strobe light will flash only during ringing. With the Ring Cadence mode ON (DIP switch 2 ON), the relay will remain activated and the strobe light will remain flashing between rings.

### B. Off-Hook Indication (DIP Switch 3 ON)

When the control module detects an off-hook condition (loop current) on the brown and gray wires, it activates a set of normally open or normally closed contacts and turns on the 12VDC output for activating the provided strobe light. The relay contacts will remain activated and the blue strobe light will flash during the off-hook condition and will stop flashing approximately 3 seconds after the phone/terminal device on the brown and gray wires is back on-hook.

## Mounting the BLK-4 with the E-1600-20A

The BLK-4 can be used in conjunction with the E-1600-20A Two-Button Emergency Phone as shown to the right, however, special installation and mounting is required. Please follow the steps below when using the BLK-4 in conjunction with a surface-mounted E-1600-20A. A VE-5x5 surface-mount box is required.



<b>Step 1</b>	Drill or use a knockout punch to provide a .875" diameter hole in the top of the VE-5x5.
<b>Step 2</b>	Make all conduit connections.
<b>Step 3</b>	Make all wire connections to the control module.
<b>Step 4</b>	Install the E-1600-20A as explained in its Product Manual.

## Warranty

### IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A VIKING PRODUCT, CONTACT VIKING TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT: 715-386-8666

Our Technical Support Department is available for assistance Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm central time. Before you call, please:

1. Know the model number, the serial number and what software version you have (see serial label).
2. Have the Product Manual in front of you.
3. It is best if you are on site.

#### RETURNING PRODUCT FOR REPAIR

This procedure is for equipment that needs repair:

1. Customer must contact Viking's Technical Support Department at 715-386-8666 to obtain a Return Authorization (RA) number. The customer MUST have a complete description of the problem, with information regarding the defect, such as options set, conditions, symptoms, methods to duplicate problem, frequency of failure, etc.
2. Packing: Return equipment in original box or in proper packing so that damage will not occur while in transit. The original product boxes are not designed for shipping - an overpack box is required to prevent damage in transit. Static sensitive equipment such as a circuit board should be in an anti-static bag, sandwiched between foam and individually boxed. All equipment should be wrapped to avoid packing material lodging in or sticking to the equipment. Include ALL parts of the equipment, C.O.D. or freight collect shipments cannot be accepted. Ship cartons prepaid to:  
**VIKING ELECTRONICS  
 1531 INDUSTRIAL STREET  
 HUDSON, WI 54016**
3. Return shipping address: Include your return shipping address inside the box. We cannot ship to a PO Box.
4. RA number on carton: In large printing, write the RA number on the outside of each carton being returned.

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This procedure is for equipment that has failed out-of-box (within 10 days of purchase):

1. Customer must contact Viking's Technical Support at 715-386-8666 to determine possible causes for the problem. The customer MUST be able to step through recommended tests for diagnosis.
2. If the Technical Support Product Specialist determines that the equipment is defective based on the customer's input and troubleshooting, a Return Authorization (RA) number will be issued. This number is valid for fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of issue.
3. After obtaining the RA number, return the approved equipment to your distributor. Please reference the RA number on the paperwork being shipped back with the unit(s), and also the outside of the shipping box. The original product boxes are not designed for shipping - an overpack box is required to prevent damage in transit. Once your distributor receives the package, they will replace the product over the counter at no charge. The distributor will then return the product to Viking using the same RA number.
4. The distributor will NOT exchange this product without first obtaining the RA number from you. If you haven't followed the steps listed in 1, 2 and 3 above, be aware that you will have to pay a restocking charge.

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