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Heed Warnings: Adhere to all warnings on the equipment and in the operating instructions. Follow all operating and use instructions. Two safety warnings are used in this instruction manual to indicate:

Personal injury, death, damage or destruction of the equipment.

WARNING

This safety warning applies to an operating or maintenance procedure, practice or condition which, if not strictly observed, could result in injury or death and/or an operating or maintenance procedure, practice, or condition which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of, the equipment.

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- The equipment does not operate normally or exhibits a negative change in performance.
- The equipment has been dropped.
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Telephone Line Installation: All telephone line connections to the punchblock should be accomplished with the telephone lines disconnected from the network interface.

CAUTION

This product generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed in accordance with the instruction manual, can cause interference to radio communications. It has been tested and complies with the limits for a class A computing device pursuant to subpart J of part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference when operated in a commercial environment. Operation of the equipment in a residential area is likely to cause interference, in which case the user will be required, at his own expense, to correct the interference.

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Certification Information

This equipment is designed to operate in residential and/or business areas.

FCC Part 68 Registered Equipment Information

This equipment complies with Part 68 of the FCC rules. On the bottom of this equipment is a label that contains, among other information, the FCC registration number and ringer equivalence number (REN) for this equipment. If requested, this information must be provided to the telephone company.

This equipment uses the following USOC jacks: RJ-11C.

The REN is used to determine the quantity of devices that may be connected to the telephone line. Excessive RENs on the telephone line may result in the devices not ringing in response to an incoming call. In most but not all areas, the sum of the RENs should not exceed 5.0. To be certain of the number of devices that may be connected to the line, as determined by the total RENs, contact the telephone operating company to determine the maximum REN for your calling area.

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If the trouble is causing harm to the telephone network, the telephone company may request that you remove the equipment from the network until the problem is resolved.

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FCC Part 15 Compliance Information

- Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.
- This device complies with Part 15 of FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following conditions:
 - This device may not cause harmful interference; and
 - This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found 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 in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Re-orient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

TAP Compliance Information

The AlphaMate 250 communicates with the paging service system using the industry-standard Telocator Alpha Protocol (TAP) Version 1.2.

DOC CS03 Certified Equipment Information

The Canadian Department of Communications label identifies certified equipment. This certification means that the equipment meets certain telecommunication network-protective, operational, and safety requirements. The Department does not guarantee the equipment will operate to the user's satisfaction.

Before installing this equipment, users should ensure that it is permissible to be connected to the facilities of the local telecommunications company. The equipment must also be installed using an acceptable method of connection. In some cases, the company's inside wiring associated with a single-line, individual service may be extended by means of a certified connector assembly (telephone extension cord). The customer should be aware that compliance with the above conditions may not prevent degradation of service in some situations.

Repairs to certified equipment should be made by an authorized Canadian maintenance facility designated by the supplier. Any repairs or alterations made by the user to this equipment, or equipment malfunctions, may give the telecommunications company cause to request the user to disconnect the equipment.

Users should ensure for their own protection that the electrical ground connections of the power utility, telephone lines, and internal metallic water-pipe system, if present, are connected together. This precaution may be particularly important in rural areas.

Users should not attempt to make such connections, but should contact the appropriate electric inspection authority, or an electrician, as appropriate.

To prevent overloading, a Load Number (LN) is assigned to each terminal device denoting the percentage of the total load to be connected to a telephone loop that is used by the device. The termination of a loop may consist of any combination of devices subject only to the requirement that the total of the Load Numbers of the devices does exceed 100.

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Canadian Electromagnetic Compliance Information

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

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The AlphaMate 250 (220 V power supply) is in conformance with the requirements of the applicable EU Council Directives. Declarations of Conformance with the requirements are located at:

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This equipment conforms to the Class A ITE performance requirements of the EN55022. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference, in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

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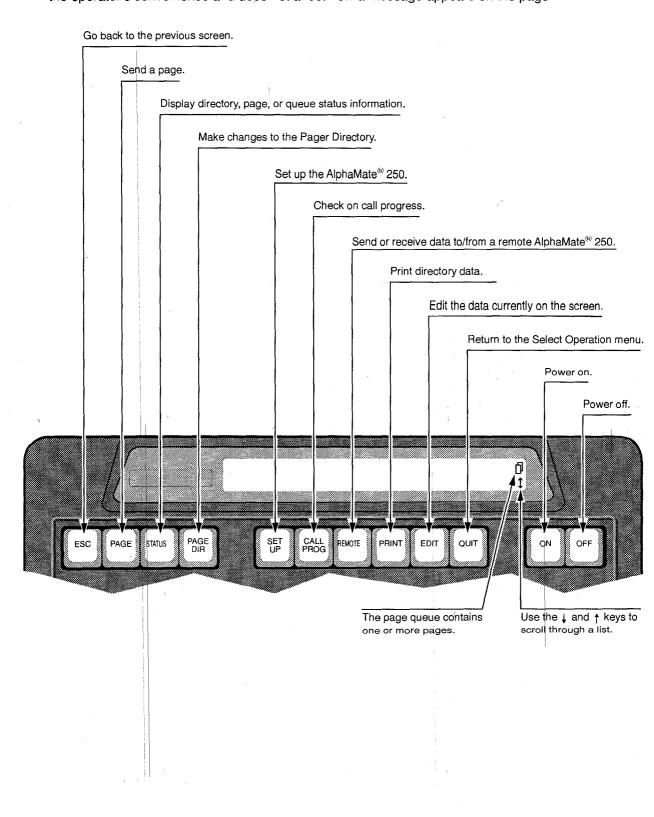
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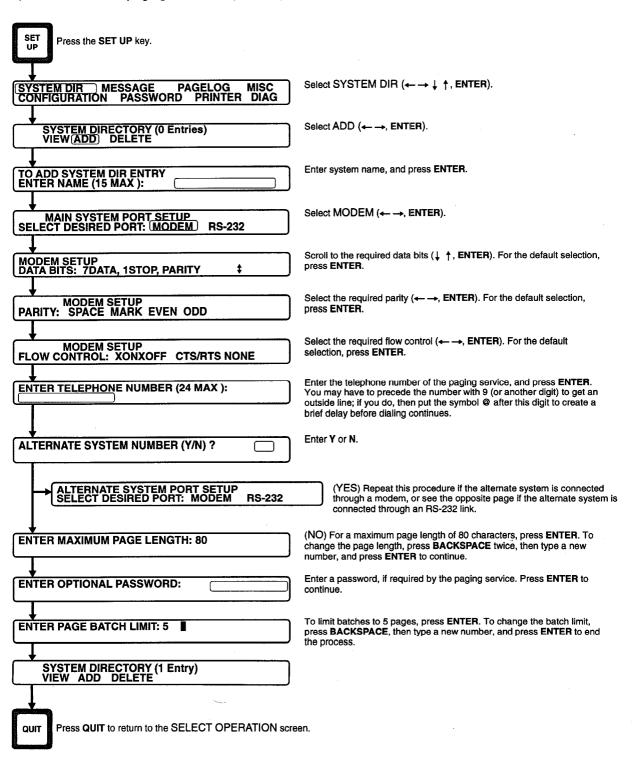
Controls and Indicators

√ When a word does not fit at the end of a line, the entire word wraps to the next line. This feature is for the operator's convenience and does not affect how a message appears on the pager.



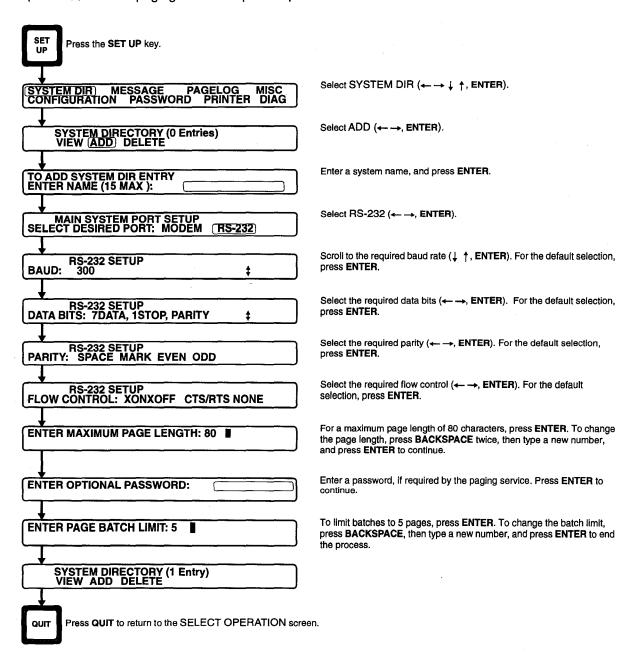
Adding a New Paging Service Using a Telephone (Modem) Connection

- $\sqrt{}$ You must have at least one system (paging service).
- $\sqrt{}$ The AlphaMate 250 connects to up to 16 systems.
- $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum acceptable message length imposed by each paging service. The AlphaMate 250 accepts up to 240 characters.
- $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum number of pages per batch imposed by each paging service.
- $\sqrt{}$ Check if each paging service requires a password.



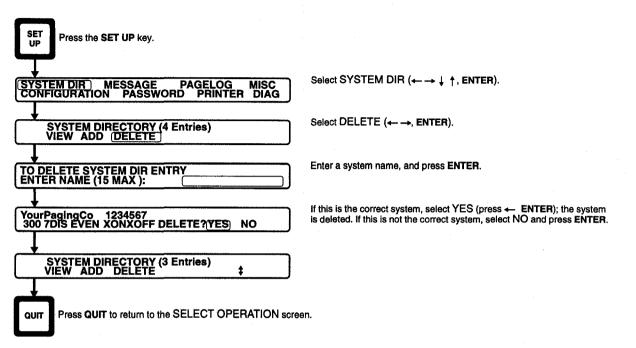
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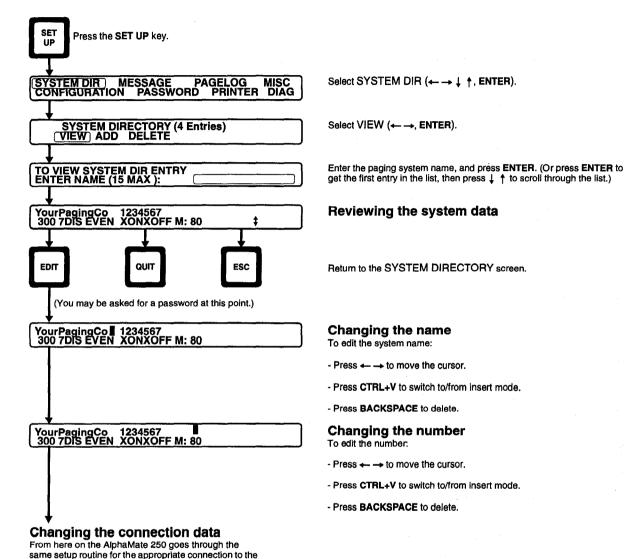
Deleting a Paging Service

√ Before deleting a paging service, all pager entries in that directory must be deleted or changed to another paging service. You cannot delete a paging service while there are still pagers that expect to use this service.



Reviewing/Changing a Paging Service

√ Changes to the paging service data (starting with the telephone number) do not take effect until you have scrolled through all of the data entries by pressing the ENTER key repeatedly. The changes have gone into effect when the paging service name reappears on the screen.

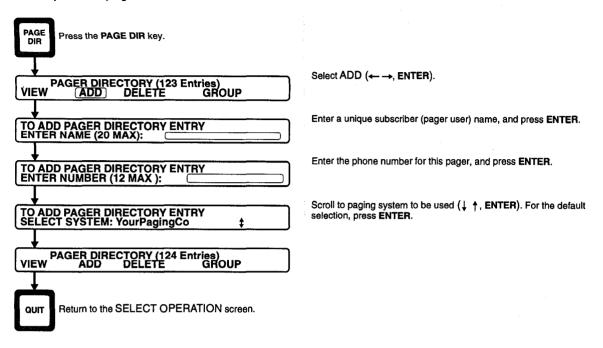


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paging service— either for a modem connection (see page 2), or for an RS-232 connection (see page 3).

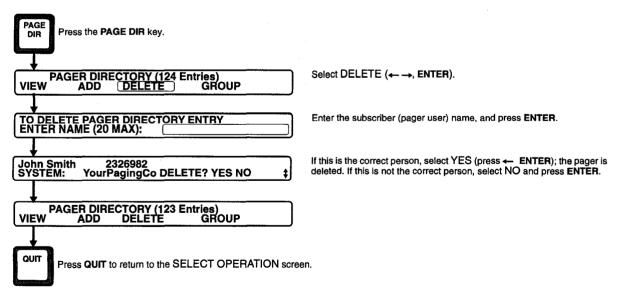
Adding a New Pager

 $\sqrt{}$ Up to 250 pagers can be entered.

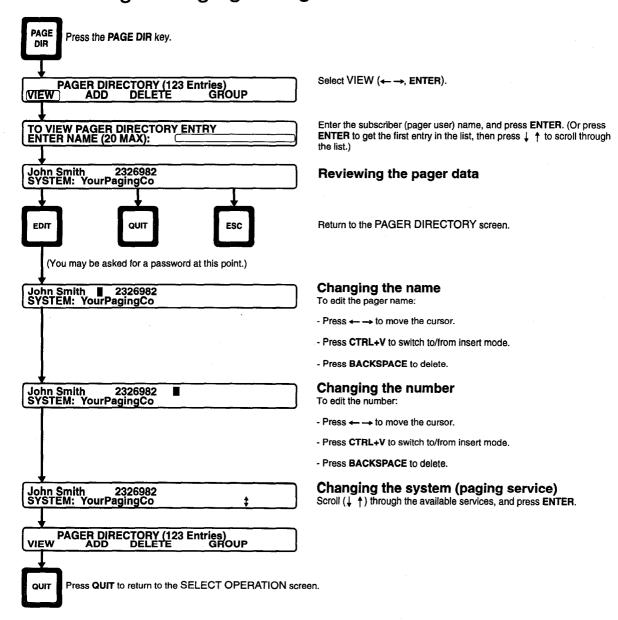


Deleting a Pager

- √ You cannot delete a pager that is a member of a group: you must remove the pager from the group first (see Deleting a Group on page 9).
- √ You cannot delete a pager if it currently has a message in the paging queue. (To delete the message from the paging queue, see Checking Page Information and Queue Status on page 16.)

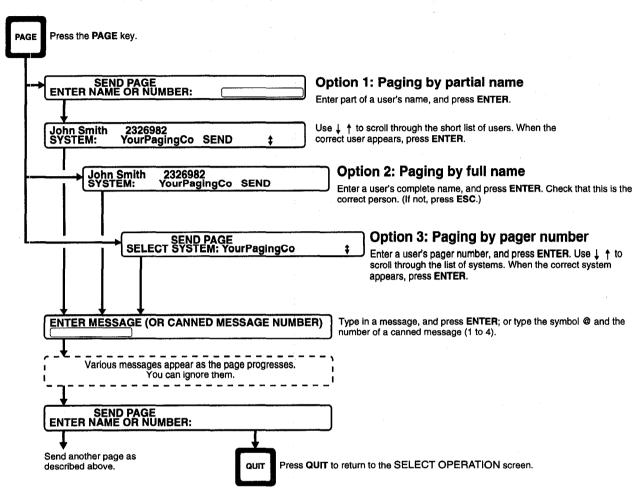


Reviewing/Changing a Pager



Sending a Page

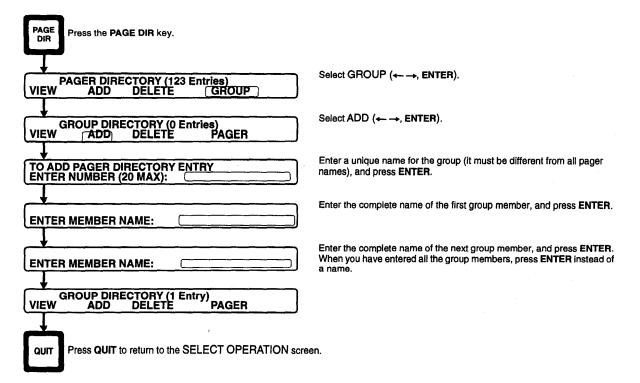
- $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum acceptable message length imposed by the paging services.
- $\sqrt{}$ The AlphaMate 250 allows a message length of up to 240 characters.
- You can page by using part of a name (John), a full name (John Smith), or if the name is not in the database a pager number (555-6982).



When you send a page, a blinking a symbol appears at the end of the first line on the screen. This symbol indicates that the page is being sent by the AlphaMate 250 to the paging service. Normally this symbol disappears after a few seconds. If a problem occurs, this symbol may remain longer. In this case, you can check (and change) the status of the page as described in Checking Page Information and Queue Status on page 16.

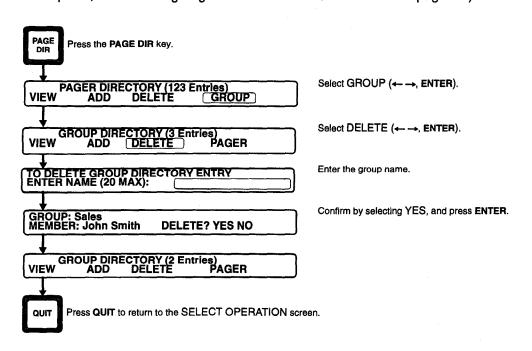
Adding a New Group

√ You cannot nest groups within other groups. For example, you cannot combine groups named West Region, East Region, and Central Region as All Regions.

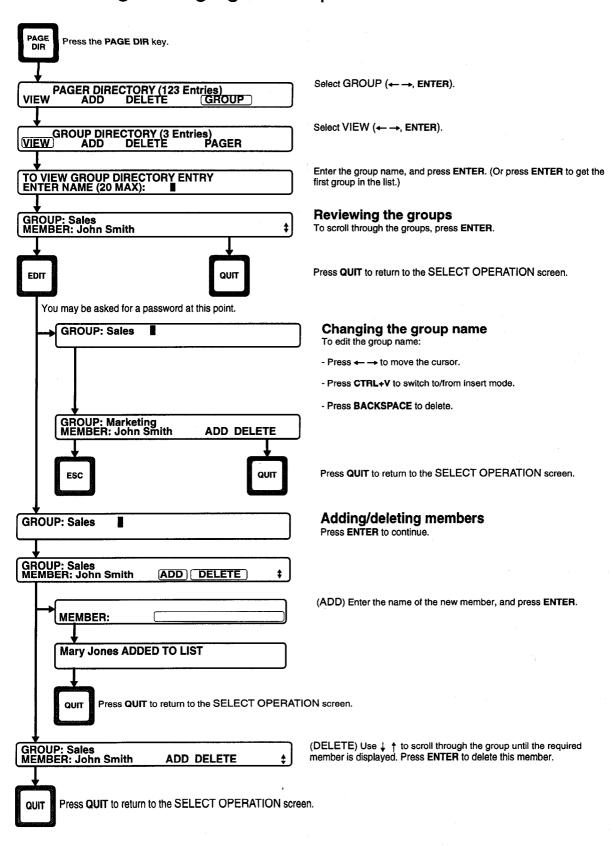


Deleting a Group

√ You cannot delete a group if it currently has a message in the paging queue. (To delete it from the queue, see Checking Page Information and Queue Status on page 16.)

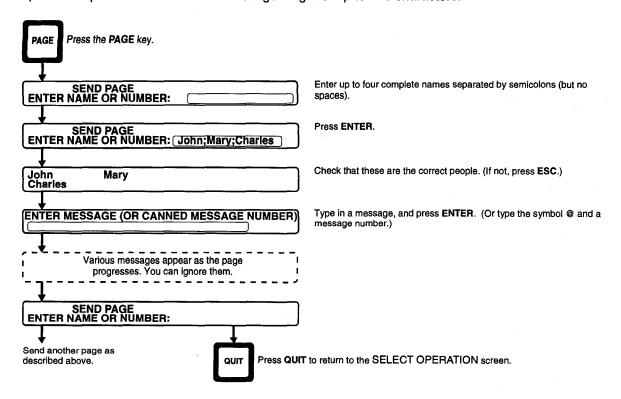


Reviewing/Changing a Group



Paging Several People Simultaneously

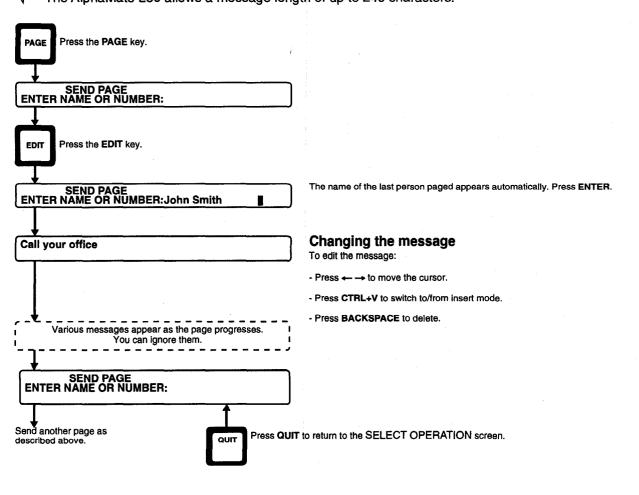
- $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum acceptable message length imposed by the paging services.
- $\sqrt{}$ The AlphaMate 250 allows a message length of up to 240 characters.



√ If you page a particular group of people frequently, you can set up a predefined group. See Adding a New Group on page 9.

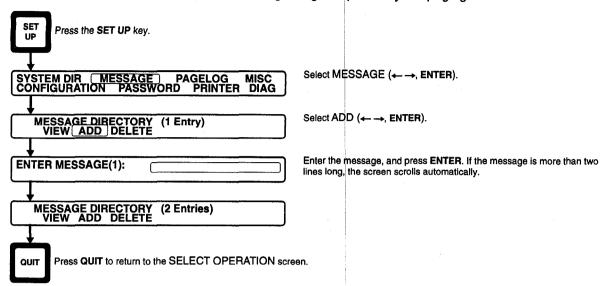
Recalling the Previous Page

- $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum acceptable message length imposed by the paging services.
- The AlphaMate 250 allows a message length of up to 240 characters.

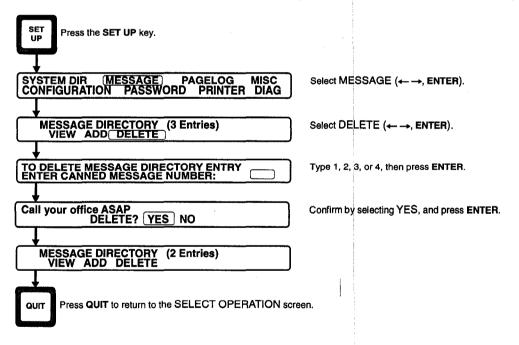


Adding a New Canned Message

 $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum acceptable message length imposed by the paging services.

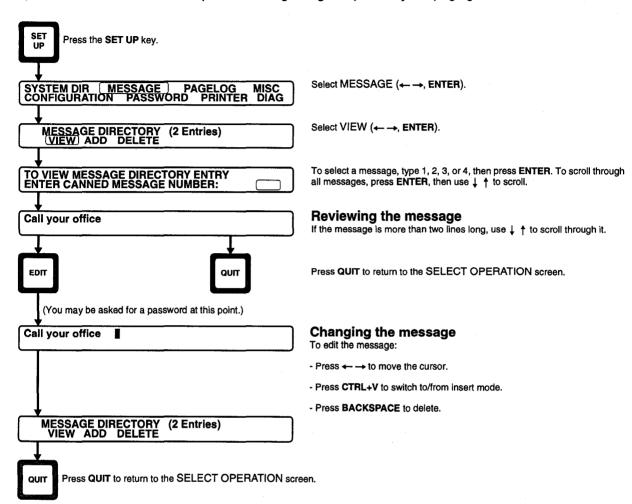


Deleting a Canned Message



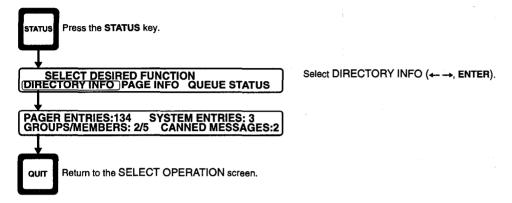
Reviewing/Changing a Canned Message

 $\sqrt{}$ Check the maximum acceptable message length imposed by the paging services.



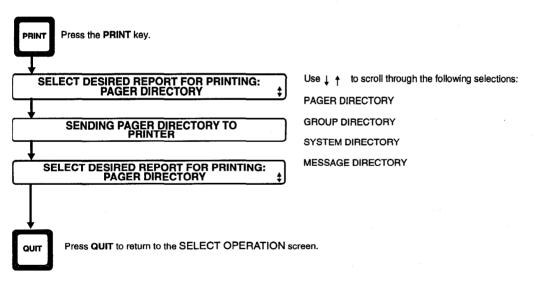
Checking the Status of Your Directories

- $\sqrt{}$ The AlphaMate 250 allows the following:
 - Up to 250 pager entries
 - Up to 16 system entries
 - Up to 4 groups with a total of up to 250 members
 - Up to 4 canned messages



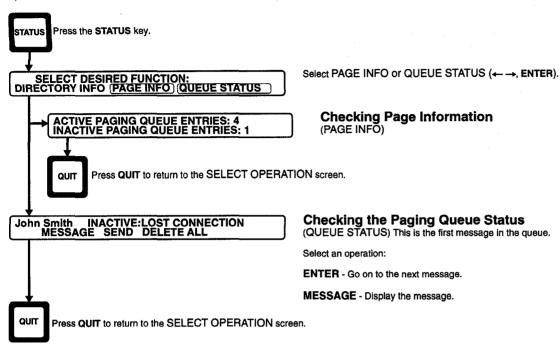
Printing Your Directories

 $\sqrt{}$ In order to provide printouts, the printer must be connected to the AlphaMate 250, turned on, and on line.



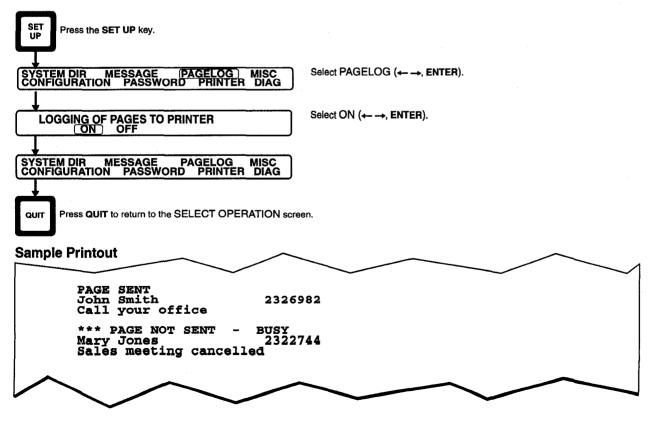
Checking Page Information and Queue Status

 $\sqrt{}$ QUEUE STATUS cannot be selected if the queue is empty.



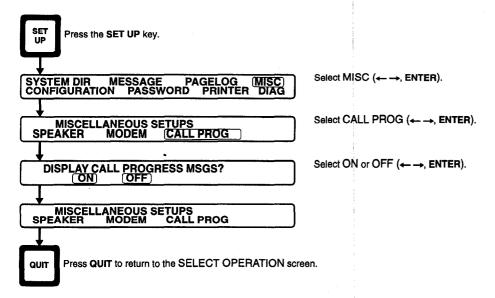
Logging Pages to the Printer

 $\sqrt{}$ Before it can provide printouts, the printer must be connected to the AlphaMate 250, turned on, and on line.



Turning Call-Progress Reporting On and Off

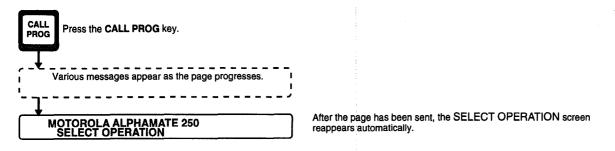
- √ When you send a page, the AlphaMate 250 normally reports the progress of that page through a series of messages on the screen.
- When call-progress reporting is turned off, you can still see the reports by pressing the CALL PROG key. See Checking the Status of a Page below.



√ Whenever call-progress information appears on the screen, you can still use the AlphaMate 250. You need not wait until the call-progress information is gone; press any function key and continue.

Checking the Status of a Page

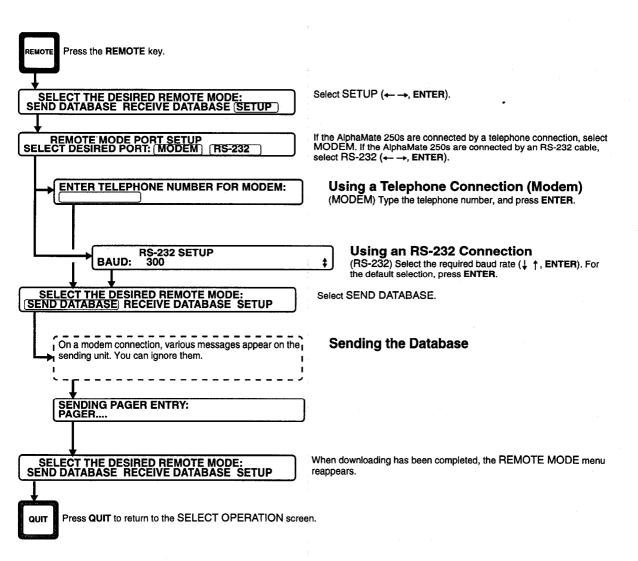
- √ When call-progress reporting is turned off, you can still see the reports by pressing the **CALL PROG** key.
- Call-progress reports only appear if the AlphaMate 250 is actually sending a page when you press the CALL PROG key.



Whenever call-progress information appears on the screen, you can still use the AlphaMate 250. You need not wait until the call-progress information is gone; press any function key and continue.

Sending Directory Data to Another AlphaMate 250

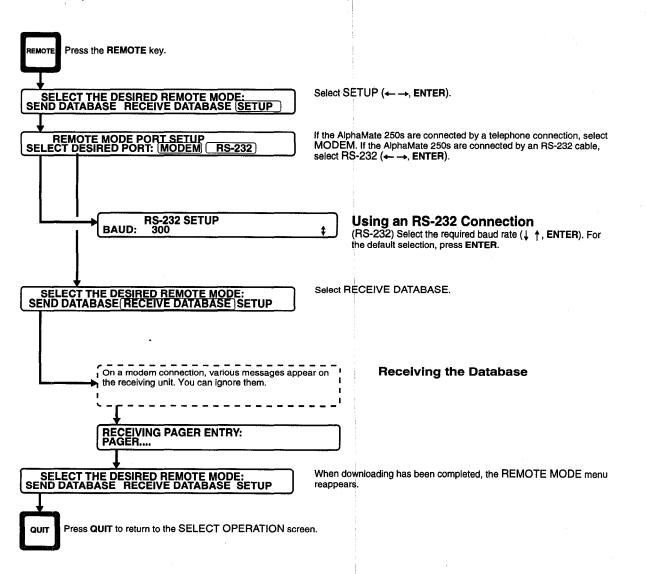
- $\sqrt{}$ The System, the Pager, and the Group Directories from one AlphaMate 250 can be sent to another AlphaMate 250.
 - Note: The Canned Message Directory cannot be sent.
- $\sqrt{}$ The sent directories replace the directories in the receiving unit.
- Data can be transferred either locally using an RS-232 connection or remotely using a telephone line. Both units must be in the Remote mode, and must have the identical RS-232 or modem setup.
- $\sqrt{}$ An AlphaMate 250 cannot communicate with an AlphaMate II.



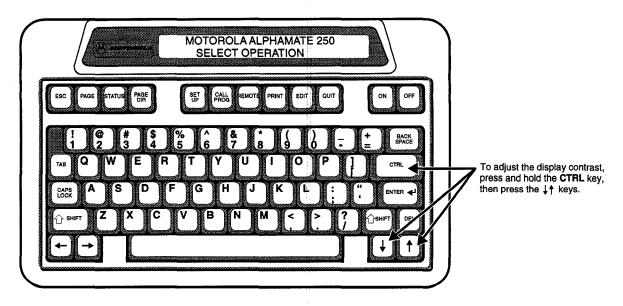
Receiving Directory Data From Another AlphaMate 250

- √ An Alphamate 250 can receive the System, the Pager, and the Group Directories from another Alphamate 250.
 - Note: The Canned Message Directory cannot be received.
- $\sqrt{}$ The directories received replace the existing directories in the unit.
- √ Data can be transferred either locally using an RS-232 connection or remotely using a telephone line.

 Both units must be in the Remote mode, and must have the identical RS-232 or modem setup.
- √ An AlphaMate 250 cannot communicate with an AlphaMate II.

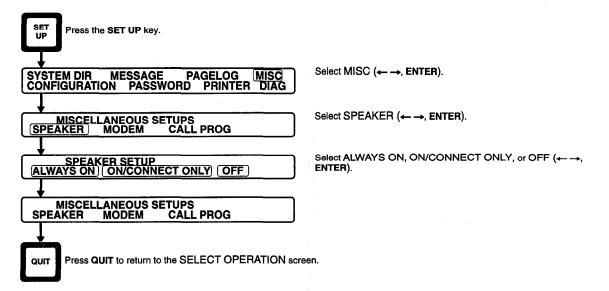


Adjusting the Display Contrast



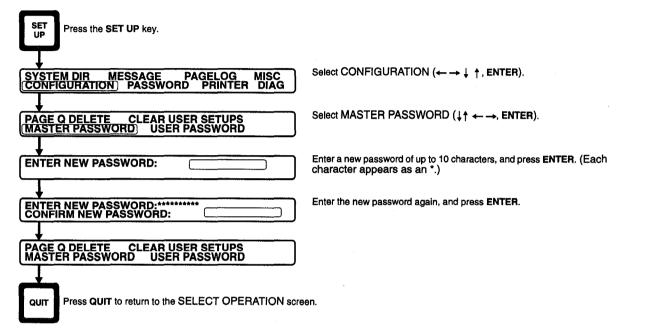
Turning the Speaker On and Off

- $\sqrt{}$ ALWAYS ON means that you hear all the sounds on the telephone line. This is mainly useful for debugging problems.
- √ ON/CONNECT ONLY means that you hear only what occurs after the connection is made to the paging system service. (Modern signals are suppressed.) This is useful for monitoring call progress.

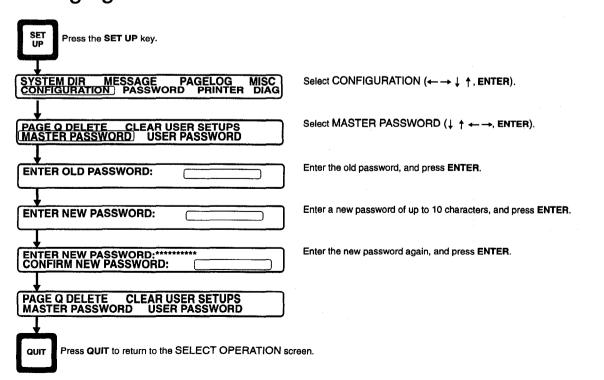


Entering a Master Password

- $\sqrt{}$ A master password can be used to prevent unauthorized people from changing the data in the System Directory.
- √ Always keep a record of your password. It is impossible to access many AlphaMate 250 functions without it!
- √ A password must begin with a letter. Each subsequent character may be a letter, a number, a space, an ampersand (&), or a dash (-).



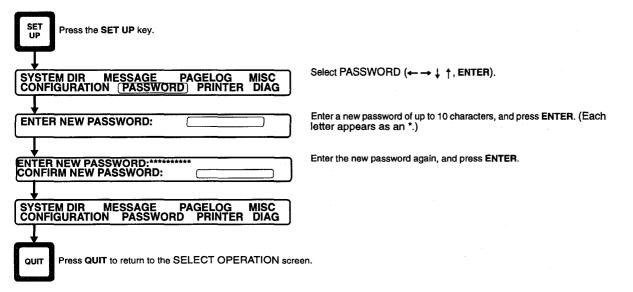
Changing the Master Password



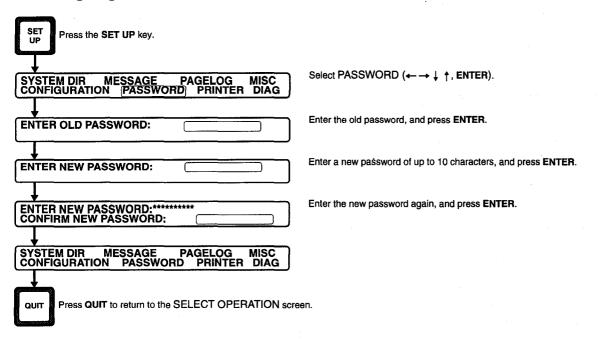
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Entering a User Password

- $\sqrt{}$ A user password can be used to prevent unauthorized people from changing the data in the Pager Directory.
- Always keep a record of your password. It is impossible to access many AlphaMate 250 functions without it!
- √ A password must begin with a letter. Each subsequent character may be a letter, a number, a space, an ampersand (&), or a dash (-).



Changing the User Password



Error Messages and What They Mean

Message Displays	Message Meaning and Remedy
ALREADY IN GROUP	You cannot add this member to this group: the group already contains that member.
NO ANSWER BUSY NO DIAL TONE BAD PASSWD LOST CONNECTION	The AlphaMate 250 is unable to make a connection, or an existing connection has failed, during paging or downloading. The paging service has not answered the call within the user-defined timeout period.
CANNED MESSAGE TOO LONG FOR SYSTEM	The message being sent exceeds the maximum page-length specified in the System Directory.
CONFIGURATION IS PASSWORD PROTECTED	The Configuration menu is protected by a master password. Only someone who knows the password can access this data.
GROUP USED IN PAGE QUEUE, CANNOT DELETE	You cannot delete this group from the Group Directory because it is currently in the paging queue. First delete it from the queue, then you can delete it from the Group Directory.
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ALLOWED GROUP MEMBERS HAS BEEN REACHED	You cannot add any more users to this Group Directory, because it is full. All Group Directories can contain a collective total of 250 entries.
MESSAGE NUMBER DOES NOT EXIST	You have asked for a canned message that does not exist.
NAME ALREADY EXISTS	You cannot add this name to this directory, because it is already in the directory.
NO MESSAGE EXISTS FOR THIS PAGE	The message for a page queue entry does not exist.
NAME NOT FOUND	You have asked for an entry that does not exist in this directory. (This might be a user in the Pager Directory or a user in the Group Directory.)
PAGE REJECTED	The paging service system has rejected the page because the pager number provided is not valid, or is not currently in service.
PAGE QUEUE FULL DELETE ENTRY ON QUEUE STATUS SCREEN	The page queue is full: you cannot send another page at this time. Either wait for pages to be sent, or delete individual or all messages from the queue.
PAGER ENTRY IN GROUP OR PAGE QUEUE, CANNOT DELETE	You cannot delete this pager from the Pager Directory, either because it is a member of a group, or because it is currently in the paging queue. First delete it from the group or queue, then you can delete it from the Pager Directory.
SENT NO CONTACT SESSION LOST CONN TP CON ERR TP LOG ERR TP AUTO ERR TP GO AHEAD TP NO RESP TP MAX BLK DUPLEX ERR ABORT TX TIMEOUT PAGE REJECT FORCE DISC ALL REJECT BAD PASSW	Communication status information.

Message Displays	Message Meaning and Remedy
SYSTEM DIRECTORY IS EMPTY, MAKE ANOTHER SELECTION	You cannot add users to the Pager Directory because the System Directory does not contain any paging system services. You must have at least one entry in the System Directory.
SYSTEM USED IN PAGER ENTRY OR PAGE QUEUE, CANNOT DELETE	You cannot delete this paging system service from the System Directory because it is needed by one or more users in the Pager Directory. Transfer these other users to another paging system service first, then you can delete this one.
WAITING FOR SERIAL PORT	The serial port is already in use, and you must wait.

Troubleshooting Procedure

Step		Procedure	
1	Check that the telephone line is working.	Disconnect the telephone line from the AlphaMate 250, and plug it into a telephone. Lift the receiver, and check for dial tone. If the telephone line is not working, call the telephone company, or find a working line and move the AlphaMate 250 to it.	
2	Verify that the telephone line is an analog line, as opposed to a digital data line.	The AlphaMate 250 must be connected to an ordinary analog telephone line. It does not work on a data line.	
3	Check for a telephone or fax machine on the same line.	The AlphaMate 250 can share a line with a telephone or fax machine. However, the AlphaMate 250 cannot send a page while the phone or fax machine is <i>using</i> the line.	
4	Verify that the telephone number for the paging service is correct.	Verify that the number entered into the AlphaMate 250 System Directory is correct. If you suspect that you have the wrong number for the paging service, plug a telephone into the line and dial the number for the paging service. You should hear modem tones on the line; if a person answers, you have the wrong number.	
5	Turn on the speaker.	Press the SETUP key. Select MISC from the menu. Select SPEAKER from the next menu. Select ALWAYS ON from the next menu. Press the QUIT key.	
6	Send a test page.	Use the normal technique to send a page to your own pager.	
7	Listen for the off-hook relay.	When the AlphaMate 250 sends a page, it begins by going off-hook. You should hear a relay click. If you do not hear the relay, return the AlphaMate 250 for repair.	
8	Check for dial tone.	When the AlphaMate 250 goes off-hook, it should get a dial tone. If you do not hear a dial tone and you know that the line is good, check that the AlphaMate 250 is connected to the line properly.	
9	Check for ringing.	In response to the dial tone, the AlphaMate 250 dials the number of the paging service: you should hear the tones for the various digits. You should then hear ringing from the paging service. If you do not hear ringing, check the telephone number of the paging service in the System Directory. Remember that if the AlphaMate must first access an outside line, you should include 9 (or another digit) to get the outside line; you should also include the symbol @ after this digit to create a 2-second delay before dialing the rest of the number. You may also need to include the digit 1 for long-distance access to the paging service.	
10	Check that the paging service answers.	Is the paging service sending a busy signal? The AlphaMate 250 tries to send each message four times before it gives up. If the paging service seems to be permanently busy, call them to see if there is a problem.	
11	Check that you are not getting a person or a recorded message.	If you get a person or a recorded message, you have the wrong number for the paging service. Find the correct number, and correct the System Directory entry.	

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12	Check for premature disconnect.	If the AlphaMate 250 rings the paging service, gets an answer, and then disconnects without sending a complete page, check the modem setup in the System Directory: perhaps the settings are not correct. Call the paging service and find out what the settings should be, and correct the System Directory.	
13	Check the System Directory.	Check the entire System Directory, and verify that no pager records have been placed there by mistake.	

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