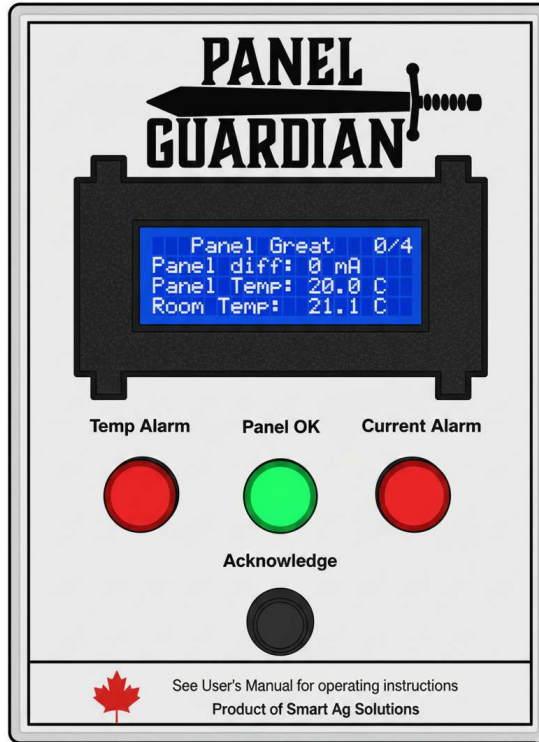


# Panel Guardian Users Manual



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# Description

The Panel Guardian provides 24/7 monitoring of electrical panels by tracking temperature differences between the panel interior and ambient room temperature, as well as current imbalances between Main power wires. A higher panel temperature indicates potential issues like faulty breakers or loose connections, while current differences signal ground leaks or wiring faults. These metrics generate an Alert Factor score from 0 to 4 for quick status assessment.

Real-time data displays on a user-friendly local interface, with live and historical views accessible via a compatible iOS/Android mobile app in monitored mode. Weekly Email reports detail panel health, and users can easily manage multiple panels. The system supports Wi-Fi connectivity for seamless remote monitoring.

## Alarm Systems

Panel Guardian offers two flexible alarm options.

**Hardwired system:** activates relay contacts to integrate with existing farm controllers, barn monitors, or security systems, triggering notifications through those platforms.

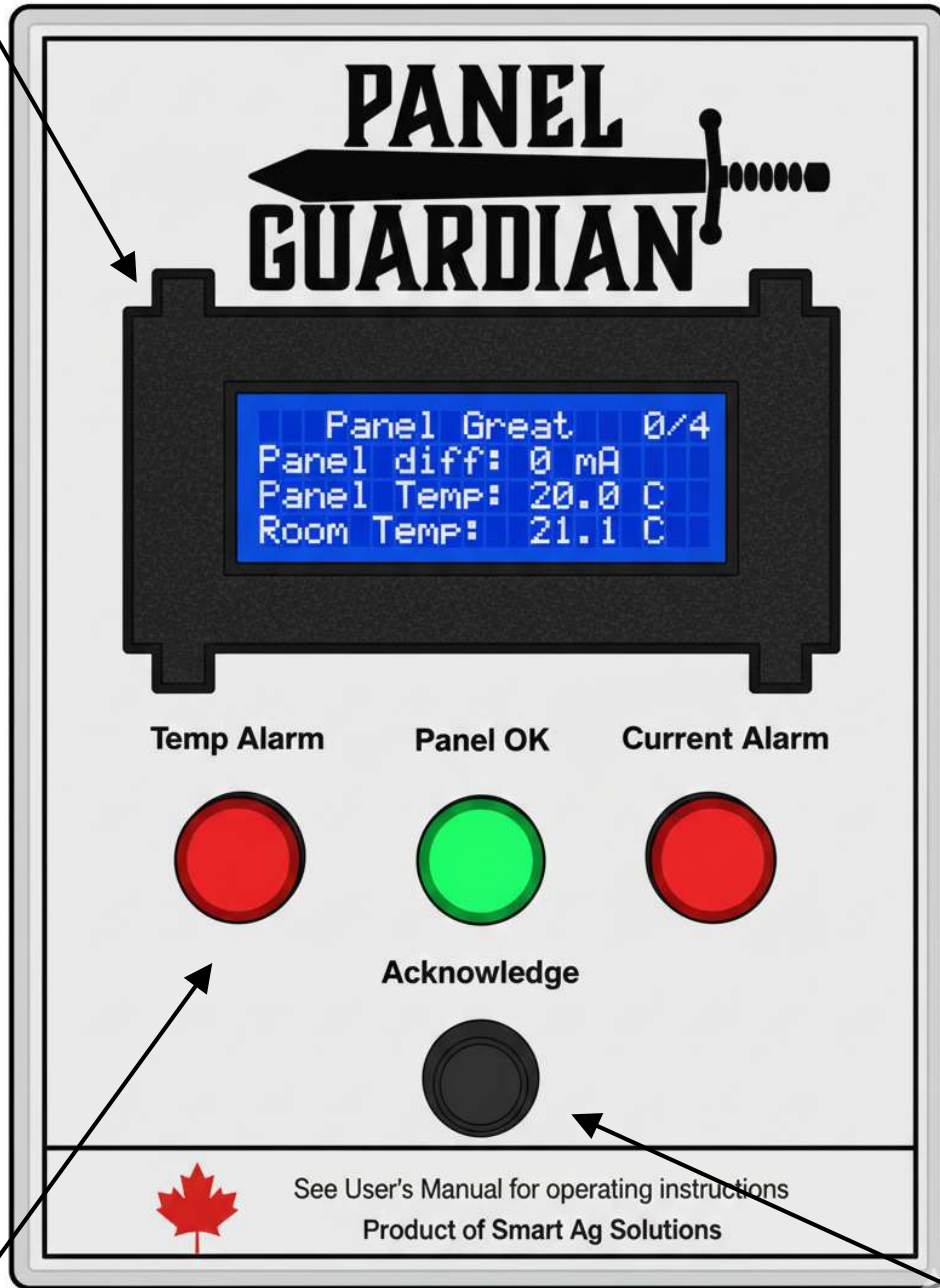
**Monitored system:** sends direct text or email alerts to mobile devices upon detecting unsafe conditions.

One or Both options can be used.

Both options enable prompt action, such as calling an electrician, to prevent escalation to fires or equipment failure. Alerts focus on early detection, protecting investments in agricultural or industrial settings.

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Fig 1, Panel Layout



**Status LED's**  
*LED's to indicate  
alarms*  
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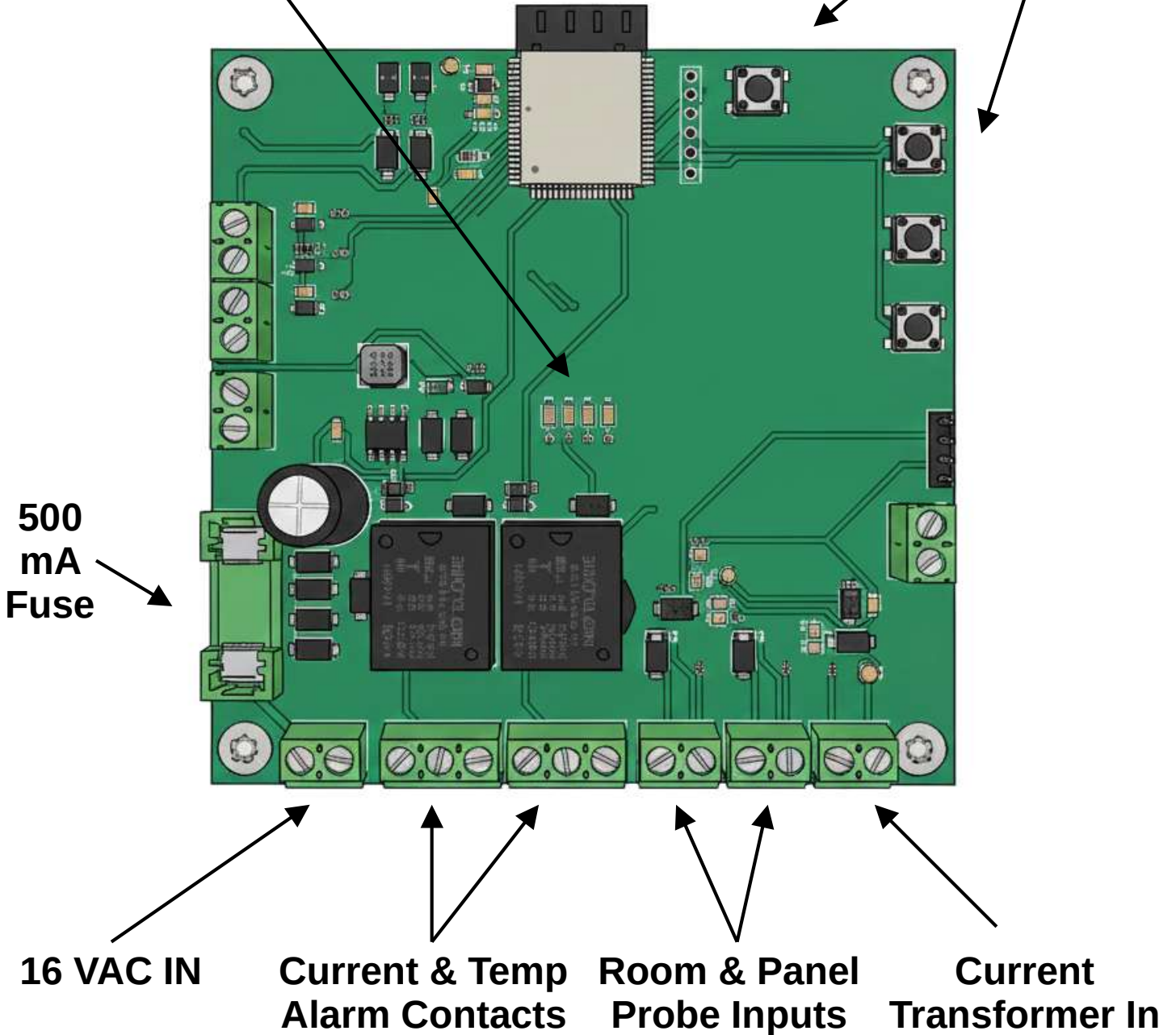
**Acknowledge  
button**  
*Button for  
acknowledging  
alarms*  
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**Status LED's**  
*LED's for troubleshooting*

**Buttons**  
*Up, Menu, Down & Reset Buttons*  
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*Fig 2, Board layout*



*For More info, see the Installation manual*

## Status LED's

The Panel Guardian has 3 LED's to give you a quick way to see your panel status from a distance.

**Temp Alarm** Light: this light has 3 states, Solid, Fast Blink, Slow Blink

Solid: Temp alarm active

Fast Blink: Temp problem, alert factor 3

Slow Blink: A temp alarm came and went away, waiting to be acknowledged

**Panel OK** Light: this light has 1 state, Solid, when alert factor is less than 2 and all previous alarms have been acknowledged

**Current Alarm** Light: this light has 3 states, Solid, Fast Blink, Slow Blink

Solid: Current alarm active

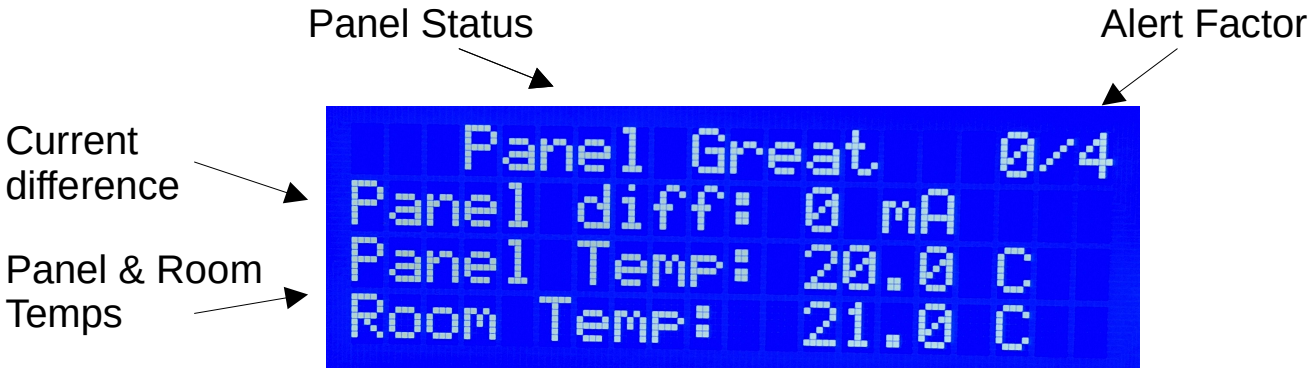
Fast Blink: Current problem, alert factor 3

Slow Blink: A Current alarm came and went away, waiting to be acknowledged

## Acknowledge Button

After an alarm came and went away, a count begins on screen how long ago that alarm was, and the according alarm Light will be blinking slow, when you press the acknowledge button this clears the alarm.

# Reading the Screen



**Panel Status:** What shape the panel is in, *Alarms and Status are displayed here*

**Alert Factor:** see page x

**Current difference:** current imbalance between incoming power wires

**Panel Status:** Panel and Room Temperatures

# Parameter Adjustment

The Panel Guardian has several adjustable Parameters to optimize for your specific setup.

To Adjust Parameters, simply press and hold the **menu** button until a message appears that you have entered system setup

Press **up** or **down** to adjust parameter value, and **menu** to go to the next parameter

To Exit, simply wait 10 seconds

## Parameter 1:

SYSTEM INFO (no editable info)

Software Version: Vx.x.xx

Serial Number: xxxxxx

## Parameter Adjustment

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### Parameter 2:

C or F temp unit (*Celsius "C" Fahrenheit "F"*)

Range: C/F

Default: C

Recommend: \_

Increment \_

### Parameter 3:

Max Current Diff (*Above this value is a alert factor 4 and a alarm*)

Range: 100-950 mA

Default: 750

Recommend: 450

Increment 50 mA

### Parameter 4:

Max Temp Diff: (*if the Panel temp – Room temp is above this value is a alert factor 4 and a alarm*)

Range: 5-15 C

Default: 10

Recommend: 10

Increment 1 C

### Parameter 5: (*if either probe goes over this value it is a alarm*)

Max Temp Alert

Range: 30-50 C

Default: 40

Recommend: 35

Increment 1 C

### Parameter 6: (*if either probe goes under this value it is a alarm*)

Min Temp Alert

Range: -45-5 C

Default: 5

Recommend: 5

Increment 1 C

## Parameter Adjustment

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### Parameter 7:

WiFi Enabled (*See the WiFi setup section in the installation manual*)

Range: YES/NO

Default: NO

Recommend: \_

Increment \_

### Parameter 8:

WiFi Run Setup (*See the WiFi setup section in the installation manual*)

Range: YES/NO

Default: NO

Recommend: \_

Increment \_

### Parameter 9:

Relay Off Delay (*after alarm goes away, how many seconds the relays stay on*

Range: 1-35 seconds *for before going back to normal state)*

Default: 5

Recommend: 5

Increment 1 second

**Parameter 10:** (*after the current goes over the Max current Diff parameter, how many seconds until alarm*)

Over Current Alarm Delay

Range: 0-5 seconds

Default: 5

Recommend: 5

Increment 1 second

*It is only recommended to decrease this parameter when you are trying to catch extremely short duration anomalies*

# Alert Factor Defined

Alert Factor is a quick way to See how your panel is doing, it is a 5 step system

- 0 – Panel is great
- 1 – Panel is OK
- 2 – Panel has a concern, still OK
- 3 – Panel has a problem, not an alarm yet
- 4 – Panel has an alarm

## How is is calculated:

Current and Temp are calculated separately at first, then combined to give you a simple alert factor

### Current:

*Max current diff is set in the max current diff parameter on page x*

- 0 is under 50 mA
- 1 is over 50 mA but under Max current diff / 4 \* 2
- 2 is Over Max current diff / 4 \* 2
- 3 is Over Max current diff / 4 \* 3
- 4 is Over Max current diff

- Example: Max current diff is 700**
- 0 is under 50 mA
  - 1 is Over 50 but under 350
  - 2 is Over 350
  - 3 is Over 525
  - 4 is Over 700

### Temp:

*Max temp diff is set in the max temp diff parameter on page x*

- 0 is under 2.5 C
- 1 is over 2.5 C but under Max temp diff / 4 \* 2
- 2 is Over Max temp diff / 4 \* 2
- 3 is Over Max temp diff / 4 \* 3
- 4 is Over Max temp diff

- Example: Max temp diff is 10 C**
- 0 is under 2.5 C
  - 1 is Over 2.5 C but under 5
  - 2 is Over 5 C
  - 3 is Over 7.5 C
  - 4 is Over 10 C

These are added together, then averaged and then rounded up to the nearest whole number

# Troubleshooting

High Current Alarm	Current Fault, Shut off breakers until the fault goes away, and diagnose the fault on that circuit
High Temp Diff Alarm	Inside Panel Temp is above a safe value, use a thermal Camera to find the Hot spot in the panel Fix it
High Temp Alarm	One or both of the probes have gone above the set value, resolve the high temp problem
Low Temp Alarm	One or both of the probes have gone below the set value, resolve the Low temp problem
Panel Guardian not coming on	Check that you have 16 VAC power at the 16 VAC in Terminals, Check Fuse (see Page 3)
Panel Guardian acting strangely	Look at the centre of the Panel Guardians Circuit board, you should see 3 lights solid and 1 light blinking (4 Lights total) If not, there is a Board fault, contact support
Weird temp values	Check Temp probe connections, check resistance they will be ~10k Ohms at 25C
Not connecting to WiFi	Check WiFi Signal strength, try reentering network info (see installation manual)

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