Maxi Controller
Owner's Manual

MODEL SC503
Introduction

The X10 Maxi Controller lets you remotely control lights and appliances from anywhere in your home. You can keep it by the bedside and turn off the TV without getting out of bed. You can turn off your child’s radio or night light from your bedroom. You can turn on ALL lights connected to Lamp Modules and Wall Switch Modules with the push of a button if you hear a suspicious noise at night. You can even turn off everything in the system with one button to save energy. How many times have you gone to bed and left a downstairs light on because you didn’t want to get out of bed to turn it off? Now you don’t have to.

Caution: Be very careful when you use your X10 Maxi Controller with any kind of appliance. If you accidentally turn on an empty coffee pot for example, you could burn out the element and even create a fire hazard. Switching on an unattended heater could also cause a serious fire hazard.

The X10 Maxi Controller activates lights and appliances throughout your home from any convenient location. The Maxi Controller transmits signals to the Modules over your existing house wiring. You plug lamps into Lamp Modules, plug appliances into Appliance Modules and replace wall light switches with Wall Switch Modules. You can then control virtually everything electrical in your home. You can also dim and brighten lights.

How it works

The Maxi Controller tells the Modules what to do. Command signals are sent over your existing house wiring to the Module or Modules of your choice. The Modules respond to the command signals. The Lamp Module turns on and off, and dims and brightens any incandescent lamp up to 300 watts. The Appliances Module turns on and off appliances such as a TV, (not “instant on” TVs), a window fan, or a stereo. It can also be used for a lamp - but cannot dim it. The Wall Switch Module turns on and off, and dims and brightens an incandescent light up to 500 watts, which is normally operated by a wall switch.

Setting up the Maxi Controller

1. To install your Maxi Controller, simply plug the power cord into any functioning wall outlet.
2. Using a small screwdriver, choose one the 16 letters on the Maxi Controller’s Housecode dial. All X10 Modules have a similar red Housecode dial. Set the Maxi Controller and all the Modules to be controlled by it to the same Housecode letter.
3. Plug a lamp or appliance into an X10 Lamp or Appliance Module.

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Having 16 choices for the Housecode lets you set up several independent systems in one home without interaction among them. Also, you can avoid interference with, or from a neighbor’s system by choosing a different Housecode letter.

To turn ON a light or appliance
Press and release the number button corresponding to the Unit Code set on the Module to be controlled. Then press the ON button.

To turn ALL lights on (i.e. all lamps connected to Lamp Modules or Wall Switch Modules set to the same House Code) press the All Lights On button. This key does not affect Appliance Modules.

To turn OFF a light or appliance
Press and release the number button corresponding to the Unit Code set on the Module to be controlled. Then press the OFF button.

To turn off ALL modules, including Appliance Modules, press the All Units Off button.

To Dim or Brighten lights
Press and release the number button for the Lamp Module or Wall Switch Module you want to Dim or Brighten (you can’t Dim or Brighten Appliance Modules). Then press the Dim button to dim or the Bright button to brighten the light. Hold the button pressed until the desired brightness level is reached.

You can control Modules in groups by pressing 1, 2, 3, etc. followed by On, Off, Bright, or Dim. Modules that are set to 1, 2, and 3, etc., will then turn on and off or brighten and dim at the same time (as a group).

The Finder Label is a convenient place to indicate the locations of lights and appliances controller by your system. There is one box for each unit key.
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Problem Solving

If a particular module won't go on or off from the buttons on the Maxi Controller:

Check that you have power to the outlet controlling the Module and the switch on the light or appliance is ON.

Check that the Unit Code on the Module is set to the correct number. Check that the Housecode on the Module is set correctly. The Housecode on the Module and the Maxi Controller must be set to the same letter.

Try plugging the Module and the Maxi Controller into the same outlet. If the Module doesn't work in ANY outlet, not even with the Module and the Maxi Controller in the same duplex receptacle (top and bottom) the Module might be defective. Contact http://www.x10.com/support for help.

If you can't control ANY modules from the Maxi Controller

Check that you have power to the outlet for the Maxi Controller. Check that the Housecode on the Maxi Controller is set correctly. Try plugging the Module and the Maxi Controller into the same outlet. IF NONE of your Modules work in ANY outlet, not even with the Module and the Maxi Controller in the same duplex receptacle (top and bottom) the Maxi Controller might be defective. Contact http://www.x10.com/support for help.

Intercom Systems

Intercom systems which send voice signals over existing electrical wiring may interfere with the operation of the Maxi Controller when the intercom is in use. If the Intercom system has its own separate wiring it will not cause a problem.

Power Interruptions

When the power is restored after an outage, Lamp Modules and Wall Switch Modules will normally be OFF. Appliance Modules will stay as they were before the interruption.

Manual Control

Lights and appliances connected to plug-in Modules can be turned ON with their own power switch. Simply turn the switch OFF then ON again once or twice. For lamps with three-way bulbs, you might have to rotate the power switch a few times before the light comes on.

The Wall Switch Module can be turned ON or OFF locally using its push button. The power On-Off switch on the Wall Switch Module is used to completely turn off the power. For example, when changing a light bulb.
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