Manual Pull Stations
GSA-M270, GSA-M270P, GSA-M278

Overview
The GSA-M270 and GSA-M278 series Manual Pull Stations are part of Kidde’s Signature Series system. The GSA-M270 Fire Alarm Manual Pull Stations feature our very familiar teardrop shape. They are made from die-cast zinc and finished with red epoxy powder-coat paint complemented by aluminum colored stripes and markings. With positive pull-lever operation, one pull on the station handle breaks the glass rod and turns in a positive alarm, ensuring protection plus fool-proof operation. Presignal models (GSA-M270P) are equipped with a general alarm (GA) keyswitch for applications where two stage operation is required. The up-front highly visible glass rod discourages tampering, but is not required for proper operation.

Kidde’s double action single stage GSA-M278 station is a contemporary style manual station made from durable red colored lexan. To initiate an alarm, first lift the upper door marked “LIFT THEN PULL HANDLE”, then pull the alarm handle.

Standard Features
Note: Some features described here may not be supported by all control systems. Check your control panel’s Installation and Operation Guide for details.

- **Traditional familiar appearance**
  GSA-M270 models feature our familiar teardrop design with simple positive pull action and sturdy die-cast metal body.

- **One stage (GA), two stage (pre-signal), and double action models**
  GSA-M270 models are available for one or two stage alarm systems. The single stage double action GSA-M278 features a rugged Lexan housing with keyed reset mechanism.

- **Break glass operation**
  An up-front visible glass rod on the GSA-M270 discourages tampering.

- **Intelligent device with integral microprocessor**
  All decisions are made at the station allowing lower communication speed while substantially improving control panel response time. Less sensitive to line noise and loop wiring properties; twisted or shielded wire is not required.

- **ADA Compliant**
  Meets ADA requirements for manual pull stations.

- **Electronic Addressing with Non-volatile memory**
  Permanently stores programmable address, serial number, type of device, and job number. Automatically updates historic information including hours of operation, last maintenance date, number of alarms and troubles, and time and date of last alarm.

- **Automatic device mapping**
  Each station transmits wiring information to the loop controller regarding its location with respect to other devices on the circuit.

- **Stand-alone operation**
  The station inputs an alarm even if the loop controller’s polling interrogation stops.

- **Diagnostic LEDs**
  Status LEDs; flashing GREEN shows normal polling; flashing RED shows alarm state.

- **Designed for high ambient temperature operation**
  Install in ambient temperatures up to 120 °F (49 °C).
Application

The operating characteristics of the fire alarm stations are determined by their sub-type code or “Personality Code”. NORMALLY-OPEN ALARM - LATCHING (Personality Code 1) is assigned by the factory; no user configuration is required. The device is configured for Class B IDC operation. An ALARM signal is sent to the loop controller when the station’s pull lever is operated. The alarm condition is latched at the station.

Compatibility

Signature Series manual stations are compatible only with Kidde’s Signature Loop Controller.

Warnings & Cautions

This device will not operate without electrical power. As fires frequently cause power interruption, we suggest you discuss further safeguards with your local fire protection specialist.

Testing & Maintenance

To test (or reset) the station simply open the station and operate the exposed switch. The GSA-M270 series are opened with a tool; the GSA-M278 requires the key which is supplied with that station.

The station’s automatic self-diagnosis identifies when it is defective and causes a trouble message. The user-friendly maintenance program shows the current state of each Signature series device and other pertinent messages. Single devices may be deactivated temporarily, from the control panel. Availability of maintenance features is dependent on the fire alarm system used.

Scheduled maintenance (Regular or Selected) for proper system operation should be planned to meet the requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). Refer to current NFPA 72 and ULC CAN/ULC 536 standards.

Typical Wiring

The fire alarm station’s terminal block accepts #18 AWG (0.75mm²) to #12 AWG (2.5mm²) wire sizes. See Signature Loop Controller catalog sheet for detailed wiring requirement specifications.

Wiring Notes

1. Refer to Signature Loop Controller manual for maximum wire distance.
2. All wiring is power limited and supervised.

Figure 4. Single Stage Systems

Figure 5. Two Stage Systems
Installation

**Single-stage** Signature Series fire alarm manual pull stations mount to North American 2½ inch (64 mm) deep 1-gang boxes.

**Two stage** presignal (270P) models require 1½ inch (38 mm) deep 4-inch square boxes with 1-gang, ½-inch raised covers. Openings must be angular. *Rounded openings are not acceptable.* Recommended box: Steel City Model 52-C-13; in Canada, use Iberville Model CI-52-C-49-1/2.

**All models** include terminals are suited for #12 to #18 AWG (2.5 mm² to 0.75 mm²) wire size. Kidde recommends that these fire alarm stations be installed according to latest recognized edition of national and local fire alarm codes.

**Electronic Addressing:** The loop controller electronically addresses each manual station, saving valuable time during system commissioning. Setting complicated switches or dials is not required. Each station has its own unique serial number stored in its on-board memory. The loop controller identifies each device on the loop and assigns a “soft” address to each serial number. If desired, the stations can be addressed using the SIGA-PRO Signature Program/Service Tool.

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**Figure 1. GSA-M278 installation**

**Figure 2. GSA-M270 installation**

**Figure 3. GSA-M270P installation**
## Specifications

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