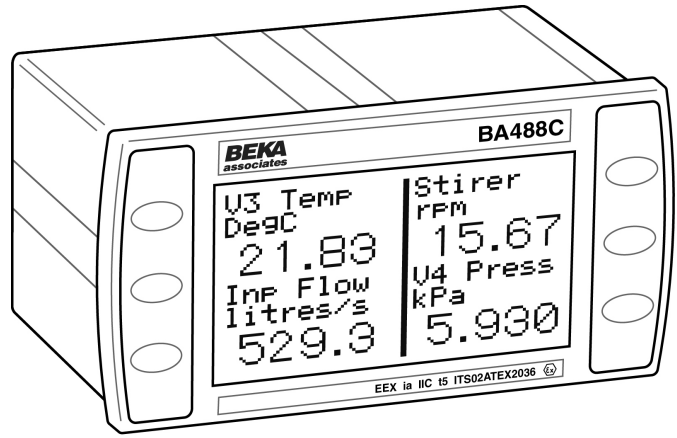


**BA488C**  
**Intrinsically safe**  
**Panel mounting**  
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The BA488C is CE marked to show compliance with the European Explosive Atmospheres Directive 94/9/EC and the European EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

## 1. DESCRIPTION

The BA488C is an intrinsically safe instrument that can display text and simple graphics in a hazardous area. Incorporating six operator push-buttons, two solid state outputs and a backlit 120 x 64 pixel graphical display, it is a versatile operator interface for simple machine or process control applications.

Housed in a robust 72 x 144 panel mounting DIN enclosure, the BA488C text display has an IP66 front panel and is supplied with a gasket to seal the joint between the instrument and the panel.

The BA488C text display has been issued with an EC-Type Examination Certificate by Notified Body Intertek Testing and Certification Ltd for gas atmospheres which has been used to confirm compliance with the European Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Directive 94/9/EC.

For use in the USA and Canada the instrument has intrinsic safety and nonincendive FM and cFM Approval – see Appendix 2.

For international applications the BA488C also has IECEx certification – see Appendix 3.

### 1.1 Documentation

This instruction manual describes system design, conditioning and installation of the BA488C serial text display. To quickly install and commission a BA488C for a basic application, please read Appendix 1 Getting Started Quickly.

For detailed programming information separate guides describe the Modbus RTU and BEKA protocols. These are available from our sales department or may be downloaded from [www.beka.co.uk](http://www.beka.co.uk).

#### **Serial Text Display–Modbus Interface Guide**

Description of parameters  
Use with standard screens

#### **Serial Text Display–Programming Guide**

BEKA protocol  
Command summary & reference  
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### 1.2 Version 3 Firmware

This manual describes the enhanced features available in text displays employing version 3.0 firmware which was released in August 2005.

Namely:

- Modbus protocol
- Cyclic data and mapped variables
- Nine standard screens
- Scripting
- Pattern matching
- Speed increase
- Font 5 soft font storage

The instrument's firmware version can be established using the 'Unit Info' function in the main configuration menu - see section 7.3 of this manual. Text displays employing Version 3.0 firmware are backwards compatible with all earlier versions.

### 1.3 Version 3.4 Firmware

This manual describes the additional features available in text displays employing version 3.4 firmware which was released in October 2009.

Namely:

Two eight variable standard screens added.

Integer variables added to the Modbus register map to complement the original float values.

New function allows the number of process variables to be entered, so that when scrolling the display unused screens are not shown.

Enhancements to the Scripting facility.

The instrument's firmware version can be established using the 'Unit Info' function in the main configuration menu - see section 7.3 of this manual. Text displays employing Version 3.4 firmware are backwards compatible with all earlier versions.

## 2. OPERATION

Fig 1 shows a simplified block diagram of a BA488C serial text display. The instrument is connected to a serial data galvanic isolator in the safe area via two, three or four wires that carry both power and bi-directional communication. The switch outputs may be controlled and the operator switches interrogated from the safe area via the serial communication link.

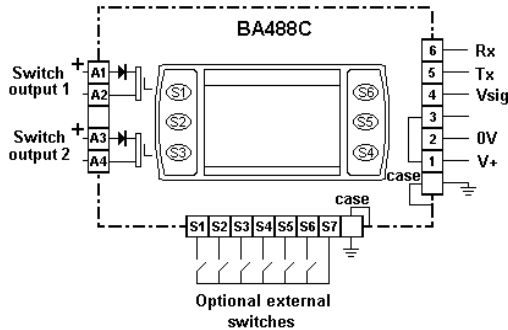


Fig 1 Simplified block diagram of BA488C

Two alternative certified galvanic isolators may be used to power and communicate with the display. The BA201 communications isolator has an RS232 or two wire RS485 safe area port and can support up to four BA488C displays with serial numbers above 42518/... i.e. manufactured after Sept. 2007. The MTL5051 serial data comms isolator has an RS232 or RS422 safe area port and can support one or two displays, or up to four with the addition of an MTL5025 solenoid driver. See section 5 for details.

## 3. APPLICATIONS

The BA488C has been designed for easy integration with most serial data sources and therefore contains a wealth of features. Although at first sight the complexity may seem daunting, the support documentation is application related so that only relevant sections need to be read. If additional help is needed BEKA engineers are always willing to assist with system design, programming and screen development.

The BA488C may be used with three alternative protocols; legacy, BEKA or Modbus RTU. The pattern matching function also enables proprietary ASCII serial data, such as that from a weighing system, to be decoded and displayed. This advanced feature is described in the *Serial Text Display – Programming Guide*.

### Legacy protocol

The legacy protocol contained in the BA488C allows the instrument to replace an MTL644 IS text display. All the functions of an MTL644 are replicated, but with the advantage of a backlit display and ATEX certification.

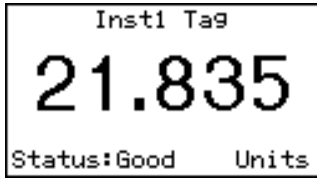
Legacy protocol only allows three external switches S1, S2 & S3, not the front panel push-buttons, to be used for operator inputs. Similarly, the MTL644 only has one output control, so the two switch outputs operate in parallel.

When using the legacy protocol, the configuration menus are only operational between power being applied to the BA488C and the first message being received.

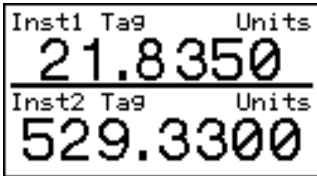
### 3.2 Modbus RTU protocol

The BA488C supports Modbus RTU protocol in slave mode. Up to eight process variables, together with their units of measurement and tag description may be displayed on one of the eleven standard screen formats shown below. These illustrate typical units of measurement and tag information, but any may be entered. This allows one, two, four or eight process variables to be shown on a common screen without the need for any programming, apart from setting the BA488C address and writing each Modbus variable in the required Modbus register address map.

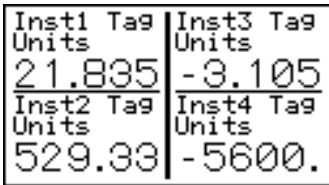
If more process variables than can be shown on the selected standard screen are to be displayed, the operator can select which process variables are shown by operating the *Up* or *Down* push-buttons. This selection can also be made by the system host.



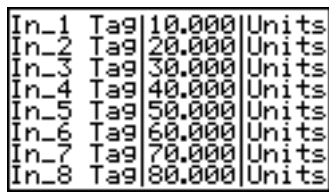
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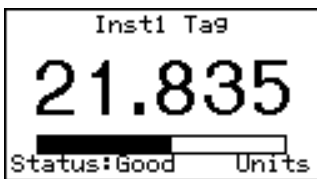
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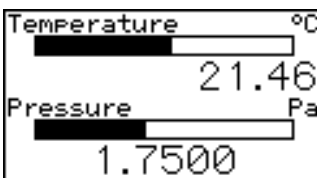
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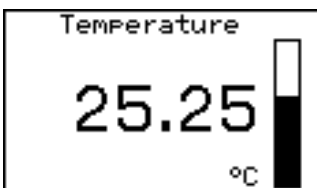
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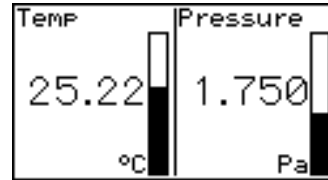
One variable + horizontal bargraph



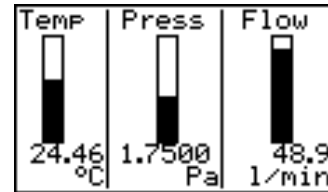
Two variables + horizontal bargraphs



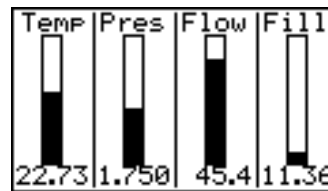
One variable + vertical bargraph



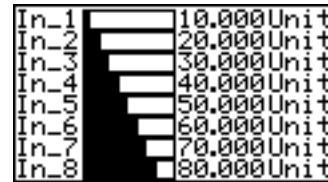
Two variables + vertical bargraphs



Three variables + vertical bargraphs



Four variables + vertical bargraphs



Eight variables + horizontal bargraphs

The Modbus protocol also enables each of the six front panel push-buttons to be interrogated so they may be used for operator controls. If larger industrial size push-buttons are required, these may be connected to the BA488C terminals. When external switches are used the instrument front panel switches are disabled.

The two single pole solid state outputs may be controlled via Modbus allowing certified hazardous area loads such as sounders, beacons and valves to be turned on and off.

For more demanding applications BEKA protocol may be used to construct custom display screens for use in a Modbus system.

Modbus protocol is described in the *Serial Text Display – Modbus Guide*, which is available from the BEKA sales office and from the BEKA web site.

### 3.3 BEKA protocol

BEKA protocol enables text to be written anywhere on the screen in five different font sizes, together with lines, boxes and bargraphs. Alternatively one of the nine standard display screens described in section 3.2 may be used.

Simple bit map graphics may also be downloaded to the display and all characters can be reversed or flashed. Information may also be written to a hidden screen that may be displayed when required.

This protocol enables each of the six front panel push-buttons to be interrogated so they may be used for operator controls. By displaying the switch function on the screen adjacent to the button, 'soft switches' can be created. If larger industrial size push-buttons are required, these may be connected to the BA488C terminals. When external switches are used the front panel switches are disabled.

Two single pole solid state outputs may be used to switch certified hazardous area loads such as sounders, beacons and valves.

BEKA protocol is described in the *Serial Text Display – Programming Guide* which is available from the BEKA sales office and from the BEKA web site.

## 4. INTRINSIC SAFETY CERTIFICATION

### 4.1 ATEX certificate

The BA488C has been issued with EC-Type Examination Certificate ITS02ATEX2036X by Notified Body Intertek Testing & Certification Ltd (ITS). This has been used to confirm compliance with the European ATEX Directive 94/9/EC for Group II, Category 1, gas atmospheres, Ex ia IIC T5 Ga. The instrument bears the Community Mark and, subject to local codes of practice, may be installed in any of the European Economic Area (EEA) member countries. ATEX certificates are also acceptable for installations in Switzerland.

This manual describes installations in explosive gas atmospheres which conform with IEC 60079: Part 14 Electrical installation design, selection and erection. When designing systems for installation outside the UK, the local Code of Practice should be consulted.

### 4.2 Zones, gas groups and T rating

The BA488C EC-Type Examination certificate ITS02ATEX2036X confirms that it complies with the requirements for Group II Category 1 G Ex ia IIC T5 Ga (Tamb –40 to 60°C) apparatus. When connected to a suitable system the BA488C may be installed in:

- Zone 0 explosive gas air mixture continuously present.  
*(Special conditions apply see below)*
- Zone 1 explosive gas air mixture likely to occur in normal operation.
- Zone 2 explosive gas air mixture not likely to occur, and if it does will only exist for a short time.

Be used with gases in groups:

- Group A propane
- Group B ethylene
- Group C hydrogen

Having a temperature classification of:

- T1 450°C
- T2 300°C
- T3 200°C
- T4 135°C
- T5 100°C

At an ambient temperature between –40 and +60°C.

**Note:** the guaranteed operating temperature range of the serial text display is –20°C to +60°C.

This allows the BA488C to be installed in all Zones and to be used with most common industrial gases.

### Special conditions for safe use in Zone 0

**In the unlikely event of installation in a Zone 0 potentially explosive atmosphere, the BA488C Serial Text Display shall be installed such that even in the event of rare incidents, an ignition source due to impact or friction between the aluminium enclosure at the rear of the instrument mounting panel and iron/steel is excluded.**

### 4.3 Power supply

When installed in a hazardous area the BA488C must be powered from, and communicate via a certified communications isolator installed in the safe area. Either a BA201 Communications Isolator or a MTL5051 Serial Data Comms Isolator may be used.

Although other certified barriers or galvanic isolators have output parameters equal to or less than the BA488C input parameters, because of the data conversion performed by the BA201 and MTL5051, currently these are the only suitable devices.

The maximum permitted cable parameters are shown in section 5.

### 4.4 External switches

For applications requiring operator inputs to be made by large industrial push-buttons, terminals S1 to S7 allow external switches to be connected to the text display. When the external push-buttons are enabled in the configuration menu, the front panel push-buttons are automatically disabled.

Terminals S1 to S7 have the following combined output safety parameters:

Uo	=	14.7V dc
Io	=	99mA dc
Po	=	0.6W

The switches and associated wiring connected to the terminals must comply with the requirements for *simple apparatus*. i.e. they must have IP20 protection and be capable of withstanding a 500V rms insulation test to earth for one minute. Most industrial push-buttons satisfy these requirements

The total maximum permitted cable parameters for all the cables connected to terminals S1 to S7 in a IIC hydrogen gas must be less than:

$$\begin{aligned} C_o &= 0.22\mu\text{F} \\ L_o &= 0.26\text{mH} \end{aligned}$$

Although these are the smallest figures specified by any of the three system certificates using the MTL5051, they also apply to systems incorporating the BA201. The parameters are not restrictive allowing a significant distance between the switches and the instrument.

#### 4.5 Switch outputs

Each of the two switch outputs is a separate galvanically isolated solid state switch. The EC-Type Examination Certificate specifies that under fault conditions the voltage, current and power at each switch output will not exceed those specified for *simple apparatus* in Clause 5.4 of IEC60079-11. This allows each of the BA488C switch outputs to be connected to any intrinsically safe circuit protected by a certified Zener barrier or galvanic isolator providing that the output parameters of each circuit are less than:

$$\begin{aligned} U_o &= 28\text{V dc} \\ I_o &= 200\text{mA} \\ P_o &= 0.85\text{W} \end{aligned}$$

The maximum equivalent capacitance and inductance of each BA488C switch output is:

$$\begin{aligned} C_i &= 40\text{nF} \\ L_i &= 20\mu\text{H} \end{aligned}$$

To determine the maximum permissible cable parameters,  $C_i$  and  $L_i$  must be subtracted from the maximum cable capacitance and inductance specified by the system certificate of the circuit connected to the switch.

#### 4.6 Certification Label Information

The certification label is fitted in a recess on the top outer surface of the enclosure. It shows the ATEX certification information plus BEKA associates name, location, instrument serial number and year of manufacture. Non European certification information may also be included.





**5. SYSTEM DESIGN FOR HAZARDOUS AREAS**

The BA488C serial text display may be powered and communicate via a BA201 Communications Isolator or a MTL5051 serial data comms isolator. Both are certified Associated Apparatus, and their features are compared in table 1.

	<b>BA201</b>	<b>MTL5051</b>
Mounting	35mm DIN rail	
Supply	20-35Vdc	
Safe area ports	RS232 or RS485 2 wire	RS232 or RS422
Port selection	Automatic	DIL switches
Number of serial text displays	Up to 4	Up to 2. Up to 4 with addition of MTL5025 galvanic isolator.
Communication speed	0.3 to 19.2 k baud	1.2 to 9.6 k baud
Multidrop safe area port	Yes	No

Table 1

**5.1 Use with a BA201 Communications Isolator**

There are two configurations that may be used for hazardous area installations. The choice depends upon how many text displays are required and the backlight brilliance. Table 2 summarises the performance of both systems.

	<b>2 wire system</b>		<b>3 wire system</b>			
<b>Number of BA484D text displays</b>	1	2	1	2	3	4
<b>Backlight brilliance</b>	Bright	Dim	Bright	Bright	Dim	Dim
<b>Communication speed. For cable lengths up to 100m.</b>	0.3 to 19.2kbaud					

Table 2

**5.1.1 Cable length**

The communications speed, type of cable and to a lesser extent the permissible intrinsic safety cable parameters, determine the maximum allowable cable length between the BA201 communications isolator and the serial text display(s). Cable lengths up to 600m have been successfully used at 9.6k baud with an RS232 safe area port.

Using the entity parameters specified by the BA488C and BA201 ATEX certificates, the maximum allowable cable parameters in a IIC gas are:

For a 2-wire system

Number of Serial Text Displays	Maximum permissible cable capacitance	Maximum permissible cable inductance
1	0.77µF	4.08mH
2	0.76µF	4.06mH

Table 3

For a 3-wire system

Number of Serial Text Displays	Maximum permissible cable capacitance	Maximum permissible cable inductance
1	0.162µF	0.98mH
2	0.152µF	0.96mH
3	0.142µF	0.94mH
4	0.132µF	0.92mH

Table 4

Only the maximum permitted capacitance for a 3-wire system is likely to limit the cable length. Assuming a generous maximum cable capacitance of 300pF/m, this allows up to 440m of cable with four serial text displays connected to a BA201 isolator. For reference, a typical Belden 8761 single twisted pair with overall shield has a capacitance of 100pF/m.

### 5.1.2 Two wire system

This is the simplest and probably the most frequently used system. One or two BA488C serial text displays are connected to a BA201 in the safe area via two wires that provide both power and bi-directional communication.

Fig 2 shows the wiring diagram. With this configuration data may be transmitted and received at 0.3, 1.2, 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 19.2k baud. When two BA488C text displays are connected to a single BA201 via two wires, the brilliance of both display backlights will be significantly reduced.

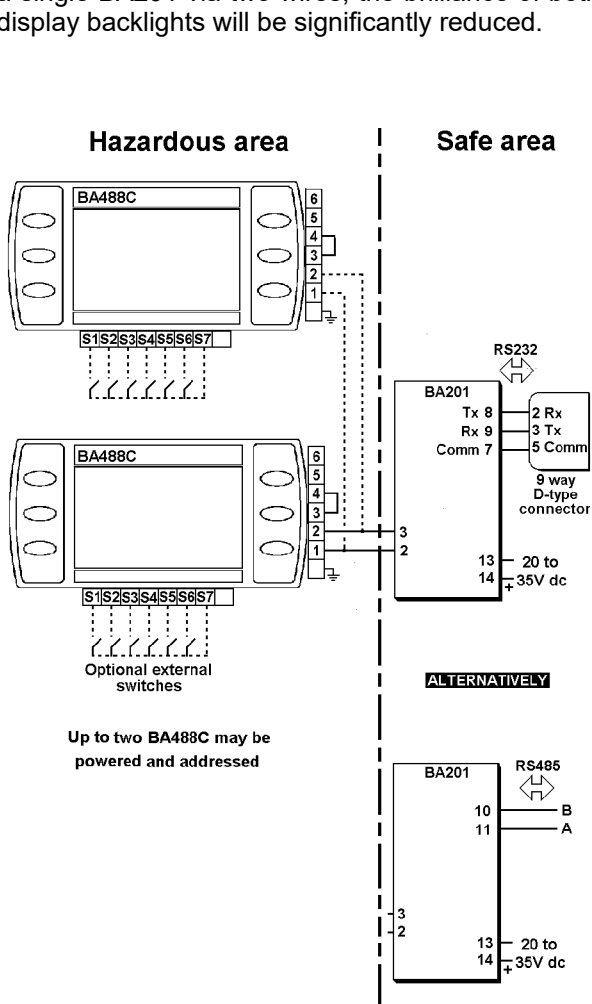


Fig 2 Two wire system for RS232 or RS485

### 5.1.3 Three wire system

The three wire system shown in Fig 3 can power and address up to four BA488C serial text displays. If more than two displays are connected, the backlight brilliance of all the displays will be significantly reduced.

With this configuration data may be transmitted and received at 0.3, 1.2, 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 19.2k baud.

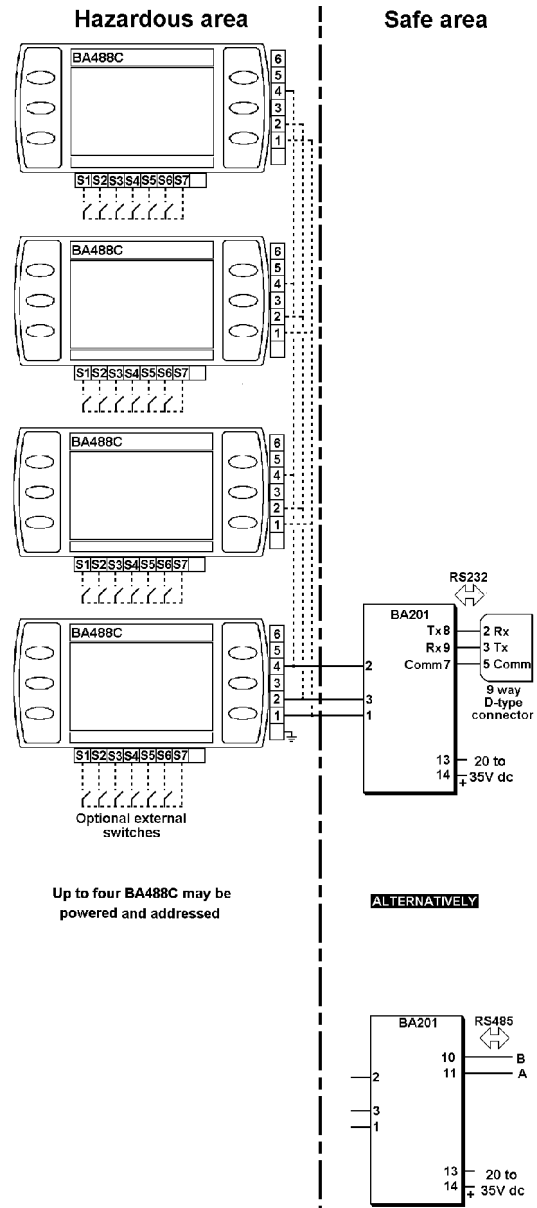


Fig 3 Three wire system for RS232 or RS485

**5.2 Use with a MTL5051 Serial Data Comms Isolator**

There are three configurations that may be used for hazardous area installations. The choice depends upon how many text displays are required, the backlight brilliance and the communication speed required. Table 5 summarises the performance.

	2 wire system		3 wire system				4 wire system
Number of BA484D text displays	1	2	1	2	3	4	1
Backlight brilliance	Bright	Dim	Bright	Bright	Dim	Dim	Bright
	Dim						
Communication speed kbaud	1.2 to 9.6		1.2 to 9.6				0.3 to 19.2

Table 5

**5.2.1 Cable length**

The dc loop resistance of the cable between the BA488C and the associated galvanic isolator in the safe area must not exceed 20Ω. This applies for 2, 3 and 4 wire systems irrespective of the number of text displays connected to the loop. Most instrument cables have a loop resistance of between 50 and 200mΩ per metre, thus limiting the maximum cable length to between 100 and 400 metres.

The maximum permitted intrinsic safety cable parameters specified on the system certificates must also not be exceed. However, in practice only the capacitive limit in IIC gases is likely to be restrictive.

Communication speed will also limit the transmission distance. At 9.6k baud a screened twisted pair should provide reliable communication up to 100 metres. If data corruption occurs the communication speed should be reduced.

**5.2.2 Conditioning the MTL5051**

The MTL5051 galvanic isolator, may be conditioned to have an RS232 or RS422 safe area port. DIL switches accessed from the top of the isolator perform the conditioning – see Figs 4, 5 and 6 for details.

**5.2.3 Two wire system**

This is the simplest and probably the most frequently used system. One or two BA488C serial text displays are connected to a MTL5051 in the safe area via two wires that provide both power and bi-directional communication.

Fig 4 shows the wiring diagram which is defined by ITS System Certificate Ex02E2037. With this configuration data may be transmitted and received at 1.2, 2.4, 4.8 or 9.6k baud. When two BA488C text displays are connected to a common galvanic isolator the brilliance of both display backlights will be significantly reduced.

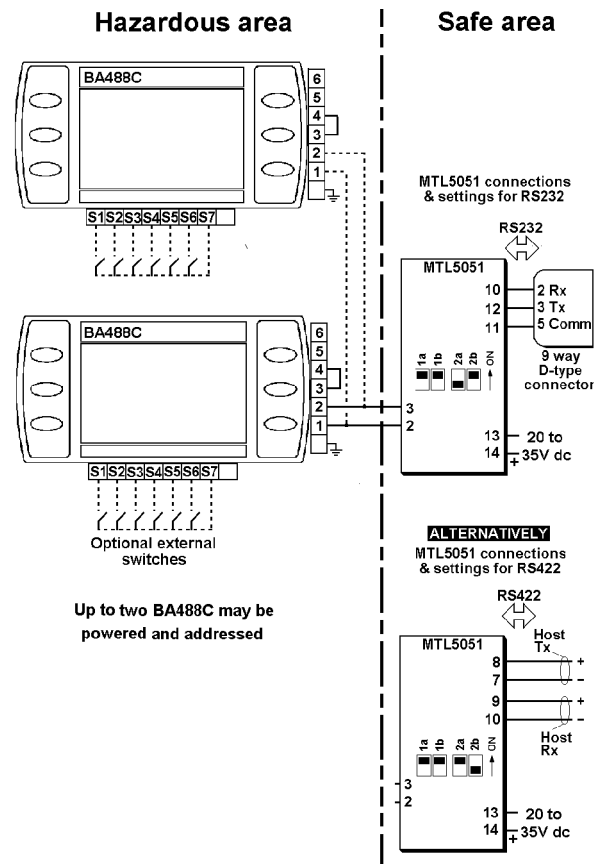


Fig 4 Two wire system for RS232 or RS422

**5.2.4 Three wire system**

The three wire system shown in Fig 5 conforms with system certificate Ex02E2038. It employs an additional galvanic isolator, the MTL5025 solenoid/ alarm driver, enabling up to four BA488C serial text displays to be powered and addressed. When more than two Serial Text Display are connected, the backlight brilliance of all the displays will be significantly reduced. With this configuration data may be transmitted and received at 1.2, 2.4, 4.8 or 9.6k baud.

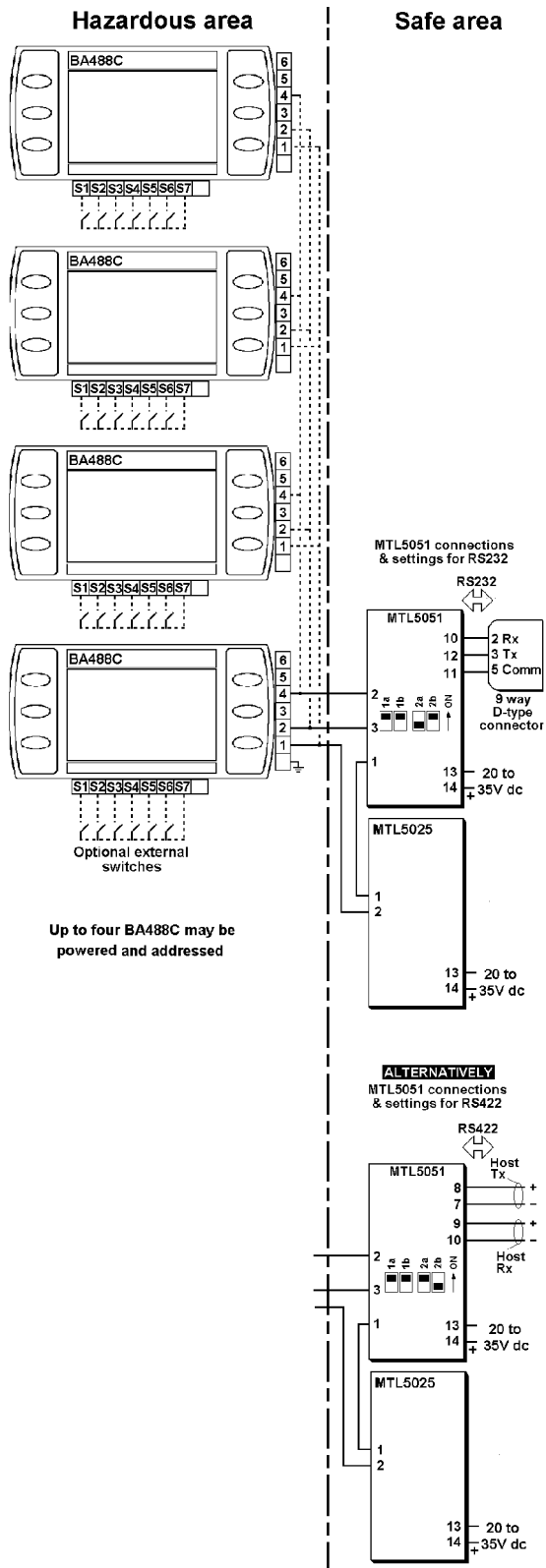


Fig 5 Three wire system for RS232 or RS422

**5.2.5 Four wire system**

The four wire system which is defined by ITS System Certificate Ex02E2039 and shown in Fig 6 allows communication at higher and lower rates than the other two MTL5051 configurations. It should be used for applications requiring fast display updates, or with slow data rates when long cable runs are required.

Data may be transmitted and received at 0.3, 0.6, 1.2, 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 and 19.2k baud.

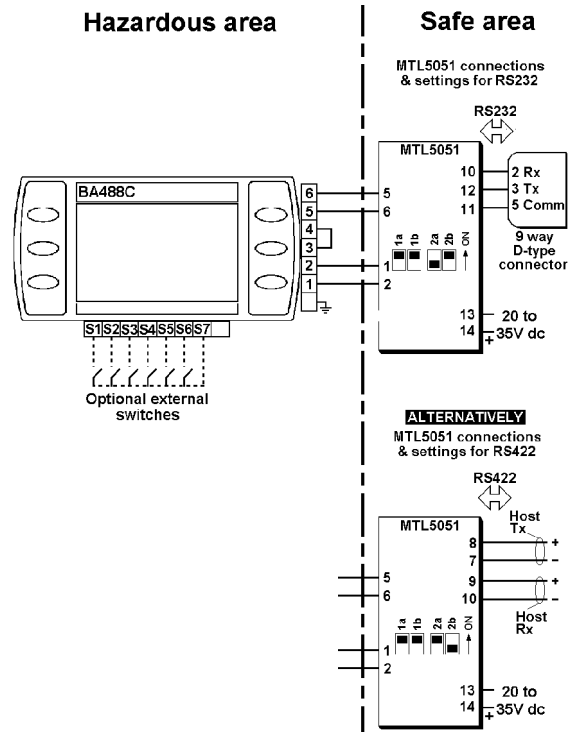


Fig 6 Four wire system for RS232 or RS422

### 5.3 Switch outputs

Each switch output is a galvanically isolated single pole solid state switch output as shown in Fig 7.

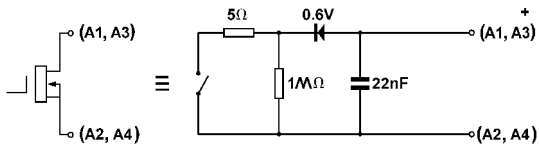


Fig 7 Equivalent circuit of each switch output

The outputs are polarised and current will only flow in one direction. Terminals A1 and A3 should be connected to the positive side of the supply.

$$R_{on} = 5\Omega + 0.7V$$

$$R_{off} = \text{greater than } 1M\Omega$$

**Note:** Because of the series protection diode, some test meters may not detect a closed alarm output

#### **WARNING**

**These switch outputs should not be used for critical safety applications such as an emergency shut down system.**

When the BA488C power supply is turned off or disconnected, both BA488C switch outputs will open irrespective of how they have been programmed.

## 6. INSTALLATION

### 6.1 Location

The BA488C is housed in a robust aluminium enclosure with a toughened glass window mounted in a Noryl bezel. The front of the instrument provides IP66 protection and a gasket seals the joint between the instrument enclosure and the panel. The instrument may be installed in any panel providing the environmental limits shown in the specification are not exceeded.

Fig 8 shows the overall dimensions of the BA488C and the panel cutout. To achieve an IP66 seal between the instrument enclosure and the panel, the smaller cutout must be used and the instrument secured with four panel mounting clips.

The BA488C liquid crystal display has maximum contrast when viewed from directly ahead and slightly below the centre line of the instrument.

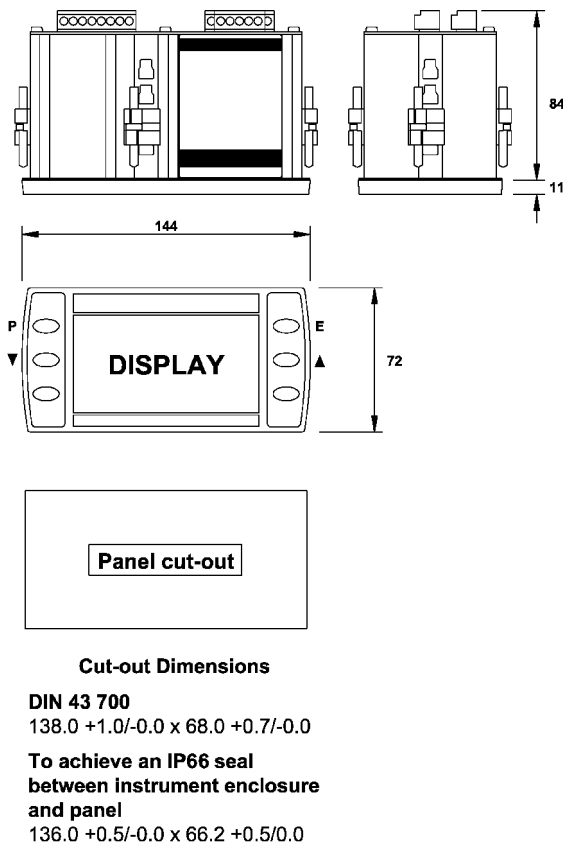
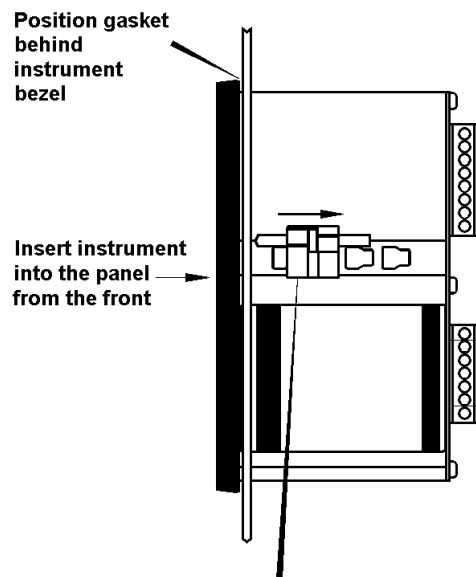


Fig 8 BA488C dimensions

### 6.2 Installation Procedure

- Insert the BA488C into the instrument panel cut-out from the front of the panel.
- Fix panel mounting clips to opposite sides of the instrument and tighten. Recommended tightening torque is 22cNm (1.95lbf in). **Do not over tighten**. Four clips are required to achieve an IP66 seal between the instrument enclosure and the panel.
- Connect the panel wiring to the rear terminal block(s) as shown in Fig 9. To simplify installation, the terminals are removable so that panel wiring can be completed before the instrument is installed.



Slide panel mounting clip into the slotted rail on the side of the enclosure. Four clips are required to achieve an IP66 seal between instrument and panel.

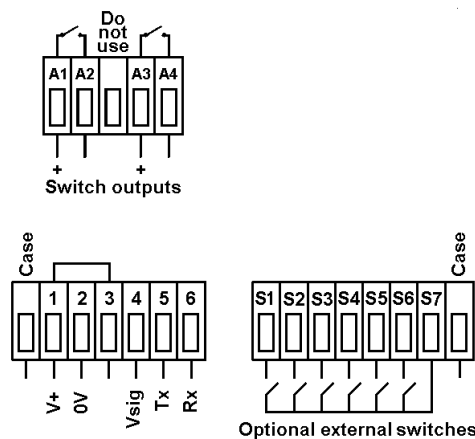


Fig 9 Installation and terminal connections

### **6.3 EMC**

The BA488C complies with the requirements of the European EMC Directive 2004/108/EEC. For specified immunity all wiring should be in screened twisted pairs.

To prevent circulating currents, cable screens should only be earthed at one point in the safe area.

## 7. CONFIGURATION

Before the BA488C can be commissioned it must be configured to be compatible with the host's communications format and have the required functions enabled.

The BA488C is configured via four of the front panel push-buttons. All the configuration functions are contained in an easy to use menu shown in Fig 10. Where necessary the sub-menus contain on-screen prompts to guide the user through each adjustment.

When navigating through the configuration menu, the push-button(s) should be held until the required screen is displayed.

### 7.1 Default configuration

Unless otherwise requested at time of ordering, BA488C text displays will be supplied configured as follows:

Baud rate	9.6k
Data bits	8
Stop bit	1
Parity	None
Protocol	BEKA
Units	Single
Address	0
Operational mode	1
Keypad	Internal
Display brightness	100%
Display contrast	50%
Limit backlight	On
Quick access menu	On
Show Status Text	On
Set Last Valid Input	8
Quick access menu code	0000
Configuration menu	
access code.	0000
Key mode	0
Screens	Text Display

### 7.2 Accessing the configuration menus

Throughout this manual push-buttons are shown in italics e.g. *P* or *Up* push-button, and legends displayed by the instrument are shown within inverted commas e.g. 'Please enter code'.

The configuration menu is accessed by operating the *P* and *E* push-buttons simultaneously. Fig 8 shows the location of these push-buttons. If the BA488C is not protected by an access code the main menu will be displayed. If an access code other than the default code 0000 has already been entered, the BA488C will request that the access code be entered.

Using the *Up* or *Down* button set the first digit of the code which will be flashing. Pressing *P* will transfer control to the next digit which should be

adjusted in the same way. When all four digits have been set, pressing the *E* button will enter the access code. If the code is correct the main menu will be displayed, if the code is incorrect 'Invalid code' will be displayed.

When entering an access code, timeout will occur and the instrument will automatically return to the operating mode ten seconds after the push-buttons were last operated. In all other menus timeout occurs after thirty seconds.

When the main menu is displayed the required sub-menu can be highlighted by scrolling through the menu using the *Up* or *Down* push-button. Operating the *P* push-button will display the highlighted sub-menu from which a further selection may be made. After a configuration parameter has been adjusted, pressing the *E* button will enter the selection and move the display up one level.

After configuration has been completed, operating the *E* push-button repeatedly will return the instrument display to the main menu. One more operation of the *E* button will then return the BA488C to the operating mode.

### 7.3 Summary of configurable functions

This section provides a brief explanation of each configurable function and should be read in conjunction with Fig 10.

#### Scripts

This is only included in the menu when a Script has been loaded into the BA488C.  
See *Serial Text Display – Programming Guide* for details.

#### View settings

Displays the instruments main communication settings. Adjustments can not be made from this sub-menu.

#### Baud rate

Data rate may be set to seven speeds between 0.3 and 19.2k baud. Allowable rates depend upon the system in which the BA488C is used.

#### Data bits

7 or 8 data bits may be selected. 8 bit data is required in BEKA mode for graphics, for error checked modes and for Modbus.

#### Stop bits

1 or 2 stop bits may be selected.



**Parity**

An even, odd or no parity bit may be selected.

**Protocol**

BEKA, Legacy or Modbus protocol may be selected. The Legacy protocol is compatible with the MTL644.

**Units**

Selects single or multiple BA488C displays connected to a single BA201 or MTL5051.

**Address**

Each text display must be allocated a unique address in following range:

Modbus protocol	1 – 247	] Zero reserved for single unit applications.
BEKA protocol	0 – 247	
Legacy protocol	0 – 15	

**Operational mode**

Five levels of communications security may be selected, ranging from immediate execution of a command with no acknowledgement, to a requirement for a 16 bit cyclic redundancy check. See the *Serial Text Display - Programming Guide* for a detailed explanation. This function is not available when Legacy protocol is selected.

**Key mode**

Key press data can be returned in three ways. See Response Format Section in the *Serial Text Display - Programming Guide*. Not applicable in the legacy mode.

**Keypad**

This function allows the instrument front panel push-buttons or external push-buttons to be used for operator inputs. Whichever are selected, the instrument front panel push-buttons are used for configuration. This function is not available when Legacy protocol is selected.

**Screens**

One of eleven standard screens or a custom screen may be selected  
Not applicable with Legacy protocol.

**Display settings**

Allows the backlight brightness and contrast of the BA488C display to be adjusted.

**Limit backlight**

When 'On' is selected the maximum backlight brightness will be automatically set depending upon whether a 'Single Unit' or 'Multiple Unit' has been selected in the configuration menu. When 'Off' is selected the automatic brilliance limit is overridden for special applications. e.g. Two text displays on a three wire system.

**Quick access menu**

This function enables the quick access menu described in section 7.4. When 'On' is selected an operator can adjust the screen brilliance and contrast without having access to other conditioning parameters.

**Access code for the Quick Access Menu**

'Access Code' in the display menu defines the four digit alphanumeric code that must be entered to gain access to the instrument's quick access menu. Alpha characters are case sensitive. Default code 0000 allows direct access without a code.

**Status Text**

The two single variable screens include a message 'Status: Good or Status: Bad', the Status Text function allows this message to be inhibited.

**Variable Color**

The background color of variables depends on the IN\_X Status Coils. 'Status: Good or Status: Bad' set a normal or inverted color on the variable's background. *'For further information regarding status please refer to the "Data Status" paragraph on page 8 of "Modbus Interface Guide" or page 16 of the "Programming guide"'*

**Last Valid Input**

This function allows the number of process variables to be entered so that when scrolling the display unused screens are not shown.

**Access code for the Configuration Menu**

'Code' in the main menu defines the four digit alphanumeric code that must be entered to gain access to the instrument configuration menus. Alpha characters are case sensitive. Default code 0000 allows direct access without a code.

**Unit information**

Displays the instrument model number and the firmware version.

**Configuration defaults**

This function allows the configuration default defined in section 7.1 to be globally set.

#### 7.4 Quick Access Menu

The quick access menu allows an operator to adjust the backlight brilliance and the display contrast without having access to the other configuration parameters.

The quick access menu is accessed by operating the *P* and *Up* push-buttons simultaneously. Fig 8 shows the location of these push-buttons. If the quick access menu is not protected by an access code the brilliance and contrast controls will be displayed immediately. If an access code other than the default code 0000 has already been entered, the BA488C will request that the access code be entered. Section 7.2 explains how an access code should be entered.

The backlight brilliance is adjusted using the *Up* and *Down* push-buttons. Operating the *P* push-button will transfer control to the display contrast adjustment. When both are set as required operating the *E* button will store both settings and return the instrument to the operating mode.

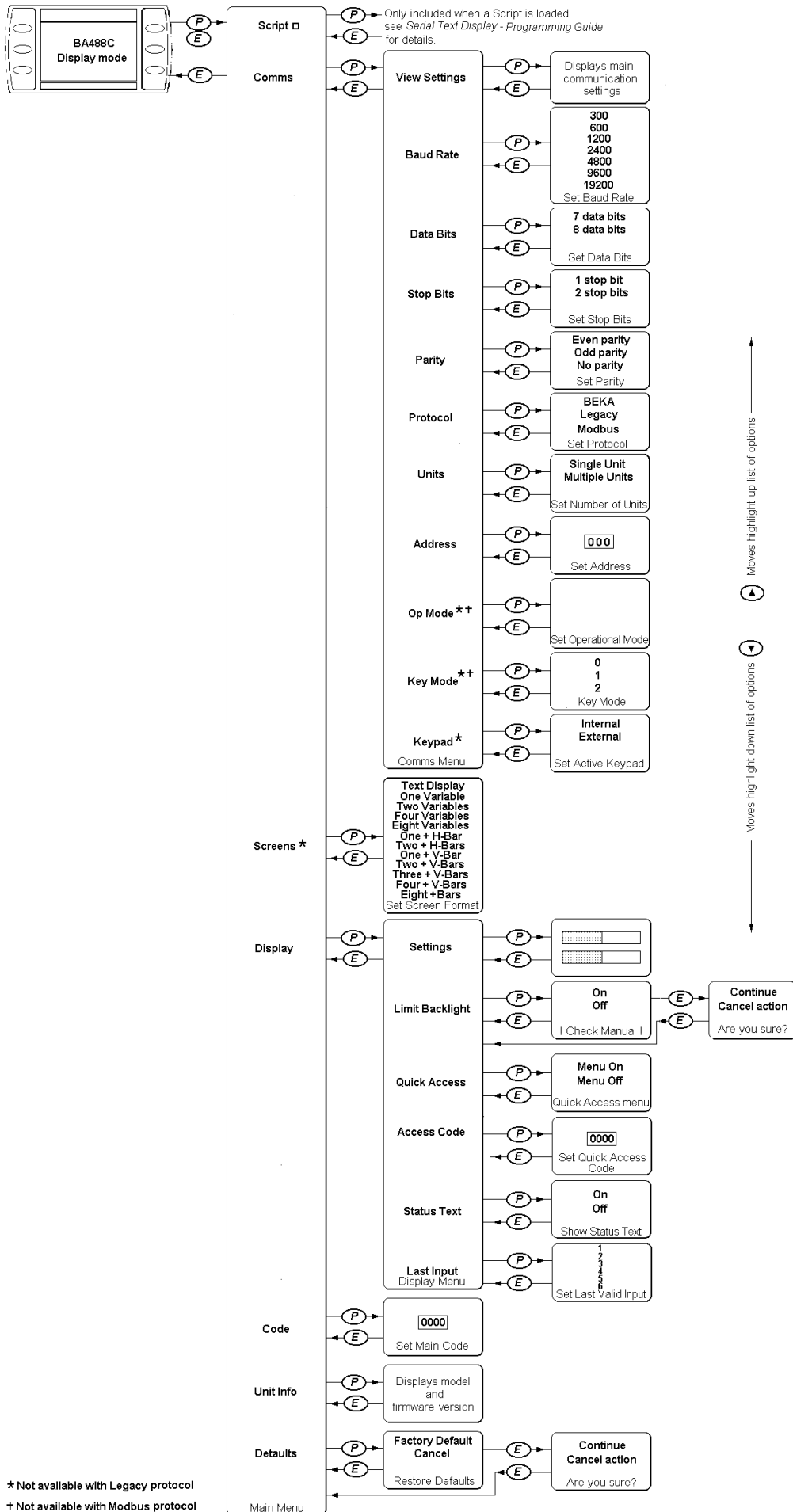


Fig 10 Structure of Configuration Menu

## 8. MAINTENANCE

### 8.1 Fault finding during commissioning

If a BA488C fails to function during commissioning the following procedure should be followed:

Symptom	Cause	Check:
No Display	No Power  Incorrect wiring	That there is 10 to 14 volts between terminal 1 and 2 of the seven way connector. Terminal 1 should be positive.
No Communication	Communications parameters incorrectly set	Baud rate, data bits, stop bits and parity settings match those of the host.  If MTL5051 used Position of configuration switches on MTL5051 Serial Data Comms Isolator.  If BA201 is used. Port on BA201 Communications Isolator.
	Incorrect Protocol	Protocol settings in "Comms" Menu
	Incorrect wiring	Wiring is as shown in diagram for chosen configuration
	Address incorrect in Multidrop Mode	Address setting in "Comms" menu
Poor Communication	Too many BA488C displays on the line.  Lines too long  Communication speed too fast.	Configuration settings.  Installation guidelines
Dark Display	Contrast too high	Contrast level in "Display Settings" menu
No Backlight or Backlight dim	Backlight off or set low or  Multidrop mode in use	Brightness level in "Display Settings" menu  Units setting in "Comms" menu
Cannot enter configuration menu	Push-buttons not held for long enough (up to 2 seconds required)  Menu inhibited	Send "Configuration Enable" command (BEKA protocol)  Restart unit (Legacy protocol)

### 8.2 Fault finding after commissioning

#### ENSURE PLANT SAFETY BEFORE STARTING MAINTENANCE

**Live maintenance is permitted on intrinsically safe equipment installed in a hazardous area, but only certified test equipment should be used unless a gas clearance certificate is available.**

If a BA488C fails after it has been functioning correctly, the table shown in section 8.1 may help to identify the cause of the failure.

If this procedure does not reveal the cause of the fault, please contact BEKA or our local agent.

### 8.3 Servicing

We recommend that faulty BA488C serial text displays are returned to BEKA associates or to our local agent for repair.

### 8.4 Routine maintenance

The mechanical and electrical condition of the instrument should be regularly checked. Initially annual inspections are recommended, but the inspection frequency should be adjusted to suit the environmental conditions.

### 8.5 Guarantee

Instruments which fail within the guarantee period should be returned to BEKA associates or our local agent. It is helpful if a brief description of the fault symptoms is provided.

### 8.6 Customer comments

BEKA associates is always pleased to receive comments from customers about our products and services. All communications are acknowledged and whenever possible, suggestions are implemented.

## **9. ACCESSORIES**

### **9.1 Tag number**

The BA488C can be supplied with a thermally printed tag number on the rear panel. This tag number is not visible from the front of the instrument after installation.

### **9.2 Serial Text Display - Programming Guide**

A detailed guide to programming the BA488C serial text display using BEKA protocol may be requested from the BEKA sales office or downloaded from the BEKA website at [www.beka.co.uk](http://www.beka.co.uk).

### **9.3 Serial Text Display – Modbus Interface Guide**

This guide explains how to use the BA488C serial text display as a slave in Modbus RTU systems. It may be requested from the BEKA sales office or downloaded from the BEKA website at [www.beka.co.uk](http://www.beka.co.uk).

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## APPENDIX 1

### Getting Started Quickly

This appendix provides simple step-by-step instructions to get a BA488C Serial Text Display functioning quickly.

### Communication

1. Using a BA201 Communications Isolator choose a two or three wire system – see Figs 2 and 3. Connect the safe area communications cable to the required port on the BA201.

or

Using a MTL5051 Serial Data Comms Isolator choose a two, three or four wire system - see Figs 4, 5 & 6.

Set the DIP switches on the top of the top of the MTL5051 isolator to provide the required port (RS232 or RS422) and connect the safe area communications cable to the correct terminals.

2. Apply power to the galvanic isolator(s).
3. The BA488C will display the model number and software details for a few seconds before reverting to the BEKA logo.
4. To set the instrument's basic communications parameters enter the configuration menu by pressing the *P* and *E* push-buttons simultaneously. Fig 10 shows the menu structure and navigation.  
The *P* button enters a menu, the *Up* and *Down* buttons select the required sub-menu or setting and the *E* button enters the selection and moves the display up one level.

The following menu items must be configured before use:

Parameter	Select
Baud Rate	Comms. speed
Data Bits	7 or 8 data bits
Stop Bits	1 or 2 stop bits
Parity	Even, odd or none
Protocol	BEKA, Legacy or Modbus.
Units	1 or more displays per BA201 or MTL5051 isolator.
Address	Range depends on protocol: Legacy 1 to 15 BEKA 0 to 247 Modbus 0 to 247

The host and BA488C Serial Text Display should now be able to communicate with each other.

### Modbus protocol

Using Modbus and one of the nine standard screens is the easiest way to display process variables on a BA488C serial text display.

Select one of the standard screens shown in section 3.2 from the 'Screens' sub-menu.

Modbus register addresses for the instrument are shown in the *BEKA Serial Text Display – Modbus Interface Guide*, which is available from the BEKA sales office or from [www.beka.co.uk](http://www.beka.co.uk)

### BEKA protocol

Please refer to the *BEKA Serial Text Display – Programming Guide* which is available from the BEKA sales office or from [www.beka.co.uk](http://www.beka.co.uk)

**APPENDIX 2**

**FM approval for use in USA and cFM Approval for use in Canada**

**A2.0 Factory Mutual Approval**

For installations in the USA and Canada the BA488C has FM and cFM intrinsically safe and nonincendive approvals, project identification 3025514 and 3032633C. Copies of the Certificates of Compliance are available from BEKA associates and our US agent.

**A2.1 Intrinsic safety approval**

The BA488C is approved to the FM Class 3610 intrinsic safety standard for use in hazardous (classified) locations. Installations must comply with BEKA associates Control Drawing CI480-07, which is attached to this Appendix, ANSI/ISA RP12.06.01 'Installation of Intrinsically Safe Systems for Hazardous (Classified) Locations' and with the National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA70.

Canadian installations must comply with the Canadian Electrical Code C22.2 and the BEKA Control Drawing CI480-07.

The BA488C has a T4 rating at ambient temperatures up to +60°C and may be used with the following gases:

<b>Intrinsic Safety</b>	
Division 1 or 2	
Class I	Group A & B Group C Group D
Zone 0, 1 or 2	
Class 1	Group IIC Group IIB Group IIA

The FM entity parameters are similar to the ATEX parameters. The intrinsically safe circuits shown in this manual may therefore be used for installations complying with the FM Approval.

For use with the BA201 Communications Isolator the installation must comply with FM Approvals Control Drawings CI201-12 for the BA201 Communications Isolator, and with Control Drawing CI480-07 for the Intrinsically Safe BA484D & BA488C Serial Text Displays. Both are included in this Appendix.

**A2.2 Nonincendive approval**

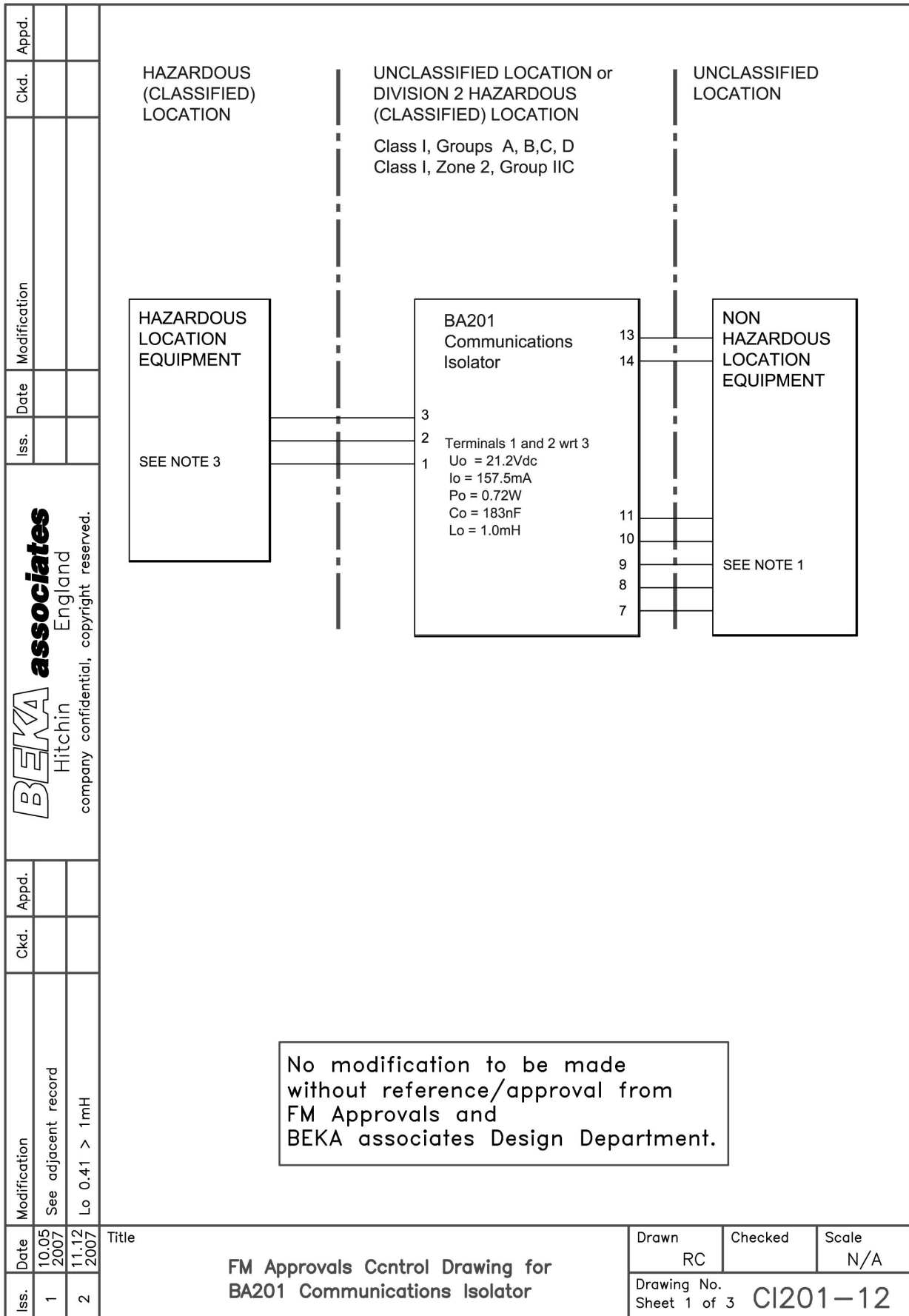
The BA488C is Class 3611 nonincendive approved by Factory Mutual allowing it to be installed in Division 2 hazardous (classified) locations without the need for Zener barriers or galvanic isolators. Installations must comply with the BEKA associates Control Drawing CI480-08, which is attached to this Appendix, and with the National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA70.

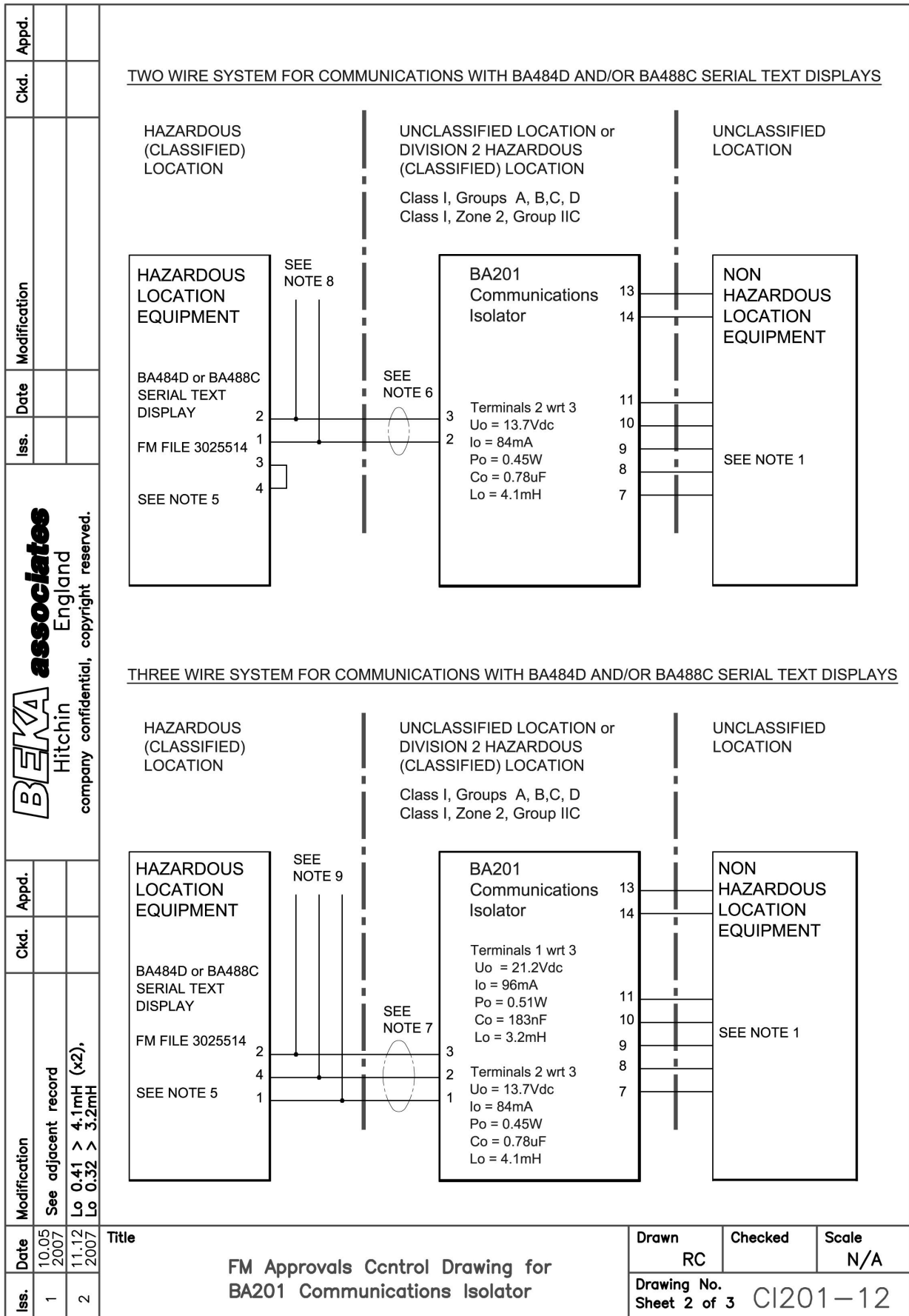
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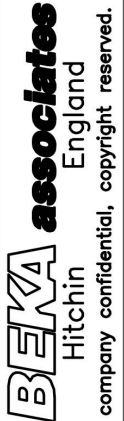
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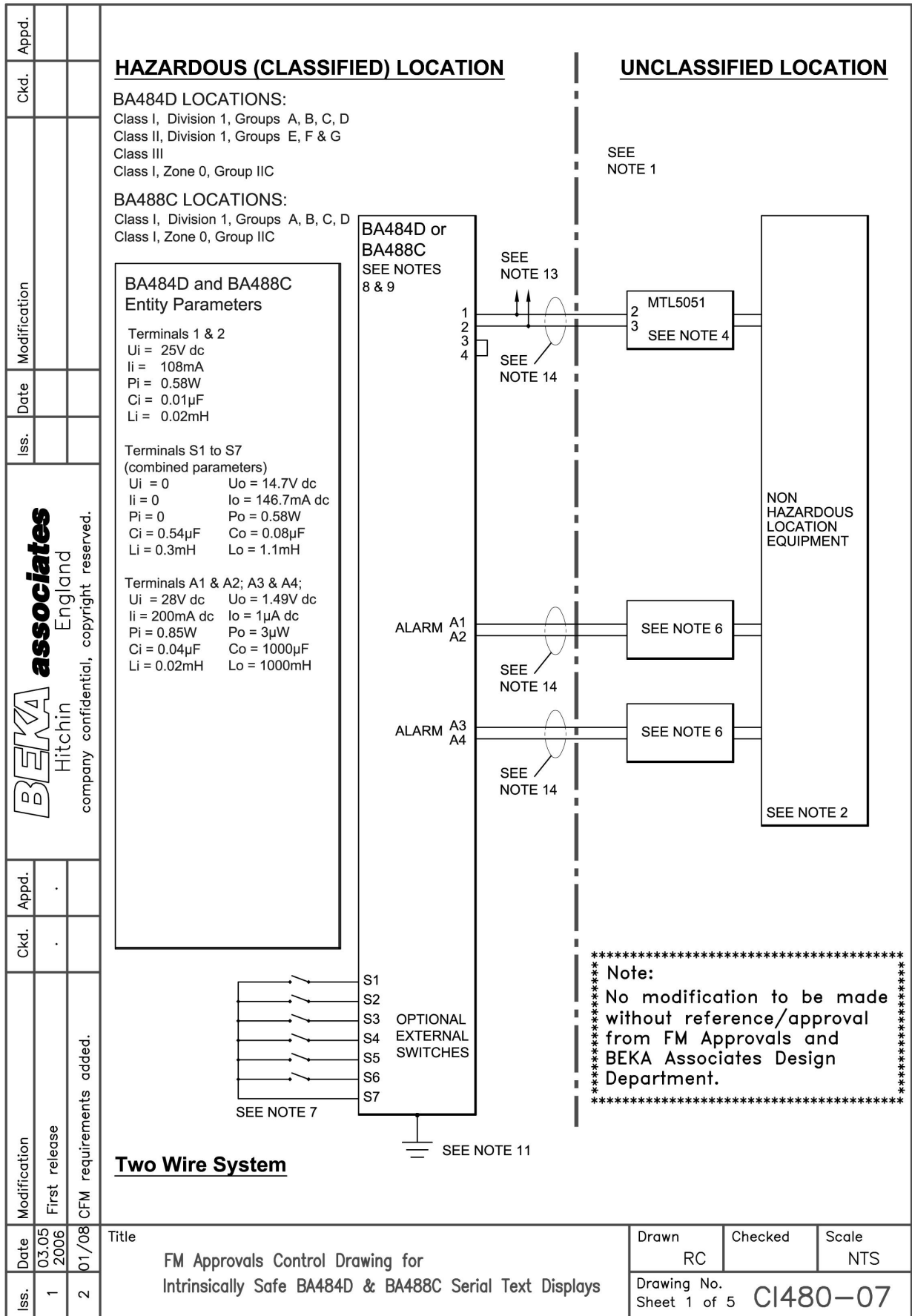
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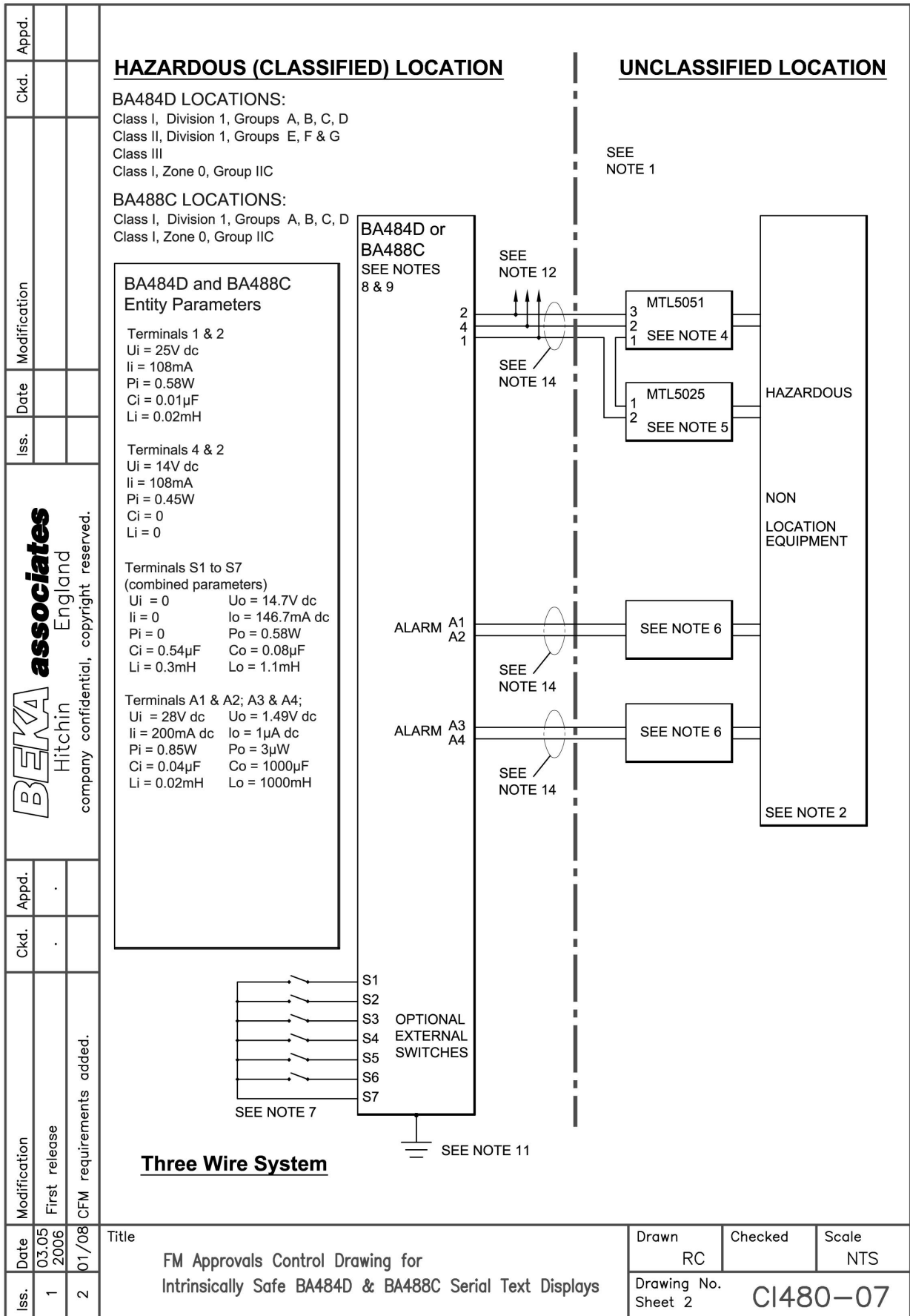
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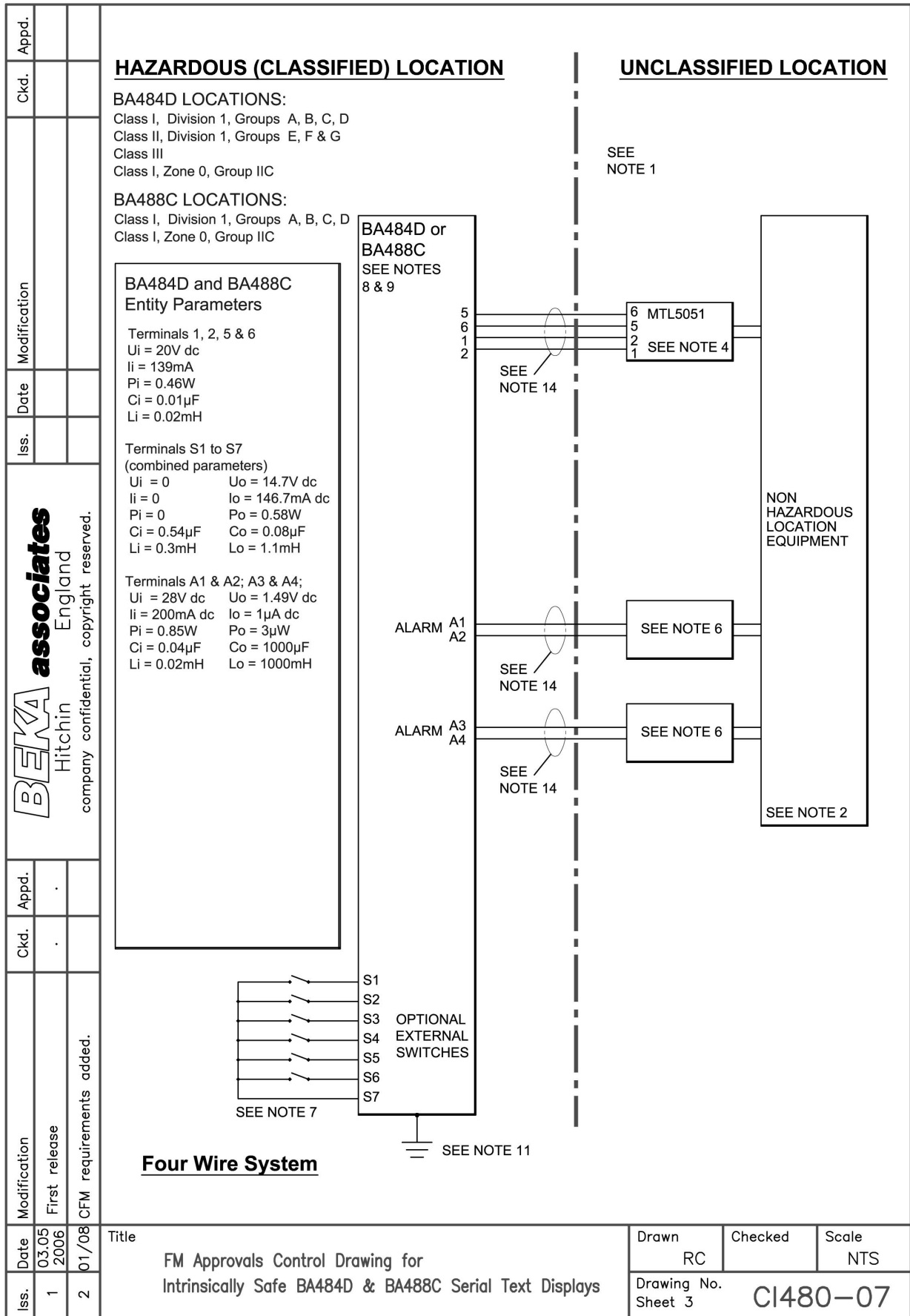
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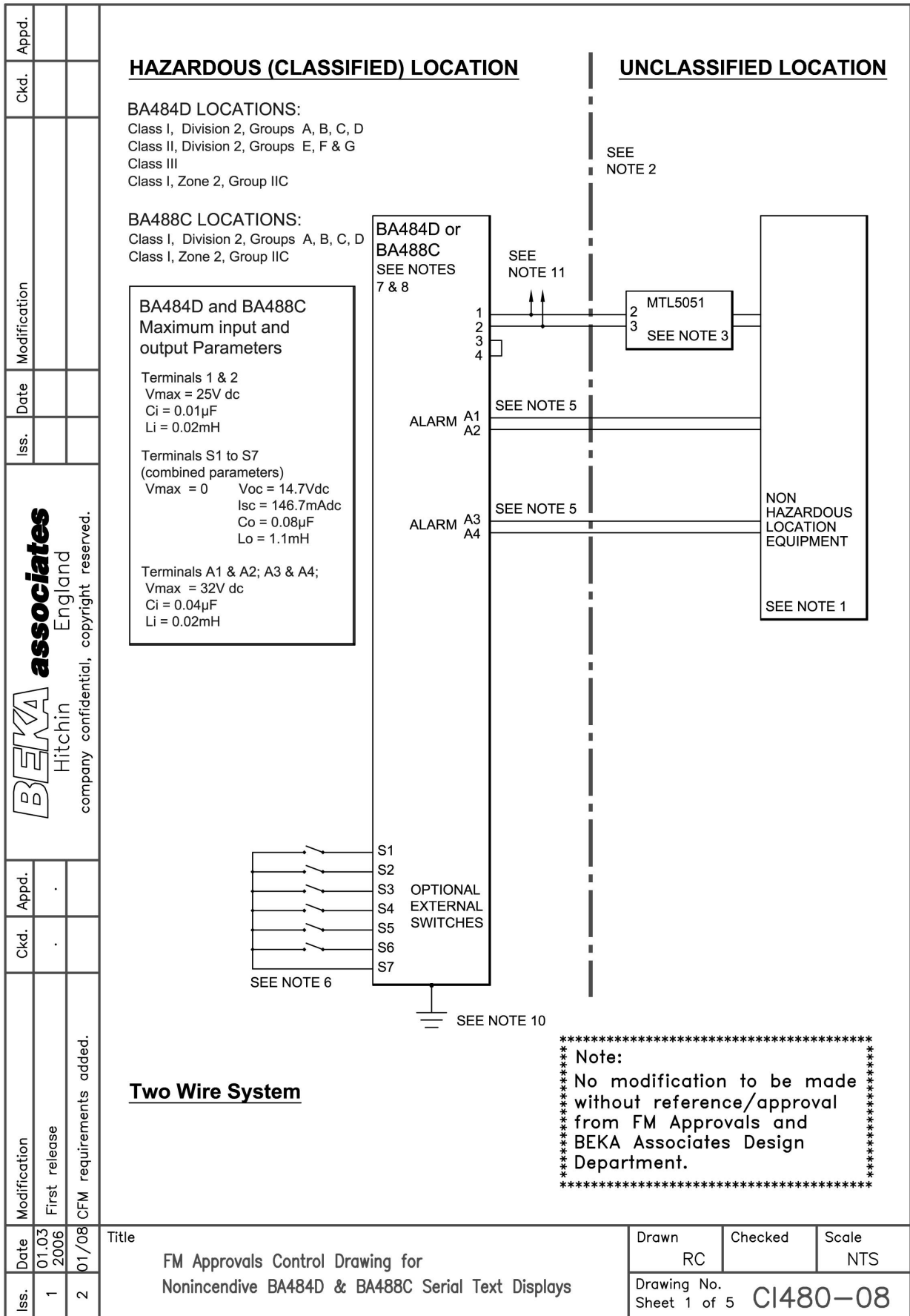
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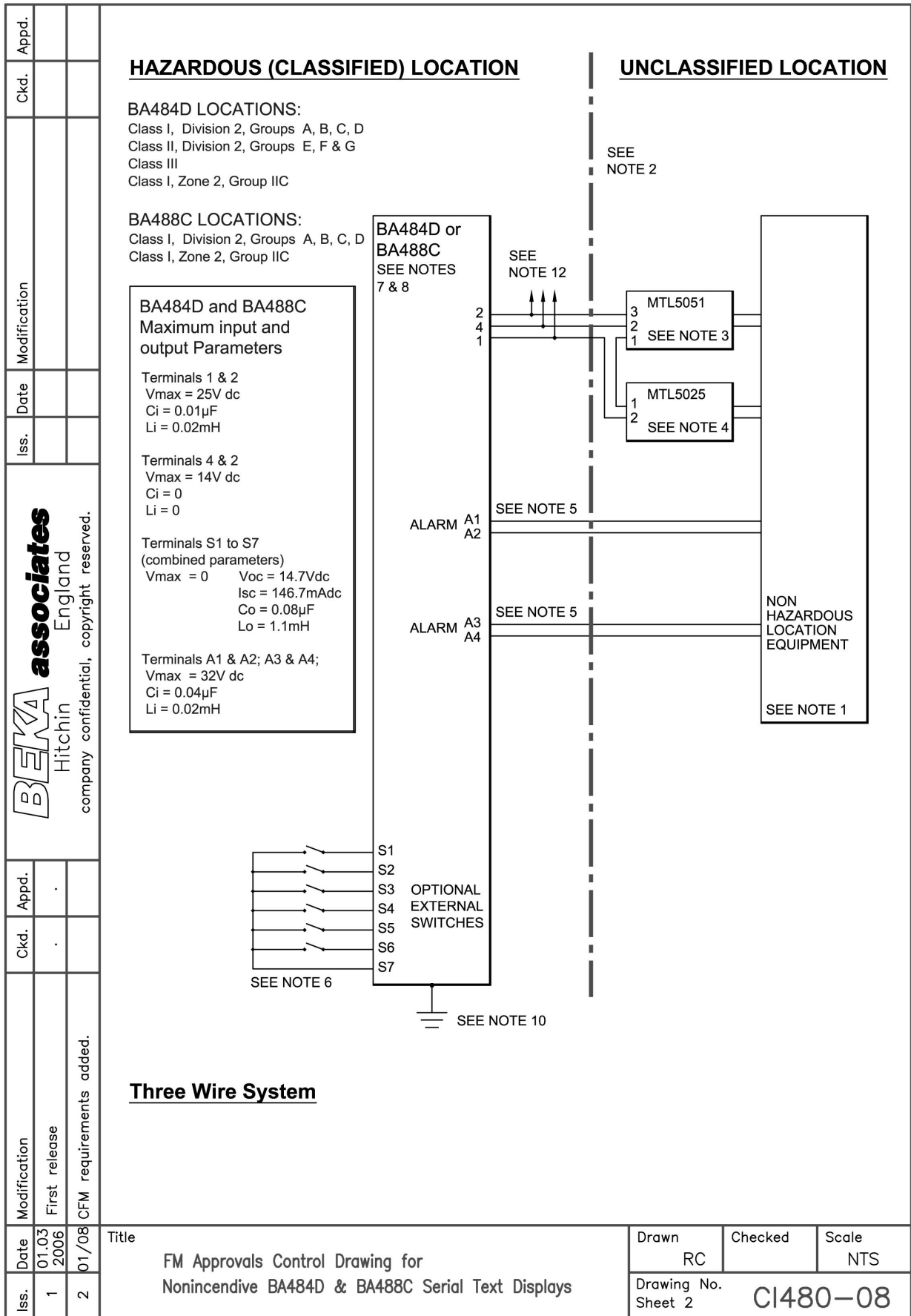


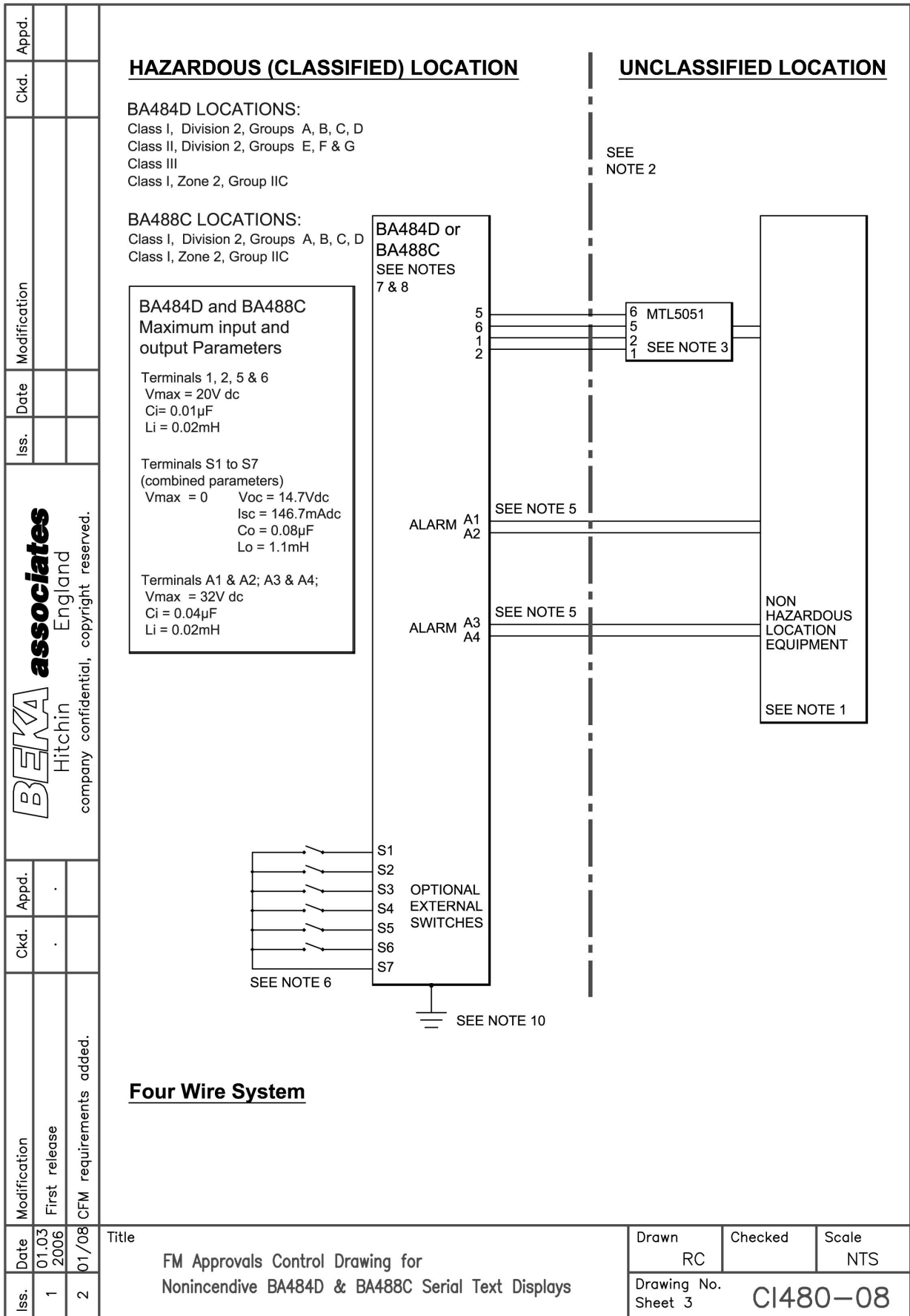
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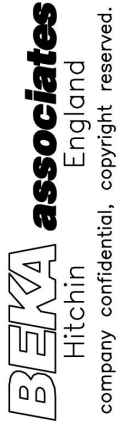






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## APPENDIX 3 IECEX Certification

### A3.0 The IECEx Certification Scheme

IECEX is a global certification scheme for explosion protected products which aims to harmonise international certification standards.

For additional information about the IECEx certification scheme and to view the BEKA associate certificates, please visit [www.iecex.com](http://www.iecex.com)

### A3.1 IECEx Certificate of Conformity

The BA488C Serial Text Display has been issued with an IECEx Certificate of Conformity number IECEx ITS 07.0021X which specifies the following certification code:

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Ta = -40°C to 60°C

When connected to an IECEx certified galvanic isolator, such as the BA201 Communications Isolator, the BA488C may be installed in:

- Zone 0 explosive gas air mixture continuously present.  
**(Special conditions apply see below)**
- Zone 1 explosive gas air mixture likely to occur in normal operation.
- Zone 2 explosive gas air mixture not likely to occur, and if it does will only exist for a short time.

Be used with gases in groups:

- Group A propane
- Group B ethylene
- Group C hydrogen

Having a temperature classification of:

- T1 450°C
- T2 300°C
- T3 200°C
- T4 135°C
- T5 100°C

At an ambient temperature between -40 and +60°C.

**Note:** the guaranteed operating temperature range of the BA488C Serial Text Display is -20 to +60°C

This allows the BA488CF to be used with most common industrial gases. The IECEx safety parameters are identical to the ATEX parameters.

### Special conditions for safe use in Zone 0

**In the unlikely event of installation in a Zone 0 potentially explosive atmosphere, the BA488C Serial Text Display shall be installed such that even in the event of rare incidents, an ignition source due to impact or friction between the aluminium enclosure at the rear of the instrument mounting panel and iron/steel is excluded.**

The IECEx certificate may be downloaded from [www.beka.co.uk](http://www.beka.co.uk), [www.iecex.com](http://www.iecex.com) or requested from the BEKA sales office.

### A3.2 Installation

The BA488CF IECEx and ATEX certifications have identical intrinsic safety parameters and installation requirements. The ATEX system design requirements described in section 5.1 of this manual may therefore be used for IECEx installations, but the local code of practice should always be consulted.