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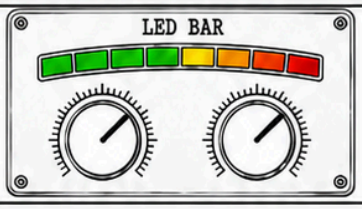	Dual-dial calibration procedure.
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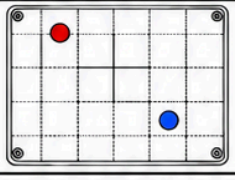	Grid navigation, route guidance, and map reference.
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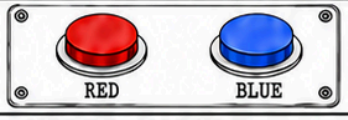	Sequential button input and button validation.
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SECTION 0 — GENERAL OPERATING PROTOCOL

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SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFUSAL PROCEDURE

MISSION OBJECTIVE: PROJECT FIRECRACKER (CONFIDENTIAL)

Your primary directive is to guide your field asset through the non-destructive neutralisation of an active, multi-module explosive device before the clock runs out. Failure to follow these exact procedures will result in a rapid increase in room temperature.

0.1 The Golden Rules

Corporate liability insurance strictly covers your designated role and your role only:

- **The Expert (You):** The brains, you must maintain zero physical and visual contact with the bomb. Far too risky up close anyway.
- **The Operator:** They are the hands, they are paid to turn dials and pull wires. Reading this manual is well above their pay grade.

0.2 Shift Schedule

To ensure compliance with labour laws, please closely follow this procedure:

- **Managing Time:** Keep watching the timer. This lets you know how long you have until you lose. It cannot be paused or reset, and will *not* wait for you to refill your coffee.
- **Efficiency Tax:** Being bad at your jobs is ill-advised. Any mistake made by the operator tends to cause instability in the device, resulting in the loss of at least 3 seconds.
- **Clock in:** When you're ready to begin, get the operator to pick up the key, insert it and turn the device on. Congratulations, you are now in danger
- **Clocking out:** Once and only once every single section is fully neutralised, the operator must turn the key to the OFF position. Turning it off before properly neutralising the device is ill advised due to the sheer amount of paperwork and clean-up involved.

Module Defusal Procedures

EXPERT EYES ONLY

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROTOCOL

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THERMAL INSTABILITY DETECTED

The amateur who wired up the device clearly didn't understand much about power regulation. Whenever a module is taken offline there is a sudden and violent voltage spike which has a chance to send the bomb into thermal runaway, which even for a bomb is pretty unsafe.

Luckily due to their poor design knowledge the workaround is incredibly simple, and from our understanding *should hopefully* also prevent it from overheating in the future. The only slight downside is that it requires the operator sticking their face within a few centimetres of the device while it's unstable!

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This will be made evident by the following indicators:

- Some displays beginning to flicker
- The screen displays “Core Overheating”
- A really annoying alarm sound

When the operator experiences any of these things, **IMMEDIATELY** return to this page. Tell the operator to stop what they are doing and perform the following steps:

- Look for a circular black vent on the back right of the device.
- Blow into the vent to cool it down.
- Maintain a constant stream of cool air until the beeping stops, this should only take about 5-10 seconds.

SECTION 1 — FREQUENCY SCRAMBLING MODULE

DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: ~~RESTRICTED ACCESS~~
MODULE DESIGNATION: DUAL-DIAL CALIBRATION SYSTEM
MODULE ID: 54F-3W1-R35

1.1 Dial Calibration Protocol

This module requires the Operator to turn the two dials in a specific sequence to scramble the communication systems within the bomb. Extensive research shows that there are 5 possible combinations the device could want, all helpfully tied to the serial number. Figuring out which combination to use takes only a little bit of primary school maths.

Incorrect inputs will incur a **3 second penalty.**

- Sum the 4 digits of the serial number (ABCD-**XXXX**).
- Calculate the sum of these digits, modulo 5 (keep subtracting 5 until you can't, it's the number left over).
- Look that number up in the table below and instruct the operator to turn the corresponding dials until they click the respective number of times.

They'll know they've done this step correctly if the LED bar on the front of the device decreases after each set of dial turns.

0	1	2	3	4
3 DOWN	2 RIGHT	4 DOWN	3 RIGHT	1 UP
2 LEFT	3 UP	1 LEFT	2 UP	4 RIGHT
2 UP	1 RIGHT	…	1 LEFT	1 DOWN
…	…	…	2 DOWN	…

1.2 Terminal Node De-Energisation

After successfully scrambling the frequencies, you need to have the Operator permanently disable the communication module, by cutting or ripping out the wires on the side of the device.

The behaviour of the device if the Operator cuts the wrong wire is technically "unknown". Common speculation around the office is that it will trigger an immediate detonation, drastically shorten the countdown timer, or do absolutely nothing at all. Given the total lack of consensus, we strongly recommend you actually pay attention to the next step so the Operator doesn't fumble the only direct instruction you're about to give them.

Be Careful, if the Operator cuts the wrong wire it will trigger an immediate detonation!

- Ask the operator for the **final digit** in the serial number (ABCD-123**X**).
- Take this number to the handy table below and find the corresponding target wire.
- Tell the operator to **terminate the wire.** (Or just pull).

Serial Number Final Digit	Target Wire
0 or 5	RED (1)
1 or 6	BLUE (2)
2 or 7	YELLOW (3)
3 or 8	GREEN (4)
4 or 9	BLACK (5)

* The number denotes the wire when looking at the top row of plugs, count from left to right

SECTION 2 — PATHING PROTOCOL MODULE

DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: ~~RESTRICTED ACCESS~~
MODULE DESIGNATION: GRID-BASED PATHFINDING SYSTEM
MODULE ID: M4Z-3W1-R35

2.1 Interface Asymmetry

The operator should now have a grid of dots light up on the front of the device. This is an invisible maze. The operator cannot see the walls, but luckily, you can.
Through a monumental waste of our department's afternoon we managed to reverse-engineer these layouts for this manual.

Do not allow them to turn dials randomly; we do not have the budget for another prolonged structural incident.

2.2 Map Identification

The hardware cycles through four separate layout configurations. To identify which structural failure you are dealing with:

- Extract the **second letter** of the device serial number (A**X**CD-1234) from the Operator.
- Match that letter to the corresponding ranges to isolate the active map on the following page.

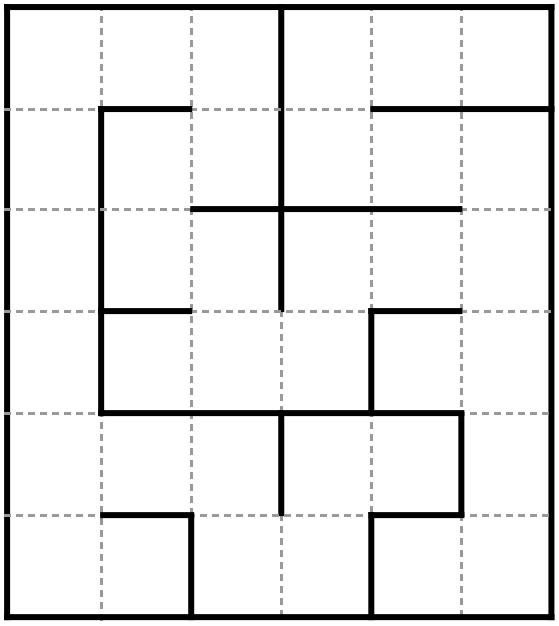
2.3 OPERATION PROTOCOL

Once the structural layout is identified, clear the active grid parameters by following the strict sequence:

- Instruct the Operator to relay the location of the two active glowing dots.
    - The **Red Dot** represents the **Operator's** current position.
    - The **Blue Dot** identifies the intended **target** destination.
- Relay navigation instructions to the **Operator** one step at a time.

Any physical collision between the **Operator** and a grid wall will result in an immediate **3-second time penalty.**

A – G



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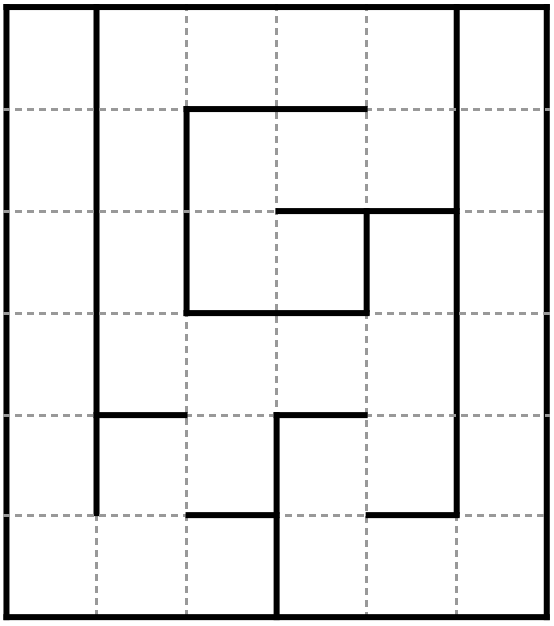

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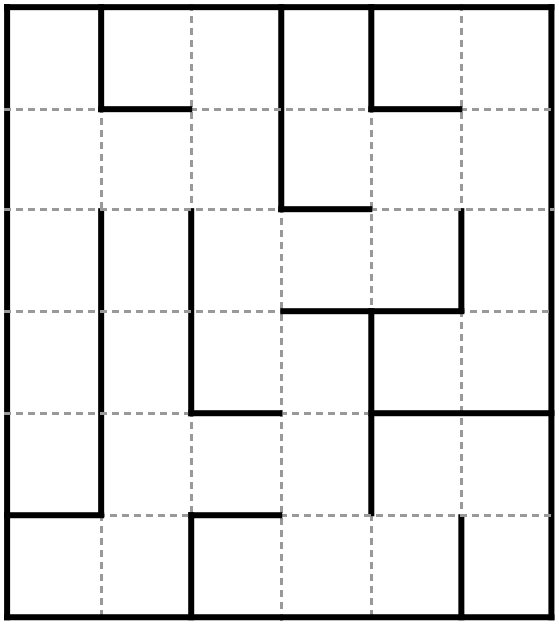

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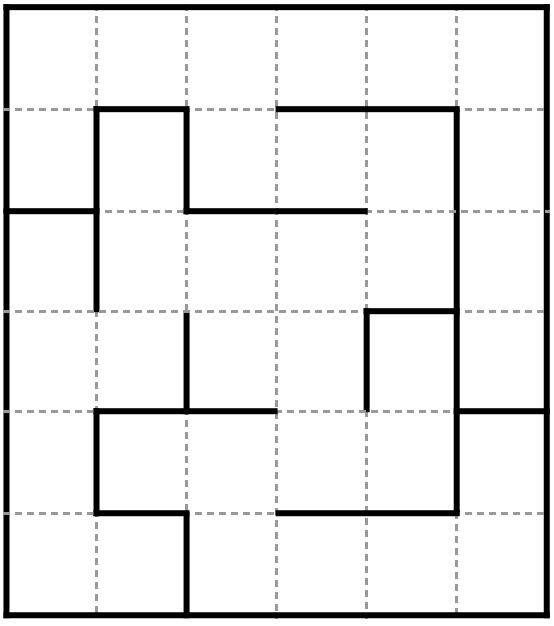

2.4 Terminal Node De-Energisation

Bypassing the software layer merely advances your shift closer to standard clock-out parameters. To permanently drop the pathing algorithms offline, you must additionally command a physical hardware termination.

While the internal analytics department remains reasonably confident in this data matrix , any unexpected post-mortem detonation must be manually documented and reported to Sgt. [redacted] for internal investigation.

Be Careful, if the Operator cuts the wrong wire it will trigger an immediate detonation!

1. Request the **first digit** of the serial number (ABCD-**X**234) from the operator.
2. Match that digit to the matrix below to isolate the designated wire.
3. Tell the operator to **terminate the wire.** (Or just pull).

Serial Number First Digit	Target Wire
0 or 1	🟦 BLUE (2) 🟦
2 or 3	🟨 YELLOW (3) 🟨
4 or 5	🟩 GREEN (4) 🟩
6 or 7	⬛ BLACK (5) ⬛
8 or 9	🟥 RED (1) 🟥

SECTION 3 — ENCRYPTION VALIDATION MODULE

DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: ~~RESTRICTED ACCESS~~
MODULE DESIGNATION: SEQUENTIAL INPUT VALIDATION SYSTEM
MODULE ID: 3V3-N0D-DW1

3.1 Description

The architect of this device implemented a sequential validation system to weed out operators with sub-standard short-term memory. The module consists of a red and a blue button.

Instruct the Operator to, in quick succession, input the button sequence derived from the serial number **digits** read **left to right**:

- **Even** numbers: Direct operator to press the **RED** Button
- **Odd** numbers: Direct operator to press the **BLUE** Button

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3.2 Terminal Node De-Energisation

Disconnecting this hardware layer is an administrative nightmare because our software division is entirely incompetent, leaving this routing matrix unnecessarily convoluted

- Request the **last letter** of the serial number (ABC**X**-1234) from the Operator.
- Isolate the **designated wire** via the chart below.
- Instruct the Operator to **terminate the wire**. If a sudden detonation occurs, file a formal grievance report regarding the intern's logic.

Serial Number Last Letter	Target Wire
A, F, K, P, U, OR Z	🟧 YELLOW (3) 🟧
B, G, L, Q, V, OR W	🟩 GREEN (4) 🟩
C, H, M, R, X, OR Y	⬛ BLACK (5) ⬛
D, I, N, S, OR T	🟥 RED (1) 🟥
E, J, OR O	🟦 BLUE (2) 🟦

SECTION 4 — LOCKOUT OVERRIDE MODULE

DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: ~~RESTRICTED ACCESS~~
MODULE DESIGNATION: REACTION TRIGGER EMERGENCY
MODULE ID: B16-R3D-BU7

4.1 OPERATION PROTOCOL

The amateur threat lazily mapped this final lockout override routine directly to the same red button utilised during your encryption sequence. Once all other threats are entirely offline, the Operator may resolve this final corporate hurdle by observing the following protocol:

- Instruct the Operator to closely watch the timer count down and preferably remain calm.
- Direct the Operator to press the red button **when** the number in the **third digit** of the serial number (ABCD-12**X**4), appears in any position on the timer.

Commanding this input incorrectly may result in the permanent, post-mortem conclusion of your corporate employment. Once this final validation layer is cleared, refer back to your initial Shift Schedule to determine the proper administrative procedure required to officially wrap up your shift.