

Clarification Request

References: ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2020, Checklist 23.3 Final

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Background: Supports receiving a DeviceCommunicationControl service request with a finite duration

Problem:

The device in question lacks an internal clock, which means it cannot handle requests with a with a finite duration.

The standard "K.5.6 BIBB, DM-DCC-B" states:

" Support for requests of a limited duration is required, and support for requests of an indefinite duration is optional."

However, section "16.1.1.3.1 Error Type" specifies:

"The device does not have a clock and the 'Time Duration' parameter is not set to 'indefinite.'"

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16.1.1.3 Result(-)

This parameter shall indicate that the service request has failed. The reason for failure shall be specified by the 'Error Type' parameter.

16.1.1.3.1 Error Type

This parameter consists of two component parameters: (1) the 'Error Class' and (2) the 'Error Code'. See Clause 18. The 'Error Class' and 'Error Code' to be returned for specific situations are as follows:

Situation	Error Class	Error Code
The password is invalid or absent when one is required.	SECURITY	PASSWORD_FAILURE
The device does not have a clock and the 'Time Duration' parameter is not set to "indefinite".	SERVICES	OPTIONAL_FUNCTIONALITY_NOT_SUPPORTED
If the request is valid and the 'Enable/Disable' parameter is the deprecated value DISABLE	SERVICES	SERVICE_REQUEST_DENIED

16.1.2 Service Procedure

After verifying the validity of the request, including the 'Time Duration' and 'Password' parameters, the responding BACnet-user shall respond with a 'Result(+)' service primitive. If the request is valid and the 'Enable/Disable' parameter is DISABLE_INITIATION, the responding BACnet-user shall discontinue the initiation of messages except for I-Am requests issued in accordance with the Who-Is service procedure and ConfirmedAuditNotification and UnconfirmedAuditNotification requests. Communication shall be disabled in this manner until either the 'Time Duration' has expired or a valid DeviceCommunicationControl (with 'Enable/Disable' = ENABLE) or, if supported, a valid ReinitializeDevice (with 'Reinitialized State of Device' = WARMSTART or COLDSTART) message is received.

If the responding BACnet-user does not have a clock and the 'Time Duration' parameter is not set to "indefinite," the APDU shall be ignored and a 'Result(-)' service primitive shall be issued. If the 'Password' parameter is invalid or absent when a password is required, the APDU shall be ignored and an Error-PDU with 'Error Class' = SECURITY and 'Error Code' = PASSWORD_FAILURE shall be issued.

If the request is valid and the 'Enable/Disable' parameter is the deprecated value DISABLE, the request shall be ignored and

Additionally, checklist 23.3 Final states:

"Support for finite duration is required if the device has an internal clock."

vice Management - Device Communication Control - B		
	R	Base Requirements
	C ¹	Supports receiving a DeviceCommunicationControl service request with a password
	C ¹	Supports receiving a DeviceCommunicationControl service request with no password
	C ^{2,3}	Supports receiving a DeviceCommunicationControl service request with a finite duration
	C ³	Supports receiving a DeviceCommunicationControl service request with an indefinite duration
	O	Supports DM-RD-B
	C ⁴	Supports receiving a DeviceCommunicationControl service request specifying DISABLE INITIATION.
¹ At least one of these options is required in order to claim conformance to this BIBB. ² This option is required if the device supports an internal clock. ³ At least one of these options is required in order to claim conformance to this BIBB. ⁴ Required if device implements protocol revision 4 or higher.		
vice Management - Reinitialize Device - A		
	R	Base Requirements
	R	Supports sending a ReinitializeDevice service request with an arbitrary password
	O	Supports sending a ReinitializeDevice service request with no password

There seems to be a contradiction between the BIBB section and the conditions mentioned in the other section and checklist. Which should we follow as the reference?

Question:

Does the device need to support finite duration and have an internal clock, or is it acceptable if it only supports indefinite duration because it doesn't have an internal clock?

Response:

The device is required to follow the DM-DCC-B BIBB and support the DeviceCommunicationControl Service with finite time duration.