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1. Safety Information



Caution! The equipment covered in this manual must be installed and operated as specified in this manual. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

For personal safety, the use of insulating gloves and safety glasses is recommended.

2. Description

2.1 iNX Mid-Block Crossing Push Button Station

The iNX is a mid-block crossing push button station (PBS). These PBSs are typically used in pairs, mounted on poles at each end of a mid-block crossing. The iNX push button station is designed for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) & other approved Flashing Pedestrian Crosswalk Systems.

The system consists of a 9"x12" instructional sign, a push button with directional arrow (bidirectional and blank buttons also available) for activating the flashing lights, a voice message, and one yellow LED above the push button that flashes when the street warning lights are flashing.

The iNX uses the same rugged housing as Polara's "iNS" iNavigator. In addition to the push button, the iNX contains a speaker, a 10-watt RMS audio amplifier, a noise monitoring microphone for auto volume control, and LED indication.

The iNX operates off of the warning light system control unit via six wire connections (see pages 6-7). The iNX has the same Bluetooth configuration interface as the "iNS" iNavigator, which is used to select audio messages, change settings, and download firmware updates.

The unit is supplied with mounting hardware and installation instructions. **This unit is not compatible with XAVCU controllers.**



2.1.1 Function

Push Button Station (PBS) for use on crosswalks with flashing yellow lights. Connects to warning light system control unit to enable triggering of crosswalk lights and can provide a locate tone and a voice message.

2.1.2 Features

- Instructional 9"x12" retro-reflective sign with tamper-resistant mounting screws
- One yellow LED that flashes when warning lights are flashing.
- ADA-compliant push button with directional arrow, field adjustable to point left, right, up, or down.
- 10-watt audio amplifier.
- Weather resistant speaker.
- Volume and other settings set using the free Polara Field Service App, connected over Bluetooth.
- Standard Message: "Yellow lights are flashing".
- Custom 1 Message: Standard Message in Spanish ("Las Luces amarillas estan relampaqueando").
- Custom 2 Message: Standard Message followed by Custom 1 message

2.1.3 Technical Specification-Electrical

| Power Requirements | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| DC In | 10-24 VDC |
| Lights In | 7-32VDC |
| Idle Current Draw | ~15mA @ 12 VDC (Locate Tone With Default Settings) |
| Peak Current Draw (15VDC input power) | ~500 mA with Voice Message at maximum |

2.1.4 Technical Specification-Mechanical

| Physical | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Frame and Button Cover | Cast Aluminum, Powder Coated |
| Housing | Reinforced, UL-listed Thermoplastic |
| Message Sign | Aluminum with Reflective Vinyl Sheeting |
| Push Button | Aluminum, Nickel Plated, Powder Coated |
| Installation | 3/4" or smaller banding or 2 tapped 1/4-20 holes on 6" centers; 1/2" or larger hole for wire access |
| Dimensions | |
| Width | 9"(with sign), 5.1" (without sign) |
| Length | 14.0" |
| Maximum Height | 2.6" |
| Weight | 4.0 lbs. (REF) |

2.1.5 Technical Specification-Operating Specifications

| Operating Specifications | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Parameter | Rating |
| Operating Temp. Range | -34°C to +74°C (-30°F to +165°F) |
| Storage Temp. Range | -45°C to +85°C (-50°F to +185°F) |
| Relative Humidity | 95% for Operating Temp |
| Ingress Protection | NEMA 4X (IP65), follow instructions for proper protection |
| Operating Force (Typ) Min | 0.5 to 1.0 lbs. |
| Operating Force (Typ) Max | 2.0 to 3.0 lbs. |
| Switch Operating Life | Greater than 20 million operations |
| Max Volume | 100 dB @ 1 meter |

2.1.6 Technical Specification-Compliance

| Design Compliance | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Test Type | Compliance |
| Functionality | MUTCD 2009-4E |
| Temperature and Humidity | NEMA TS2 |
| Mechanical Shock and Vibration | NEMA TS2 |
| iNX Enclosure | NEMA 250 Type 4X |

2.1.7 Default Message

The default standard English message: “yellow lights are flashing” is set, by default to play twice, per FHWA requirements.

3. Push Button Station Installation

NOTE: Prior to installation power should be removed from the warning light system control unit to avoid damage from accidental shorts to the aluminum pole.

INSTALLATION NOTE: You **MUST** install the Polara Field Service App to complete this installation. Polara suggest downloading it at this time.

- All of the available setup and maintenance procedures **MUST** be performed using a compatible iOS device or Android device. Your device must have iOS version 9.0 or higher or Android 5.0 (Lollipop) or higher.
- The Polara FS App will need to be installed on your device. It is available on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

3.1 iNX PBS

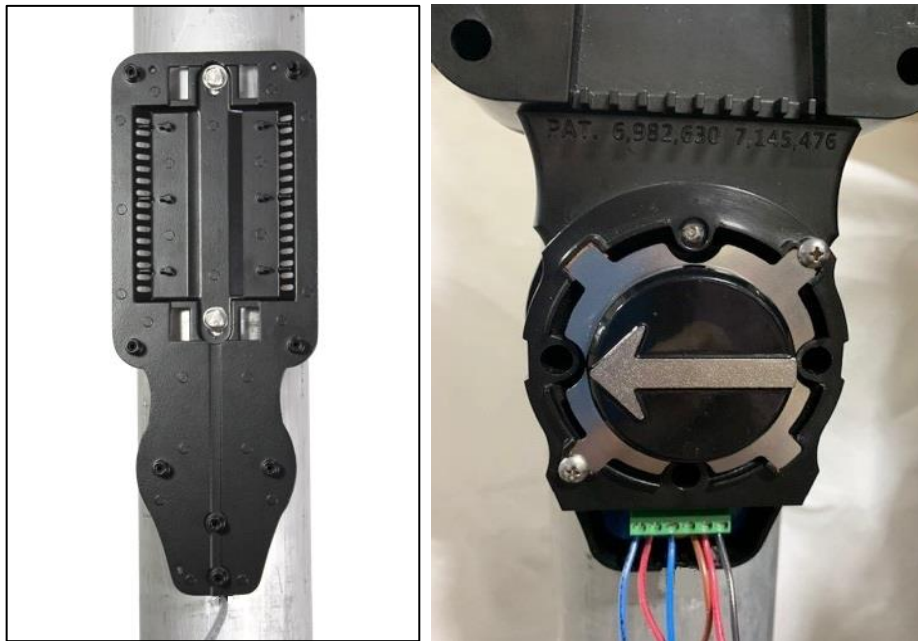
The iNX PBS must be mounted only in the upright orientation with the connection terminals at the bottom, any other mounting orientation will void the warranty. If retrofitting these buttons on a mid-block crossing with existing buttons, remove existing buttons. Our PBS requires the wires to reach the bottom of the unit. Verify 8” of wire extends beyond wire exit hole in pole. If enough wire is not available, evaluate whether a new, lower wire exit hole that would line up with the terminal block access point in the bottom of the PBS would provide adequate wire length. If yes, drill and

reroute wires, the optimal position of this hole is approx. 6.25" below the lower mounting hole. If not, you need to figure out a way to achieve more wire length.

The iNX PBS is a modular device consisting of a backplate, electronics module, speaker module, arrow button diaphragm, button cover, sign, and sign backplate. The PBS is shipped partially assembled to secure it during transport. To prepare for mounting, remove 3 screws from the lower cover. Remove all screws securing the sign and sign backplate if present. Remove EARTH ground screw located between the two terminal blocks at the bottom of the unit. Store this screw in a safe place, it ensures the unit is grounded to the pole, establishing a connection to Earth ground and must be re-installed. Verify the arrow on PBS module, if present, is oriented toward the associated crosswalk. If necessary, the button diaphragm assembly may be taken off and rotated as needed. Secure the button diaphragm in the correct orientation by tightening the two retaining screws with a Phillips-head screwdriver. **Please use caution as the metal button diaphragm is sharp.** Remove the electronics module and speaker module together from the back plate.

Position back plate on pole at correct height and orientation so arrow will point to ending of crosswalk on the opposite side of the street. Orientation is very important because a blind person uses the arrow and face of the sign to orient themselves to the direction of travel. Mark mounting bolt locations if existing holes not correctly located. MUTCD max. height is 48". Typical recommended height is 42", but can be lower. Drill and tap 1/4-20 bolt holes and wire access hole (if necessary). Route a 6-wire cable from the warning light system control unit to the PBS. The cable should be supplied by the customer/installer.

Position the backplate against the pole and route the wires forward near the bottom end of the backplate. Position the wire such that 3 or 4 inches of wire is available at the bottom of the backplate.



Attach the backplate to the pole using the provided 1/4-20 bolts with washers.

Re-install the electronics/speaker modules. Re-install the sign with the sign backplate, securing the PBS Module in place before wiring. Re-install EARTH ground connection screw to location between terminal blocks.

Connect the six wires from the warning light system control unit to the PBS' terminal block. Make sure the wiring matches at both ends according to the LIGHTS, BUTTON, PWR, and GND labels at the terminals. **See figure below.**



With the power on, check that the PBS is operational. Recheck tightness of all connections. Re-install the lower cover.

For programming and configuration of the iNX PBS, launch the Polara Field Service App and complete the sections of this User Manual listed below:

Section 7.4 - Setting Device Password

Section 7.5 – Assigning a Name to PBS

Section 7.6 – Setting PBS Time and Date

The iNX PBS is now ready to use. If you wish to customize more available settings, please review Section 7.3.

3.2 Connecting an External Button

The iNX PBS supports connection of an external button such as the Polara Bulldog BDSP-014 or the BDL3. Pressing the external button is equivalent to pressing the iNX button, but without the associated push confirmation sound. The button wire pair should connect to the large terminal block labeled “BUTTON” with one wire to each terminal. Polarity is not important. The external button would be connected in parallel with the button wires to the warning light system control unit.

4. Technical Support Contact

Polara @ 903-366-0300 EXT 4 or 888-340-4872

The latest version of this manual is available in PDF format at www.polara.com.

5. Using the Polara Field Service (Polara FS) App

All of the available setup and maintenance procedures may be performed using a compatible iOS device or Android device. Your device must have iOS version 9.0 or higher or Android 5.0 (Lollipop) or higher.

The Polara FS App will need to be installed on your device. It is available on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

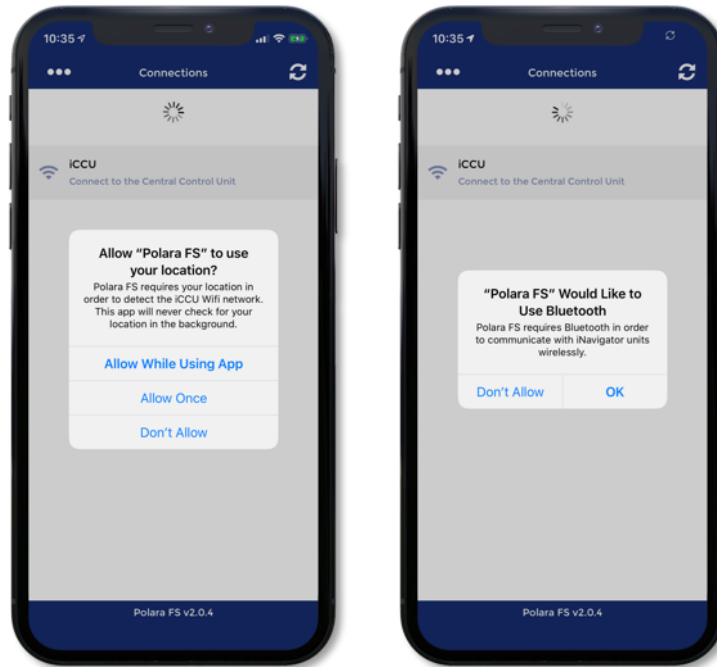
For more information on installation, please visit Polara’s web site - www.polara.com.

Note: Most of the below screenshots use the Apple iOS platform, but the Android app uses nearly identical screens for iNX configuration.

5.1 Bluetooth Connection

Before starting the Polara FS App, make sure your device has Bluetooth set to ON in Settings. Start the app.

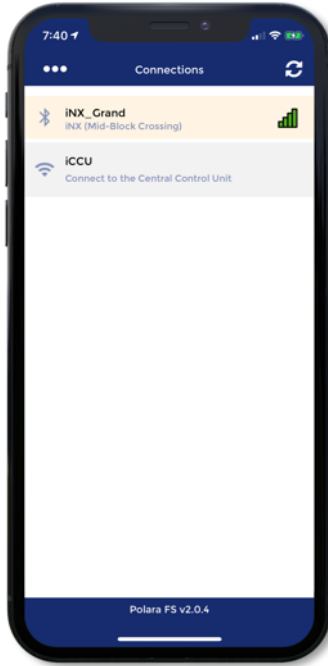
Connecting to an iNX PBS with an iOS or Android device requires the use of location and Bluetooth. If you are prompted to allow the use of these services, please choose to allow to proceed to connect to the devices.



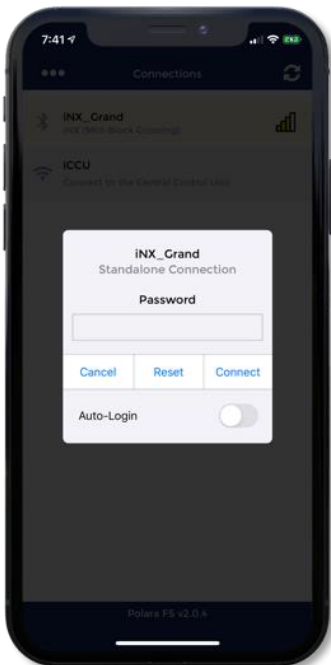
Enabling Location Services and Bluetooth Usage Screens

Tap the refresh symbol at the top right or pull down to refresh. This will display a list of all available devices within range. Tap a name to select, enter the password (factory default is 1234), then tap “Connect”. This will display the main menu.

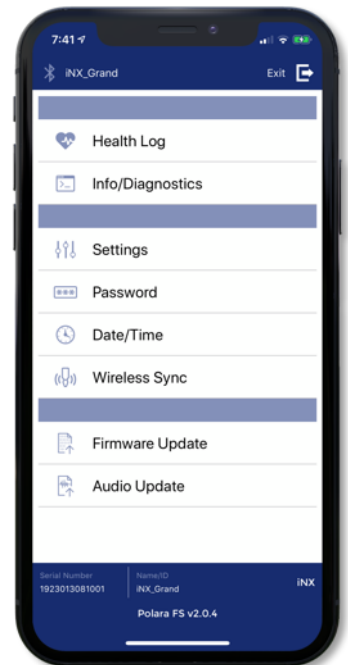
Please note, Bluetooth connections are disabled while the iNX PBS is actively playing audible messages other than the locate tone.



Device Connection Screen



Note: If the password is unknown, the password can be reset to factory default by tapping the Reset button on the password prompt dialog. Call Polara at the number listed on the reset dialog and request a password reset verification code. Enter the new verification code into the dialog box and the password will be reset to 1234. Enter the default password at the prompt and then follow the below instructions to change the password from default and continue configuring the device.



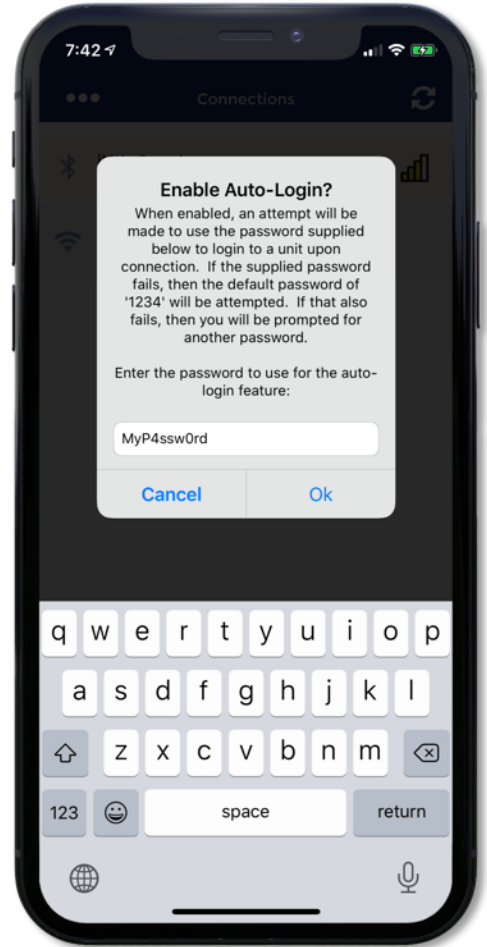
Field Service APP Password Prompt, Password Reset, and Main Menu

5.2 Auto-Login

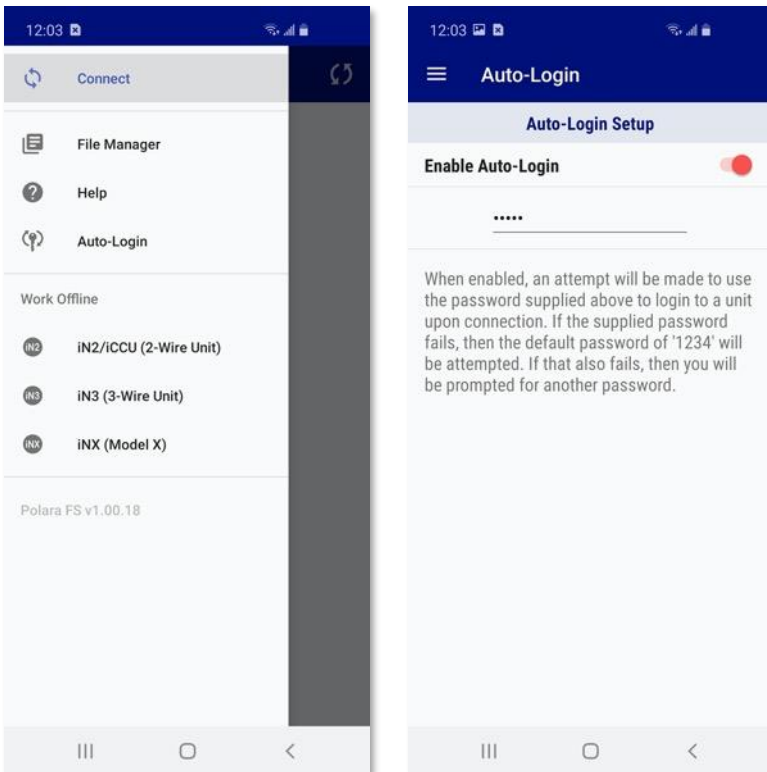
For customers where the majority or all of the mid-block crossings used within an area have the same password, a feature is available to enable logging in without having to re-enter the password. After tapping on a device in which to connect, at the password prompt, flip the switch for Auto-Login and a prompt will appear for a password that will be stored. Once this password has been stored, upon any new connections, that password will automatically be tried. If that password fails, then the default password of 1234 will be attempted. If both password attempts fail, then the standard password prompt will appear.

To change a previously stored password, turn off the Auto-Login switch and then turn it back on.

Note: Upon 5 failed attempts at entering the password a 10-minute lockout will be initiated. After 10 minutes, the original, correct password will still be allowed. Remaining lockout time will be displayed to the user.

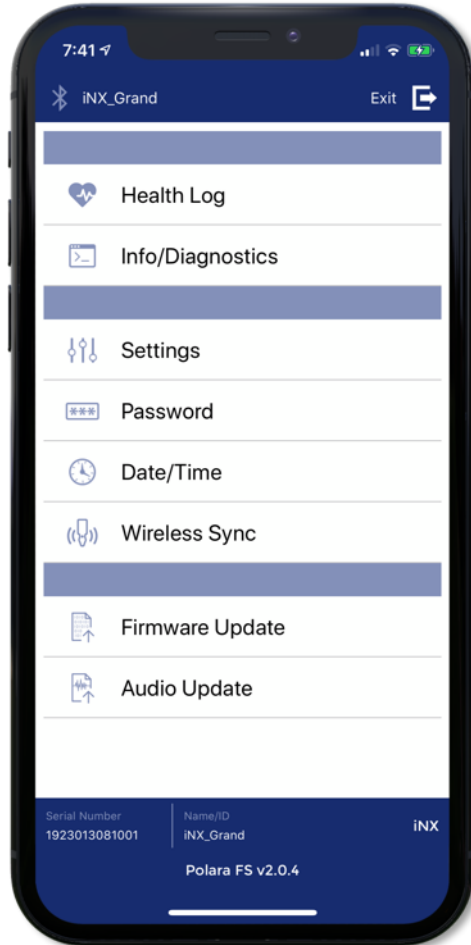


On the Android system, the Auto Login option is available in the side menu while offline.



6. Home Page Menu Options

The home page (main page) lists all available menu options for the iNX.



6.1 Health Log

To access the health log tap “Health Log”

Select “Read” to display all activity entries. Select the ellipsis in the top right corner to bring up the options menu.

6.1.1 Clear Health Log

This selection will clear the health log following a confirmation.

6.1.2 Export Health Log

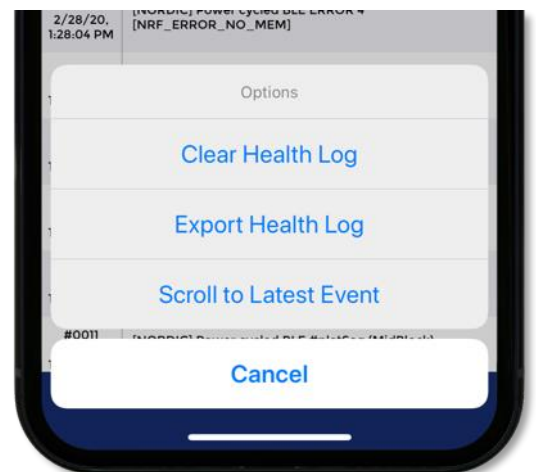
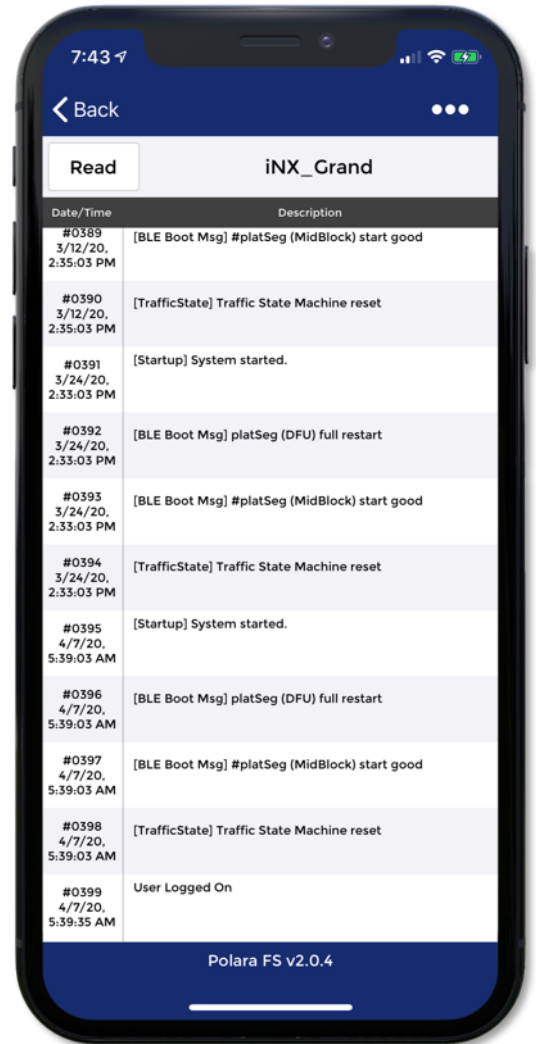
This selection extracts the information into a text file that can then be emailed as an attachment, airdropped, texted etc. to any desired destination.

6.1.3 Scroll to Latest Event

This will scroll to the last/latest entry in the health log.

6.1.4 Cancel

Closes the options menu.

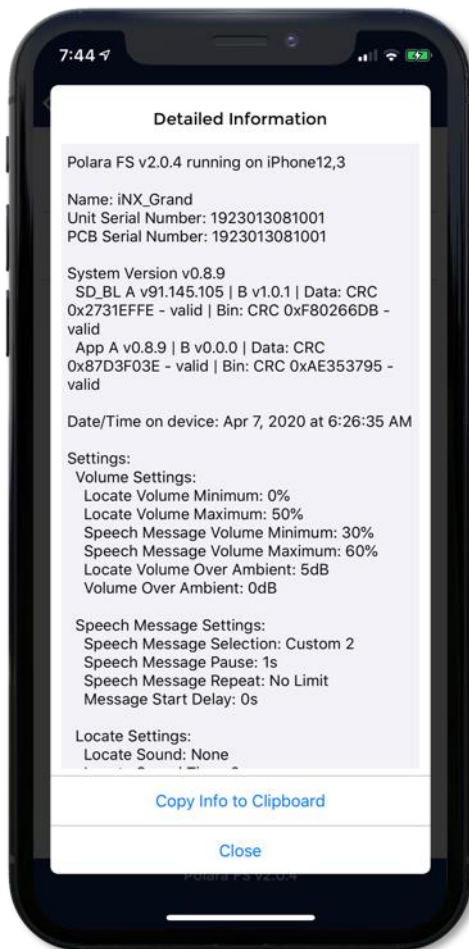


6.2 Info/Diagnostics

From the Home page, Tap “Info/Diagnostics”.

On this page the iNX device Unit Serial Number and PCB Serial Number are displayed. There is a button to Reboot the Device, and a second button to “View All Unit Information”.

On Android devices, the unit can be renamed in this menu by tapping the Rename button. On iOS devices, this is done on the home page (see section 6.5).



View All Unit Information

All available information is displayed about the connected device. This includes the serial numbers, version information, date/time, all configurations settings, and wireless sync settings. This information can be copied and pasted into another application by tapping the Copy Info to Clipboard button.

Note: This information is also included as the header of the health log file when it is exported to file.

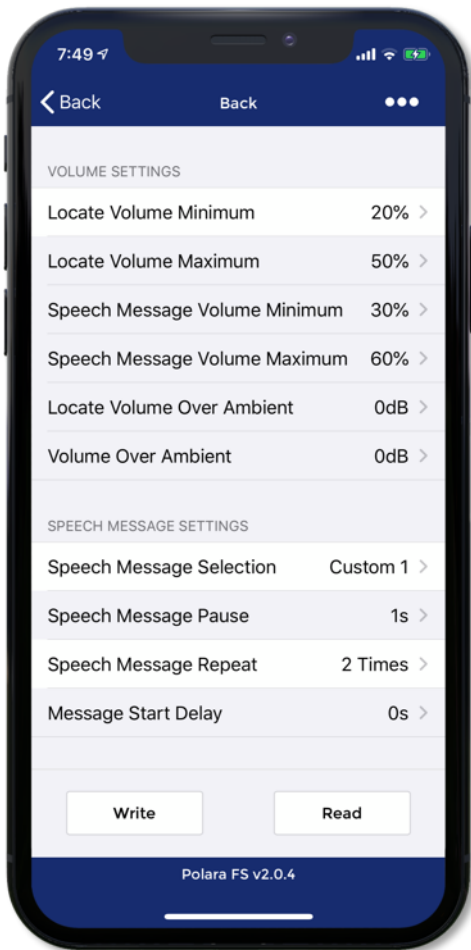
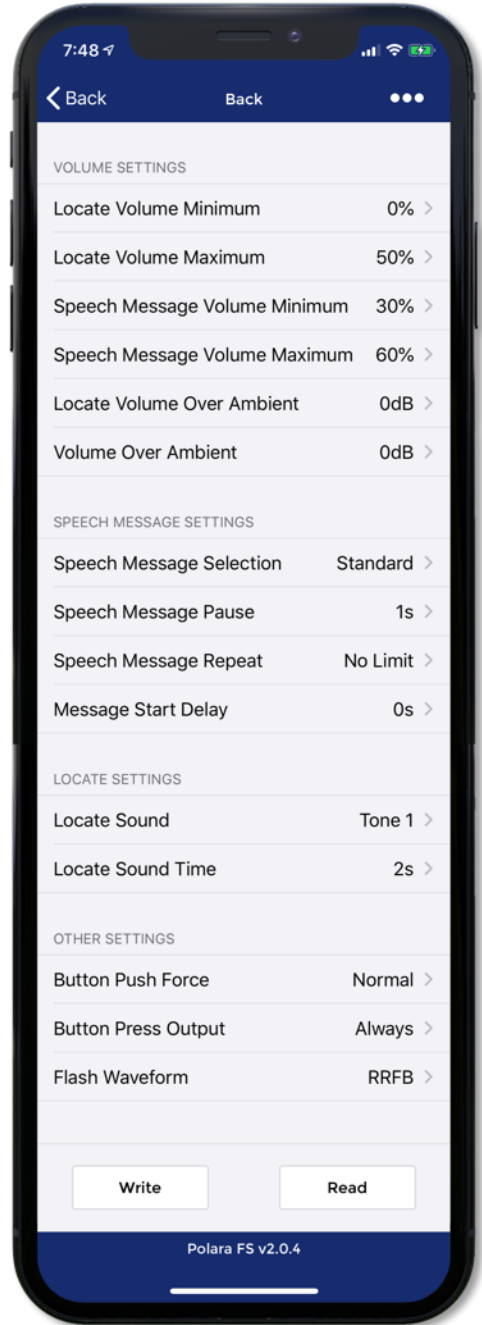
6.3 Settings

The settings page contains all the iNX parameters that can be adjusted. In the following pages they will be described and explained.

This page lists all available configurations. The elipsis at the top right hand corner enables the loading of default values. When the changes are complete, tap the “Write” button on the bottom right of the page. The “Read” button will refresh and display the values currently stored in the device.

As changes are made, any settings which have been changed from what is saved on the connected device are highlighted with a white background. Once the settings have been written by tapping the Write button, the highlighting disappears indicating that what the screen shows is the same as what is saved on the device.

Note: This is enabled by default on iOS devices. On Android devices, enable the switch on the top right of the screen for “Write Changes Only”. Then the changed values will be displayed with a red background.



In the above image, the Locate Volume Minimum, Speech Message Selection and Speech Message Repeat settings have been modified but have not yet been written to the device.

6.3.1 Volume Settings

6.3.2 Locate Volume Minimum

This setting adjusts the minimum level at which the locate sound will be played. The auto volume adjustment will not go below this setting.

6.3.2.1 Locate Volume Maximum

This setting adjusts the maximum level at which the locate sound will be played. The auto volume adjustment will not go above this setting.

6.3.2.2 Speech Message Volume Minimum

This setting adjusts the minimum volume level at which the speech message will be played. The auto volume adjustment will not go below this setting.

6.3.2.3 Speech Message Volume Maximum

This setting adjusts the maximum volume level at which the speech message will be played. The auto volume adjustment will not go above this setting.

6.3.2.4 Locate Volume Over Ambient

This setting can increase or decrease the playback volume of the locate sound relative to the measured ambient sound pressure, but still be constrained within the set minimum and maximum settings. This compensation function is adjustable from -30dB to +20dB over ambient in 2.5dB steps.

6.3.2.5 Volume Over Ambient

This setting can increase or decrease the playback volume of the speech message relative to the measured ambient sound pressure, but still be constrained within the set minimum and maximum settings. This compensation function is adjustable from -30dB to +20dB over ambient in 5dB steps. Very seldom should this feature need to be used and typically +/- 5dB is adequate. In very rare cases might +/- 10dB be necessary. We provide greater ranges but they should never be necessary.

6.3.3 Speech Message Settings

6.3.3.1 Speech Message Mode Sound

This setting selects the preferred message played while the lights are flashing.

6.3.3.2 Speech Message Sound Pause

This setting selects the length of silence between the speech messages while the lights are flashing. The range is from 0 to 10 seconds.

6.3.3.3 Speech Message Repeat

This setting selects the number of times the speech message will be played. Options are **1**, **2 (DEFAULT)**, or **3** times while the lights are flashing, or **No Limit** allows the speech message to repeat continuously while the lights are flashing.

6.3.3.4 Speech Message Start Delay

This setting controls the amount of time that will pass after detection of the Lights Input signal before beginning to play the speech message.

6.3.4 Locate Settings

These settings are associated with the Locate sound.

6.3.4.1 Locate Sound

This setting allows the choice of a few standard locate sounds.

Note: These sounds are programmed at the factory and cannot be customized by the user.

6.3.4.2 Locate Sound Time

This setting selects the start to start repetition time of the locate sounds. The range is from 0 to 5 seconds in 0.5 second increments.

The factory default setting is 2 seconds, to differentiate a mid-block crossing from a signalized crossing with APS, which has a locate tone of once per second (1s). The customer may standardize on whatever setting they choose.

6.3.5 Other Settings

6.3.5.1 Button Push Force

This setting adjusts the necessary force required to actuate the button. The force required ranges from approximately 0.5 to 1lb for the Soft setting to 3.0 to 5.0lbs for the hard setting.

6.3.5.2 Button Press Output

When Button Press Output is set to “No Output While Flashing”, the iNX PBS will not send a signal to the warning light system control unit if the button is pressed while the lights are flashing.

If the Button Press Output is set to “Always”, the iNX PBS will send a signal to the warning light system control unit anytime the button is pressed.

6.3.5.3 LED Flash Behavior

The iNX's LED Flash behavior can be programmed to either track the LIGHTS INPUT signal, such that whatever pattern of High and Low voltages is present on the input will be reflected on the LED, or it can be programmed to play a predefined pattern when the input goes HIGH, following a button press. Note, this LED flash behavior begins upon the unit detecting a high signal at the LIGHTS INPUT only after the button is pressed. It lasts until the LIGHTS INPUT detects a low signal lasting at least 600ms.

1. Track LIGHTS INPUT signal:

The LED output will mimic the signal present on the LIGHTS INPUT. When the input is High, the LED will be on. When the input is Low, the LED will be off. This setting is commonly used with an RRFB.

2. Play predefined pattern:

Upon detecting a High input, the iNX will play a predefined pattern so long as the LIGHTS INPUT is held High. The options for this mode are as follows:

- A. Solid LED On

In this mode, the LED stays on as long as the LIGHTS input is held High.

- B. Simple On-Off

In this mode, the LED turns on for 500ms and then off for 500ms and repeats, as long as the LIGHTS input is held High.

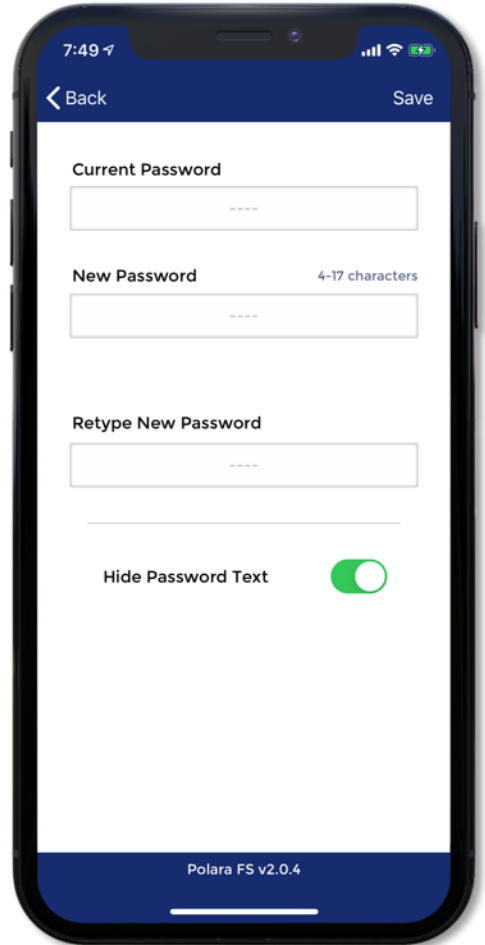
- C. Rapid Flash

In this mode, the LED follows this sequence as long as the LIGHTS input is held High:

ON for 50ms → OFF for 150ms → ON for 50ms → OFF for 150ms → ON for 50ms → OFF for 50ms → ON for 50ms → OFF for 250ms

6.4 Password

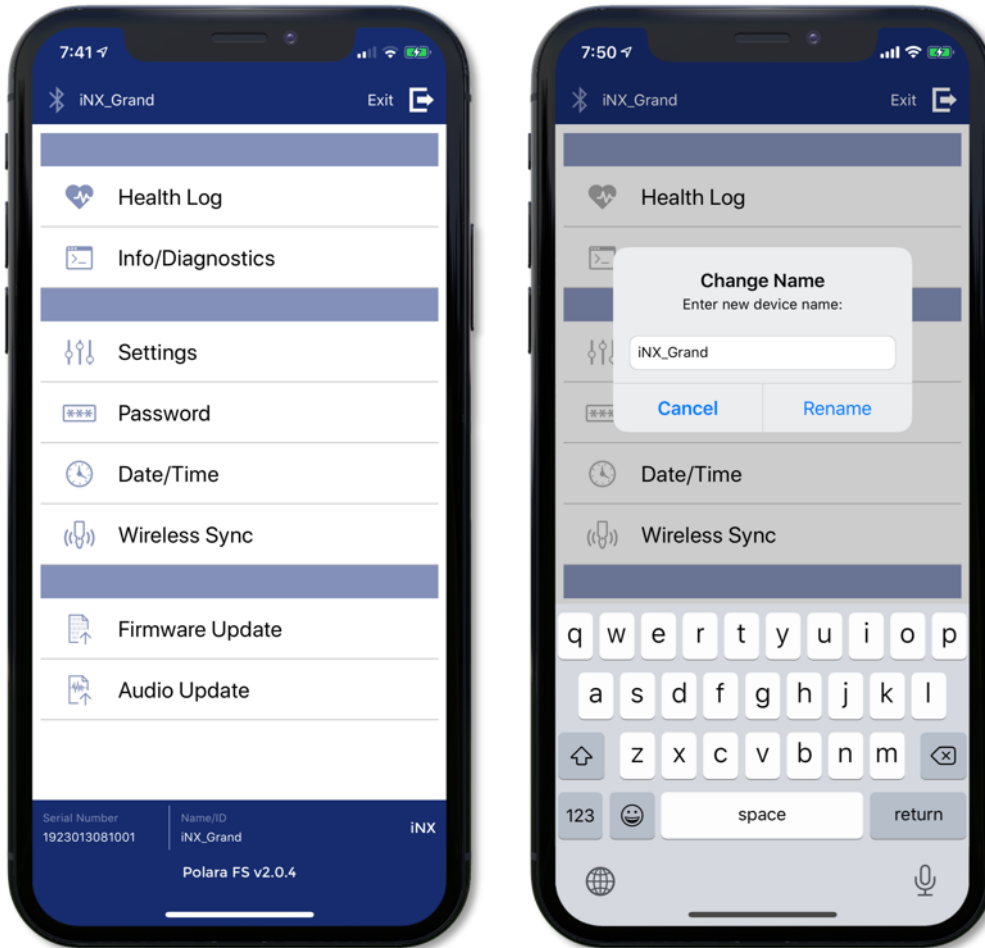
Each unit will require that the password be changed from default in order to avoid the repeating “Change Password” voice message. At the main menu, tap “Settings”. Tap “Password” at the bottom of the screen. Tap in the boxes and enter the old and new passwords as shown on the screen below. Tap “Save” in the upper right corner.



6.5 Assigning a Name to a PBS

Each PBS may be given a name to help identify it while performing configuration and updates. You may want to use a name that will include the location.

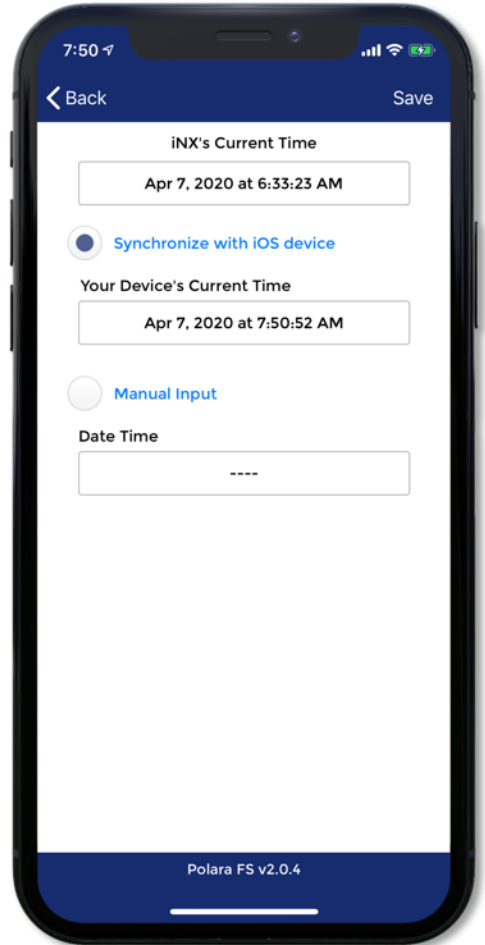
On iOS devices, while viewing the home page, tap on the current name at the bottom of the page. Tap in the name box and type a new name as desired, then tap “Rename”.



On Android devices, from the flyout menu, select Button Info/Diagnostics and then tap the RENAME button in the top right corner of the screen.

6.6 Setting the PBS Time and Date

While viewing the main menu, select PBS Configuration, then select Date/Time. Tap to choose a method of obtaining the time, then tap on "Save" to update the PBS clock.



6.7 Wireless Sync

Use this feature to configure PBS to PBS wireless links for warning light system control units that are not using a Radio Transceiver. This function provides a link between PBSs on the same mid-block crossing such that a button press on one unit enables flashing lights, voice message and flashing yellow LED on the far side button.

On the Home page, after connection Tap 'Wireless Sync'.

Enable this function by tapping the 'Wireless Sync' switch at the top of the screen.

The Mid-block crossing ID is used to prevent any possible interference between nearby mid-block crossings which are also using this feature. All iNX PBS units on the same crossing should be programmed with the same Mid-block crossing ID, which needs to be a different ID than is used on nearby crossings. Tap the 'Mid-block crossing ID' box and enter a positive number and tap 'Save'. Any number is acceptable as long as it is different from that used on any nearby mid-block crossing.



7. Firmware Update

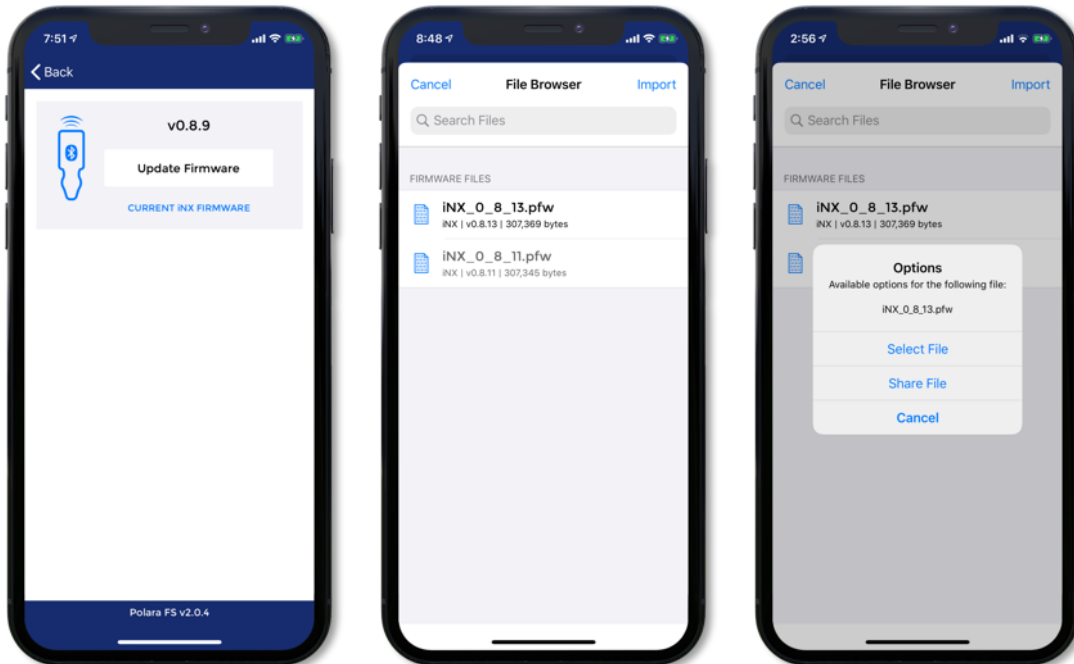
Connect to the PBS and from the Home page tap “Firmware Update”

The current version is displayed. (Note the released PBS firmware will be v1.0.0 or higher).

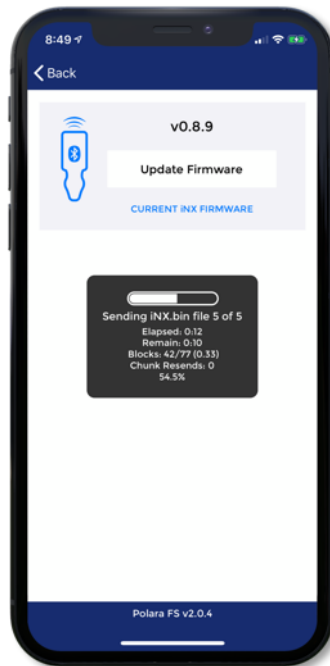
Tap the “Update Firmware” button.

A File Browser will appear with all valid firmware files. The file which is bundled with the installed Polara FS app (which typically indicates that it is the newest file) will appear in dark text and other firmware files will appear lighter. Also, the files will be listed in order from newest to oldest. Tap the desired file to use to upload the firmware.

Under the Options window tap “Select File” the firmware download will start.



Note: If the device already contains the firmware in the selected file, then a dialog box will appear saying that the device is already up to date, otherwise the firmware update process will begin.



Once this has completed, the App will disconnect and the PBS will be rebooted and begin to load the new firmware. During this time, the device will be unresponsive for about 30 seconds. **Do not power off the device during this time.** Upon completion, the double-beep startup sound will be heard, and the PBS will boot with its latest firmware version.

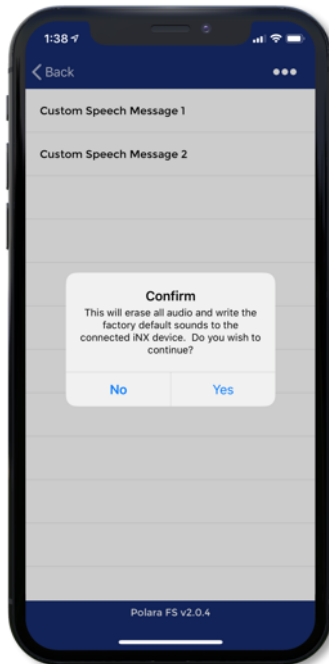
8. Audio Update

Connect to the PBS and from the Home page tap “Audio Update”

Only the Speech Message options for Custom 1 and Custom 2 can be changed from factory default.

Tap which location in which to upload your custom audio file and then the File Browser will appear with the .ogg files which have been imported into your iOS device. Tap on the .ogg file you wish to upload and then tap Select File to confirm. The upload process will begin immediately.

To restore all audio files to factory default, tap the three dots (ellipsis) in the upper right corner of the screen to open the menu and select Reset Audio To Default. Then tap Yes on the confirmation dialog. This will overwrite any custom messages that have been uploaded and return the audio files to factory default.



9. Regulatory Notice

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.