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The 8th edition FireNET panel uses firmware 3.60216B or 3.60238 and this panel hardware was tested for compatibility with this firmware as per UL864 8th edition standards. The 9th edition FireNET panel uses firmware 3.700 and this panel hardware was tested for compatibility with this firmware as per UL864 9th edition standards.

Firmware 3.60238 or greater is required for the Analog Sounder Base (ASB), Network Annunciator (FN-LCD-N), Conventional Zone Module (DCP-CZM), Dual Inline Monitor Module (DCP-DIMM), and the 16 channel I/O board (FN-4127-IO).

Firmware 3.700 is required for the Serial Annunciator (FN-LCD-S), and the Analog Manual Pull Station (DCP-AMS). These products will not function on 8th edition panels running 3.60238 or 3.60216B firmware.

We requested clarification of the section of the UL 864 9th edition standard that encompassed firmware. The initial response from the UL engineer was that you were not allowed to flash panels in the field, so the Technical Bulletin was issued stating that. To be absolutely sure we requested that UL review this section further to get a consensus from the Reviewers, Authors, and Engineers on the interpretation of the section**. The engineers and reviewers at UL have now informed us that it is acceptable for Factory Trained service techs to flash new firmware that has been reviewed and approved by UL into our products as long as there is a means to display the current version.** We meet this requirement because the version is displayed on our LCD when in access Level 2.

Any questions regarding this matter please contact Technical Support.

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