

Security Codes & Authority Levels

About Security Codes

Your installer assigned a master code that is used to perform all system functions. In addition, you can assign different security codes for use by other users (VISTA-20P Series provides 47 additional codes; VISTA-15P Series provides 31 additional codes).

- Only the System Master and Partition Master can assign user codes to users.
- Users are identified by 2-digit user numbers and are pre-assigned to either partition 1 or partition 2 (VISTA-20P Series).
- Only the Installer or System Master can change user partitions.
- In addition to a security code, each user is assigned various system attributes.
- User codes can be used interchangeably within a partition when performing system functions (a system armed with one user's code can be disarmed by another user's code), with the exception of the Guest code Arm Only code described below.
- User code programming involves these steps:
 1. Choose a user number from the set of users assigned to the partition in which the user will be operating, and assign a 4-digit security code.
 2. Assign an authority level to that user.
 3. Assign other attributes as necessary (see attributes on the next page).

NOTE: The factory settings are designed to meet most normal user situations. Therefore, the only step you usually need to do when adding users is assign a user number (from the partition's pre-assigned user numbers) and a security code.

Authority Level Definitions

Authority levels define the system functions a particular user can/cannot perform.

Level	Title	Explanation
N/A	System Master (default = 1234)	Reserved for user 02; Can perform all system functions and assign codes in both partitions; can change its own code as follows: <u>Master code + [8] + 02 + new master code + new master code again</u>
0	Standard User:	Can only perform security functions in assigned partition. Cannot perform system functions reserved for the master user.
1	Arm Only:	Can only arm the system. Cannot disarm or do other functions.
2	Guest:	Can arm the system in assigned partitions, but cannot disarm the system unless the system was armed with this code. This code is typically assigned to someone (e.g., babysitter or cleaner) who has a need to arm/disarm the system only at certain times. The user of this code should not use the "Quick Arming" feature.
3	Duress Code:	Intended for use when you are forced to disarm or arm the system under threat. When used, the system will act normally, but can silently notify the Central Monitoring Station of your situation, if that service has been provided.
4	Partition Master	(VISTA-20P Series) Can do everything a standard user can do, and can assign user codes to users in their partition.