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Introduction

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The Purpose of this Manual

Thank you for purchasing the **FC-3RLY2 Analog Input, 2-Relay, Limit Alarm** module. This manual describes AutomationDirect.com's FC-3RLY2 modules, their specifications, and provides you with important information for installation, connectivity and setup. This manual shows how to install, wire and use the product.

This user manual contains important information for personnel who will install the Limit Alarm modules, and for the personnel who will be programming them. This information will provide all the information you need to get and keep these modules up and running.

Supplemental Manuals

If you are familiar with industrial control type devices, you may be able to get up and running with just the aide of the Product Guide included with each Limit Alarm module.

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Key Topics for Each Chapter

The beginning of each chapter will list the key topics that can be found in that chapter.

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Product Overview

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This is an Analog to Relay Limit Alarm module that is field configurable for a variety of alarm and control applications. The FC-3RLY2 can be powered by 24VAC or 24VDC and accept input signals of 0-15V, 0- 30V, or 0-20mA. Configuration and Trip/Release Point programming is accomplished with DIP Switches, and a single PGM-pushbutton. LED's provide an indication of operating status and are used during the Trip/Release Point programming. The module can be DIN rail or side mounted.

Specifications

Input Specifications	
Number of Inputs and Type	1, Single Ended (1 common)
Input Ranges	0-15VDC, 0-30VDC, 0-20mA, DIP Switch selectable
Input Impedance	100K Ω voltage input / 250 Ohms current input
External Power Required	24VAC or 24VDC @ 100mA \pm 10% *
Low-pass Filtering	-3dB at 100Hz, (-6dB per octave)
Set/Release Point Voltage Repeatability	0.05% of full scale voltage range (constant temperature)
Set/Release Point Current Repeatability	0.1% of full scale current range (constant temperature)

* In order to comply with UL508 Class 2 Standards the supplied power must be less than 26VDC and fused at a maximum of 3 amps.

Output Specifications	
Relay Contacts	2 SPDT, Form C
Contact Rating	250VAC @ 5A, 30VDC @ 5A (Resistive Load), 380VAC Max., 30VDC Max.
Relay Operation	DIP Switch selectable
Relay Trip Point Setting	Program mode enabled by pushbutton
Relay Release Point Setting	Program mode enabled by pushbutton
Minimum Relay Dead-band = Trip Point \pm Release Point	0-15 VDC range: 1.0% minimum dead-band (150mV); 0-30VDC range: 1.0% minimum dead-band (300mV); 0-20mA range: 3.0% minimum dead-band (600 μ A)

Specifications (continued)

Terminal Block Specifications	
Field Wiring	Removable Screw Type Terminal Blocks
Number of Terminal Blocks	2-Two Position (Dinkle: EC350V-02P) 2-Three Position (Dinkle: EC350V-03P)
Wire Range	28-14AWG Solid or Stranded Conductor
Wire Strip Length	1/4" (6-7mm)
Screw Torque	1.7 inch-pounds (0.19 Nm)
Surrounding Air Temperature	0 to 60°C (32 to 140°F), IEC 60068-2-14 (Test Nb, Thermal Shock)
Storage Temperature	-20 to 70°C (-4 to 158°F) IEC 60068-2-1 (Test Ab, Cold) IEC 60068-2-2 (Test Bb, Dry Heat) IEC 60068-2-14 (Test Na, Thermal Shock)
Humidity	5 to 95% (non-condensing) IEC 60068-2-30 (Test Db, Damp Heat)
Environmental Air	No corrosive gases permitted EN61131-2 (Pollution degree 1)
Vibration	MIL STD 810C 514.2 IEC 60068-2-6 (Test Fc)
Shock	MIL STD 810C 516.2 IEC 60068-2-27 (Test Ea)
Insulation Resistance	>10MΩ @ 500VDC
Noise Immunity	NEMA ICS3-304 IEC 61000-4-2 (ESD) Impulse 1000V @ 1μS pulse IEC 61000-4-4 (FTB) RFI, (145 MHz, 440 MHz 5W @ 15cm) IEC 61000-4-3 (RFI)
Weight	0.3 lbs
Isolation*	1800VDC Power to Output 1800VDC Input to Output Applied for 1 second (100% Tested)*
Agency Approvals	UL508**, File Number: E157382, CE

* The 0V and COM terminals should be considered the same reference point. There is no isolation between the External Power and Input Terminal blocks.

** In order to comply with UL508 Class 2 Standards the supplied power must be less than 26VDC and fused at a maximum of 3 amps.

Status Indicators

Mode (Green/Red):

- Green LED is ON when unit is powered.
- Red LED is ON when in Program Mode. This Red LED flashes when setting a custom release point.
- Flashing Red/Green indicates Trip/Release Point program error.

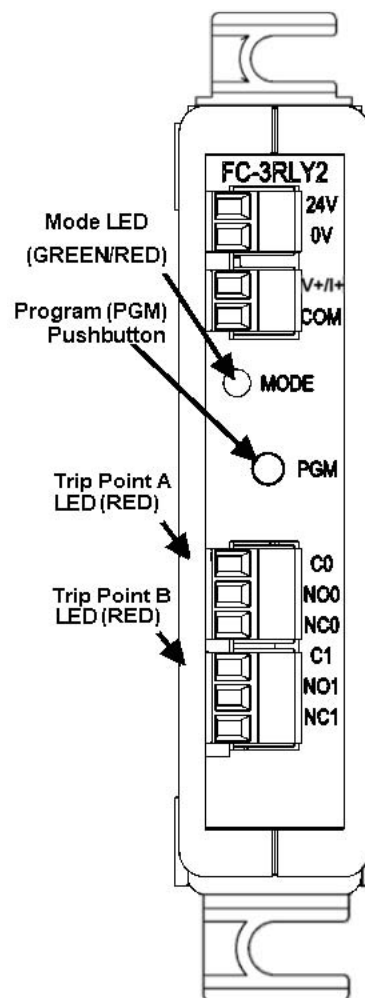
Trip Points A or B:

- Red LED is ON when a Trip Point is tripped.
- Red LED is ON when setting a Trip Point in Program Mode.
- Flashing Red when setting a Release Point in Program Mode.

DIP Switch Settings

Factory settings shown in bold.

DIP Switches	Switch Positions							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Input Ranges								
0-30V	0	0			NA			
0-15V	0	1			NA			
0-20mA	1	1			NA			
Relay Functions								
Trip Point A INC			0		NA			
Trip Point A DEC			1		NA			
Trip Point B INC				0	NA			
Trip Point B DEC				1	NA			
Normal (Non-Failsafe) Mode					NA	0		
Fail Safe Mode					NA	1		
Independent Relay Control					NA		0	
Simultaneous Relay Control					NA		1	
Non-Latching Relays					NA			0
Latching Relays					NA			1



NOTE: A Power Cycle, entering programming mode, or a factory reset is required to read DIP Switch changes. All Trip Points MUST be programmed after any DIP Switch change.
NOTE: DIP Switch 4 is ignored in Simultaneous Relay Control mode.

Factory Settings

Factory Settings, INC Mode: Dead-band % calculated from full range

Range	Trip Point	Release Point (RP = TP - Deadband)	Dead-band
0-15VDC	7.5V	7.125V	2.5% (0.375V)
0-30VDC	15V	14.25V	2.5% (0.75V)
0-20mA	N/A*	N/A*	7.5% (1.5mA)

Factory Settings, DEC Mode: Dead-band % calculated from full range

Range	Trip Point	Release Point (RP = TP + Deadband)	Dead-band
0-15VDC	7.5V	7.875V	2.5% (0.375V)
0-30VDC	15V	15.75V	2.5% (0.75V)
0-20mA	N/A*	N/A*	7.5% (1.5mA)

* No factory settings for 0-20mA input range.

To Return to Factory Settings:

- Hold PGM pushbutton down for 10 seconds. Mode LED will turn RED and then will turn completely OFF.
- Release the PGM pushbutton. The Mode LED will turn GREEN. The unit has been successfully returned to Factory Settings values.
- Factory Reset does not function in Programming Mode.

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Input Signal Ranges

Input Ranges	DIP Switches							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0-30V	0	0						
0-15V	0	1						
0-20mA	1	1						

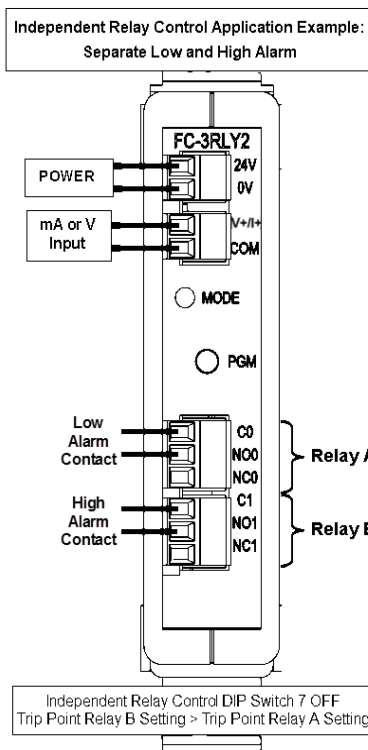
Modes of Operation

Independent and Simultaneous Relay Control Modes

Independent Relay Control Mode [DIP Switch 7 OFF]

Relays A and B are controlled with independent Trip Points and Release Points for each relay. Relays A and B can be independently set to operate in Increasing or Decreasing mode (see next section). This mode can be used to control two loads in sequence, or monitor for multilevel alarm conditions.

Relay Control Mode	DIP Switches							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Independent Relay Control							0	

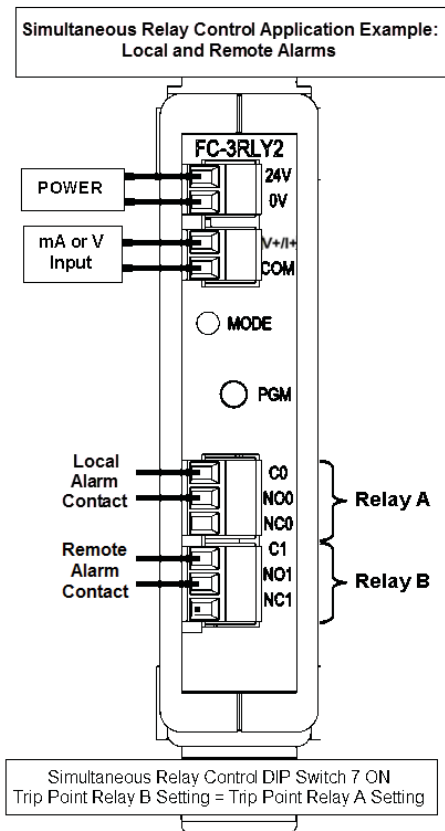


Simultaneous Relay Control Mode [DIP Switch 7 ON]

Relays A and B operate simultaneously, both controlled by Trip Point A and Release Point A settings. Both relays operate in Increasing or Decreasing mode (see next section) as set by Relay A DIP Switch 3. Relay B DIP Switch 4 is ignored in Simultaneous Relay Control Mode.

This mode can be used where it is desired to have both relays controlled by common Trip and Release points such as using one relay for local alarm indication with a horn or strobe and the other relay for remote alarm monitoring by a PLC.

Relay Control Mode	DIP Switches							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Simultaneous Relay Control							1	



Relay Trip Point / Release Point Control Modes

Normal (Non-failsafe) Mode [DIP Switch 6 OFF]

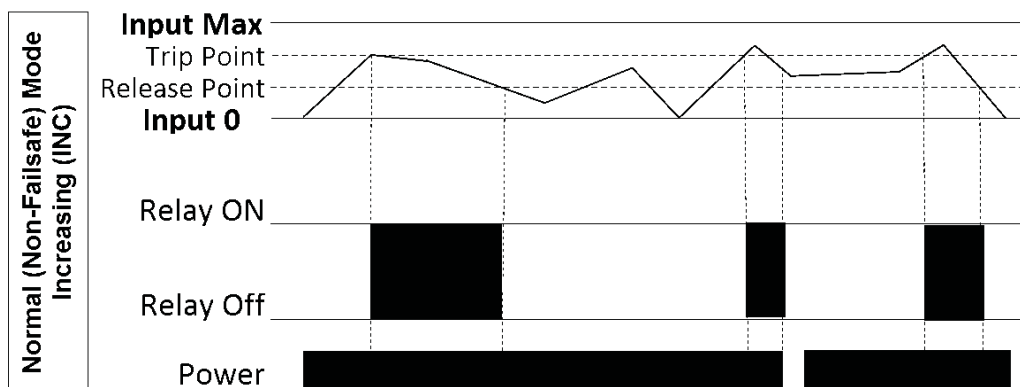
Increasing (INC) Mode

[Relay A: DIP Switch 3 OFF; Relay B: DIP Switch 4 OFF]

The relay will turn ON when the input signal increases to the programmed Trip Point (TP). The relay will remain ON until the input signal decreases below the Release Point (RP). In INC mode, the Trip Point must always be greater than the Release Point ($TP > RP$).

NOTE: After programming the TP and RP for each relay, the FC-3RLY2 will verify that $TP > RP$. If $TP < RP$, the MODE LED will alternately flash green and red. If this occurs simply press and hold the PGM - pushbutton for 3 seconds until the MODE LED turns ON red and reprogram the TP and RP for that relay.

Relay Control Modes	DIP Switches							
Dip Switches	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trip Point A INC			0					
Trip Point B INC				0				
Normal (Non-failsafe) Mode						0		



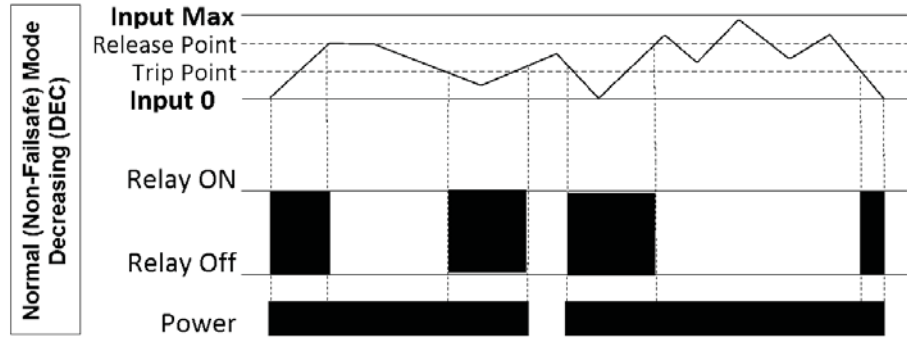
Decreasing (DEC) Mode

[Relay A: DIP Switch 3 ON; Relay B: DIP Switch 4 ON]

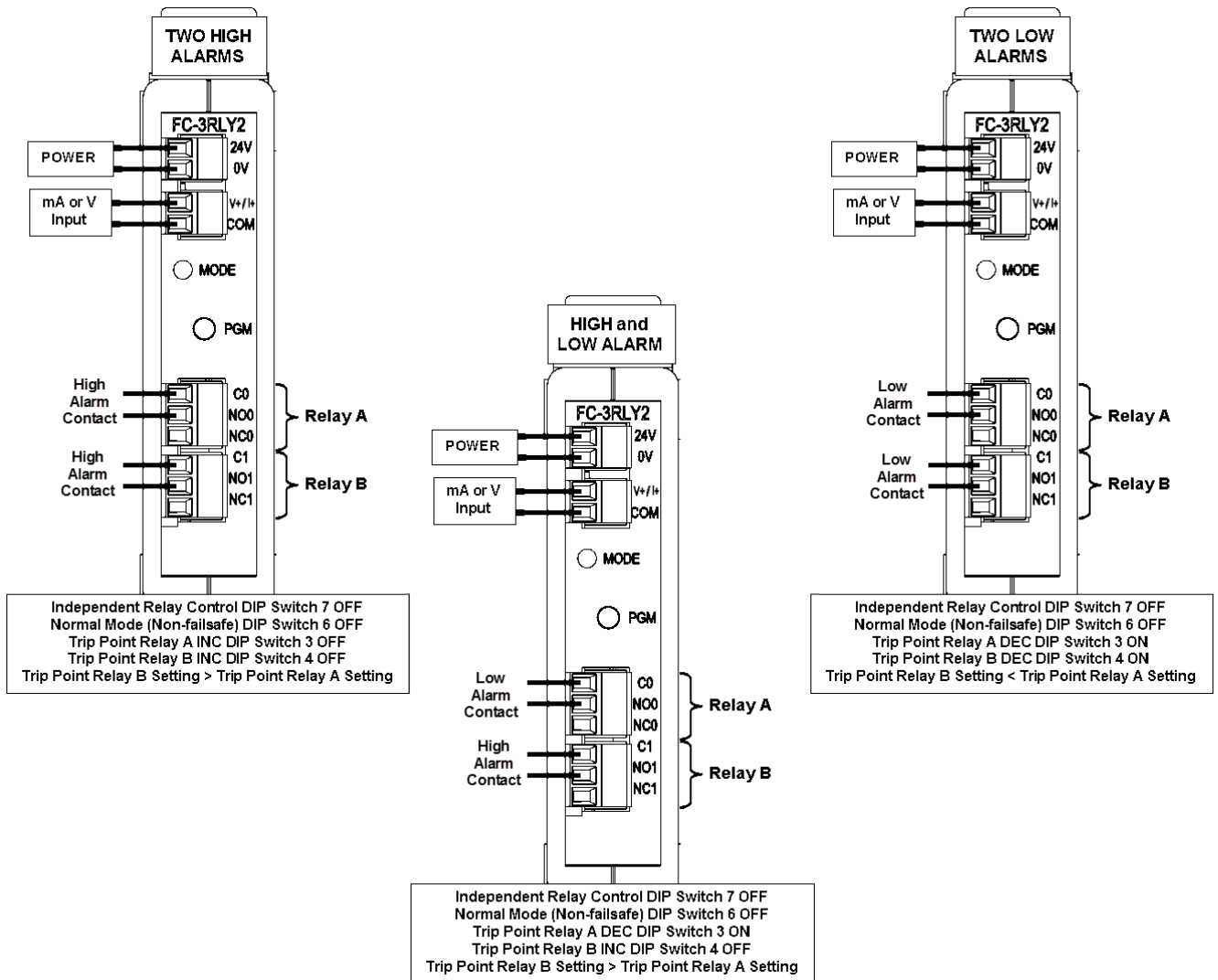
The relay will turn ON when the input signal decreases below the programmed Trip Point (TP). The relay will remain ON until the input signal increases above the Release Point (RP). In DEC mode, the Trip Point must always be less than the Release Point ($TP < RP$).

NOTE: After programming the TP and RP for each relay the FC-3RLY2 will verify that $TP < RP$. If $TP > RP$, the MODE LED will alternately flash green and red. If this occurs simply press and hold the PGM - pushbutton for 3 seconds until the MODE LED turns ON red and reprogram the TP and RP for that relay.

Relay Control Modes	DIP Switches							
Dip Switches	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trip Point A DEC	■	■	1	■	■	■	■	■
Trip Point B DEC	■	■	■	1	■	■	■	■
Normal (Non-failsafe) Mode	■	■	■	■	0	■	■	■



Application Examples



Failsafe Mode [DIP Switch 6 ON]

The relay action is reserved from Normal Mode.

NOTE: In Failsafe mode using the normally closed relay contacts for alarm conditions will also result in an alarm in the event of power loss to the FC-3RLY2 module.

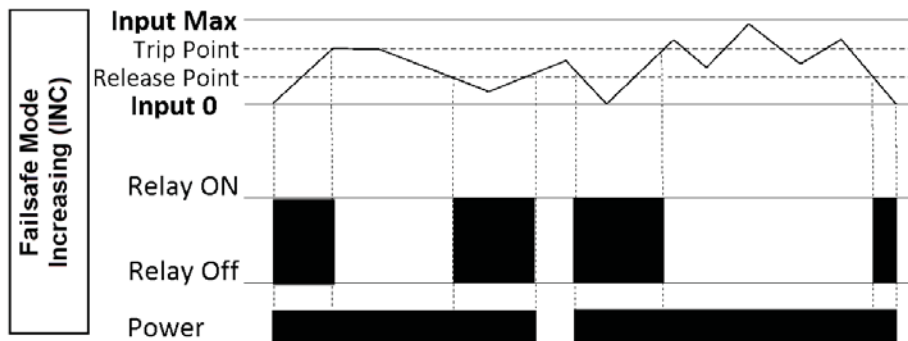
Increasing (INC) Mode

[Relay A: DIP Switch 3 OFF; Relay B: DIP Switch 4 OFF]

The relay will turn OFF when the input signal increases to the programmed Trip Point. The relay will remain OFF until the input signal decreases below the Release Point. In INC mode, the Trip Point must always be greater than the Release Point ($TP > RP$).

NOTE: After programming the TP and RP for each relay the FC-3RLY2 will verify that $TP > RP$. If $TP < RP$, the MODE LED will alternately flash green and red. If this occurs simply press and hold the PGM - pushbutton for 3 seconds until the MODE LED turns ON red and reprogram the TP and RP for that relay.

Relay Control Mode	DIP Switches							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trip Point A INC	■	■	0	■	■	■	■	■
Trip Point B INC	■	■	■	0	■	■	■	■
Failsafe Mode	■	■	■	■	■	1	■	■
Independent Relay Control	■	■	■	■	■	■	0	■
Non-Latching Relay Control	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	0



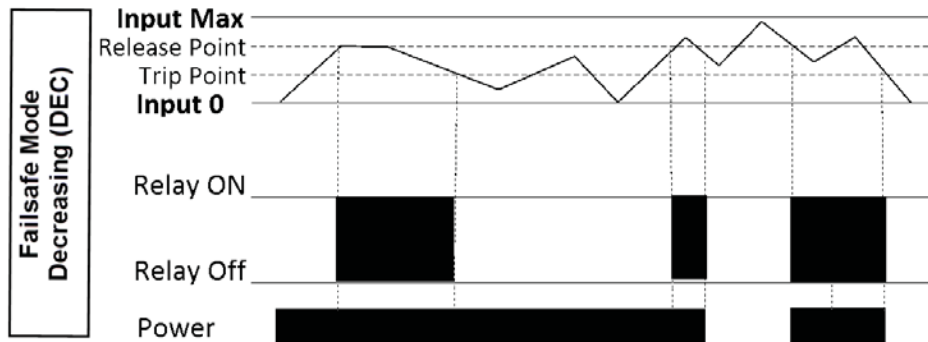
Decreasing (DEC) Mode

[Relay A: DIP Switch 3 ON; Relay B: DIP Switch 4 ON]

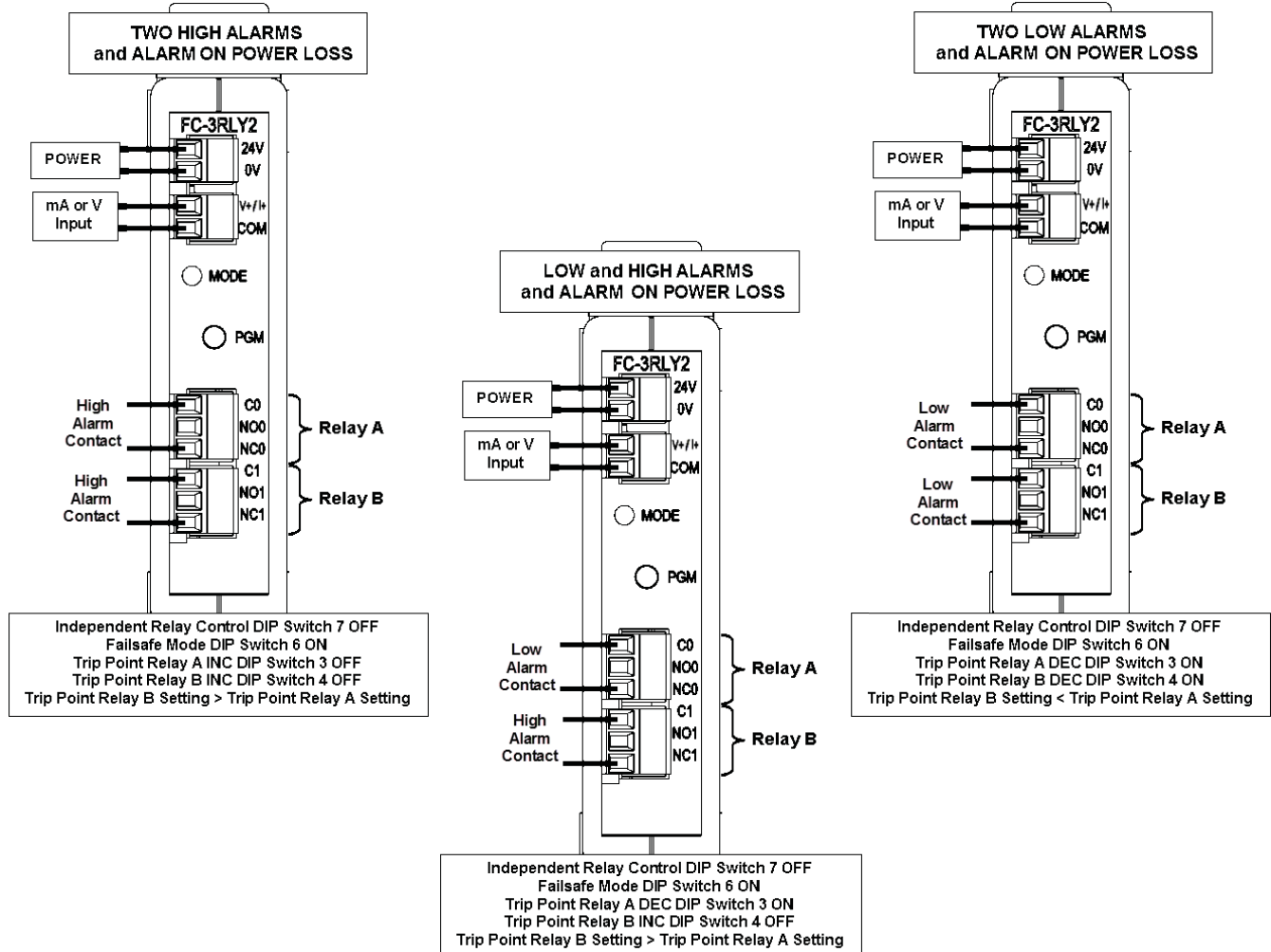
The relay will turn OFF when the input signal decreases below the programmed Trip Point. The relay will remain OFF until the input signal increases above the Release Point. In DEC mode, the Trip Point must always be less than the Release Point ($TP < RP$).

NOTE: After programming the TP and RP for each relay the FC-3RLY2 will verify that $TP < RP$. If $TP > RP$, the MODE LED will alternately flash green and red. If this occurs simply press and hold the PGM - pushbutton for 3 seconds until the MODE LED turns ON red and reprogram the TP and RP for that relay.

Relay Control Modes	DIP Switch Positions							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trip Point A DEC			1					
Trip Point B DEC				1				
Failsafe Mode						1		
Independent Relay Control							0	
Non-Latching Relay Control								0



Application Examples

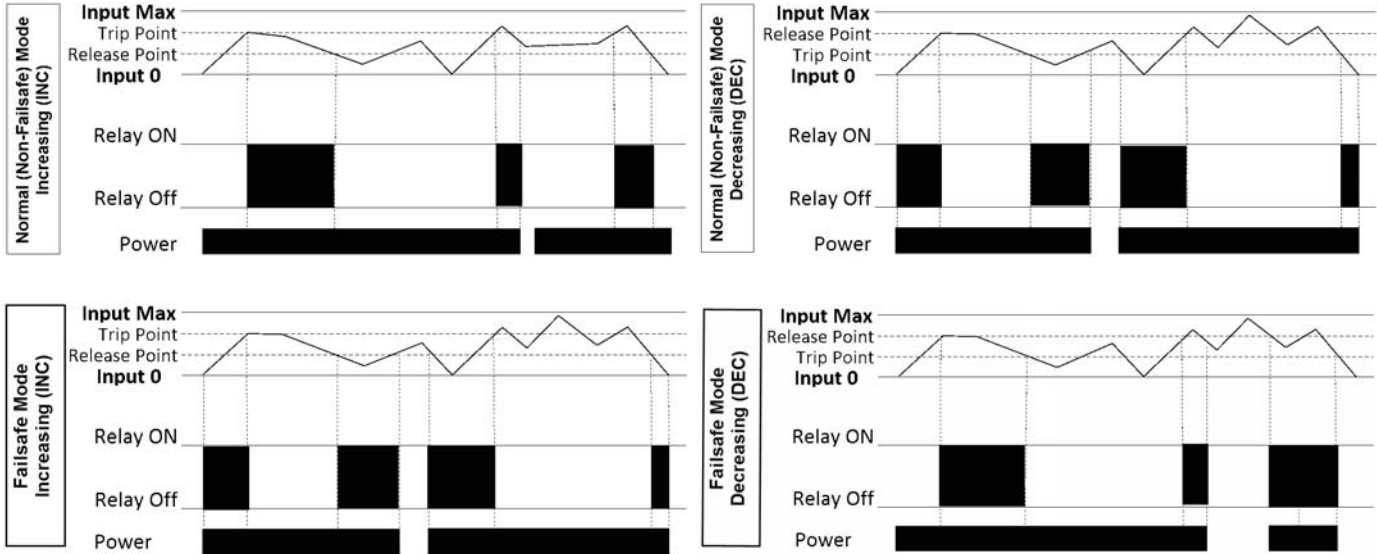


Non-Latching and Latching Relay Control Modes

Non-Latching Relay Control Mode [DIP Switch 8 OFF]

Relays A and B operate automatically at the Trip and Release Point settings

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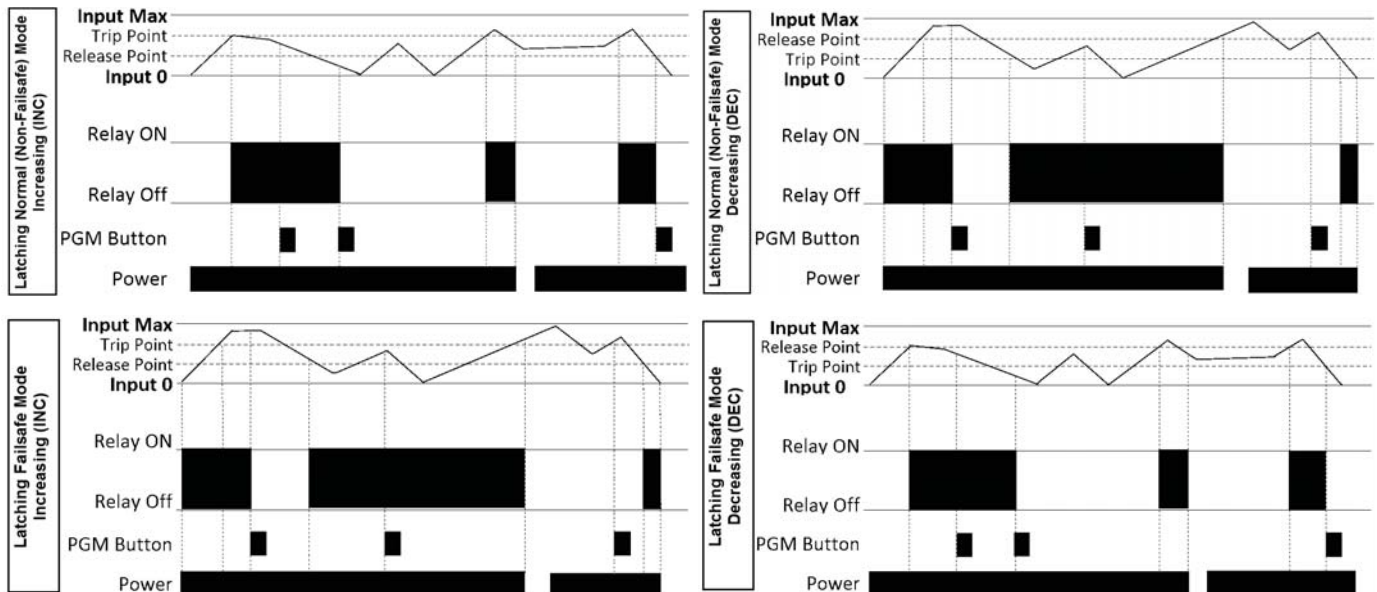


Latching Relay Control Mode [DIP Switch 8 ON]

Relays A and B operate automatically at the Latch Trip Point settings and remain **electrically** latched until the input signal reaches the Manual Release Point. The FC-3RLY2 relays can be manually reset by pressing the PGM-button as shown in the following diagrams. Latching Relay Control Mode is available in both Normal and Failsafe Modes.



CAUTION: Relays are electrically (not mechanically) latched. Any energized relays and connected loads will de-energize if power is removed from the FC-3RLY2 and may re-energize when power is reapplied.



Custom Trip Point Programming with Factory Release Point Dead-band

If your application requires Custom Release Points refer to next section



NOTE: If you make a mistake while in programming mode you can quickly exit and start over by cycling power to the FC-3RLY2 or simply press the PGM pushbutton repeatedly until the MODE LED turns green.

Programming Worksheet

Input Signal _____

Normal or Failsafe Mode _____

Increasing (INC) or Decreasing (DEC) _____

Non-latching or Latching Mode _____

Independent or Simultaneous Mode _____

Relay A Trip Point _____

Relay A Factory Deadband (2.5% * Voltage Input Range or 1.5mA) _____

Relay A Release Point if Increasing (INC) Mode $RP=TP-DB$ _____

Relay A Release Point if Decreasing (DEC) Mode $RP=TP+DB$ _____

Relay B Trip Point _____

Relay B Factory Deadband (2.5% * Voltage Input Range or 1.5mA) _____

Relay B Release Point if Increasing (INC) Mode $RP=TP-DB$ _____

Relay B Release Point if Decreasing (DEC) Mode $RP=TP+DB$ _____



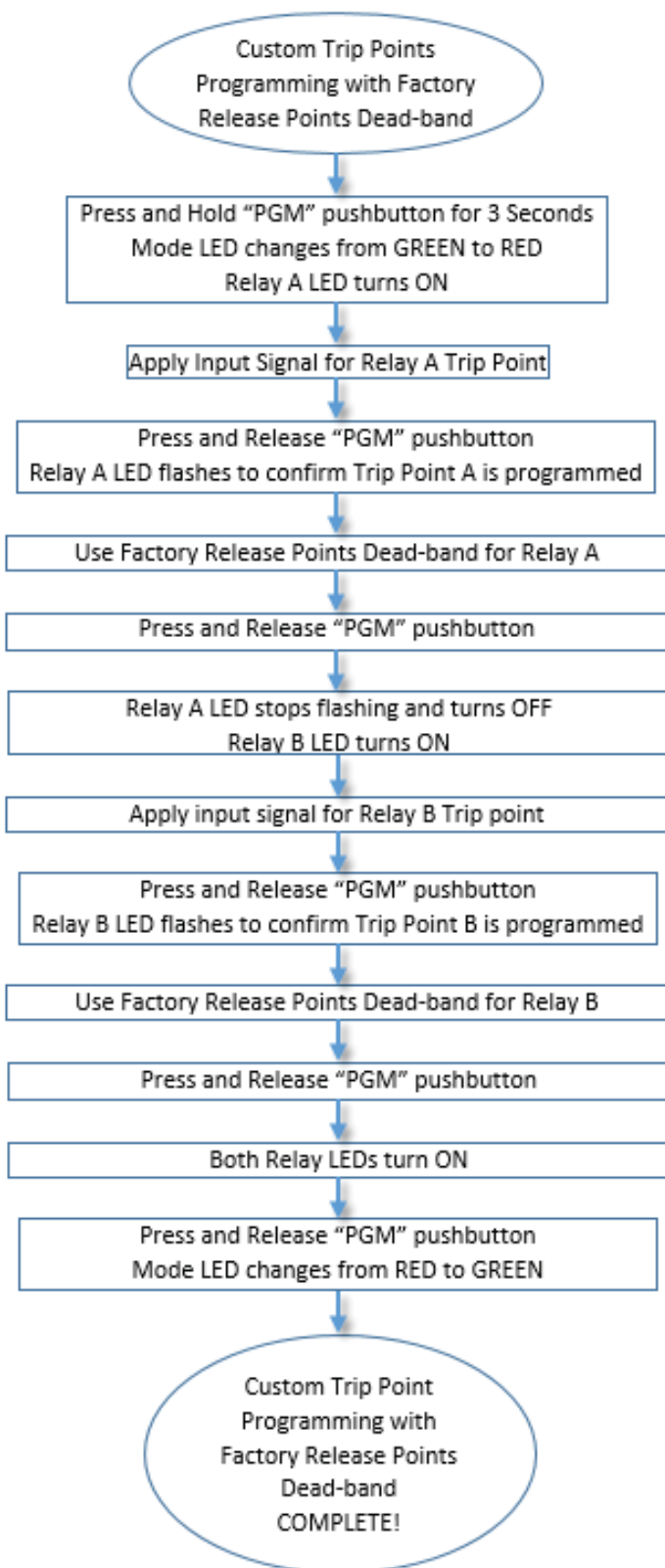
NOTE: In Simultaneous Mode, Relay B Trip Point and Release Point are automatically set the same as Relay A.



WARNING: Disconnect all loads from the output relays BEFORE programming. Output relays can turn ON and OFF during programming causing potentially unsafe conditions if loads are connected!!!

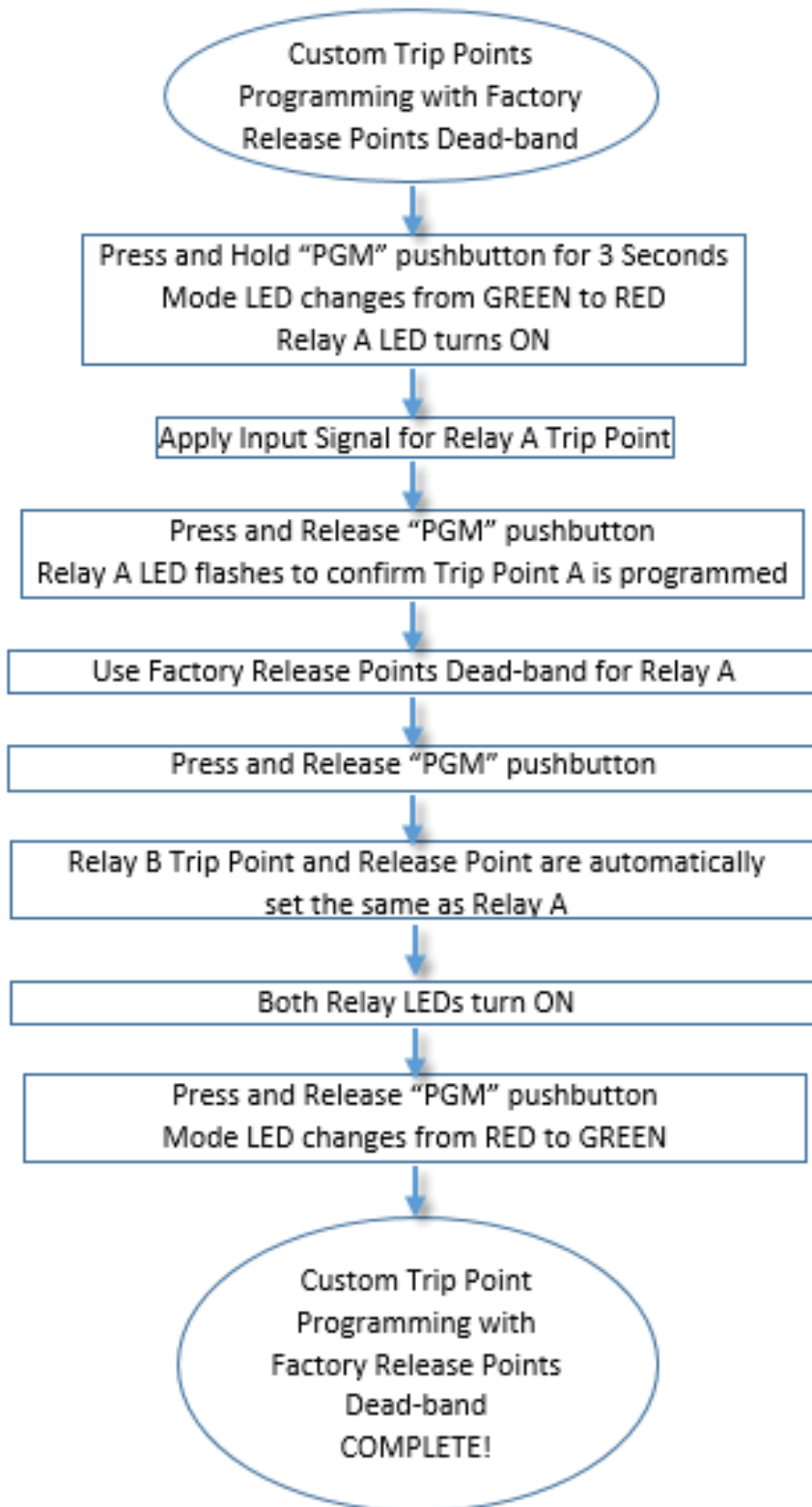
Programming Flowchart: Custom Trip Points with Factory Release Point Dead-band Independent Relay Control [DIP Switch 7 OFF]

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NOTE: If you make a mistake while in programming mode you can quickly exit and start over by cycling power to the FC-3RLY2 or simply press the PGM pushbutton repeatedly until the MODE LED turns green.

Programming Flowchart: Custom Trip Points with Factory Release Points Dead-band Simultaneous Relay Control [DIP Switch 7 ON]



NOTE: If you make a mistake while in programming mode you can quickly exit and start over by cycling power to the FC-3RLY2 or simply press the PGM pushbutton repeatedly until the MODE LED turns green.

Custom Trip Point Programming with Custom Release Points

If your application does not require Custom Release Points refer to previous section

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NOTE: If you make a mistake while in programming mode you can quickly exit and start over by cycling power to the FC-3RLY2 or simply pressing the PGM pushbutton repeatedly until the MODE LED turns green.

Programming Worksheet

Input Signal _____

Normal or Failsafe Mode _____

Increasing (INC) or Decreasing (DEC) _____

Non-latching or Latching Mode _____

Independent or Simultaneous Mode _____

Relay A Trip Point _____

Relay A Release Point (must be <TP if Increasing Mode (INC),
must be >TP if Decreasing Mode (DEC)) _____

Relay B Trip Point _____

Relay B Release Point (must be <TP if Increasing Mode (INC),
must be >TP if Decreasing Mode (DEC)) _____

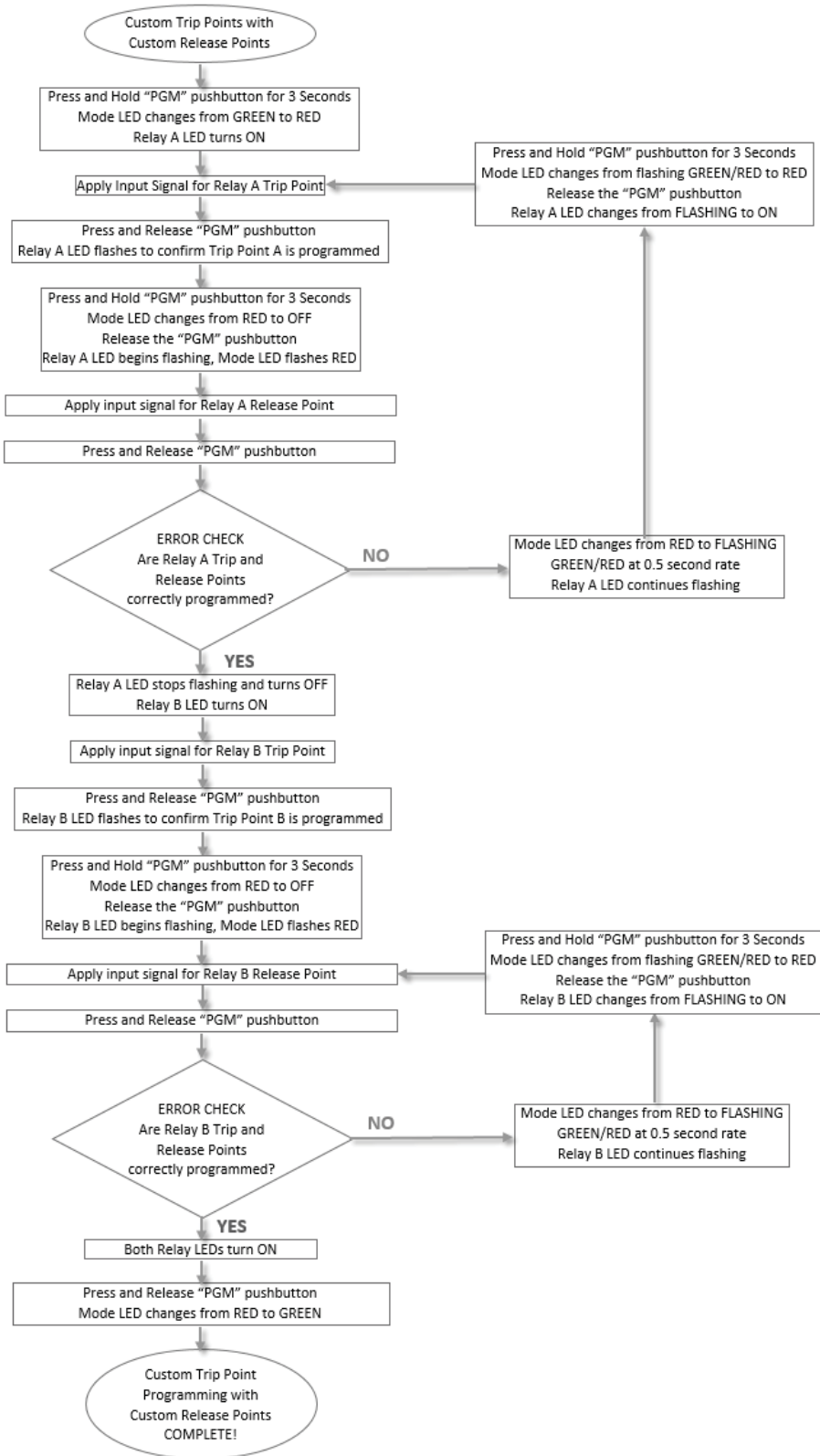


WARNING: Disconnect all loads from the output relays *BEFORE* programming. Output relays can turn ON and OFF during programming causing potentially unsafe conditions if loads are connected!!!

Programming Flowchart: Custom Trip Points with Custom Release Points Independent Relay Control [DIP Switch 7 OFF]



NOTE: If you make a mistake while in programming mode you can quickly exit and start over by cycling power to the FC-3RLY2 or simply press the PGM pushbutton repeatedly until the MODE LED turns green.



Programming Flowchart: Custom Trip Points with Custom Release Points Simultaneous Relay Control [DIP Switch 7 ON]

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NOTE: If you make a mistake while in programming mode you can quickly exit and start over by cycling power to the FC-3RLY2 or simply press the PGM pushbutton repeatedly until the MODE LED turns green.

