

CFAA Fire Alarm Practical Test: Common Errors

Many of these errors are not related to technical knowledge, but rather incomplete documentation, inconsistent responses, missed details, or improper interpretation of testing requirements and standards.

Reviewing these common errors in advance can help improve accuracy, professionalism, and confidence when completing practical testing documentation and performing inspections in the field.

Common Errors

- Illegible
- Abbreviations/Jargon in remarks
- Complete documentation said to be onsite when not
- Logically inconsistent answers
- Wrong Standard
- Battery Testing not on Full Load
- Confusion of Remarks/Deficiencies/Recommendations
- Incorrect/Incomplete Labelling Passed
- Dry System trip – pressure differential measurements
- Water flow testing – document all flow switch testing
- C6 Legend must agree with Device Record
- Follow 21 notes in Individual Device Record
- Missing or Incomplete answers on the following:
 - “Yes” “No”, “N/A”
 - “Additional Comments”
 - Record of Test Tested
 - Record of Test Reading
 - Building Representative Name
 - Signature
 - EOL voltage
 - Device Record
 - Section Row
 - Smoke detector sensitivity testing
 - Duct smoke detector testing (pressure differential)