

# Link 4 Battery Monitoring System User Guide

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## Navigation

Link consists of a number of pages, each providing different functionality. These pages are shown in the menu in the left pane, simply click an icon to select each page. Within a page there are a range of tabs, buttons and drop-down selection lists, along with the battery data being displayed. In some places you will need to make a selection or enter information so Link can display the battery information you require.

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🙈 Dashboard
🚱 Alarm Status
Reports
Real-Time -
Summary
📟 Detail
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🛃 Event
🚰 Trend
👔 Day

- TIP 1: See the *General Settings* and *Admin Utility* items in the *Help* menu for added functions like backing up your Link database and configuring email alarm alerts.
- **TIP 2:** Some navigation & functions vary slightly between Standard Edition and Service Edition. This User Guide generally refers to behaviour of the Standard Edition. See the Installing Link Software section and the Link Service Edition section for more information.

#### **Installing Link Software**

#### **Minimum requirements**

Processor	Intel i3-8100 or faster
RAM	8GB
Disk space	30GB
Display	1024 x 768 or 1366 x 768
Desktop Operating System	Windows 10 or 11
Server Operating System	Windows 2012 R2, 2016, 2019, 2022

#### To Set up Link

- 1. Run Link Setup.exe from the CD supplied with your PowerShield system
- 2. Follow the installation wizard steps to match your requirements

A Full Installation should be applied for normal operations.

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Link Edition Select Link Edition to install		
Select the edition of Link to install		
Standard Edition (Recommended for locations where Line	k is running 24x7)	
O Service Edition (Recommended for Service Engineers vis	iting multiple locations)	
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	Installation Type Select the type of installati	on
	Select the components you install. Click Next when you	want to install; clear the components you do not want to are ready to continue.
	Full installation	~
< Back		
	Current selection requires	at least 229.4 MB of disk space.
		< Back Next > Cancel

- TIP 1: If you get a User Account Control pop up screen click Yes to continue.
- **TIP 2:** If you don't have the system USB flash drive, Link software is also available for download at <u>www.powershield.com</u>. Contact PowerShield for further assistance.
- **TIP 3:** Install the Standard Edition for fixed PC's with Link running 24/7. Install the Service Edition for laptops with temporary activity and connections. Talk to PowerShield if you need to change from one edition to another.

### Adding A New Battery Monitor System

You need to 'add' your battery monitor system to Link before you can view it. Note the battery monitor needs to be configured before it can be added to Link.

Each subsequent battery and battery monitoring system needs to be added to Link in the same manner.

- 1. Go to the **Settings >> Systems** page
- 2. Click the **Add** button

The Add System Wizard will guide you through the steps required - simply follow the prompts.

TIP 1: The battery monitor should be fully configured before it is added to Link.



- TIP 2: Earlier versions of Link used the terms 'Site' and 'Sitename' to identify an individual battery monitoring system. Link now uses the term 'System'.
- TIP 3: When adding a Controller that is configured for HTTPS, make sure you select the HTTPS protocol in the *Add System Wizard*.

### **Viewing All Your Batteries**

The **Dashboard** page shows the current status of all battery systems and displays all alarms that require attention.

Click on the various icons for a particular system to:

- View real time data for the individual batteries in a string
- Hover over the string icons to view a list of alarm information for the system

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Battery Types									
Security									
Alarm Notification									

TIP 1: The coloured Dashboard indicators show the present status with respect to any alarm limits set.

TIP 2: Clicking on the indicator for a particular string will take you direct to the Real-Time >> Detail for that string.

TIP 3: The Service Edition only shows systems that are currently enabled.

### **Dashboard String Alarm State Indicators**

The dashboard string states are represented by a number of different colours and symbols, depending on which system type (Sentinel or PowerShield 8) has been configured.

#### PowerShield 8 String States

String State	Description
Green	No alarms have been activated for any reading on this string.
Yellow	A warning alarm has been activated on this string, but no critical alarms have been activated.
Red	There is a minimum of one critical alarm on this string, as well potential warning alarms. This notification will also flash, and will flash in sync if an audible alarm sound has been configured.
Light Grey	The system is either offline or has been disabled.

#### **Sentinel String States**

String State	Description	
Green	No readings within the string are outside of limits.	
Red	At least one reading within the string lies outside of limits.	
Rotating	The string is currently being checked.	
Down Arrow	The system cannot be updated whilst memories for this string are being downloaded.	
Light Grey	The system is either offline or has been disabled.	

#### **Thermal Runaway Indication**

When a system has detected battery thermal runaway condition it is highlighted in the dashboard page. It will be orange for detected and red for detected and signalled.

For details on the thermal runaway protection functionality see the PowerShield 8 Configuration manual (6300-103).



#### **Audible Alarms**

An audible alarm may be configured to play whenever an alarm is triggered by clicking **Configure Layout >> Dashboard** and ticking the **Play sound when alarm occurs** checkbox. Clicking the **Loop sound** checkbox will allow the user to set the alarm to play repeatedly until it is reset by the user. Clicking the **Open** button will allow the user to browse for and specify a different sound file to play whenever an alarm is activated.

Whenever a critical or system alarm is activated, an audible alarm will be activated by Link if the *Play sound when alarm occurs* checkbox has been checked. If the alarm has been set to loop, it will continue to remain active until the user resets it by clicking the **Reset Display** button on the *Dashboard*.

#### **Monitor System Alarm Indication**

The 'yellow triangle' icon on the Dashboard indicates a system alarm present on the Monitor.

The icon flashes if a new system alarm was detected in the most recent Dashboard poll, when a subsequent Dashboard poll occurs and the alarm is still present the icon will change to a solid state.

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Real-Time -	Offline: 0	2	1 2 S	ystem Alarms: 5			
Summary	Disabled: 1						
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M Event	Controller-84-2 🔺		🛑 🛑 Demo Controller				
🚰 Trend	Lab B300 🔺		entinel 1x20 🔺				
👔 Day							
Data Transfer -							
🛓 Downloads							
Communications							
Settings -							
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Battery Types							

## **Viewing An Individual Battery**

This page provides the user with the latest measurements for individual battery voltage, ohmic value and temperature. Note that Link automatically displays the parameters that the battery monitor is configured with – not all systems provide all parameters.

#### 1. Go to the *Real-Time >> Detail* page

- 2. Select the **System** name to view from the drop-down list
- 3. Select the **String** name from the drop-down list for the battery you wish to view



You may also:

- View the actual measurements (*Table* tab)
- Save the measurements to a report in either PDF or CSV format (Save Report)

TIP 1: Link is designed for connection to multiple battery systems - remember to select the system you wish to view.

**TIP 2:** The battery voltages are shown live and updated at the battery monitor every four seconds. Ohmic is updated once per day or as per operator settings.

TIP 3: You may also access this screen directly by clicking on the green or red indicator for a particular string at the Dashboard.

#### Alarms

This page provides the user with details of any current alarms. See the section about Link Alarm Clearing behaviour as the alarm behaviour is different depending on battery monitor model.

Clearing an alarm:

- 1. Go to the *Alarm Status* page
- 2. (Sentinel only) Select the alarm to be cleared from the list of Active alarms on the Active tab
- 3. Click the **Clear** button

Please note you cannot clear an alarm on a PowerShield 8 Controller as it clears them automatically. When an alarm is deactivated from the PowerShield 8 Controller it is automatically registered as archived within Link.

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Reports	System All Active: 40 Warning: 20	Pending: 0	
Real-Time -	Received Time System	Alarm Detail	
Summary	24/05/2021 1:27:36 Controller-84-2	String State Unknov	
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Settings *	24/05/2021 1:27:36 Controller-84-2	Device comms erro	
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Battery Types	24/05/2021 1:27:36 Controller-84-2	String State Unknor	<u>View last 90 Days</u>
Dattery Types	24/05/2021 1:27:36 Controller-84-2	Device comms erro	Notes
Security	24/05/2021 1:27:19 B300-75	Block Ohmic Error	
	24/05/2021 1:27:19 B300-75	String Current Error	
Alarm Notification	24/05/2021 1:27:19 B300-75	Block Ohmic Error	
	24/05/2021 1:27:19 B300-75	Block Float Voltage	0
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Note that the Link **Dashboard** may also generate alarms for Sentinel monitors. When the **Dashboard** is run, it takes each measurement and cross-checks them with their reference limits. If the measurements are outside the range of their reference limits, an alarm is sounded and is subsequently added to the list.

- TIP 1: More specific details for a selected alarm and its history are listed in the *Details* box on the right of the page. Refer to the *Help* tab for more detail about alarm states.
- TIP 2: You can also view old alarms via the History tab.

# **Graphing A Recorded Discharge**

To Graph a recorded discharge, you must ensure that Link has downloaded the discharge from the battery monitor.

- 1. Go to the *Graph By* >> *Event* page
- 2. Select the System name to view from the drop-down list
- 3. Select the other parameters you wish to view string number, battery number, measurement type Voltage or Temperature
- 4. Select the event date you wish to view from the events list
- 5. Click Show on Graph 1



- TIP 1: The discharge data set MUST be transferred from the monitor to the Link database (an automatic process at the end of the discharge) prior to disconnection. If you cannot find the event in the event list or are unsure, you can view and 'force' this transfer at the *Data Transfer >> Downloads* page if the monitor is still connected.
- **TIP 2:** You can display measurements in Graph 1 or Graph 2 so that different measurement parameters can be visually compared. For example, graph all Block voltages on Graph 1 and the String Current on Graph 2.

### **Analysing Trends Of Your Batteries**

- 1. Go to the *Graph By >> Trend* page
- 2. Select the System name to view from the drop-down list
- 3. Select the date range you wish to analyse
- 4. Select the string number
- 5. Select the other parameters you wish to view battery number, measurement type
- 6. Click Show on Graph 1



TIP 1: You can also access this page by clicking on an individual battery voltage bar in the Real-Time >> Detail screen.

TIP 2: You can print and save the graph by right clicking on the graph and making the desired selection.

TIP 3: Click on an item graph line to highlight and determine a particular item number in the graph key.

TIP 4: You can view the measurements from a particular day and time at the Graph By >> Day page.

### **Creating A Discharge Report**

The data for all reports is derived from the battery monitor. Ensure that sufficient time is allowed for data to be transferred to the Link database before creating a report.

- 1. Go to the *Reports* page
- 2. Click the New button to generate a new report and select Discharge from the list of Report Types
- 3. Select the System name you wish to report on from the drop-down list on the Discharge Report page
- 4. Select the relevant string(s) and click Search Events
- 5. Select the event date you wish to view from the events list
- 6. Click **Generate the Report** to proceed

Link Reports		>	×
New Report - Discharge Report			
Discharge Event System: Select System V			^
Date Range O Past 7 Days O Past 30 Days O Past 90 Days O Past 365 Days O Past 365 Days	Strings:		
Discharge Events Strings	Maximum Duration		
Duration ● Use Automatic ○ Set Manual Options ☑ Sort Block details by String	Pre-discharge data file:		
Chart all Blocks with alarms	Back	Generate the Report Close	•

- TIP 1: You can generate a Discharge Report 'offline' without being connected to a monitor. However, the discharge data set MUST have been transferred from the monitor to the Link database (an automatic process at the end of the discharge) prior to disconnection. If you cannot find the event in the event list or are unsure, you can view and 'force' this transfer at the Data Transfer >> Downloads page, if the monitor is still connected.
- TIP 2: The report will use the alarm limits set on the monitor, or you can adjust these when creating the report by selecting *Create Custom Limits*.

### **Thermal Runaway Protection**

The PowerShield 8 Controllers have battery thermal runaway protection feature. The thermal runaway detection functionality is part of the Controller but the thermal runaway protection signalling is optional.

When thermal runaway is detected a banner appears below the main Link menu regardless of the page you are on. For details on the thermal runaway protection functionality see the PowerShield 8 Configuration manual (6300-103).

When thermal runaway is detected the orange banner appears as shown below.

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		Thermal Runaway Detected	
📾 Dashboard	🤣 Refresh	📀 Reset Display 🛛 📝 Compact	Configure Layout
🚱 Alarm Status 🔹 🕚	Total Systems (6)	Battery Status (1 Systems)	
Reports	Online:		
Real-Time -	Offline:	0 0 0 1	System Alarms: 0
Summary	Disabled:	5	

When the PowerShield 8 Controller has detected thermal runaway and has sent the control signal to isolate the battery string or step down the battery charger the red banner appears as shown below.

📕 Link - Battery Management			– 🗆 X
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	Thern	al Runaway Detected & Signalled	
📾 Dashboard	🤣 Refresh	📀 Reset Display 📓 Compact	Configure Layout
🚱 Alarm Status 🔹 🔹	Total Systems (6)	Battery Status (1 Systems)	
Reports	Online:		
Real-Time -	Offline:	0 0 0 1 System Ala	rms: 0
Summary	Disabled:	5	

### Link Alarm Clearing Behaviour

Link automatically clears battery alarms for the Sentinel to provide up-to-date battery status. This function is not required for the PowerShield 8 Controller as it clears its own alarms.

Alarm types:

- · Battery alarms relate directly to the battery system and its environment
- System alarms (which are not automatically cleared) relate to proper operation of the battery monitor and must be cleared manually

Auto-clear functions only occur within the Standard Edition on Sentinel monitors.

#### Alarm Behaviour – PowerShield 8 Controller

When an alarm is cleared by the PowerShield 8 Controller, the alarm record in Link will automatically move into the 'archived' state.



#### Alarm Behaviour – Sentinel

The Link application will clear alarms from the Sentinel on an hourly schedule. If the alarm is triggered again within a period of two minutes after its initial deactivation it will once again enter 'an active' state. During the two-minute period the alarm is in the 'pending' state. If it is not triggered within the two minute time frame it will enter into the 'archived' state.

Every 15 minutes, the **Dashboard** will check the real time readings and compare it to the last set of downloaded limits. If the reading is outside the limits, an alarm will be activated. The **Dashboard** will automatically clear the alarm when the reading is within the limits.



TIP 1: You can adjust the alarm clearing schedule with the Admin Utility accessible from the Help menu.

### **PowerShield 8 Controller System Name Change Procedure**

The system name of a PowerShield 8 Controller can be changed indirectly via the **Systems** tab:

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🚱 Alarm Status	Systems			Selected System: -				
Reports	System 🔺			System name:	UPS-A1			
Real-Time -	UPS-A1			Description:				
Summary	UPS-A3			Deferrer				
💷 Detail	UPS-A4			Reference:				
-				Address:				
Graph By -								
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🚰 Trend								
👔 Day				Log Battery Cha	arger Communication	Link Management		
D				Selected Date Ran	ge			
Data Iransfer +				⊖ Past 7 Days	From	P Add		
🖄 Downloads				Past 30 Days Past 90 Days	ZZ-F00-10	😂 Delete		
Communications				○ Past 365 Days	22-May-18	E View		
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At the top right of the screen is the **Selected System** box. Click the **Browse to Controller** link at the bottom right-hand corner of the box to open the PowerShield 8 Controller user interface.

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Controller	Contrary Names		
Settings	System Names		
System	System Name Lab		
Strings	Facility Name PSL Head Office		
Mapping			
CT Calibration	Device Time		
Network			
Alerts	System Time 15th May 2018 9:54:05 NZST		
Limits	Time Zone Pacific/Auckland		
Inputs			
Ohmic Baselines	Temperature Display		
Backup			
Logs	Temperature Unit Celsius °C		
Alarm	Edit		
Event			
Measurement	Custom Cofference Vanian		
Advanced	System Software Version		
String Thresholds	Version 1.1.0-140-dev		
Sensor Replacement	Update system software		
Diagnostics			
Sensor Comms Stats			
Network Stats	Reset to Factory Defaults		
System Log Download	Reset to factory defaults will: • Clear all logged data		
Not logged in	Reset all string configuration Reset advects of configuration		

Click the System tab on the navigation bar to open the System menu.

In order to change the system name, the user will first have to log in using the web link in the top right-hand corner of the browser window, then enter the appropriate login name and password. The default login name is "Installer." The default password is "battech." Click **Submit** to log in.

Once the user has successfully logged in an **Edit** button should appear within the **System Names** box. Click the **Edit** button to open the **Edit System Names** dialog box.

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ystem Name UPS-A1	
acility Name Head Office	
Edit	

Here the user may change both the name of the system as well as the facility in which the system has been installed by clicking the mouse in the appropriate text box.

Edit System	Names
System Name	UPS-A25
Facility Name	Head Office
	Close Save changes

Click **Save changes** to save any changes made. Click **Close** to close the dialog box.

Return to the Systems screen in Link. Click Update System Name to synchronise the new system name settings with Link.

Selected System:	
System name:	UPS-A1
Description:	
Reference:	
Address:	
	Update System Name Browse to Controller

### **Link Service Edition**

Link offers two different operating modes – a Standard Edition for fixed PC's with Link running 24/7, and a Service Edition for laptops with temporary connections, typically accessing Monitors via the Service Port. Some navigation and functions vary slightly between the two editions. This User Guide generally refers to behaviour of the Standard Edition – however the major functional differences are highlighted here.

Link Service Edition:

- Starts in the **Settings >> System** page
- Only shows Enabled systems on the Dashboard
- Allows creation of multiple systems with same communication parameters
- Has automatic date & time synchronisation disabled \*
- Has the Dashboard poll disabled. A status update must be 'forced' by the operator \*
- Alarm auto-clearing functionality is turned off \*
- Has automatic memory downloads disabled for trend data. Memory downloads must be 'forced' by the operator.
- Deleting memories from Sentinels after download is turned off \*
- Has automatic memory downloads delayed for event data. A warning panel will appear advising that downloads will start soon
- Memory downloads can be 'forced' by the operator, and an option is given to delete/not delete from the monitor after download
- Disables communication with all monitor systems when Link Client is closed
- Link Server is in sleep mode when Link Client is not running

\* Relates to functionality only applicable to Sentinel systems.

**TIP 1:** The Service Edition is recommended for service personnel making temporary connections. Full functionality is available, but automated background processes are disabled or delayed to provide best speed and prevent unwanted or conflicting actions.

#### **Importing Controller Measurement Logs**

Measurement Logs downloaded via the web interface on the Controller, can be imported into Link, allowing use of the analysis and reporting tools in Link. Typically, measurement data held on the Controller is downloaded to Link directly when a connection is made, however Link may not be running at all locations. The Import feature allows for data collected using the Measurement Log Download function of the Controller to be shared with anyone running Link.

The Import feature can only import the Zip file Measurement Log files created by a PowerShield8 Controller.

The Import feature is available in the Link Service Edition only and is located under the Data Transfer menu.



**TIP 1:** Importing measurement data is a time consuming task (processor and disk intensive) therefore only import the events or yearly periods of interest. This can be done by <u>only</u> downloading the items of interest from the Controller, or alternatively editing the Measurement Log Zip file, deleting the files that are not of interest.

TIP 2: Minimise Link while importing and move to a different task, so the import is done in the background

The method to import a file is as follows:

- 1. Go to the Data Transfer >> Import page
- 2. Click the Select File button and navigate to the file that is to be imported

Import	х
Import	
Select File	
Filename:	
Internal File Count:	
System Name:	
Message:	
Note:	
An import cannot be reversed, to rollback restore a database backup.	
If the computer is rebooted while an import is in progress, the import is interrupted and will not complete.	1
Import Cancel	

3. When the file is selected, the dialog will update based on the file contents

Import	×	
Import		
Select File		
Filename:	discharge-logs.lab-b300.2021-06-18.2ip	
Internal File Count:	4	
System Name:	Lab B300	
Message:	Data will be imported into "Lab B300" (new)	
Note:		
An import cannot be reve	rsed, to rollback restore a database backup.	
If the computer is reboote will not complete.	ed while an import is in progress, the import is interrupted and	
	Import Cancel	

4. Click the Import button and the file will begin importing into Link

Status	Progress
3 Uploaded	50%
3	Status Uploaded

5. When the import is completed, it will appear in the import history

Import History Log

Filename 💌	Started 18/06/2021 9:54:49 am	Finished	Result
discharge-logs.lab-b300.2021-06-18.zip		18/06/2021 9:55:12 am	Success

TIP 3: To delete items from the Import History Log, select the item and press the DELETE key on your keyboard. This removes the item from the list only, the imported data is not affected.

# List of Alarm Types

#### **PowerShield 8**

Below is a list of the alarm types for the PowerShield 8 system.

There are three states of alarm severity – Critical, Warning and Info. A 'High' alarm indicates that the reading for a particular alarm type has exceeded the maximum value. A 'Low' alarm indicates that the value for a particular alarm type has dropped below the minimum value. Alarm types may be triggered by 'High' alarms, 'Low' alarms, or both. Alarm types may trigger Critical alarms, Warning alarms, or both. An Info severity alarm provides information on the current state of the four String State alarm types.

For variation alarms, the term 'variation' refers to the difference between the largest and the smallest value for a string.

For example, the smallest block voltage in a string is 13.12V and the largest 13.94V. Therefore the variation is 0.82V (13.94V - 13.12V).

Alarm Type	Severity			
	Critical	Warning	Info	
String State Charge	-	-	$\checkmark$	
String State Discharge	-	-	$\checkmark$	
String State Float	-	-	$\checkmark$	
String State Idle	-	-	$\checkmark$	
Block Charge Voltage	High	High	-	
Block Discharge Voltage	Low	Low	-	
Block Float Voltage	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Block Idle Voltage	Low	Low	-	
Block Float Ripple Voltage	-	High	-	
Block Charge Temperature	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Block Discharge Temperature	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Block Float Temperature	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Block Idle Temperature	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Block Ohmic	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Block Discharge Voltage Variation	High	High	-	
Block Float Voltage Variation	High	High	-	
Block Charge Temperature Variation	High	High	-	
Block Discharge Temperature Variation	High	High	-	
Block Float Temperature Variation	High	High	-	
Block Idle Temperature Variation	High	High	-	
Block Ohmic Variation	High	High	-	
String Charge Current	High	-	-	
String Float Current	High	-	-	
String Discharge Current	Low	-	-	
String Float Ripple Current	High	High	-	
String Charge Voltage	High	High	-	
String Float Voltage	Low/High	Low/High	-	
String Idle Voltage	Low	Low	-	
String Discharge Voltage	Low	Low	-	

Alarm Type	Severity			
	Critical	Warning	Info	
Ambient Temperature	Low/High	Low/High	-	
Ambient Temperature Variation	-	High	-	
Ambient-Block Temperature Difference	High	High	-	
Humidity	High	High	-	
Discharge Period	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	
Charge Period	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	
Ohmic Schedule	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Digital Input	$\checkmark$	-	-	
TRP Over Temperature	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Fast TRP Temperature Rise	$\checkmark$	-	-	
TRP Thermal Runaway Signalled	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Block Voltage Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
Block Temperature Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
Block Ohmic Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
Block Comms Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
String Current Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
String Ripple Current Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
Ambient Temperature Error	-	$\checkmark$	-	
Out of Disk Space	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Low Disk Space	$\checkmark$	-	-	
High CPU Temperature	$\checkmark$	-	-	
String State Unknown	$\checkmark$	-	-	
mSensor Status Error	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Device Comms Error	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Hub Status Error	$\checkmark$	-	-	
Disk Health	$\checkmark$	-	-	

#### Sentinel

Below is a list of the alarm types for the Sentinel monitor.

Alarm Type	Note
Monoblock Voltage	-
Temperature	-
Current	String current is outside the limits
String Voltage	-
String State	String has transitioned into a different string state
Monoblock Variation	-
Digital Input	Input is in alarm state
Block Ohmic	-
Monoblock Ohmic Variation	-
Monoblock Temperature	-
Block Temperature Variation	-
Monoblock Idle Voltage	-
Memory Format Error	Monitor memory is not formatted or corrupt
Communications Failure	A communications error between Link and the Sentinel unit has occurred
Missing B1K	Link is unable to communicate with the Sentinel
Slave Offline	A Monitor slave unit is offline
Email Failure	Email communication error
Notification Disable	Notifications have been disabled on the Monitor
Download Error	Link was unable to download one or more memories from a Monitor
System Name Error	System name of unit mismatches that of Link
Mail Error	Link email dispatcher error
Time Synchronization Error	Sentinel has failed to synchronise the time with Link
Disk Space	Computer running the Link application is out of disk space