



# rako RAK-LINK Wired RAK Connection Unit Instruction Manual

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**Rako RAK-LINK Wired RAK Connection Unit**



For programming information: Wired System Programming Guide  
For general System information: Wired RAK Application Sheet

### **What is the RAK-LINK?**

The RAK-LINK is an essential component of any Rako Wired network. The purpose of the RAK-LINK is to provide power to the Wired network and communicate between the Wired network and the RAK8-MB units. Up to 32 circuits can be mapped to a single RAK-LINK (4 RAK8-MB units); multiple RAK-LINKs may be used should more circuits be required.

The RAK-LINK supports up to two CAT5 or CAT6 cables via the punch-down connector and has three RJ11 ports that can connect Rako Wired accessories. The power supply on the RAK-LINK is capable of powering up to 40 Rako Wired devices via the connections to the punch-down connector.

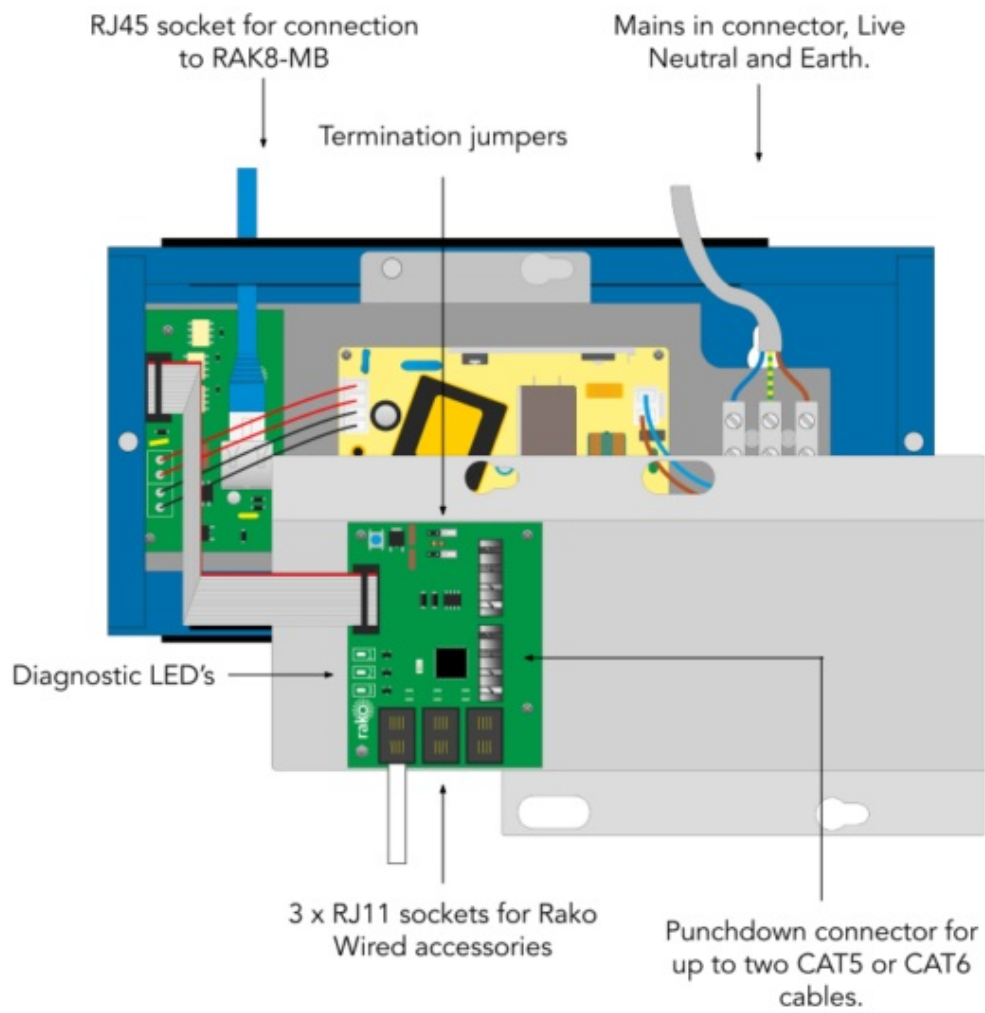
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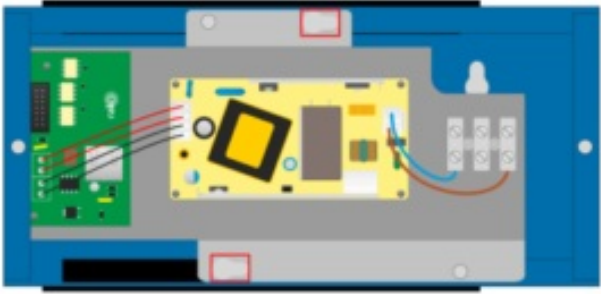
The RJ11 ports are not suitable for connecting multiple devices and must be used solely for single Rako Wired accessories. For a specific calculation of power requirements, please refer to the RAK-LINK diagnostics application sheet.

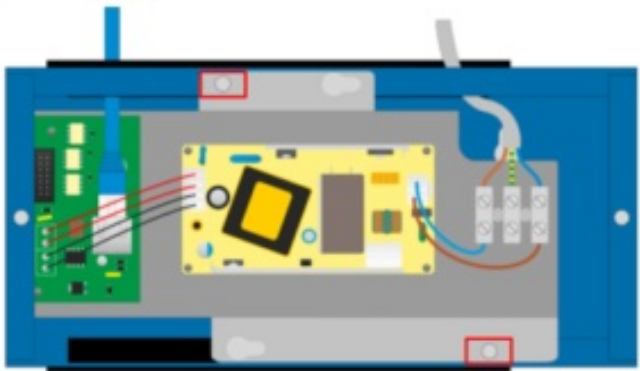
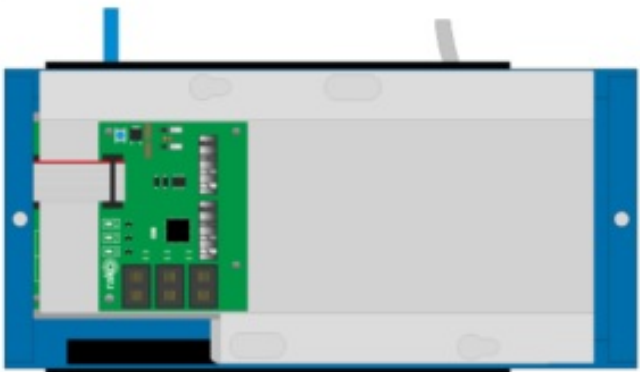
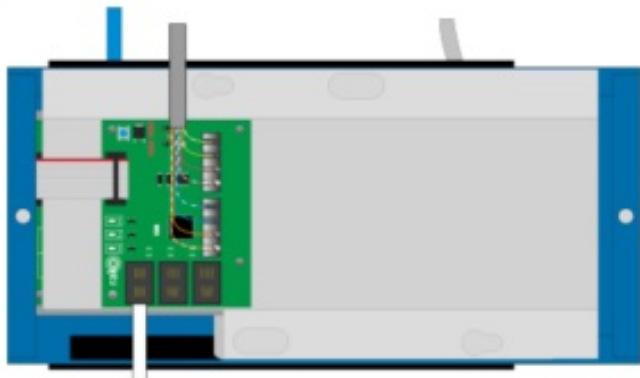
### **Installation of the RAK-LINK**

Installation should only be carried out by a competent electrician.  
The connections to the RAK-LINK, as shown below are:

1. Mains AC connection to the power supply
2. RJ45 patch leads to RAKs
3. Krone connector punch downs and RJ11 sockets to Wired network
4. Optional 3 x RJ11 sockets for Wired accessories.



Step 1		<p>Remove the front cover and remove the plastic knockouts to allow cables to pass in and out of RAK-LINK.</p>
Step 2		<p>If RAK8-MB units are being used, slot the RAK-LINK housing into the RAK8-MB metalwork using the plastic rails.</p> <p>Screw RAK-LINK to the wall and prepare the mains supply cable.</p>
Step 3		<p>Remove the top tray by disconnecting the ribbon cable and screws</p> <p>Fix the lower tray into the wall-mounted metal housing using the screws indicated in the diagram.</p>

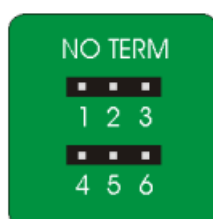
Step 4		<p>Wire the mains supply into the terminal block.</p> <p>Insert the RJ45 cable that links the RAK-LINK to a stack of RAKs.</p> <p>Prepare two remaining screws to be slotted into the top tray</p>
Step 5		<p>Reattach the ribbon cable between the top and bottom board</p> <p>Slot the top tray into the bottom tray and screw down</p>
Step 6		<p>Punch down the CAT5 to the Wired network to complete installation.</p> <p>If required, connect up to three Wired accessories (for example the WK-HUB) to the RJ11 ports</p>

## Terminating the RAK-LINK

The final step in the installation process is to terminate the RAK-LINK. The termination that is required depends on the nature of the installation and the position of the RAK-LINK within the System.

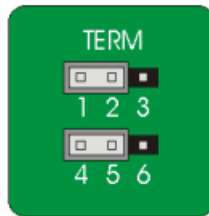
### No Term – Both Jumpers removed

Used when the RAK-LINK is not at the end of the line. This is usually identifiable by two cables being punched down to the RAK-LINK.



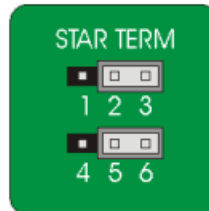
### Term – Jumper fitted across 1+2 & 4+5

Used when the RAK-LINK is end of the line in a daisy chain configuration.



#### Star Term – Jumper fitted across 2+3 & 5+6

Used when the RAK-LINK is the end of the line in a STAR wire configuration.





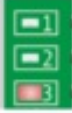
#### 4 Programming the RAK-LINK

The RAK-LINK is programmed using the Rasoft Pro programming software. A WK-HUB or WA/WTC-Bridge is required for any programming of a Wired System. For more information on how to program a RAK-LINK please refer to the “Wired System Setup Guide”

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#### Appendix 1: RAK-LINK diagnostics

Requires ISSUE B circuit board and firmware version 0.4.6.

RAK-LINK Blue LED Status			
Number	Colour	Indicates	Uses/example
1 	Blue	Device activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Device in setup</li> <li>• Network looping poll</li> </ul>
2 	Blue	Power/ CAN bus activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid Power detected</li> <li>• Flashing CAN Bus Transmitting or receiving</li> </ul>
3 	Red	CAN Diagnostics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAN warning</li> <li>• CAN error</li> </ul>

Red LED Status	Troubleshooting (Potential causes)
Warning: RED LED Fast flash	Continuously checked
Cause: Incorrect voltages measured on the RAK-LINK data lines. The System may still function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One or more data line(s) have been shorted to a power line.</li> <li>• RAK-LINK put into setup mode with no network attached.</li> <li>• The network is very busy (LED 2 will also be flashing fast).</li> </ul>
Warning: RED LED Slow flash	Continuously checked
Cause: Power supply detected to be below 12V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Supply failing.</li> <li>• Power is supplied from another source.</li> </ul>
Error: RED LED solid	Checked on power-up and attempted transmission
Cause: CAN Transmission failure. The RAK-LINK has repeatedly failed to transmit a message.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAK-LINK put into polling mode with no network attached or CAN bus shorted together.</li> </ul>

Once the fault has been cleared, power cycle the RAK-LINK to clear the LED diagnostics.

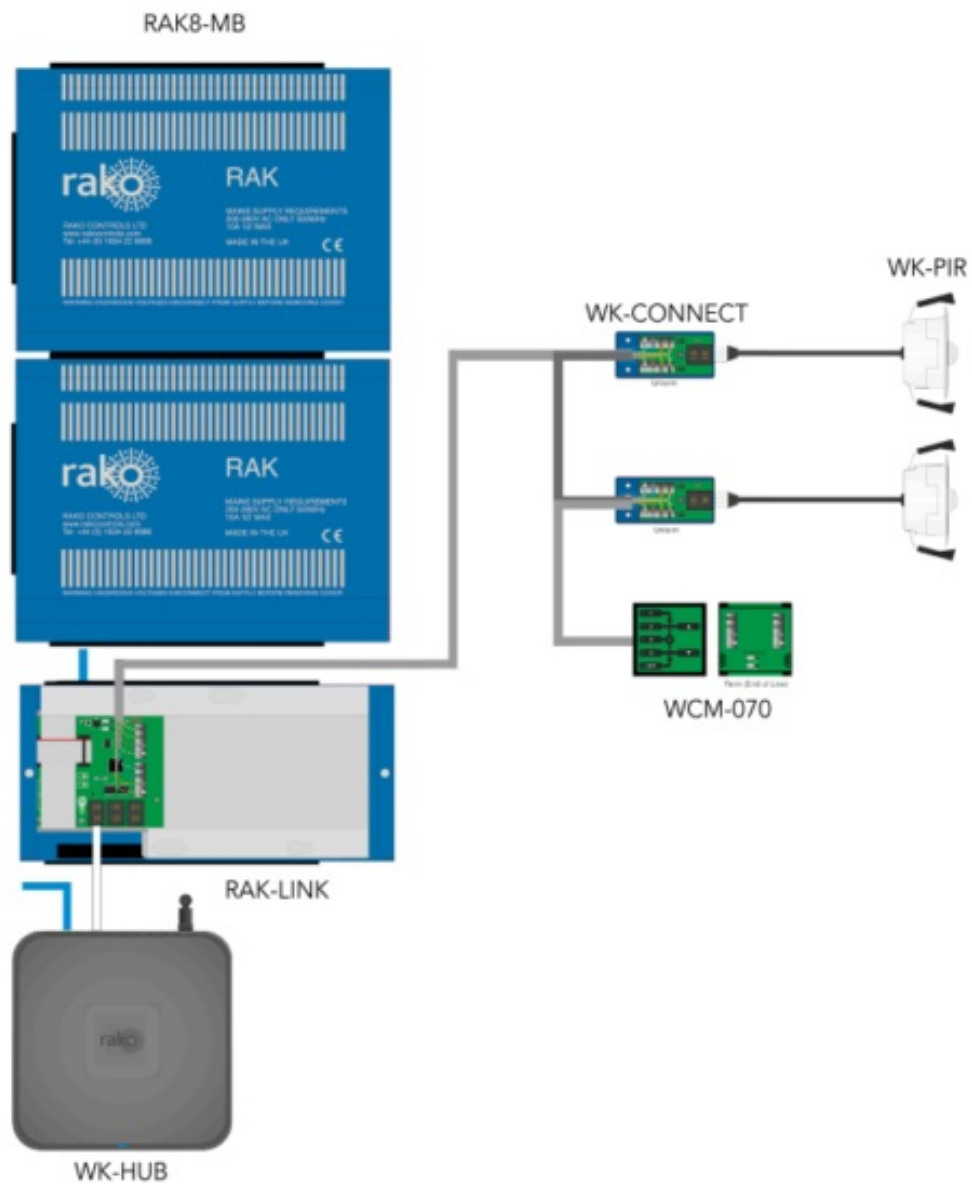
#### **NB**

Caution should be exercised while using this table for diagnostic purposes. The suggested possible cause is the most likely of many possible outcomes but is not a guaranteed solution.

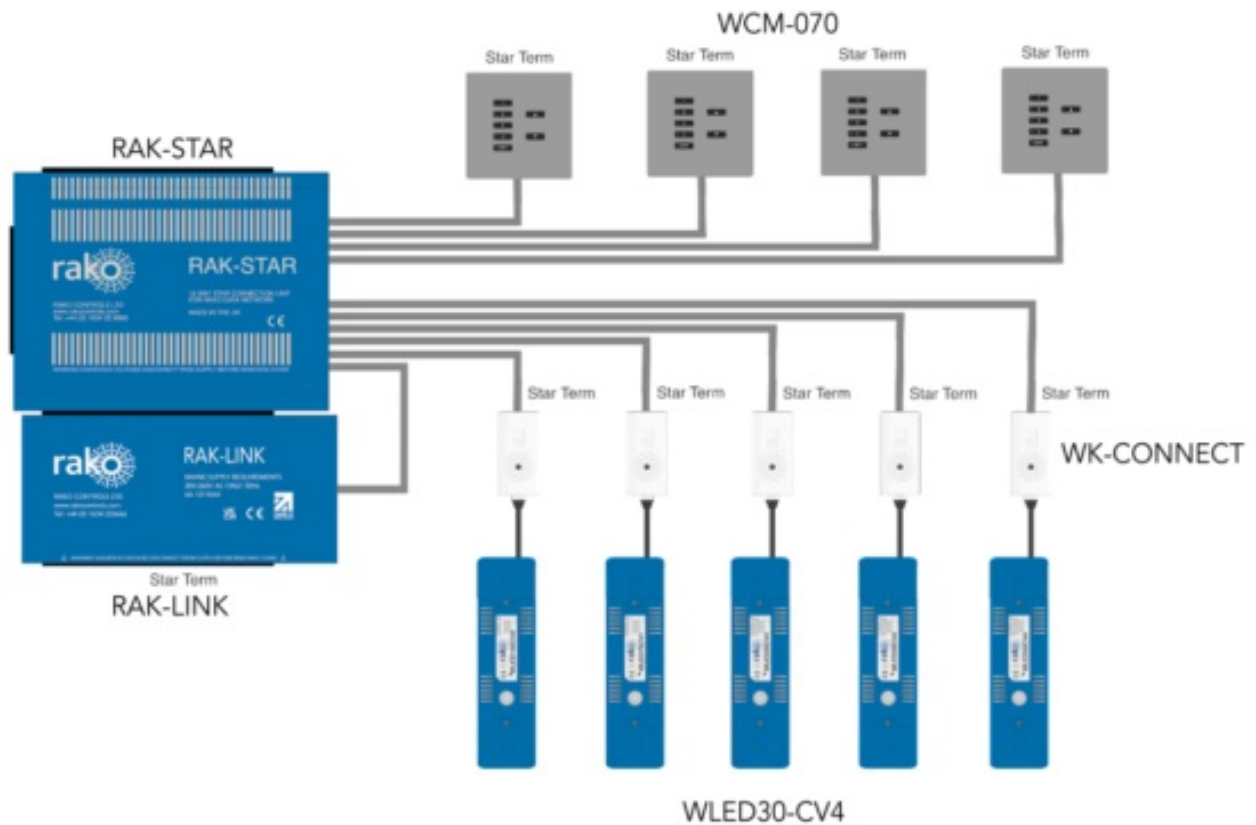
## **Appendix 2: Example Systems diagram**

### **Radial Wired System**

The diagram below shows a RAK-LINK in a Wired radial System.

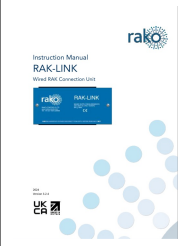


STAR Wired System



The diagram below shows a RAK-LINK in a Wired STAR System.

## Documents / Resources

	<p><a href="#">rako RAK-LINK Wired RAK Connection Unit</a> [pdf] Instruction Manual            RAK-LINK Wired RAK Connection Unit, RAK-LINK, Wired RAK Connection Unit, RAK Connection Unit, Connection Unit, Unit</p>
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## References

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