

an installation process for the movable barrier operator system, and further when a current part of that installation process requires the user to be located physically proximal to the movable barrier operator instead of the wall-mounted user-input interface, information useful to the user can be displayed using relatively large font sizing in order to permit easier viewing and comprehension of the displayed information by the remotely located user.

[0076] In general, the provision of an active display having at least numeric presentation capability when joined in conjunction with a wall-mounted remote user-input interface or at least alphanumeric and/or graphic presentation capability when joined in conjunction with other movable barrier operator system components yields numerous benefits. The resultant ease of communication (both outwardly and in support of interactive communications) can be further leveraged to permit more reliable installation or use of one or more elements of a movable barrier operator system, a greater breadth and depth of operating features and options, and improved security, reliability, and enjoyment of use.

[0077] Those skilled in the art will recognize that a wide variety of modifications, alterations, and combinations can be made with respect to the above described embodiments without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and that such modifications, alterations, and combinations are to be viewed as being within the ambit of the inventive concept.

1. An apparatus comprising:
 - a movable barrier operator system operational component;
 - a display that is integral to the movable barrier operator system component and comprising at least one of an alphanumeric display and a graphics display.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the movable barrier operator system operational component comprises at least one of a movable barrier operator and a movable barrier operator remote control device.
3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the movable barrier operator remote control device comprises a wireless movable barrier operator remote control device.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the wireless movable barrier operator remote control device comprises at least one of:
 - an infrared-based wireless movable barrier operator remote control device;
 - a radio frequency-based wireless movable barrier operator remote control device;
 - an optical signal-based wireless movable barrier operator remote control device;
 - a sound-based wireless movable barrier operator remote control device.
5. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the movable barrier operator remote control device is physically coupled to a movable barrier operator.
6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the movable barrier operator remote control device is physically coupled to a movable barrier operator by at least one of:
 - an electrical conductor-based signal path;
 - an optical-based signal path.
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29. A method comprising:
 - receiving information regarding a movable barrier operator system;
 - providing an active display of content as corresponds, at least in part, to the information, wherein the active display is disposed integral to a movable barrier operator

system operational component and comprises at least one of a graphic display and an alphanumeric display.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein receiving information regarding a movable barrier operator system further comprises receiving the information from a movable barrier operator.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein receiving information regarding a movable barrier operator system further comprises receiving the information via a wireless communication path.

32. The method of claim 31 wherein the wireless communication path comprises at least one of an optical communication path, a radio frequency communication path, and an audio communication path.

33. The method of claim 29 wherein receiving information regarding a movable barrier operator system further comprises receiving the information via a physical communication path.

34. The method of claim 33 wherein the physical communication path comprises at least one of an electrical conductor and an optical signal carrier.

35. The method of claim 29 wherein receiving information regarding a movable barrier operator system further comprises receiving information regarding at least one of:

- a fault within the movable barrier operator system;
- a decision-making-basis for an automated action;

- system status;

- status regarding a movable barrier operator system component;

- service information;

- scheduled maintenance information;

- contact information;

- commercial content;

- information regarding an automatically expiring state;

- movable barrier operator system help.

36. The method of claim 35 wherein the movable barrier operator system help further comprises at least one of:

- installation instructions;

- set-up instructions;

- usage instructions;

- configuration information;

- maintenance information;

- safe-operation information.

37. The method of claim 29 wherein providing an active display of content further comprises providing an interactive active display of content.

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46. An apparatus comprising:

- a movable barrier operator system wall-mounted user-input interface;

- a display that is integral to the movable barrier operator system wall-mounted user-input interface and comprising at least a numeric display.

47. The apparatus of claim 46 wherein the movable barrier operator system wall-mounted user-input interface comprises a movable barrier operator remote control device.

48. The apparatus of claim 47 wherein the movable barrier operator remote control device comprises a wireless movable barrier operator remote control device.

49. The apparatus of claim 48 wherein the wireless movable barrier operator remote control device comprises at least one of:

- an infrared-based wireless movable barrier operator remote control device;