

ABSTRACT

A plurality of remote control groups (GR) each have a plurality of indoor units (20, 20, ...) designated as a single master unit (2a) and as slave units (2b) cooperating with the master unit (2a). A central monitor board (30) is provided for communicating control signals with each of the indoor units (20, 20, ...). A memory of the central monitor board (30) has a type area (M2) for storing type data representing that each indoor unit is a master unit (2a) or a slave unit (2b). The central monitor board (30) transmits a start signal to the indoor unit (20) as a master unit (2a) in accordance with type data of the type area (M2). In addition, the central monitor board (30) determines that the indoor units (20, 20, ...) having begun to operate in response to the start signal belong to one group (GR) and enters the determination result in a group area (M3) of the memory.