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**VHF/FM AIRBORNE TRANSCEIVER
REMOTE CONTROL**



Installation and Operating Instructions

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NOTES

CAUTION ! STATIC SENSITIVE !



This unit contains static sensitive devices. Wear a grounded wrist strap and/or conductive gloves when handling printed circuit boards.

FCC COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

WARNING

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Technisonic Industries could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Model RC-550 Remote Control Head is under warranty for one year from date of purchase. Failed units caused by defective parts, or workmanship should be returned to:

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SUMMARY OF DO-160C ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING

Summary of DO-160C Environmental Testing for Technisonic Model RC-550 Remote Control Head for the TFM-550 Transceiver.

CONDITIONS	SECTION	DESCRIPTION OF CONDUCTED TESTS
Temperature and Altitude	4.0	Equipment tested to categories B2 and D1.
Vibration	8.0	Equipment is tested without shock mounts to categories B, M and N.
Magnetic Effect	15.0	Equipment is class Z.
Power Input	16.0	Equipment tested to category B.
Voltage Spike	17.0	Equipment tested to category B.
RF Emission	21.0	Equipment tested to category Z.

STC APPROVAL NOTE

Presently, no TSO standard exists for airborne FM transceivers. To make it easier for installation agencies to provide their customers with an approved installation supported by an effective Airworthiness Approval, Technisonic has secured Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) Approvals (both US and Canadian) on its Airborne FM products for many helicopters currently being delivered in the US and Canada as well as a number of single engine fixed wing aircraft. The above referenced DO-160C test data is also on file and available from Technisonic to support approval requirements in airframes for which Technisonic does not possess an STC.

Approved aircraft types are listed in the attachments to the formal STC documents. These STCs are the exclusive property of Technisonic and require the written authority of Technisonic for their use. To assist Factory Authorized Technisonic Dealers in the certification process, we have placed copies of our Canadian and US STCs on our web site along with a letter of authorization for their use. These documents may be downloaded and used as support for the technical submission to FAA or Transport Canada. Only authorized factory dealers/installers are permitted to download and make use of these documents on behalf of their customers (end users) in support of regulatory agency approval. Please refer to the Technisonic web site www.til.ca for the latest issue of available STCs and letter of authorization for use.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This publication provides operating and installation information on the RC-550 Remote Control Head manufactured by Technisonic Industries Limited. The unit offers a secondary control or slaved control position for the Technisonic TFM-550 VHF/UHF FM Transceiver.

1.2 DESCRIPTION

The RC-550 is a microprocessor controlled display and keypad capable of RS232 serial communications with the TFM-550. The front panel is similar to the TFM-550 and displays the same information.

1.3 PURPOSE OF EQUIPMENT

The RC-550 remote control head provides a secondary slaved control point for the TFM-500 where the TFM-550 is not accessible or visible to the second user.

1.4 MODEL VARIATION

There are four variations of the Model RC-550 Transceiver. All units offer identical features and performance except for the following differences:

RC-550, P/N 991099-1	GREEN display and 28 Volt back lighting.
RC-550, P/N 991099-1 (5V)	GREEN display and 5 Volt back lighting.
RC-550, P/N 991099-2	RED display and 28 Volt back lighting.
RC-550, P/N 991099-2 (5V)	RED display and 5 Volt back lighting.

Both P/N's 991099-1 and 991099-2 are always provided with 28 Volt back lighting unless a specific request is made for 5 Volt AC operation.

1.5 TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

<u>Specification</u>	<u>Characteristic</u>
GENERAL	
Model Designation:	RC-550
Physical Dimensions:	Approx. 2.0" X 3.0" X 5.75"
Weight:	Approx. 1.2 Lbs (0.55 Kg)
Mounting:	Panel Mount via Dzus fasteners
Operating Temperature Range:	-45° C to +70° C
Power Requirement:	
Voltage:	28.0 VDC \pm 15%
Current:	1.0 A Max.
Communications:	ASCII
Speed:	9600 baud
Parity:	None
Data:	8 bits
Stop:	1 bit

SECTION 2 – OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions assume knowledge of the TFM-550 operation. Please refer to Technisonic document No. 99RE262 for complete TFM-550 operating instructions. See Figure 2.1 for the Model RC-550 Operator's Switches and Controls

1. Switch power on to both the TFM-550 and the RC-550. It does not matter which one is switched on first. The RC-550 display will show the same information as on the TFM-550 radio except for what is affected by the Band Select and VHF/PRI switches. The TFM-550 is in no way dependent on the RC-550 which may be turned off and on or just left off at any time without affecting the operation of the TFM-550. Mic signal, Headphone audio and PTT are supplied to the remote operator's position via an audio panel, therefore the RC-550 remote control head does not need to be on for the remote operator to transmit or receive on the TFM-550 radio. Remote frequency channeling and programming of the TFM-550 will require the RC-550.
2. When the TFM-550 is in normal operating mode, the functionality of the RC-550 is the same as it is on the radio except for the following:
 - a) The volume levels cannot be adjusted from the RC-550.
 - b) The RF output power cannot be switched at the remote, however the current power selection on the TFM-550 is displayed on the RC-550.
 - c) The band select switch determines what the status line on the RC-550 will display as well as selects which band will be affected during a program function but it is the band select switch on the TFM-550 that determines which band is selected for transmit.
 - d) Scanning can not be invoked by the RC-550 but it can be cancelled.
 - e) DTMF dialling is not available at the RC-550 keypad.
 - f) Dimming of the backlighting and the display is independent from the TFM-550 so that it can be adjusted to the local lighting conditions.
 - g) The frequency cannot be scrolled in the variable frequency mode.
 - h) Crossband repeat cannot be invoked.
 - i) The PTT timeout timer cannot be changed.
 - j) The keyboard lockout function is independent from the TFM-550 so that both keypads don't lock at one user's request.
3. Programming of memory channels, CTCSS tones and DPL/DCS codes uses the identical procedure as the TFM-550.

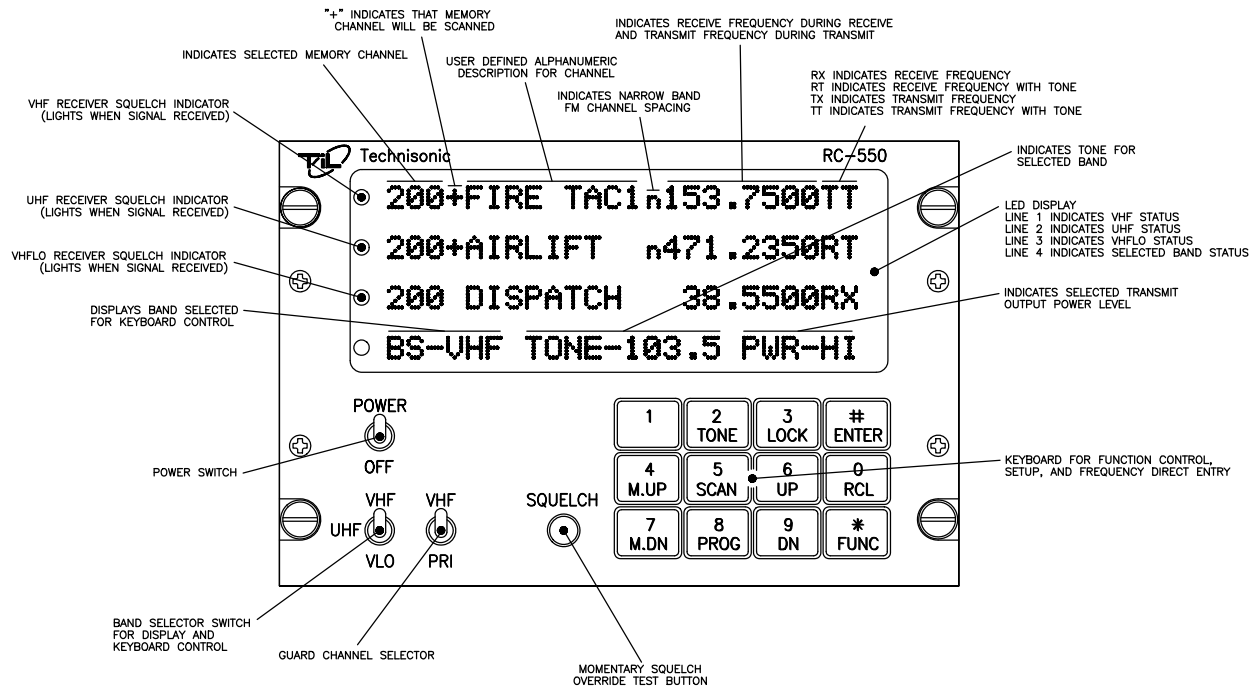


FIGURE 2.1 Model RC-550 Operator's Switches and Controls

SECTION 3 – INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 GENERAL

This section contains information and instructions for the correct installation of the RC-550 remote control head.

3.2 EQUIPMENT PACKING LOG

Unpack the equipment and check for any damage that may have occurred during transit. Save the original shipping container for returns due to damage or warranty claims. Check that each item on the packing slip has been shipped in the container. Verify that the equipment display and backlighting configuration are the same as those ordered.

3.3 TRANSCIEVER INSTALLATION

The RC-550 remote control head is designed to be Dzus mounted and should be installed in conjunction with an IN-RC5 installation kit (P/N 999092-1). See Figure 3.1 for an outline drawing of the unit with dimensions to facilitate the installation

3.4 INSTALLATION KIT - CONTENTS

The IN-RC5 installation kit consists of:

1. One 9-pin Cannon D mating connector (male) complete with crimp pins and hood.

3.5 INSTALLATION - PIN LOCATIONS AND CONNECTIONS

The pin numbers and locations for the 9-pin Cannon D Connector located on the rear of the RC-550 transceiver are shown below.

Pin connections are in provided in TABLE 3.1.

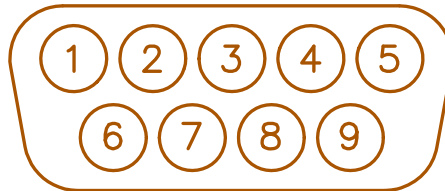


FIGURE 3.0 RC-500 Control Head Mounted View of 9-pin Female Connector

3.5 INSTALLATION - PIN LOCATIONS AND CONNECTIONS (continued)

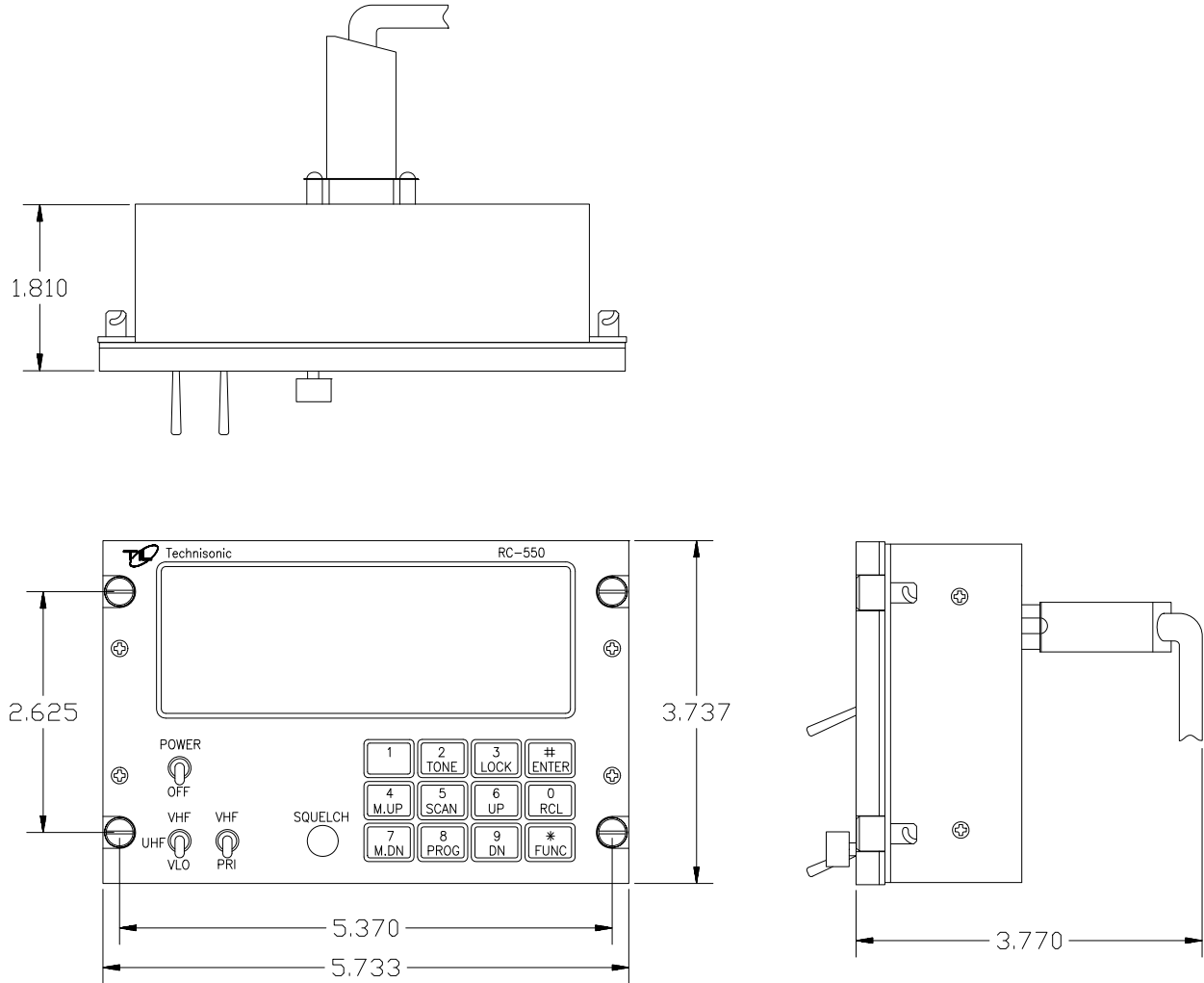
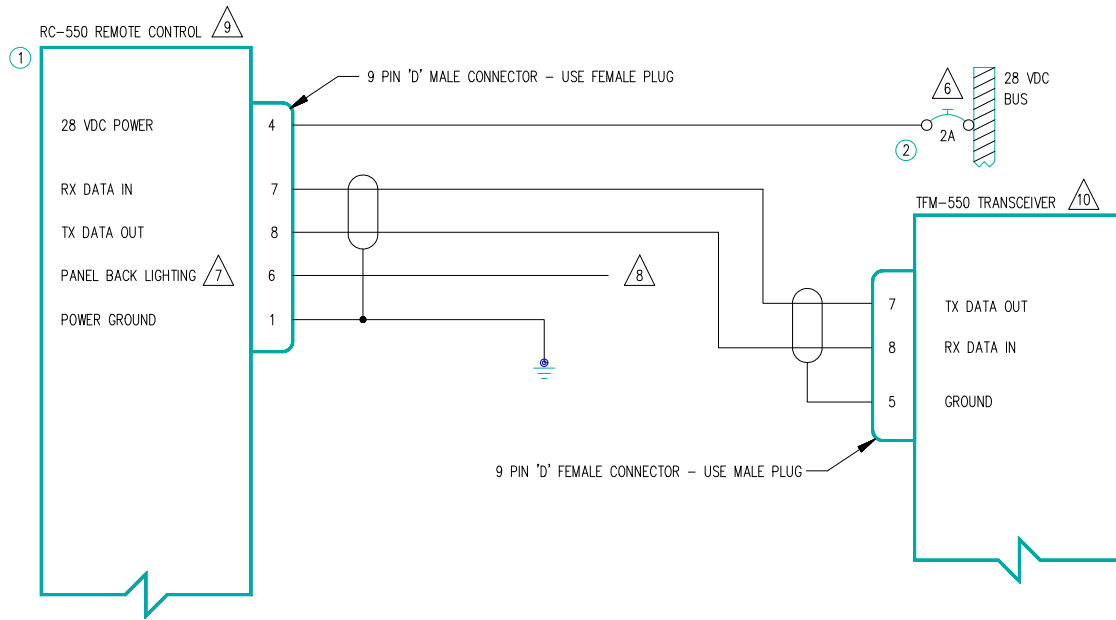


FIGURE 3.1 Outline Drawing for Model RC-550 Remote Control

3.5 INSTALLATION - PIN LOCATIONS AND CONNECTIONS (continued)

9-Pin D Connections - Use FEMALE Connector	
Pin #	Description
1	Ground
2	Background
3	Reset
4	+28 volts
5	N/C
6	Back lighting
7	RX Data IN
8	TX Data Out
9	Vprog

TABLE 3.1 9-Pin D Connections



QTY	ITEM	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	SPEC	MATERIAL
1	1	TFM-550	VHF/FM COMMUNICATIONS TRANSCEIVER.	TECHNISONIC INDUSTRIES LIMITED	
1	2	7274-11-5	CIRCUIT BREAKER, 2 AMPS	KLIXON	

NOTES:

- 1) ALL WIRE IAW MIL-W-22759 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
- 2) ALL CABLE IAW MIL-C-27500 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
- 3) FABRICATION & INSTALLATION OF WIRING HARNESS IAW AC 43.13-1A CHAPTER 11, SECTION 3, PARA 445 TO 462 AND SECTION 7.
- 4) GROUNDING AND BONDING IAW AC 43.13-1A CHAPTER 11, SECTION 3, PARA 452.
- 5) ALL SINGLE WIRE TO BE #22 AWG MINIMUM AND ALL SHIELDED WIRE TO BE #24 AWG MINIMUM, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

- △ AN EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT BREAKER OR FUSE MAY BE USED.
- △ THE RC-500 IS AVAILABLE WITH 28V OR 5V PANEL LIGHTING. CHECK THE CONFIGURATION CONTROL LABEL FOR THE CORRECT VOLTAGE.
- △ CONNECT TO THE APPROPRIATE AIRCRAFT DIMMING BUSS.
- △ INSTALLATION OF REMOTE CONTROL IAW AC 43.13-1A CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3 AND AC 43.13-2A, CHAPTER 2. PR 3 1/2 DZUS RAIL OR EQUIVALENT MAY BE USED.
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- 11) TEST THE SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POST-INSTALLATION TEST PROCEDURE IN THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS MANUAL.
- 12) REFER TO THE AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL REPAIR MANUAL AND THE MAINTENANCE MANUAL FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INSTALLATION.
- 13) THE USE OF RED DISPLAYS SHOULD BE MINIMIZED OR AVOIDED SO AS NOT TO DETRACT FROM THE ATTENTION GETTING CHARACTERISTICS NEEDED IN WARNING AND CAUTION ANNUNCIATORS. RED SHOULD BE USED TO ANNUNCIATE EMERGENCY CONDITIONS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BY THE FLIGHT CREW. UNITS WITH RED DISPLAYS SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO WARNING AND CAUTION ANNUNCIATORS. THE INSTALLATION OF UNITS WITH RED DISPLAYS MUST BE EVALUATED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS TO ENSURE THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WARNING AND CAUTION ANNUNCIATORS IS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

FIGURE 3.2 Wiring connections for the RC-550 Remote Control

3.6 WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

Figure 3.2 shows all required connections and recommended wire sizes for the RC-550.

3.6.1 Main Power +28VDC

The main power +28VDC ($\pm 15\%$) is connected to pin 4. Connect to a 2 amp breaker.

3.6.2 Main Ground

Ground connection for the RC-550 is on pin 1.

3.6.3 N/C

There is no connection to pin 5.

3.6.4 Back Lighting

Front panel back lighting connection should be made on pin 6. The opposite end of this lead should be connected to the panel lighting system of the aircraft. Before connecting, verify the required panel lighting voltage (28 VDC or 5VAC) on the configuration control label.

3.6.5 RX Data In

Data from the TFM-550 is received on pin 7.

3.6.6 TX Data Out

Data is sent to the TFM-550 from pin 8.

3.6.7 Background

Pin 2. This is the data line used during software upgrades at the factory and should be left unconnected.

3.6.8 Reset

The reset line on pin 3 is used during software upgrades at the factory and should be left unconnected.

3.6.9 Vprog

Programming voltage input on pin 9. This line is also only used during software upgrades at the factory and should be left unconnected.

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APPENDIX – TO “INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS”

POST INSTALLATION EMI TEST

PURPOSE

The purpose of this test is to identify any interference that the RC-550 remote control head may cause with existing aircraft systems.

TEST CONDITIONS

The RC-550 should be installed and function tested. The TFM-550 transceiver should be on throughout this test.

METHODOLOGY

Most of the EMI tests can be accomplished on the ground.

The GPS should be operational and navigating with at least the minimum compliment of satellites. The VHF comm should have the squelch open. VOR/DME receivers should be selected for display. If possible, set up a DME/Transponder ramp test set and adjust the output until the flags are out of view. The transponder and encoder should be monitored with ramp test equipment. Set the output of the transponder test set to 3db above the output necessary to achieve 90% reply. If possible set the ADF to a nearby navigation station.

Switch the RC-550 on and off as often as required.

Observe the GPS for any degradation in satellite status or availability or flags. Listen for any noise or detected audio signals on the VHF comm(s). Listen for any noise or detected audio signals on the VOR/LOC receiver audio; look for any moment of flags or needles on the VOR/LOC/GS navigation display(s).

List the power plant, fuel and other electric instruments not already in the chart provided and note any anomalies that occur due to operation of the RC-550. Assess the results.

If the aircraft is equipped with an autopilot or a stability augmentation system, then test fly the aircraft and verify that operation of the RC-550 does not have adverse effects on these systems. After checking for gross effects at a safe altitude, fly a coupled ILS approach and look for any anomalies.

RESULTS

If the installed system passes all of the applicable EMI tests, then no further action is required. If interference is observed then the interference must be assessed against the appropriate standards of airworthiness for the system in question. A complete discussion of all the standards of airworthiness to be applied in assessing EMI effects is beyond the scope of this document.

PROCEDURE

List the power plant, fuel and other electric instruments not already included in the chart below and note any anomalies that occur due to operation of the RC-550. Assess the results.

STEP	SYSTEM	PASS	FAIL	NOTES
1	Com 1&2			
2	Transponder & Encoder			
3	ADF 1 & 2			
4	VG			
5	Glideslope 1&2			
6	VOR/LOC 1&2			
7	Compass			

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STEP	SYSTEM	PASS	FAIL	NOTES
8	Directional Gyro			
9	Fuel Pressure			
10	Oil Temp			
11	Amps			
12	Bus Voltage			
13	Fuel %			
14	Ng			
15	TOT			

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STEP	SYSTEM	PASS	FAIL	NOTES
16	Torque %			
17	Annunciators			
18	Digital Clock			
19	Oil Pressure			
20	DME			
21	GPS			
22	Autopilot			
23	Stability Augmentation System			

STEP	SYSTEM	PASS	FAIL	NOTES
24	Coupled ILS Approach			
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**IMPORTANT
WARRANTY**

All communication equipment manufactured by Technisonic Industries Limited is warranted to be free of defects in Material or Workmanship under normal use for a period of one year from Date of Purchase by the end user.

Warranty will only apply to equipment installed by a factory approved and/or authorized facility in accordance with Technisonic published installation instructions. Equipment falling under the following is not covered by warranty:

- equipment that has been repaired or altered in any way as to affect performance,
- equipment that has been subject to improper installation,
- equipment that has been used for purposes other than intended,
- equipment that has been involved in any accident, fire, flood, immersion or subject to any other abuse.

Expressly excluded from this warranty are changes or charges relating to the removal and re-installation of equipment from the aircraft. Technisonic will repair or replace (at Technisonic's discretion) any defective transceiver (or part thereof) found to be faulty during the Warranty Period.

Faulty equipment must be returned to Technisonic (or its authorized Warranty Depot) with transportation charges prepaid. Repaired (or replacement) equipment will be returned to the customer with collect freight charges. If the failure of a transceiver occurs within the first 30 days of service, Technisonic will return the repaired or replacement equipment prepaid.

Technisonic reserves the right to make changes in design, or additions to, or improvements in its products without obligation to install such additions and improvements in equipment previously manufactured. This Warranty is in lieu of any and all other warranties express or implied, including any warranty of merchantability or fitness, and of all other obligations or liabilities on the part of Technisonic.

This Warranty shall not be transferable or assignable to any other persons, firms or corporations.

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