

Avionics

ATC-601 Mode A/C/S Transponder Ramp Test Set

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The ATC-601 performs Mode A/C/S transponder tests required by Federal Aviation Regulations

- Accurate measurement of transponder transmitting frequency, power and receiver sensitivity
- AUTO TEST minimizes test time
- Tests include Flight ID, Tail Number decode and UELM/DELM data link
- Non-volatile storage for two sets of test data
- Enhanced Surveillance Testing and ADS-B/GICB Testing to RTCA-DO260 & ICAO Annex 10 Vol 3 Chapter 5
- Operating range of 0 to 300 feet from the aircraft under test
- Dump test data to printer via RS-232
- Built-in self test
- LCD display with automatic backlight
- Tripod mountable directional antenna
- 2 hour battery operation
- FCC Type Acceptance approved
- Two-year limited warranty

Aeroflex is a leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of avionics test systems. The ATC-601 performs the ATC transponder test required by the revised Federal Aviation Regulations (91.172 and Part 43, Appendix F as amended August 18, 1990) for Mode S, A and C transponders.

The ATC-601 provides a comprehensive 'AUTO TEST' function which allows the operator to verify and certify the operation of Mode S/A/C transponders with little or no intervention once the test has been commanded.

Tests may be individually run for diagnostic fault finding purposes during routine maintenance.

The ATC-601 is environmentally packaged to operate in all weather conditions and be protected against the shock and vibration encountered during ramp use.

OPERATION

Setup Menu

The setup menus are used to program parameters for power and sensitivity measurements, RS-232 parameters, test data storage, recall and data dump.

```
** SETUP#1 MENU **  
UUT ANTENNA: RANGE HEIGHT  
TOP = 63 18  
BOTTOM = 55 8  
SELECTED = BOTTOM  
GAIN_1030=11.5 GAIN_1090=12 LOSS=1.0
```

Auto Test

The AUTO TEST screen is selected with the 'AUTO TEST' key. When initiated with the 'RUN/STOP' key, this test runs through 23 discrete tests in approximately 30 seconds.

If the required operating modes pass, this completes the 'Part 43, Appendix F' requirements. The detailed results of individual tests conducted during AUTO TEST are stored in memory and may be reviewed by using the 'SELECT' keys. Once selected, the test may be initiated by the 'RUN/STOP' key and will continue to run until

the 'RUN/STOP' key is pressed again.

```
    ** AUTO TEST - PASSED **
MODE TESTED - A,C,S  FREQ: 1090.00 MHz
MODE PASSED - A,C,S  ERP:  53 dBm
MODE FAILED -                MTL: -73 dBm
DIVERSITY ISOLATION: 25 dBm
    Press RUN TO start
```

Reply Delay Test

```
    ** REPLY DELAY TEST - PASSED **

MODE S: 128.00 uS
ITM A: 128.00 uS  C: 128.00 uS
ATC A:  3.02 uS  C:  3.10 uS
    Press RUN to start
```

ATCRBS Reply Test

```
    ** ATCRBS REPLY TEST - PASSED **
F1 TO F2 SPACING A:20.30 uS  C:20.30 uS
F1 PULSE WIDTH  A: 0.45 uS  C: 0.45 uS
F2 PULSE WIDTH  A: 0.45 uS  C: 0.45 uS
CODE= 7777      ALT= 10,700 FT [6140]
    Press RUN to start
```

Mode S UF0 Test

```
    ** MODE S UF0 TEST - PASSED **

DF 0 VS=1  RI=C  AC= 10,700 FT
ADDRESS=3AC421

    Press RUN to start
```

Mode S UF11 Test

```
    ** MODE S UF11 TEST - PASSED **

DF11  CA=0  AA=3AC421  PI=000001

    Press RUN to start
```

Mode S UF20 Test

```
    ** MODE S UF20 TEST - PASSED **

DF20 FS=0  DR=00  UM=00  AC= 10,700 FT
MB=0000000000000000 ADDRESS=3AC421

    Press RUN to start
```

Squitter Test

```
    ** SQUITTER TEST - PASSED **
PERIOD = 1.00 SECONDS
TAIL NUMBER = N12345
SQUITTER ADDRESS = 3AC421 [1654201]

    Press RUN to start
```

Flight ID Test

```
    ** FLIGHT ID TEST - PASSED **

DF20  BDS1=02  BDS2=00
AIS=20420CCB9C1041  FLIGHT ID=BA349
ADDRESS=3AC421
    Press RUN to start
```

Mode S UELM Test

```
    ** MODE S UELM TEST - PASSED **
RES: DF20  DR=15  IIS=F  IDS=2
ACK: DF24  KE=1   ND=0  TAS=000F
CLO: DF20  DR=15  IIS=F  IDS=2
ADDRESS=3AC421  ERROR=
    Press RUN to start
```

Power

```
    ** POWER TEST - PASSED **
                ERP  MTL
TOP AVG (dBm) = 53.0  -73.4 PASSED
•BOT AVG (DBM) = 52.0  -74.3 PASSED
INSTANTANEOUS = 47.0  -73.4
    Press RUN to start
```

Individual Tests

V3.00R Firmware

1. REPLY DELAY
2. REPLY JITTER
3. ATCRBS REPLY
4. SLS LEVEL
5. ATCRBS ONLY ALL-CALL
6. MODE S ALL-CALL
7. INVALID MODE S ADDRESS
8. SPR ON/OFF
9. MODE S UF0
10. MODE S UF4
11. MODE S UF5
12. MODE S UF11
13. MODE S UF16
14. MODE S UF20
15. MODE S UF21
16. SQUITTER
17. FREQUENCY
18. DIVERSITY
19. MTL DIFFERENCE
20. POWER
21. FLIGHT ID
22. UELM
23. DELM

European Enhanced Surveillance and DO-260 ADS-B testing capabilities

Elementary Surveillance:

Altitude Decode in 25ft increments

Flight Status

II & SI Code test

BDS 1,0 Data Link Capability Report

BDS 1,7 Common Usage GICB Capability Report

BDS 2,0 Aircraft Identification

BDS 3,0 ACAS Active Resolution Advisory

Enhanced Surveillance:

BDS 4,0 Selected Vertical Intention

BDS 5,0 Track & Turn Report

BDS 6,0 Heading & Speed Report

ADS-B:

BDS 0,5 Extended Squitter Airborne Position
BDS 0,6 Extended Squitter Surface Position
BDS 0,7 Extended Squitter Status
BDS 0,8 Extended Squitter Ident & Category
BDS 0,9 Extended Squitter Airborne Velocity
BDS 6,1 Extended Squitter Aircraft Status

```
** EXT SQUIT AIRB VEL #1 ** - PASSED
DF20 BDS=0, 9      TYPE=19 AA=3AC421
SUBTYPE= VEL OVR GND NORMAL
EAST-WEST VEL= 1000 Kts E
NORTH-SOUTH VEL= 1000 Kts N
      Press RUN TO start
```

Extended Squitter Airbourne Velocity Part 1 Screen (GCIB)

```
** EXT SQUIT AIRB VEL #1 ** - PASSED
DF17 PERIOD= 1s      TYPE=19 AA=3AC421
SUBTYPE= VEL OVR GND NORMAL
EAST-WEST VEL= 1000 Kts E
NORTH-SOUTH VEL= 1000 Kts N
      Press RUN TO start
```

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SPECIFICATION

SIGNAL GENERATOR

Output

1030 MHz DCXO controlled 10 kHz

Level

-57 to -7 dBm typically, into 50 Ω (Automatically controlled to determine receiver sensitivity [MTL] for the selected range and 4 dB typically, higher than MTL for test interrogations)

Test Antenna

VSWR

1.5:1

Gain

10 dB typical, specified on the antenna

Range 1.83 meters (6 feet) to 91.44 (300 feet)

INTERROGATION TEST SIGNALS

Rate

235 Hz PRF (±5 Hz)

Interlace Ratio

MTL Interrogations to test interrogations

ATCRBS 2:1

Mode S 8:1

Modes A, C, S, Intermode

NOTE: The ATC-601 Interrogates with the mode(s) necessary to run selected test.

PULSE CHARACTERISTICS

ATCRBS/Mode S Pulse Spacing

Mode A

P_1 to P_2 2.00 μs (±50 ns)

P_1 to P_3 8.00 μs (±50 ns)

Mode C

P_1 to P_2 2.00 μs (±50 ns)

P_1 to P_3 21.00 μs (±50 ns)

Mode S

P_1 to P_2 2.00 μs (±50 ns)

P_1 to P_6 3.5 μs (±50 ns)

P_1 to spr 4.75 μs (±50 ns)

Intermode Pulse Spacing

Mode A

P_1 to P_3 8.00 μs (±50 ns)

P_1 to P_4 10.00 μs (±50 ns)

Mode C

P_1 to P_3 21.00 μs (±50 ns)

P_1 to P_4 23.00 μs (±50 ns)

Pulse Widths

Mode A, C, S, Intermode

P_1, P_2, P_3 0.80 μs

Mode S

P_6 (Short) 16.25 μs

P_6 (Long) 30.25 μs

Intermode

P_4 (Short) 0.80 μs

P_4 (Long) 1.60 μs

All Modes

Accuracy ±50 ns

Rise Time 50 to 100 ns

Fall Time 50 to 200 ns

Phase Modulation

Transition time

≤80 ns

Phase Shift

180° (±10°)

Amplitude Levels

SLS Level (P_2)

-9 dB (±1 dB) and 0 dB relative to P_1 level

NOTE: SLS Level is automatically controlled in the SLS LEVEL Test.

UUT MEASUREMENTS (REPLIES)

XMTR Power (at 1090 MHz) Effective Radiated Power (ERP)

Range

+48.5 to +57 dBm (71 to 500 W)

Accuracy

±2 dBm

Direct Connection - Peak Pulse Power

Range

+46.5 to +59 dBm (45 to 800 W)

Accuracy

1 dB

Resolution

0.1 dB

XMTR Frequency

Range

1087 to 1093 MHz

Accuracy

50 kHz

Resolution

10 kHz

Receiver Sensitivity

Direct Connection - Minimum Triggering Level (MTL)

Range

-67 to -79 dBm

Accuracy

±2 dB

Radiated Field Strength (MTL)

Range

-69 to -77 dBm into 0 dBm antenna (-77 dB W/m² to -85 dB W/m²)

Squitter Period

Range

0.10 to 4.88 sec

Accuracy

±10 ms

Reply Delay

ATCRBS

Range

1.80 to 7.00 µs

Accuracy

±100 ns

Mode S and ATCRBS/Mode S All Call

Range

125.00 to 131.00 µs

Accuracy

±100 ns

Diversity Isolation

Range

0 to >20 dB (depending on Antenna range)

Antenna Range

1.83 m (6 ft) to 28.96 m (95 ft)

Accuracy

±3 dB

GENERAL

Calibration Interval

1 year

Battery Operation

Duration 2 hours before re-charge at 25°C

Automatic Shut-off after 15 minutes of non-use

AC Supply

103.5 to 129 VAC, 207 to 253 VAC, 47.5 to 420 Hz, ≤+10% of the nominal voltage

30 W (used to re-charge battery)

Environmental

Temperature

-20° to 55°C

Relative humidity

≤80% for temperatures up to 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C (Non-condensing)

Altitude

≤4000 m (13,124 ft)

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