Swiss Air Data System





Flight Test Boom FTB-1

The Flight Test Boom FTB-1 is a small and light air data boom designed to be used on UAVs and drones. The boom features the PSS-8 pitot-static probe, an AoA vane (angle of attack) and an AoS vane (angle of side-slip). The vanes have a large angular travel of more than ±140°. An additional fast and precise OAT-sensor allows to compute true airspeed and other flight parameters.



The FTB-1 air data boom can be used with the extended ADC-10X air data computer. The ADC-10X is based on the well known ADC-10 but enhanced with two inputs for the vanes. The extended ADC outputs additional AoA and AoS data labels over the RS-485 data interface. The data labels are calibrated and aerodynamically corrected for zero-point and non-linearity.

Key Features FTB-1

- Small and light
- Made from carbon fiber and aviation grade aluminum
- Range of AoA and AoS vanes ±140°
- Calibrated and tested in the wind-tunnel
- Potentiometers work from -55°C up to +105°C

Key Features ADC-10X

- Based on well known ADC-10
- Two additional inputs for AoA and AoS vanes
- Calibration and correction data stored in non volatile memory
- Calibrated data AoA and AoS data labels over RS-485 data interface

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Length 0.800 m (customized length on request)

Mass 0.200 kg

Material Carbon fiber and aviation grade aluminum

Functions Pitot-Static Pressure, AoA-Vane, AoS Vane

Pressure Connectors PT: SMC M-5H-4 (ID Ø2 mm, OD Ø4 mm)

PS: SMC M-5H-4 (ID Ø2 mm, OD Ø4 mm)

Electrical Connector Binder 711 4Pin Female

P1: VCC P3: Signal AoA P2: GND P4: Signal AoS

Airspeed Range — Below 15 m/s hysteresis error can increase

- Tested in wind-tunnel up to 70 m/s

– Flying experience up to about 130 m/s (250 KCAS)



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Vane-Potentiometer

Sensor Type Miniature Potentiometer

Technology Conductive Plastic, 2 Ball Bearings

Mechanical Range 360° no stop/free rotation

Measurement Range Free Rotation, 300°±5°

±140° evaluated in ADC

Nominal Resistance $10 \text{ k}\Omega$ Resistance Tolerance $\pm 5\%$

Smoothness of Output Voltage <0.1% (Mil-R-39023)

Loading Capacity at +40°C/+125°C 0.2/0.0 W
Max. Contact Current 10 µA
Recommended Contact Current 1 µA
Linearity Tolerance: 1%

Lifetime >10 million turns

Breakaway Torque 0.1 Ncm

Operating Temperature -55°C .. +105°C

Part-Numbers

FTB-1 SIM-6D0-87B

ADC-10X SIM-F0D-504 (for full P/N see data-sheet)

PSS-8 Tip Cover SIM-6D6-C12
PSS-8 Pressure Test Adapter SIM-DAB-997
Vane Calibration Fixture SIM-2F4-3C0

Vane Protection Covers SIM-C8F-4D9 (two per boom required)

Installation Brackets SIM-09A-94A

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